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Leaders from the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe, AccessOn Internet, and the broader community celebrate the ribbon-cutting of the Essex Central Fiber Hub, expanding high-speed fiber internet access across rural Halifax and Warren counties. Story on page 5.

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CHIEF'S ADDRESS:



Dr. Ogletree Richardson
Chief, Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe

In celebration of American Indian Heritage Month this November, the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe proudly stands ready to share our stories, culture, traditions, and enduring heritage.

We are a people with a documented history, a living culture, strong families, and a community that has remained deeply connected to this land and to one another across generations. Our existence as a Tribal people predates the formation of the United States, and our identity continues through the strength, perseverance, and traditions of our people today.

We honor with reverence the wisdom, sacrifices, and guidance passed down by our elders and ancestors. Their legacy strengthens us, guides us, and empowers us to move forward while remaining firmly rooted in who we are.

This November, and throughout the year, we proudly celebrate our heritage and proclaim with enduring pride that we remain a strong and resilient people—the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe.

NEXT TRIBAL BODY MEETING > November 13th | 6:30 PM | Multitipurpose Building
NEXT COUNCIL MEETING > November 16th | 6:30 PM | Chief W.R. Richardson Government Complex

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



John Nash
Tribal Administrator,
Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe

It is my privilege to update you on the recent work and progress within our administration and community projects. We are excited to welcome Sylvia Evans Richardson as our new Enrollment Clerk, helping us continue to serve our citizens effectively. Meanwhile, our office remains focused on securing external funding to expand tribal programs, including recently secured grant support to cover essential transportation needs for our Boys & Girls Club.

We are also advancing several key infrastructure and health initiatives. Planning continues for rural health projects such as the Roots Hub, and we are preparing to host representatives from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for an upcoming visit to our community. Additionally, we are evaluating water infrastructure solutions for the USDA-funded High Tunnel Project Garden at the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School.

Great progress is being made on the Multipurpose Building Emergency Shelter Extension, with construction set to begin as soon as final permits are in place, keeping us on track for completion by the end of the year. Finally, following our recent reviews, we look forward to a visit from HUD. Thank you for your continued support as we build a stronger community together.

TRIBAL COUNCIL UPDATES

- Council approved Resolution 2026-28, expressing opposition to the proposed Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act of 2026 due to concerns about potential impacts on Tribal consultation and historic preservation. Council also approved a letter template for communication with North Carolina's U.S. Senators.
- Council approved Resolution 2026-31, a budget amendment incorporating grant funding to support Boys & Girls Club cultural preservation activities and youth programming.
- Council directed the Tribal Administrator to explore funding opportunities for senior nutrition services serving Haliwa-Saponi seniors throughout the four-county service area. Council expects a follow-up report at the December 2026 regular council meeting.
- Council formally acknowledged the resignation of Sylvia Evans Richardson from Tribal Council.
- Items tabled for further discussion include a proposal to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day as a paid tribal holiday; two resolutions concerning Boys & Girls Club board appointments and operational matters; planning for the Tribal Staff Christmas dinner; updates to the organizational chart and job descriptions; and approval of meeting minutes.
- Several political candidates shared campaign information during public comment. Sheriff Tyree Davis updated Council on public safety and facility needs, and Council invited law enforcement to the upcoming community events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were delivered and discussed during the October 2026 Tribal Council meeting.

Fundraising Committee is collaborating with the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School to develop school-branded fundraising merchandise. Tribal Council approved Mr. Harold Martin, HSTS Health Teacher, as an ex officio school liaison. Council also approved upcoming Meadows Merchandise promotional campaigns, including a discount running from Black Friday through Cyber Monday and a special volunteer appreciation discount.

Powwow Committee highlighted a successful Indigenous Peoples Day celebration with strong community participation. The committee will host a fundraiser on October 30th at Paully's Pizza in Louisburg, donating a percentage of sales to the Tribe. Planning for the Youth Winter Powwow continues, with John Oxendine offering sound services and hotel proposals under review. The committee discussed partnering with school programs or cultural exchanges to prevent future event cancellations. Tribal Administration will soon post an RFP for powwow advertising sales, and selected merchandise will be available for purchase directly at the Tribal office.

Veterans Committee: The Veterans Memorial Brick Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for November 7th at 12 PM at the Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial, with parking available at the Old Council House Building. The Nansemond Indian Nation has been invited to participate. Preparations are underway for the Fifth Annual Veterans Gala on November 14th. A limited number of tickets remain. Engraving for the black granite monument remains on hold pending verification of accurate wording regarding Tribal participation in the Revolutionary War. Committee members will participate in a Native American Heritage Month presentation for Merck Pharmaceuticals and the November 21st American Indian Heritage Celebration at the NC Museum of Art in Raleigh.

TRIBAL ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Boys & Girls Club will close the weeks before and during Thanksgiving to allow staff to attend the Boys & Girls Club Native Summit in Orlando, Florida. The Club will cover expenses with pre-existing budget. Discussion addressed vacancies on the supervisory board, potentially filling an open community representative position with a Club participant parent. Resolutions related to board appointments and Club operations were tabled until November. Council approved Resolution 2026-31, a budget amendment incorporating grant funding to support cultural preservation and youth programming initiatives.

Senior Citizens Organization requested that the Tribal Princess Committee oversee the Senior Princess program and open participation to senior women throughout the Tribal community. No action was taken.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex unless otherwise specified. Contact the Chairperson to confirm location and get involved.

TRIBAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Awards Committee—Meetings as needed
Committee Chair: Councilor Karen Harley

ByLaws Committee—3rd Wednesday | 6:30 PM | Zoom
Committee Chair: Attorney Joshua Richardson

Education Committee—1st Thursday | 6:30 PM | Zoom
Committee Chair: Justin Richardson

Election Committee—3rd Tuesday | 6:30 PM
Committee Chair: Councilor Amelia K. Oxendine

Enrollment Committee—2nd Tuesday | 6:30 PM
Committee Chair: Ruth Richardson-Ealing

Federal Recognition—1st Tuesday | 6:30 PM | Zoom
Committee Chair: Tribal Chair Earl Evans

Finance Committee—2nd Monday | 2:00 PM
Committee Chair: Councilor Tyler Richardson

Fundraising Committee—1st Monday | 7:00 PM | Zoom
Committee Chair: Councilor Tyler Richardson

Health Committee—4th Tuesday of Each Month | 6:30 PM
Committee Chair: Valerie West

Holiday Celebrations Committee—Meetings TBA
Committee Chair: Councilor Charles Richardson, Jr.

Legacy Tree Committee—Meetings TBA
Committee Chair: Pamela Sunshine Richardson

Long Range Committee—2nd Monday
Committee Chair: Dr. Marty Richardson

Personnel Committee—Meetings as needed.
Committee Chair: Tribal Chair Earl Evans

Powwow Planning Committee—Last Monday | 6:30 PM
Committee Chair: Councilor Amelia K. Oxendine

Prayer Committee—Meetings TBA
Committee Chair: Rev. Ron Richardson

Princess Committee—1st Monday| 7:00 PM
Committee Chair: Erinn Anstead

Veterans Committee—Last Tuesday | 7:00 PM
Committee Chair: Jewel Bissonnette

TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

Boys & Girls Club Supervisory Board
1st Wednesday | 6:30 PM
Location: Multi-Purpose Building
Board Chair: Karen Harley

Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School Board of Directors
4th Thursday | 6:30 PM
Location: Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex
Board Chair: Earl Evans

Senior Citizens Organization
1st Tuesday | 6:00 PM
Location: Senior Citizens Building (former Tribal Daycare)
Committee Chair: Rev. Al Cooper

TRIBE CELEBRATES NEW CHAPTER IN BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY



Elected officials and community partners celebrate the ribbon-cutting of the Essex Central Fiber Hub.

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe joined AccessOn Internet, elected officials, and community partners to celebrate the ribbon-cutting of the Essex Central Fiber Hub, expanding high-speed internet across rural Halifax and Warren counties.

Backed by a $17 million USDA ReConnect grant, AccessOn partnered with local leaders and the Tribe to deliver reliable, affordable service to underserved areas.

For the Tribe, the hub is an investment in education, healthcare, and economic growth. During the ceremony, Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson shared: "We are celebrating more than fiber equipment and infrastructure. We are celebrating the possibilities that will come with being connected. Most importantly, we are investing in future generations."

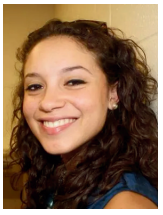
Speakers highlighted the initiative as a model for rural broadband that keeps local voices central, noting that high-speed access is essential for students, telehealth, and small businesses.

Customer connections will continue in phases across the service area, delivering lasting benefits to Tribal citizens and neighbors.

TRIBE STANDS WITH HEDGEPETHS POST TRIAL

After a 14-year search for answers, a Durham County jury found Miguel Salguero-Olivares guilty on all counts in the 2012 murder of Faith Hedgepeth, sentencing him to life in prison without parole plus additional consecutive time. While the verdict brings legal accountability, it also marks the close of a long, painful chapter in our community's collective journey of grief.

The Haliwa-Saponi Tribe continues to stand wholeheartedly with Faith's family as we mourn and cherish the memory of our beloved daughter, sister, cousin, auntie, and friend. Please continue to extend extra love, comfort, and compassion to Faith's family whenever you see them in our community.



To help carry her vibrant legacy forward, consider donating to the Faith's Smile – Faith Hedgepeth Memorial Scholarship, which supports young North Carolina Native women pursuing higher education. Find more information at justiceforfaith.com.

TRIBE HOSTS CANDIDATE FORUM ON RURAL & TRIBAL ISSUES



Tribal leaders and regional candidates assemble for the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe's candidates forum.

HOLLISTER, N.C. – The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe hosted a candidates forum at the Chief W.R. Tribal Government Complex, giving citizens an opportunity to hear directly from candidates seeking public office.

Discussions focused on regional priorities including federal acknowledgment, healthcare, water and sewer infrastructure, economic development, education, and public safety. Candidates also voiced support for advancing Tribal recognition legislation and intergovernmental partnerships.

Tribal Chairman Earl Evans emphasized civic engagement: "Forums like this ensure Tribal voices are heard, and our community remains engaged in the democratic process. We value learning how those seeking office plan to address the needs of rural communities and Tribal Nations."

Candidates represented included Congressman Don Davis and Betty Jo Shepard (representing Laurie Buckhout), U.S. House District 1; incumbent Norman Sanderson and Roy Surrett, N.C. Senate District 2; incumbent David Woodson and Vernon J. Bryant, N.C. House District 27; incumbents Chenoa Richardson Davis and Sammy D. Webb, with Patrick Brown, Halifax County Commissioners; Joey Andrews, Warren County Commissioners; and Tracy Story, Halifax County Sheriff.

PRINCESS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

contributed by Erinn Anstead, Committee Chair



Applications for Miss Haliwa-Saponi Princess 2027-2028 are now available at the Tribal Office! Letters of Intent have been mailed to potentially eligible, Tribally enrolled young ladies. For questions, please contact any Princess Committee member. **Application Deadline: January 4, 2027.**

The Princess Committee is also planning fundraisers to support continued representation of our Tribe at cultural and community events. We appreciate your continued support!

MR. WARRIOR: HIGHLIGHTS OVER TIME

contributed by Jordon Freeman, Mr. Warrior

Serving as Mr. Warrior has been an incredible opportunity to represent my Tribe, participate in community events, and give back.

Over the past several months, I have attended events including the Halifax Historical Visitor Center Ribbon Cutting, Pow Wow Grounds Clean-Up Day, the Haliwa-Saponi 5K, our 62nd Annual Pow Wow, the Dorethea Dix Pow Wow, NCNAYO meetings and conference, the Tribal Candidates Forum, Carolina Horizon, the National UNITY Conference, and MSEN STEM Camp at NC State University. I also participated in the Arcola Fire Department Fire Camp, Back-to-School Drive, Coharie Pow Wow, Lumbee Pow Wow, and other community events. One special moment: my sister (Brandy Lynn), family, friends, and I will be honoring our Grandpa Joe with a Veteran Memorial Brick.

Recent initiatives included partnering with Blue Cross and Blue Shield to donate over 300

SENIOR PRINCESS UPDATE

contributed by Glenda Silver, Haliwa-Saponi Sr. Princess

I am pleased to share an update regarding my ongoing activities as the Haliwa-Saponi Senior Princess. I attended the Red Earth History storytelling event at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church and participated in our Indigenous People's Day Event, where I assisted in distributing gift bags to participants. I organized a Cancer Survivor Storytelling Event that included an exercise session, conducted in-home chair exercise routines, and distributed fitness guides for local seniors. I also assisted with the Senior Nutrition Site hot dog sale. Finally, I served as the primary point of contact for the Widow and Widower gift card project. I thank you for your continued support.



watermelons to the community. With the help of Justin Richardson and the Education Committee, I also had the privilege of donating back-to-school supplies to foster care children through Halifax County DSS.

I am grateful for every opportunity to serve, learn, represent my culture, and make a positive impact in our communities. Thank you to everyone who has supported and encouraged me throughout this journey. Please stay tuned for upcoming initiatives!

TRIBE ACCEPTS NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

Nominations for all Haliwa-Saponi tribal awards must be submitted by Friday, October 30, 2026, at 5:00 PM, along with supporting materials like biographies and photos to assist the Awards Committee in verifying eligibility and evaluating community impact. Incomplete submissions may not be considered, and ties will be resolved through a review of supporting documentation.

EDUCATION & YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Horace M. Richardson Youth of the Year Award

- **Honoree Bio**: Horace M. Richardson (1953–1969) was a humble and dedicated student, athlete, and cultural enthusiast who expressed deep pride in Native heritage through traditional attire, music, and artistry.
- **Award Criteria**: Enrolled Tribal youth (ages 13–18) in good standing with strong academic commitment, active participation in Tribal culture, civic affairs, and school/community organizations, serving as a positive role model.

Dr. Joseph O. Richardson Outstanding Indian Student Award

- **Honoree Bio**: Dr. Joseph O. Richardson served as teacher and principal of the original Haliwa Indian School (1963–1969) and later as principal of Hawkins Elementary (1981–1991), earning his Doctorate in Education in 1999.
- **Award Criteria**: Enrolled Tribal citizen in good standing who is a high school senior demonstrating academic excellence, active student leadership, positive role modeling, and promotion of Native heritage.

Barbara L. Brayboy College Student of the Year Award

- **Honoree Bio**: A first-generation college graduate, Barbara L. Brayboy dedicated her career to education as a teacher, curriculum specialist, assistant principal, and principal in Halifax County schools after completing degrees at UNC Pembroke, NC Central University, and East Carolina University.
- **Award Criteria**: Enrolled Tribal citizen in good standing, currently in a higher education program (2-year, 4-year, Master's, or Doctorate), maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA, with active campus, community, or Tribal involvement.

Emanuel Richardson Educator of the Year Award

- **Honoree Bio**: Emanuel Richardson was one of the first educators at the Secret Hill School. He funded his college education by selling his horse and buggy, served as a county constable, and started early bush arbor services in 1908 that grew into St. Paul Baptist Church.
- **Award Criteria**: Enrolled Tribal citizen in good standing who develops/implements innovative educational programs, promotes multi-ethnic teaching materials, advocates for Indian educational policy improvements, and enhances educational quality for Native students.

Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson Staff Person of the Year for the Tribal School Award

- **Honoree Bio**: Dr. Ogletree Richardson, the Tribe's first woman Chief (elected 2014), served as the inaugural principal when the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School reopened in 2000 after earning advanced educational administration degrees.
- **Award Criteria**: Current full-time Tribal School employee who designs, coordinates, and implements innovative programs that enhance educational delivery and raise awareness of Native educational needs.

TRIBAL AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS CONTINUED

BUSINESS, ARTS, SERVICE & HEROISM AWARDS

Courtney Evans Business Person of the Year Award

- **Honoree Bio**: WWII veteran Courtney "Hoss" Evans built several successful community enterprises—from transportation and timber businesses to founding the area's first 3-bay car wash, laundromat, and Bethlehem Trading Post (1972)—while serving as unofficial Tribal Parliamentarian.
- **Award Criteria**: Enrolled Tribal citizen in good standing who demonstrates successful entrepreneurship, creates equal employment/training opportunities for Native people, and leads Native economic development.

James Mills Artist of the Year Award

- **Honoree Bio**: Master craftsman James Mills (1897–1986) hosted the first modern Tribal meeting on his front porch in 1953. He crafted the Haliwa Indian School's wooden benches and pine arbors, preserved traditional crafts (drums, war clubs, chair weaving), and has works in the Smithsonian.
- **Award Criteria**: Enrolled Tribal citizen in good standing demonstrating authentic artistic originality, commitment to preserving Haliwa-Saponi arts and crafts, cultural preservation through artwork, and mentoring others in traditional arts.

Tillman Lynch Volunteer of the Year Award

- **Honoree Bio**: Tillman Lynch (b. pre-1858) founded the Secret Hill School (an all-Indian school) and the Essex Post Office (serving as Postmaster 1881–1891), while acting as a legal advisor, teacher, and community builder.
- **Award Criteria**: Enrolled Tribal citizen in good standing demonstrating uncompensated volunteer service, leadership in Tribal programs/activities, and motivating individuals and businesses to support Tribal goals.

Atlena H. Richardson Staff of the Year Award

- **Honoree Bio**: Atlena H. Richardson Evans (1928–2020) served the Tribe as a VISTA Volunteer, Outreach Coordinator, Federal Recognition Specialist, and Senior Citizens advisor, alongside decades of church leadership.
- **Award Criteria**: *Selected by staff vote*. Recognizes outstanding Tribal staff members meeting nomination standards for exceptional service and dedication.

Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Community Hero Award

- **Purpose**: Honors first responders, law enforcement officers, or citizens demonstrating exceptional courage, bravery, selflessness, or extraordinary service protecting others and the Tribal community.
- **Eligibility & Criteria**: Open to Tribal citizens and non-enrolled community members (first responders, law enforcement, or community heroes). Requires a 1-page written statement describing heroic action, impact, and leadership.

TRIBAL AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS CONTINUED

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY LEGACY AWARDS

Chief W.R. Richardson Award

- **Honoree Bio**: Chief W.R. Richardson (1915–2001) served as Tribal Chief and dedicated his life to local, state, and national Indian affairs. He served on the NC Commission of Indian Affairs and the NC State Indian Housing Authority, served as Fire Chief, and held leadership roles across medical, burial, and community organizations.
- **Award Criteria**: Enrolled Haliwa-Saponi citizen in good standing demonstrating lifelong commitment to Tribal ideology, involvement in Native affairs at local/state/national levels, and active dedication to community issues and social, physical, and cultural well-being.

Jeremiah Richardson Indian Elder of the Year Award

- **Honoree Bio**: Jeremiah Richardson (b. 1810–1813), a recognized Founding Father of the Tribe, established Jeremiah Methodist Church in the 1860s and laid early foundations for Tribal perseverance.
- **Award Criteria**: Enrolled Tribal elder in good standing who demonstrates lifelong leadership, promotes Native heritage and appreciation, and makes significant social, civic, educational, or religious contributions to the Indian community.

John Conrad (J.C.) Hedgepeth Distinguished Service to the Indian Community Award

- **Honoree Bio**: Tribal Chairman J.C. Hedgepeth (1901–1988; Chairman 1953–1955) was a founder of the Haliwa Indian Club who secured official birth certificates for Tribal members and helped establish the Haliwa Indian School and Mount Bethel Indian Baptist Church.
- **Award Criteria**: Enrolled Tribal citizen in good standing who displays extraordinary leadership and advocacy beyond regular duties, improves services, advances legislation/equality, and fosters Native unity at the local, state, or national level.

Reverend C. H. Richardson Friend of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Award

- **Honoree Bio**: Rev. Charlie Horace "C.H." Richardson (1900–1993) founded Mount Bethel Indian Baptist Church (1958), pastored local churches, restored historic Tribal landmarks like Lewis Spring, and was revered as a "walking history book".
- **Award Criteria**: Open to individuals or businesses (Native or non-Native) providing notable technical, financial, resource, or voluntary service, demonstrating deep commitment to Tribal development projects and community preservation.

CHRISTIAN BUFFALOE WINS AT KICKBOXING EVENT IN MANASSAS

contributed by Kenneth Buffaloe



Christian Buffaloe, a Muay Thai kickboxing champion from Hollister, NC, defeated David Lee, a top South Korean fighter from Falls Church, Virginia, at the Thai Championship Boxing show on September 26th in Manassas, Virginia.

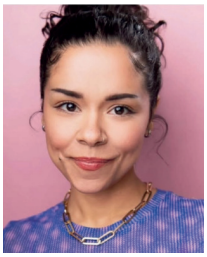
Kenny Buffaloe, Christian's father and coach, trained Christian hard for this opportunity, and it paid off. The action-packed 3-round bout was a war from start to finish. Buffaloe dominated every round with an aggressive, straightforward style to win a judges' decision.

This was Christian's debut fight for T.C.B. Fight Promotion, and he made a strong impression on officials and fans. He looks forward to returning. Buffaloe's record is now 11-2. PayPerView TV live-streamed the fight show, and Buffaloe's match was a highlight of the event.

Christian teaches a new Kyokushin Karate Youth Class at the Boys and Girls Club at the Haliwa-Saponi Multipurpose Building (Library) on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. The class is accepting pre-registrations for new beginner students (ages 4 & up) for Fall classes beginning this month, with a free trial class on the first visit. Call or text (252) 589-4281 to learn more.

BROOKE SIMPSON PLAYS PRISONER IN MUSICAL "WAKEMAN"

contributed by Jimille Mills



The story follows women who wanted to join the Army but were not allowed to, so they enlisted disguised as men. Brooke did an amazing job acting and singing, and representing our Tribe. The performance was held at the New London Playhouse in New Hampshire.

REVERENDS MIKE & JIMILLE MILLS FEATURED ON CHURCH OF GOD GLOBAL PODCAST



contributed by Jimille Mills

In February, the Church of God International Office hosted Mike and Jimille as guests on its "Between Sundays" Podcast, filmed in Charlotte, NC. Recently released on YouTube, the broadcast shares real-life struggles that happen in pastors' and evangelists' lives. They discussed the recent tragedy of losing their son, Evan "Mikey" Mills, to a fatal car accident and learning to trust God on the journey. Find the episode on YouTube.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy belated birthday to...

Kay'Leigh ShyAnn Jacobs	Oct 29
Happy Birthday to our princess Miss Kay'Leigh ShyAnn Jacobs who will be turning 18 on October 29th. - Leigh Ann Evans	
Kaylee Medlin	Nov 1
Jessica L. Richardson	Nov 2
Bettie Lynch Gutierrez	Nov 3
Armoni Richardson	Nov 7
Gregory Richardson	Nov 7
Blaire Richardson Anderson	Nov 8
Shelley Mills (D)	Nov 8
Happy birthday, Dad. -Linda Wilson	
Joey Richardson	Nov 8
Jershawn Richardson (D)	Nov 10
Wanda Lee	Nov 11
Alana Lynch	Nov 11
Precious Silver	Nov 11
Irma D. Green	Nov 12
Jerrod Garduno	Nov 13
Demetrates Bobbitt	Nov 14
Deitrick Richardson	Nov 14
Ethyn Richardson	Nov 17
Darrin Richardson	Nov 18
Valerie Richardson	Nov 18
Katie Kizer	Nov 19
Amya Richardson	Nov 19
Linda Wilson	Nov 24
Damaun Bobbitt	Nov 26
Tawatha Wilson	Nov 28
Judy Richardson	Nov 29

HALIWA VETERANS TO LEAD NC NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

contributed by Jewel Bissonnette, Veterans Committee Chair

The 31st Annual North Carolina American Indian Heritage Celebration will take place on Saturday, November 21st, at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh from 11 AM to 4 PM. The Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Committee Honor Guard will present the colors for opening ceremonies for the first time in the celebration's 31-year history.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Happy 23rd birthday, Quincy. We love you and miss you so much. Love always, Dad, Grandma Rene, Aunt Sherry, Pa James, Baby J, Chesley, Caroline, Claud and Ivy. November 21,2003.

ANNIVERSARIES

- November 5: Jesse & Montana McGee (3 years)
- November 6: Chad & Rachael (McGee) Jager (5 years)
- November 11: Sam & Sylvia Johnson, married for 11 years!
- November 26: Congratulations to Councilman Charles "Pete" and Chanta Richardson as they celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary on November 26th. We honor this wonderful milestone and wish them continued love, happiness, and many more blessed years together. Love you both, your children and grandchildren.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Cardasia Wilson on the birth of her baby girl, Karsyn Paisley Wilson. Karsyn arrived on September 9, 2026. Proud grandparents are Tawatha and Claire Wilson and Michelle Richardson.

VETERANS GALA NOV. 5TH

by Jewel Bissonnette, Veterans Committee Chair



The Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Committee will host its 5th Annual Veterans Gala on Saturday, November 14, 2026, from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM at Meadows Comunity Center (Doe Spun) in Hollister. Tickets are $40 per person, payable via (252) 586-4017 or Cash App at $HSVETSMEM.







RED EARTH: STRONG ROOTS, BRIGHT FUTURES LITERACY PROJECT



Red Earth is a five-year, Tribal-led initiative strengthening literacy, cultural identity, and future opportunities for American Indian students in Warren and Halifax Counties. This year, the team has supported schools, families, and the community by launching the Red Earth Literacy Teacher Fellowship, hosting family literacy workshops with NCFL, and distributing free books at local events.

Upcoming Family Literacy Event: November 30th | 6–8 p.m. | St. Gideon Baptist Church, 115 Chickadee Dr., Hollister, NC 27844.

Families are encouraged to register in advance for this FREE family literacy experience! Visit https://bit.ly/4yfQ0G2 to reserve your spot.



Visit MeadowsMerchandise.com to purchase.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

What would you like to see in your Tribal newsletter? Would you like to receive the newsletter by email? Email publicrelations@haliwa-saponi.gov or scan the QR code to submit an article, opt in to digital delivery, or share your feedback. The deadline to submit content for is the 15th of each month.

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