



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 crrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com or feel free to mail them to :

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

Attn: Newsletter Editor

P.O. Box 99

Upcoming Meetings

Haliwa-Saponi

Fundraising Committee

Join Us.

WE'RE ACCEPTING NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Send an email to trichardson@haliwa-saponi.gov to express your interest.

June 19- Tribal Meeting will be held at the Multi-Purpose Building at 6:30 p.m.

June 22 - Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting will be held at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 6:30 p.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.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Enrollment Department Notice The Enrollment Department respectfully requests that all **Tribal Citizens review and update their contact information** , including mailing address and phone number, if any changes have occurred. Citizens with questions about updating or replacing their **Tribal Identification Card** are encouraged to contact the Tribal Office at **(252) 586-4017** or email **Stephanie Reid, Enrollment Clerk, at sreid@haliwa-saponi.gov** . Additionally, if you have a loved one who has passed and was a Tribal Citizen, please submit **death certificate documentation and/or obituary information** to the Enrollment Department, if it has not already been provided. This helps ensure the Tribe's enrollment records remain accurate and complete. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Tribal Enrollment Status Update The Enrollment Department would like to provide an update regarding Tribal Enrollment. Enrollment remains **paused** as the Tribe works through a backlog of existing enrollment applications and evaluates options for handling both pending and future applications. A **special Tribal Council work session is scheduled for May 27, 2026** , during which Council will review the backlog, discuss potential enrollment processes, and consider next steps. This meeting is intended as a working session, and **no final action is expected to be taken at that time** . At this time, **no new enrollment applications are being accepted** , and enrollment will remain paused **through June 30, 2026** . Further updates will be shared following Council discussions and as direction is provided. For general questions, please contact the Tribal Office at **(252) 586-4017** or email **sreid@haliwa-saponi.gov** .

HALIWA-SAPONI INDIAN TRIBE



VOTE ★ ELECTION DAY

**Location: Chief W.R. Richardson
Government Complex Building.
39021 Hwy 561, Hollister, NC 27844**

Nominees for Election

**Charles Pete Richardson · Justin Richardson
Angela Richardson · Howard Earl Richardson
Pamela Sunshine Richardson · Valerie West
Shatka Richardson
Dr. Marvin Richardson**

JUNE 13, 2026

POLLS OPEN 7AM - 7 PM

**TRIBAL GOVERNMENT SEATS AVAILABLE:
VICE CHIEF AND 3 TRIBAL COUNCILORS**

VETERANS MEMORIAL BRICK-LAYING CEREMONY



On Thursday, April 16th, at 6:00 pm the Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Committee hosted their first Veterans Memorial Brick-laying Ceremony since the Veterans Memorial was first dedicated on March 29th, 2025. This special event paid tribute to 16 veterans and their family members with the installation of their engraved pavers into the Tribal Memorial's "Patio of Honor."

Veterans Committee Co-Chair Jewel (McGee) Bissonnette opened the ceremony with welcome remarks to a full capacity crowd of tribal citizens, veterans and family members. Next, Vice Chief Dr. Marvin "Marty" Richardson rendered welcome remarks prior to performing a hand-drum honor song as the Tribal Eagle Staff, U.S flag and Tribal flag were presented by Veterans Committee members Mr. Mike Richardson, Councilwoman Sylvia E. Richardson, and Mr. Kim Silver.

The invocation was given by Warren County Commissioner Rev. Al Cooper and was followed by acknowledgment of the other dignitaries present: Tribal Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson, Halifax County Commissioner Chenoa Davis, and Executive Director of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, Army veteran Greg Richardson. Each was welcomed to the podium and provided additional remarks about the meaningful significance of this day.

Veterans Committee Chairwoman Sylvia E. Richardson read aloud the names of the 10 living veterans and the six deceased veterans whose engraved pavers were newly installed. A traditional smudging ritual was performed over the newly installed pavers, and Co-Chair Bissonnette presented each veteran or their designated family member with a Certificate of Appreciation that honored and recognized the veteran's service and confirmed the installation of their engraved paver in this Memorial. The ceremony was emotional at times as Co-Chair Bissonnette embraced Mrs. Annie Lee Richardson when presenting her with the certificate for her deceased son, Coast Guard veteran, Danny Richardson. The same scene unfolded when Mrs. Shirley Little was presented with the certificate for her deceased daughter, Army veteran Rachel Corpus, and when Mr. Tom Richardson, the oldest living WWII Tribal veteran was presented with his two living grandsons' certificates.

In closing, the Veterans Committee thanked everyone for coming and for entrusting us with the care and keeping of their or their loved ones' engraved brick pavers.

Pavers were installed as follows: In Memory of - Spc Rachel SD Corpus, Sgt James W. Evans, Sgt Horace E. Lynch, Sgt Payton "Forrest" Lynch, Sk2 Danny Richardson, and PFC Nick C. Richardson. In Honor of - Chaplain Eva Austin, Chaplain Noah Austin, PO2 Armando Bonilla, PFC Bryan Bonilla, CPT Campbell Carver, PFC William C. Evans, GySgt Barren "Teddy" Lynch, Pvt Boyd Lynch, Cpl Greg L. Richardson, and CPT Baron D. Smith





Haliwa-Saponi Tribe Indian Housing Department

We would like to thank all community members for their patients in the application process for emergency repairs and rehabilitations programs. We have 3 rehabilitations and 1 emergency repair application completed and are having inspections on the week of May 26, 2026. The repairs will be bid out to contractors within 2 weeks and work starts soon after. That will complete our year of repairs and rehabilitations for 2025-2026 which ends on June 30, 2026. All work started before the year end will be completed.

Tomahawk Meadows Apartments are having renovations done as tenants move out. There have been 4 apartments renovated with painting, new tubs, new flooring, new stove, fridge, washers and dryers since the new windows and doors, and HVAC units were installed in all the units. The units' rents are increasing 5% per year for the next 3 years and this year the maximum rent for any unit will be \$289.00 per month.

The Housing Community Outreach Assistant held a session on April 28 at Tomahawk Meadows Apartments (raised garden) along with Project Director, teaching them how to care for and plant in raised garden boxes, all participants planted vegetable seeds. Refreshments were served. Also gathered information/applications and screening of potential clients for emergency repairs and rehabilitations.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our daughter, April Harley
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from the University of North
Carolina at Pembroke! We are so very Proud of You!

Love, Dad & Mom
Phillip & Karen Harley

CONGRATULATIONS



Chandler Aiden Lynch! On
Saturday May 9, 2026 he grad-
uated from North Carolina
State University in Raleigh,
NC with his Bachelor's Degree
in Agricultural Business Man-
agement. Chandler is the son
of Mr. Mrs. Charles A. Lynch
Jr. (Chucky & Angie)



We are extremely proud of you and love you ChanMan! Wishing you many blessings and lots
of success .
Love, Mom, Da, & Aiyana

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Stephanie Reid on her position with the Haliwa-Saponi Indian
Tribe as the Enrollment Clerk. It is always inspiring to see our own step into new roles
with a willingness to learn, grow, and serve the community. We wish Stephanie con-
tinued success as she carries out this important work for the Tribe. Stephanie graduat-
ed from North Carolina Wesleyan University in 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psy-
chology and Criminal Justice, and again on May 3, 2025, earning her Master of Sci-
ence in Criminal Justice. She is also a Certified and Licensed Notary Public for the
State of North Carolina. Stephanie is the daughter of Ras Kenneth Reid and Letonia
Mills Reid. She is the granddaughter of the late Lue Jane Richardson Mills and Wil-
liam Curtis Mills, and Evelyn Johnson Scott and the late Jeffery Scott. She has three brothers—Paris Laster,
Gage Mills, and Garas Reid—and two nieces, Nova and Rain Laster. We are so proud of all of her achieve-
ments and accomplishments. Way to go, Stephanie! *Love, your family and friends.*



Red Earth Project Coordinator

Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe

Job Announcement

Description: The person in this position will manage the implementation of the Red Earth: Strong Roots, Bright Futures program to include coordinating events, managing project timelines & budgets and other administrative tasks. This position will support grant activities by serving as a liaison between families, schools, tribal staff, and the tribal community. Supports performance management and evaluation activities by compiling feedback from families, educators, and students. Assists with outreach, recruitment, and engagement of participating educators and schools. This position will report to the Tribal Administrator and work collaboratively with the Project Director and Manager.

Requirements: Any combination of education and experience equivalent to a bachelor's degree in education, project management or a related field (Master's degree preferred) and experience in coordinating educational programs, preferably with American Indian communities.

Compensation: This is a grant-funded position. The hourly range will be \$20.98 to \$33.53 (\$43,629 to \$69,748 annually). The tribe provides a comprehensive employee benefits package.

Application

Requirements: An official completed Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe application and any supporting documents (transcripts, certifications, awards, etc.) are required to fully evaluate qualifications for this position. The completed application and supplemental materials must be received by 5:00 p.m. on/before the "apply by" date; postmarks will not be accepted. All portions of the application must be completed as they relate to your background for this position. Applications may not refer to a resume or other enclosed document (i.e. "see resume" or "see attached"), nor will these items be accepted in lieu of a completed application. We will be unable to consider incomplete applications for this position. A criminal background check will be required prior to hiring.

Apply by: Tuesday, June 8, 2026

Apply to: Human Resources Coordinator
Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe
Post Office Box 99
Hollister, NC 27544
(252) 586-4017

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe is a drug-free workplace. In compliance with the Immigration Reform & Control Act of 1986, the Tribe will employ only those who are U.S. citizens or legal aliens authorized to maintain employment in the United States. Tribal preference applies to this position.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy 27th Anniversary

to Jason & Charity Silver

on April 3, 2026

Happy 41st Anniversary

to Mike and Jewel (McGee) Bissonnette

on June 2nd, 2026.

"A great marriage isn't when a perfect couple comes together...it's when an imperfect couple learns to enjoy their differences." It's a time to celebrate and appreciate how far we've come, and joyfully anticipate what lies ahead!

Happy 16th Anniversary

to Ha'Ace & Ameila (Mimi) Lynch On June 5th, 2026

Love Brian, Trina, Waki, Nolan, & Ana'ki

Happy 53rd Anniversary

to Chris & Jackie Anstead

On May 19th, 2026

Happy Anniversary

to McConnel & Lori (Frybread Queen) Silver

On June 27th, 2026

Happy Anniversary

To Brett & Samantha Dale

On June 27th, 2026

IN LOVING MEMORY

DOROTHY Mae Evans Pernell

May 22nd (deceased)

In memory of our Mother, DOROTHY Mae Evans Pernell

Gone but never forgotten, we miss you Ma.

June 25, 2020 RIH, your children and grandchildren.

Sigma Omicron Epsilon, Inc.

ROSE Scholarship

In Memory of
Cabrina Lynne Cummings

Award Amount \$1,000

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
JUNE 30, 2026**

First-year female student enrolling at
East Carolina University
North Carolina State University
University of North Carolina at
Pembroke

For more information, or to download a copy
of the application, please visit our website:
<https://sigmaomicronepsilon.org/scholarship>



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.

June 2- Katie Mae Mills (D),

June 5- Roark Silver, Raymond Silver, Roderick Silver,

June 8- Lori R. Silver, Aubree Skye Davis,

June 10- Pamela D. Richardson,

June 11- Sylvia Richardson,

June 18- Velma Silver, Beverly Richardson-RIP, Roderick Richardson

June 21- Jessalyn Kizer,

June 22- Antonio McWilliams

June 23- Brandon Richardson, Alex McGee,

June 25- DeCarlos Richardson, Arthur Richardson,

June 26- Natalie Pena,

June 27- Haliey G. Richardson, Ty McGee, Shane & Shawn Evans,

June 28- Malenya Steed,

June 29- Grayson Richardson,



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

April 14- Jonah L. Silver

April 21- Furby Ray Daniel

April 22- Michael D. Daniel

May 18- Jasper A. Daniel, III

May 18th- Parlishia (Polly) Richardson
Everett

May 26- Jason L. Silver

May 27- Jarrod Hewlin

Happy Birthday to Ya!!!!

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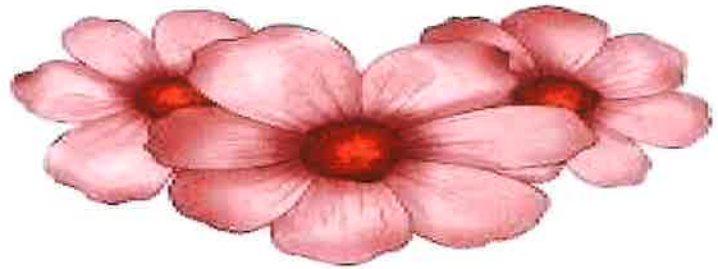
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