



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

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

Attn: Newsletter Editor

Upcoming Meetings

July 17- Tribal Meeting will be held at the Multi-Purpose Building at 6:30 p.m.

July 20- 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: Tyler 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: TBA.

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.

PowWow 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: TBA.

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: TBA.

Self-Monitoring Committee meetings are PRN (As Needed).

Committee Chair: Rev. Michael Richardson

Fireworks Safety Tips



Never allow young children to handle fireworks

Never disassemble or try to make your own fireworks

Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers

Never give fireworks to small children

Resist the temptation to pick up firework debris

Fireworks should only be used and ignited by an adult





Hello everyone

My Haliwa-Saponi Senior Princess 2026-2027 journey has been very busy and exciting.

I attended Gathering of the Nations Powwow, the Lumbee Federal Recognition celebration/ mini powwow and the Dix Park Powwow. Also, I attended the Mother Daughter banquet at Mt Bethel Baptist Church and gave gifts to the ladies.

Ms. Haliwa Saponi, KayLeigh Jacobs assisted me with placing flags on the headstones of Veterans in observance of Memorial day. I, alongside other members of the Haliwa-Saponi Senior Citizens Organization planted a floral garden by the marquee at the Tribal Center. As I continue this awesome journey, I will always represent my tribe, my people and my community with dignity and pride.

With regards, Glenda Evans Silver
Haliwa-Saponi Senior 2026-2027



SHOUT OUT

TO SYLVIA
LONNIE JR.
& CYNTHIA

Attached is a photo taken of the Princess Committee Members (Cynthia Lynch Richardson and Sylvia Evans Richardson) along with Mr.

Lonnie Richardson Jr. (who donated his time to assemble the cabinets).

They installed the princess display cases.

This took place on Monday, June 15, 2026.

Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Seniors Enjoy Inspiring Trip to Washington, D.C.



On June 15th, members of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Senior Citizen group embarked on a memorable and uplifting day trip to the Bible Museum in Washington, D.C. Traveling together by charter bus, the group departed early that morning from the Mt. Bethel Baptist Church parking lot, filled with excitement and anticipation for the day ahead.

The journey itself was filled with fellowship, laughter, and meaningful conversation, setting the tone for what would become a truly special experience. Upon arrival at the Bible Museum, attendees were immersed in a rich exploration of biblical history, culture, and the enduring impact of scripture across generations and civilizations.

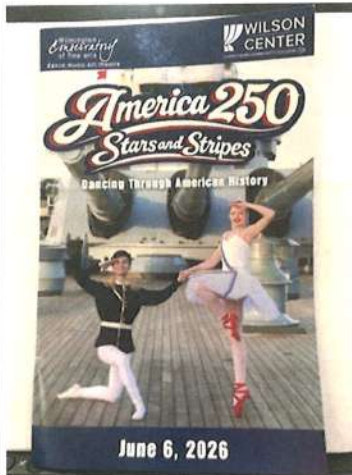
The exhibits provided both educational

insight and spiritual inspiration, allowing participants to deepen their understanding of the Bible in an engaging and interactive setting. Many reflected on how the displays brought familiar stories to life in new and meaningful ways.

Throughout the day, the group shared moments of joy, reflection, and unity—strengthening bonds within the community while nurturing their faith. The trip offered not only an opportunity to learn, but also a chance to grow spiritually and connect with one another on a deeper level.

By the time the group returned home, hearts were full and spirits were lifted. It was truly a fun and spiritually enriching experience for all who attended—a day that will be fondly remembered by the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Senior Citizen group.

Plans are already being discussed for future outings as the seniors continue to stay active, engaged, and connected through shared experiences like this one.



Haliwa-Saponi Citizens Fea- tured in America's 250th Anniversary Celebration

Several Haliwa-Saponi tribal citizens recently represented our Tribe during "America 250: Stars and Stripes – Dancing Through American History," presented by the Wilmington Conservatory of Fine Arts at the Wilson Center in Wilmington, NC.



As part of the production's "Honoring the Nation's First Peoples" segment, Native dancers from several Southeastern tribes celebrated the history, traditions, and enduring resilience of America's First Peoples through music and dance. The performance recognized Indigenous peoples as an essential part of our nation's story during the celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

Ethyn Richardson appeared in most of the production's performances, with his brother, Masyn Richardson, also participating in multiple performances throughout the evening. Their dedication and versatility were showcased across several acts highlighting different periods of American history.

Thanks to all the following participants for representing our Native Culture.

Ethyn Richardson

Masyn Richardson

Jacoah Richardson

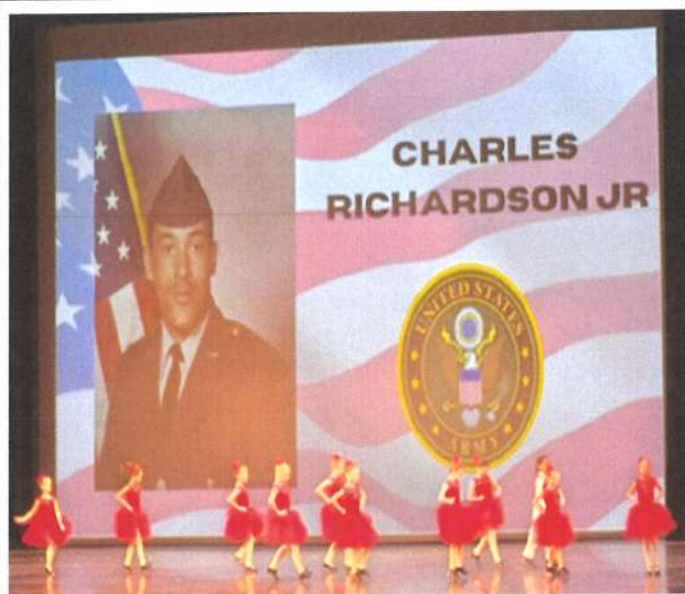
Laura E. "Le" Peace

Dr. Linwood Watson

Skye Watson

Yvonne Jacobs-Armstrong

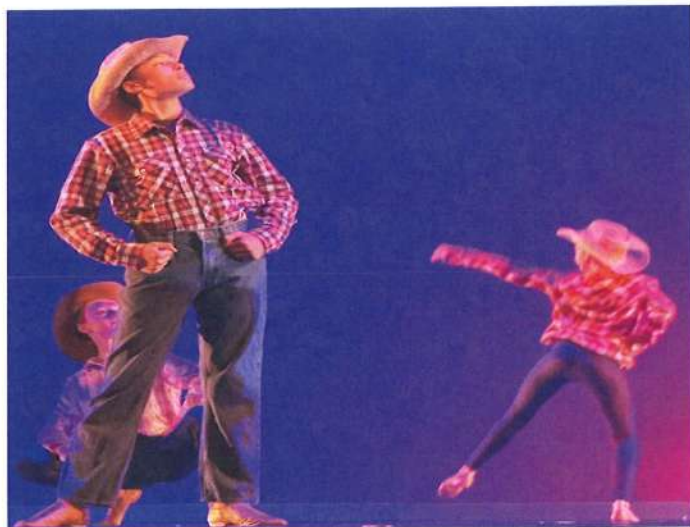




We would like to congratulate these participants for representing our community with pride, talent, and excellence while sharing our culture as part of this meaningful celebration of America's 250th anniversary. Their participation reflects the continued presence, resilience, and contributions of the Haliwa-Saponi people, reminding audiences that the story of America cannot be told without honoring the First Peoples of this land.

We were so proud to be able to be a part and share watching our grandsons perform, sharing their culture and their love for dancing.

Love, MawMaw Chanta and Papa Pete



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Londyn Richardson for an outstanding job playing for the Onslow County Park and Recreation 10U Southwest All-Star Softball team. She was awarded the "Tater Queen" Award for hitting the most home runs and a grand slam. Also, Congratulations for getting 4&5 on her EOG. Lookout 5th grade here comes Londyn!!! Love, MawMaw Chanta and Papa Pete.



Congratulations Brooklyn Richardson for getting the "Super Star Award" at Daycare, for two weeks in a row for helping others and best behavior. Love, MawMaw Chanta and Papa Pete.



Congratulations to Braedyn Richardson for receiving the "Outstanding Reading Award" for his class. Braedyn will be going to the 3rd grade. Proud of you Braedyn. Love, MawMaw Chanta and Papa Pete.

Congratulations to Levi Richardson on graduating from Pre-K at the Nash Community College Development Center. Levi will be heading to Kindergarten in August. Love, MawMaw Chanta and Papa Pete.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Troya Richardson and Isis Richardson for graduating high school. Troya graduated from the Haliwa Saponi Tribal School and Isis graduated from Bunn High School. Troya is the daughter of Troy L. Richardson and Shayna Macon. Isis is the daughter of Bobby L. Richardson and Shirley Richardson. Both young ladies are the grandchildren of Thomas and Mattie Richardson. We are truly proud of you both. With love from your cousin Pamela R. Silver.

A huge Congratulations to Kmira A. Richardson, daughter of Robin and Pamela Silver for being selected to attend Governor's school in Greensboro, NC from June to July. This is a four week program. To be selected to attend Governor's school, students must hold a 3.25 or higher unweighted GPA or a 3.5 weighted GPA and must be exceeding in their academics. Kmira attends Warren Early College High-school and will be a Senior in the 2026-2027 school year. We are very proud of Kmira for this major accomplishment.

Kmira is the granddaughter of Nathaniel and Dellie Richardson as well as Bettie Silver and the late Robert Silver. Keep making us proud!!



Congratulations" to Tribal Citizen, Madison Freytag on graduating from Great Mills High School in St. Mary's County, Maryland. Madison is the daughter of Melissa and Eric Freytag of Maryland. Her maternal grandparents are Willie and Doris Richardson. Her maternal great grandparents are Theodore and Rohener and her paternal great grand parents were Garland and Arden Richardson. Madison plans to study bioengineering at the University of Pittsburgh in the fall.

**Your Family and
Tribe are so very proud of you!**



**ANNOUNCEMENT:
SNS Program
Expansion**

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Senior Nutrition Site is beginning a program to serve residents in Warren County. This program supplies meals and hosts events for Senior Citizens.

Eligible Applicants are:

- 60 years of age or older
- Live within 15 miles of the Senior Nutrition Site (39021 NC-561, Hollister, NC 27844)
- Are available to participate from 9 AM-1 PM for at least two and up to five weekdays.

If you are interested, please call our Senior Nutrition Site Manager at 252-883-8150 between the hours of 10 AM-1 PM, Monday-Friday, to sign up for the waitlist.

The deadline to register is July 2nd. Selected participants will be notified on July 3rd or as soon as space become available.



Housing Outreach

Tomahawk Meadows residents were educated on how to grow vegetables in a raised garden box. Vegetables, herbs, and fruit can be grown in a garden box. The soil quality and drainage are controlled to easily grow rooted leafy greens, compact crops, cherry tomatoes, peppers, strawberries and various other fruits and vegetables.

Some benefits of garden boxes are listed below:

- Complete control over soil quality
- Less strain on your back
- Excellent drainage
- Fewer pests
- Fewer weeds
- Extended growing season



Gardening can be easier and more productive when using a raised garden box. This is a great way for beginners, people with limited time, and small-space patios, to enjoy fruit and vegetables fresh out of the garden!

IN MEMORY OF'S

A Special Happy 93rd Heavenly Birthday to our daddy James
McCray Richardson on July 8, 2026

We miss you so much ! Love your children Laddie, Tony, Lori,
Carol & Rod (D) Wish You Were Here!!

SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT
TO SHIRLEY T. RICHARDSON
ON JULY 19, 2026
LOVE PAM R. SILVER

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Happy 41st Anniversary to
Jackie & Carol Richardson
on July 1st, 2026*

*Happy Anniversary to
Kelly Jr. & Ko-Ann Richardson
on July 9th, 2026*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

If you would like your name or a loved one's name to be published, please email Carol Richardson errichardson@haliwasaponi.gov, 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.

July 1-Sharon Berrun,

July 2-Makenzie Peace, Casey Richardson, Robin R. Silver,

July 4-Glenda Evans, Zianne Richardson, Glenda V. Evans, Destiny L. Brown,

July 6-Randy Evans,

July 7-Kayla Dale, Kendall Carter,

July 8-Johnnie Richardson,

July 9-Ariana Peace,

July 10- Josee Richardson, Burnedette Lee, Aaron Silver,

July 11-Loretta Richardson,

July 12-Laddie M. Richardson, Jeanette Armstrong,

July 13-Brenda Richardson,

July 15-Shelby Green (D),

July 16- Jody Richardson

July 17-Michael Richardson,

July 19-Shirley T. Richardson, Alicia Pena, Braedyn Richardson, Tommie Richardson

July 21-Jaylon Settles,

July 22- Edith (Hedgepeth) McGee (D)

July 23-Raul DelaMora,

July 25-Waki Lynch,

July 31-Warren Lynch Jr. (W.J.) ,Colleen McGee



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Patrick Richardson- June 7, 2026

Billie Richardson- June 9, 2026

Happy Birthday to Ya!!!!

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