



Voice of the Saponi



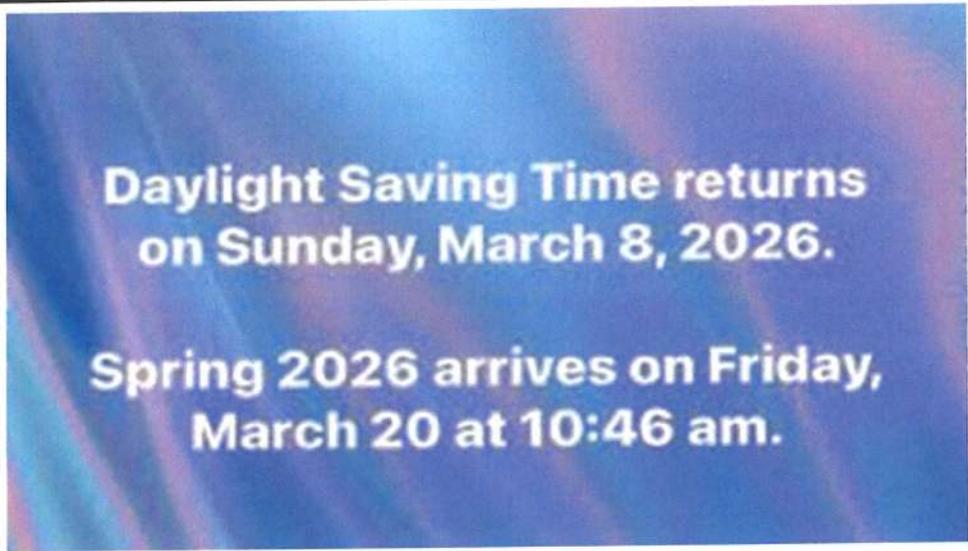
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If you would like to submit an article to us, please remember they are due on the 20th of each month prior to the month. (Ex December articles are November 20th).

Deadline
4 p.m.

You may email articles to r-richardson@haliwa-saponi.com or feel free to mail them to:
Haliwa-Saponi Tribe
Attn: Newsletter Editor
P.O. Box 99



Upcoming Meetings

March 13- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting will be at the Multi-Purpose Building at 6:30 p.m.

March 16- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting will be at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 6:30p.m.

Committee Meetings

Finance Committee meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Rev. Michael Richardson.

Federal Recognition Committee meetings are being held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Earl Evans.

Enrollment Committee meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Angela Richardson.

Princess Committee meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Sylvia Richardson.

Pow-Wow Planning meetings are held on the 4th Monday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Vice Chief Dr. Marty Richardson.

Haliwa-Saponi Senior Citizens Organization meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Council House.

Committee Chair: Rev. Al Cooper.

Veteran's Memorial meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Sylvia Richardson.

Education Committee meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Angela Richardson.

Election Committee meetings are being held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Ameila K. Oxendine.

By-laws Review Committee meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Attorney Joshua Richardson.

Boys & Girls Club meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Building.

Committee Chair: Karen Harley.

Fundraiser Committee meetings are being held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Committee Chair: Tyler Richardson.

Personnel Committee meetings are PRN (As Needed).

Committee Chair: Earl Evans.

Awards Committee meetings are PRN (As Needed).

Committee Chair: Karen Harley.

Finance Long Range Committee meetings are PRN (As Needed).

Committee Chair: Rev. Michael Richardson.

Subject: NC Commission of Indian Affairs Job Vacancy Announcement - Deputy Director Position

The primary purpose of the position is to serve as the second-in-command in the Division of Indian Affairs and to assist the Executive Director of the Commission with day-to-day operations including oversight and management of programs, the development, review, and approval of grant proposals, grant reports, and general reports on program productivity, as well as oversight of financial management, and supervision of program management teams and their programs. Assist in the alignment of staff performance work plans with program goals. Further, the position is responsible for the effective oversight of temporary employees, interns, and volunteers. Approval of time and attendance, accountable for the development of the Commission's Annual Reports, the quarterly newsletter, website coordination, and ensuring that information posted on the website is accurate and available to the public, state and local agencies, grantees, boards, and partners. This is a key leadership position requiring excellent written and oral communication skills.

Click on the following link to view the job posting and the application instructions.

State of North Carolina Careers

Please share this information widely with your friends and colleagues!



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Grants & Loans

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe has partnered with USDA Rural Development to bring housing resources to the tribal community.

What does this program do?

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

Who may apply for this program?

To qualify, you must:

Be the homeowner and occupy the house.

Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere.

Have a household income that does not exceed the very low limit by county.

For grants, be age 62 or older Who can answer questions and how do I get started?

Applications are accepted for this program at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

For more information on how to apply, contact Tosha Silver, Housing Coordinator, phone # 252-248-3750.



Indian Education Facilitator

Essential Job Functions:

- Acts as an advocate/liaison between the District and the Native American community,
- Organizes and coordinates student services, including the oversight of tutorial services for students primarily in Math and Reading for elementary students as needed,
- Coordinates with community agencies providing cultural, advocacy, academic, vocational, and other services to the Indian Education participants in the HCS Indian Education program,
- Assists with reporting for grant preparation, and operation including assigned budgets, monitoring, and reporting for the district, state, and federal reports as needed.

Education and Experience:

Associate's degree in a related subject from an accredited university

At least three years of practical experience in a position that demonstrates the required knowledge, skills, and abilities with an understanding of education programs, child development, and American Indian Education Programs. Experience with state and federal grant programs preferred. Valid Driver's License.

To Apply for a Position at Halifax County Schools:

1. Go to: <https://link.edgepilot.com/s/ea91a11d/AJQOy2Kwx06b9tdyhtEW0A?u=http://www.halifax.k12.nc.us/>
2. Click on “Departments” in the top navigation.
3. Select the “Human Resources Department.”
4. Click on “Vacancies.”
5. Find and click on the job title you are interested in.
6. Click on “Apply Now” and follow the prompts to complete your application.
7. Type dates using the following format: 08/09/2025.

Click on link to upload documents



Attention



**HALIWA-SAPONI INDIAN TRIBE
NAHASDA REHABILITATION FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE!**

Applicant Requirements:

- **Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribal Member**
- **Homeowner**
- **Reside In The Home**
- **Homeowner's Insurance**
- **Live Within The Tribe's Service Area:
(Halifax, Warren, Nash, Franklin)**

Appointments will be given on a first come first serve basis BY CALLING on February 26, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Leave a message on the Housing Coordinator's voicemail at 252-248-3750. Please leave your name, why you are calling, and a number where you can be reached!!

This program has income based guidelines and some funding limitations with mobile homes!!

Volunteering Opportunities

Food Box Distribution

Every 2nd Friday of the month at Mount Bethel Baptist Church from 9:30-11:30 AM

For Questions, please contact Regina Mills at crmills@haliwa-saponi.gov

Volunteers Needed to help bring out and load food boxes into cars for pickup. Please contact Regina if you are interested and let her know your availability!

Garden Box Assembly

March 14th starting at 1:00 PM at the Senior Nutrition Site

Volunteers will be entered into a raffle to win a Garden Box Kit!

To register, contact Keller Thomas at kthomas@haliwa-saponi.org

Four Garden Boxes need to be assembled for the backyard of the Senior Nutrition Site. Two additional boxes will be given out via raffle for you to start your own Gardening Box! Includes the box, soil, seed packets and hand tools. Please contact Keller using the information above to register.



HALIWA-SAPONI POW-WOW
COMMITTEE

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers ages
14+ to help make the 61st Annual
Haliwa-Saponi Powwow a success!



bit.ly/haliwa-pw-volunteer



We need help with:

- Front Gate
- Info/T-Shirt Booth
- Soda Booth
- Parking
- Tent Monitoring
- Trash Pick-up
- Runners
- Volunteer Hub
- Golf Cart/Shuttle Drivers
- Set-up & Clean-up Crews

BENEFITS:

- Free Powwow entry
- Free Powwow Tshirt
- Meal ticket or free meal

POWWOW DATES:

Friday, April 17, 2026
Saturday, April 18, 2026
Sunday, April 19, 2026

**QUESTIONS- RACHEL EVANS, CHAIR OF
POWWOW VOLUNTEER SUB-COMMITTEE**

 **804-517-3519**



MORE INFORMATION

<https://sites.google.com/view/haliwa-saponi-powwow-volunteer/>

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Ethyn Richardson and his dance company from Wilmington Conservatory of Fine Arts for being selected to perform at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. They performed six pieces on February 7, 2026 on stage at Disney Springs. Ethyn is the son of Dustin and Billie Richardson of Wilmington, NC. and the grandson of Pete and Chanta Richardson. We are so proud of all you have accomplished in your dance journey. Love, Papa Pete and Maw Maw Chanta.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dakota Hedgepeth has been rewarded a \$5,000 scholarship from the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California. She is a student at California State University at Long Beach majoring in Business and minoring in Pre-Law. Dakota handles marketing, for the college's newspaper, the Long Beach Current, and she belongs to the American Marketing Association at Long Beach, Dakota is also involved with Project Z a professional dance group in Los Angeles. She is extremely proud of her Native American heritage and was happy to represent the Haliwa-Saponi tribe at the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship event

Dakota is the daughter of Geoff and Miriam Hedgepeth and granddaughter of Cristino Cruz, Cliceria Garcia, and Chester and Julie Hedgepeth

From: The Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Committee,

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

The Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Committee hopes to have an Annual Brick-Laying/Re-Dedication Ceremony at the Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial on Saturday, March 28th (or) Sunday, March 29th, 2026. If the delivery of our recent engraved paver order goes as planned, we hope to replace 32 unsightly, blemished engraved brick pavers that were affected by some type of algae or fungus and install 32 new ones. In addition, we will also install 16 more new engraved pavers that have been purchased since last year's event. We have chosen one of these dates to coincide with last year's Dedication Ceremony and in acknowledgement of National Vietnam Veterans Day. It is also an attempt to have them installed before our Annual Powwow beginning on April 17th, so that our visitors and guests see the Memorial at its very best!

It is our sincere desire that tribal citizens will make the time to attend this ceremony to remember and honor our Tribal Veterans (both living and deceased); to support their family members, and to thank the many friends, community partners and Veteran supporters who made it possible for the Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial to stand where it does today. Indeed, it is a proud tribute unlike many others or a very few Tribal Veteran Memorials in the state of North Carolina today. We will keep you posted on an exact date once we know when the new pavers will be delivered.

Sincerely,

Sylvia E. Richardson, Chair, Veterans Committee

Jewel Bissonnette, Co-Chair, Veterans Committee"



SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Belated 65th Birthday
To Chanta Richardson
On February 8, 2026**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**Happy Anniversary to Melvin & Cynthia Davis
On March 22, 2026
From Sister Polly & Brother Love Ya!!!** 

**Happy 56th Anniversary to Al & Judy Richardson
On March 30, 2026**

**Happy 41st Anniversary to Barbara & Deke McGee
On March 31, 2026
Congrats.... You've survived another year of one another's quirks!
(LOL). Love you two,
From your "all too quirky" McGee Tribal Family**

**Happy 47th Anniversary to Nathaniel & Dellie Richardson
On March 31, 2026
We love you both dearly and pray that God will bless you with many
more anniversaries. With love your children Tiffany & Pamela
(Robin) Silver and grandchildren Kmira, Kamryn and Kaidyn Silver**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

If you would like your name or a loved one's name to be published, please email Carol Richardson crrichardson@haliwasaponi.com, mail, or bring by the office. If you do not submit your birthday or a loved one, we cannot publish it in our newsletter. No Calls Accepted.



- March 2- Jamie Richardson, Velma Evans,
- March 4- George Jackson III, Jonah Richardson,
- March 5- Tynesha Richardson, Amara Rose Silver,
- March 6- Delois Lynch, Larry D. Richardson,
- March 7- Rydell Richardson,
- March 8- Charlie Richardson,
- March 9- Leona Harris, Markeda Richardson,
- March 10- Randolph Silver (D), Aiden Miguel Richardson,
- March 11- Artis Ray Richardson,
- March 13- Michael "Mikey" Silver, Alice Lynch, Oliver Lynch, Jovan M. Silver,
- March 14- Hailey Harrison,
- March 15- Aaron Lynch,
- March 16- Braxton Fisher, James Rudd Jr.,
- March 17- Kelly Richardson Jr.,
- March 18- Christine Evans, Gloria Lynch,
- March 19- Trina R. Lynch,
- March 20- Tony Brown,
- March 21- Jesse McGee II, Brandon Richardson,
- March 22- Daniel VansKiver, Tosha Silver, Marcus Richardson,
- March 23- Sheila (McGee) Britt, William Lawrence Richardson,
- March 24- Barry Boone,
- March 26- Dustin Richardson,
- March 27- Tongo "Ricky" Richardson, Carson Evans, Tabitha "Tibbie" Cooper, Khristian Battle,
- March 29- Larry Richardson, Nancy Carol Daniel (D) Gone but never forgotten,
- March 30- Jared Ha'ace Lynch,
- March 31- Tanya Richardson Lee,



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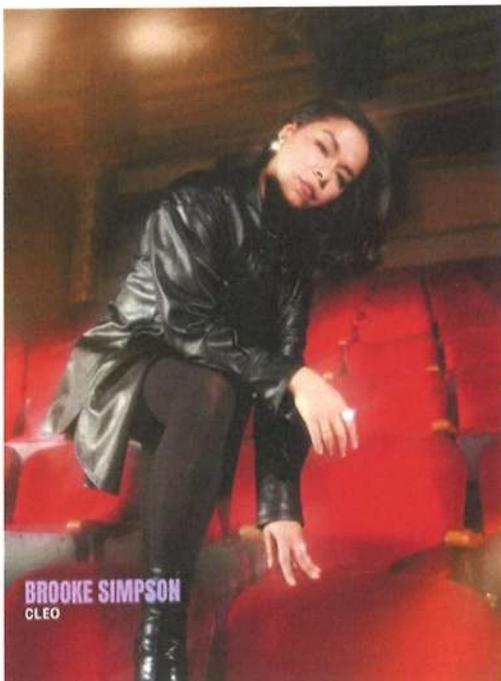
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Brooke Mills Simpson

Making her debut in her first “Principle” role in an Off-Broadway Musical.



BLOOD/LOVE, New York’s new pop opera that transforms the classic vampire tale into an ultra-contemporary theatrical extravaganza.

Brooke plays “Cleo” and is featured on two songs. Previews began Friday, February 13, 2026 and Opening Night is March 3, 2026 and is already sold out for that night. The show will

go through the end of March at **THEATER 555 (555 W 42ND ST, NEW YORK, NY 10036)**. Tickets can be purchased at: www.bloodlove.com