



Voice of the Saponi

Tribal Administrator's News

Information For Tribal Citizens

ENROLLMENT:

- The Administration has acquired grant funds to purchase a new state of the art ID Machine and accompanying state of the art high-tech ID Software. This has been a very long hard task for many reasons. It will take time to install and train on the high tech advanced equipment and software. We will let all know when they are here and when they are ready.
- The Audit is almost done. It was done internally because absolutely under no circumstances would Membership allow strangers access to vital records of Tribal Citizens.
- There are 2 main reasons it has taken so long:
 - a. Each day new things were discovered that were done incorrectly and over 900 records had to be found and verified in hard copy and digital format. We are working to make sure that all files are kept in one place instead of multiple places like the past.
 - b. The COVID-19 Pandemic hit at the last ¼ of the audit and offices were shut down.
- Here are just a small sample of some statistics being dealt with:
 - 741 new enrollment applications had to be completely researched
 - 150 birth certificates found were not filed
 - 111 files were already enrolled but not archived
 - 100 files are pending/inactive/non-member to be managed
 - 100 obituaries found were never filed
- We are anticipating/maybe September for the processing of applications only (not IDs yet.)

HUD:

- The CARES IHBG has finally been initially approved. We have been informed by HUD that the wait is due to several factors including HUD/ONAP office changes in staff and work schedules as well as all offices being overwhelmed by COVID-19. Some Tribes did get funds almost immediately while other Tribes are in a void of paperwork and government red tape. As soon as the funds are released it will be used according to the Eligible Model Activities as approved by HUD for COVID-19 three Ps of:

PREVENT, PREPARE & RESPOND

- Audit/Monitor report is still being worked on according to HUD. This is much longer than usual for HUD and they informed us that it is due to COVID-19 causing extreme delays and back-ups. HUD did meet on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 to discuss the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe. We all hope the results come in very soon.

If you have any questions or thoughts please call the Tribal Office and help with not spreading assumptions, fakes news and rumors.

Take Care and Be Safe and God Speed

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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 of publication.

(Ex: October articles are due by September 20th)

You may email articles to crrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com or feel free to mail them to:

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

**Attn: Newsletter Editor
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Hollister NC 27844
(252) 586-4017 ext. 221**

Upcoming Dates and Meetings

September 18 - Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting to be announced.

September 21 - Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting to be announced.

Committee Meetings

- Finance Committee meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Charles Richardson.
- Federal Recognition Committee meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Chief Dr. B. Ogletree Richardson.
- 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: Karen Harley.
- Princess Committee Meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 7:00 p.m. Committee Chair: Angela Richardson.
- Pow-Wow planning meetings are held the 4th Monday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Alfred Morris Richardson.
- Haliwa-Saponi Senior Citizens Organization meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p. m. at the Old Council House. Committee Chair: Roena Daniel.
- Veteran's Memorial meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Jimmie Silver.
- Education Committee meeting are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Rev. Michael Richardson.

A Message from Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson



Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson

We are aware of the changes that have occurred since the Coronavirus took control of the way we used to conduct Tribal business. Nevertheless, as Tribal leaders, we will continue to make every effort to keep our Tribal citizens informed about events and activities that have occurred or are planned soon.

Updates:

The Tribal Council has been holding virtual meetings and providing call-in numbers for our citizens. However, some of you kept us informed that this process was not working well. We would like to thank Tribal citizen, Mr. Konzolice Richardson, for volunteering to work with Councilwoman Mrs. Karen Harley and Councilman Charles Pete Richardson during the weekend, to help make the system work very well for our last meeting. The Council approved the revised Haliwa-Saponi Indian Cemetery Guidelines. Copies are available to Tribal citizens. The Warren County Board of Commissioners (WCBC) approved the Tribe's request for the expansion of the recreation area on Capps Farm Road. The allocation of up to \$ 10,000 was for Phase one of the Tribe's plan that includes four phases. Details of all four phases include upgrading the walking trail, playground equipment, swings, climbers, picnic tables, renovating greenhouses to create longhouses (recreation halls), etc. Council members and staff attending WCBC meetings with me include Chairman Gideon Lee, Karen Harley, Jimmie Silver, Angela Richardson and Tribal Administrator, Jamie Oxendine. NC American Indian Tribal Leaders participated in a Listening Session with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen. I shared a concern about the data collection process for our American Indian population. Additionally, I asked Dr. Cohen if her department will be awarding grants to the American Indian Communities to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19 in American Indian Communities. Tribal representatives were invited to participate in the Blessing of the Ground Ceremony of Dix Park in Raleigh. There, I was joined by Raleigh Mayor Mary-Ann Baldwin and other members of the Raleigh City Council, Quinn Godwin, Central Regional Field Coordinator at NC Governor's Office, Greg Richardson, Executive Director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, other Tribal leaders, and representatives of other agencies. The area holds an interesting history of American Indians. The Haliwa-Saponi Task Force Committee, the Election, Princess, Pow-wow Planning and Little Miss/Warrior Committees are working on recommendations for events that have been postponed. The Tribal Council approved a partnership with the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School, and New Hope Apostolic Church to have a Food Truck Distribution event When Scheduled on Fridays at the C.H. Richardson Building. The Council completed the closing documents for the purchase of a prime piece of property on Evans Road between the Twin County Rural Health Center and Mr. and Mrs. Drewbell Mills' land. I had the opportunity to work with the Council and the land owners to negotiate and complete the purchase of the 16-acre parcel of land. It was truly rewarding to be a part of the process. I believe our elders would be happy to know that our Tribe acquired the remainder of a tract of land that many of them worked diligently to purchase a part of it for the Twin County Rural Health Center. Remote Learning Operations, Plan B for Reopening the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School, was approved by the Council, in its role as Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School Board of Directors. Monday, August 17, the first day of school, was reported as being successful. **Reminder: We have a brand -new WEBSITE!!!!** The quickest and easiest way to find it is by typing the domain name in the browser search box: www.haliwa-saponi.org. **Spread the Word!** Soon, the Tribe will host an unveiling ceremony of our second mural depicting the lives of our Tribal citizens and the community. The first mural can be found on the multipurpose building on Capps Farm Road, and the second is located at the Old Council House near the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Please complete the Census!!! Our Tribal citizens matter!!! Our utmost concern is for the health and safety of our citizens as we navigate COVID-19. We appreciate your patience as Council, Tribal/school staff and Tribal citizens continue to work for the best interest of our Tribal citizens during this pandemic. As a team, much can be accomplished. As Chief, I am proud to be a Haliwa-Saponi Indian woman. I am proud of our rich history which dates back thousands of years. We should all be proud of our survival and resiliency.

Pi: láhuk (Thank you)

We are looking for local candidates to North Carolina with availability to start this project in the month of June.

These positions will be supporting a large project, so 100+ remote Contact Tracers are needed.

The **Contact Tracer** will be responsible for contacting North Carolinians who have been identified as a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case. Contact Tracers will use a web-based platform to notify all close contacts of their exposure, determine the presence of symptoms, refer for testing if needed, and provide the appropriate isolation or quarantine education and guidance.

Job Duties and Responsibilities: Utilize excellent and sensitive interpersonal, cultural sensitivity, and interviewing skills such that you build and maintain trust with patients and contacts as you work with a patient to help them recall everyone with whom they have had close contact during the time frame while they may have been infectious.· Outbound calling to notify exposed individuals (contacts) of their potential exposure as rapidly and sensitively as possible.· Protect patient privacy; contacts are only informed that they may have been exposed to a patient with the infection. They are not told the identity of the patient who may have exposed them.· Provide contacts with education, information, and support to understand their risk, what they should do to separate themselves from others who are not exposed, monitor themselves for illness, and the possibility that they could spread the infection to others even if they themselves do not feel ill.· Encourage contacts to stay home and maintain social distance from others (at least 6 feet) until 14 days after their last exposure, in case they also become ill. They should monitor themselves by checking their temperature twice daily and watching for cough or shortness of breath.· Check-in with contacts to make sure they are self-monitoring and have not developed symptoms. Contacts who develop symptoms should promptly isolate and they should be promptly evaluated for infection and for the need for medical care.

Maintain data in contract tracing software.

Minimum Requirements:

- High School Diploma with 6 months - 2 years of experience in an **Outbound** call center preferred
 - Must have own high-speed internet, PC/laptop, and headphones at remote working area
 - Ability to speak, read, and write English
 - Ability to handle confidential information with discretion and professionalism
 - Ability to exhibit a professional and positive attitude and a good work ethic
 - Ability to follow directions
 - Bilingual English/Spanish preferred but not required.
 - Exhibit excellent interpersonal skills and ability to interact professionally
 - Ability to think critically and use good judgement in all decision making
 - Ability to show empathy to distressed individuals
- *This position is available as a W2 position and offers competitive benefits.

Contact Ms. Martinez at 984-220-8194 or they can email her at imartinez@datastaffnc.com.

Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial (HSVM) Tribal Member Only

4 X 8 ENGRAVED BRICK PAVER ORDER FORM/LETTERING WORKSHEET

Pavers may be ordered for ALL military personnel who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the past (living or deceased), and those who are currently serving on active duty presently...our future veterans!

Mail this form, along with your check for \$80 per engraved brick. This price is valid through June 30, 2020. ***After June 30, 2020 (our 2nd batch), the price will increase to \$100 per engraved brick!***

Make **checks payable to:** "Haliwa-Saponi Tribe/Veterans Memorial." Also, please annotate your check with the words, "Veterans Memorial" on the bottom left (Memo) line. Mail to: Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe, P. O. Box 99, Hollister, NC 27844

To pay by credit/debit card, please contact Trassie Hewlin at 252-586-4017. Questions? Please call Jewel Bissonnette at 540-446-1886.

BRICK PAVER ORDER FORM

REQUESTED BY: _____ DATE: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PH: () _____

E-MAIL ADDR: _____ **For Confirmation of Order Content**

Bricks will be engraved **EXACTLY** as ordered and written below, so please verify your lettering format, proofread it very carefully, and doublecheck your order before it is submitted.

USE ONE FORM PER PAVER. Three lines max. Print ONE (1) character per box. Twenty (20) characters per line: includes each letter, each space between letters/words, any punctuation...it's not normally needed!

EXAMPLE

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YOUR REQUESTED LETTERING HERE

FOR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED _____ PAID _____ BATCH ORDER _____ PAVER RECEIVED DATE _____

Brick Order 4x8 Form HSVM-1 (Oct 2019)

To submit credit/debit card payment for the Haliwa-Saponi Veteran's Memorial for the purchase of an engraved brick paver, use the form below. Mail to: Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 99 Hollister, NC 27844.

Credit/Debit Card Payment

For Debit/Credit Card Payments

Name: _____

Card#: _____

Exp Date (Mo/Yr): ____/____

3-Digit CVV# _____

Signature _____

Senior Nutrition

Seniors 60 years and older in Halifax County are eligible to contact Kathy Harris, Senior Citizens Nutrition Program at 252-629-7019 or 252-586-4017 Ext: 228, if interested in applying for emergency food during this time of COVID-19 through the Families First Area Agency Program. We will be providing shelf-stable meals and frozen meals to all that apply and will be on a limited bases and/or until the funds runs out. Thank you , Kathy Harris - SNS Coordinator.

"Christian Buffaloe Featured in Leading Martial Arts Magazine & FUJI TV in Japan"

Christian Buffaloe, local Kyokushin Karate instructor and fighter, was featured in the September, 2020 edition of WORLD KARATE MAGAZINE, a leading martial arts publication in Japan. This premiere magazine exclusively features only the top Japanese & international Kyokushin Karate fighters and instructors. Christian Buffaloe won the U.S. title at the Japan sponsored "16th Kyokushin Karate USWC Championships" in Little Tokyo on January 26th. WORLD KARATE MAGAZINE covered this championship tournament and Buffaloe's first victory as an adult competitor. Christian Buffaloe also won the "Best Technique" award for his overall performance in this elite international event. Christian Buffaloe also appeared on FUJI TV, Japan's number #1 cable TV network recently. FUJI TV covered the Japan sponsored "16th Kyokushin Karate USWC Championships" on January 26th. They interviewed Buffaloe about his Championship victory and showed highlights of his final match. This is the link to Christian Buffaloe's appearance on Japan's FUJI TV Network: https://fujisankei.com/video_library/event/kyokushin-la-2020.html Christian Buffaloe was trained by local Kyokushin Karate instructor Kenny Buffaloe since the age of 3. He is a 7-time Kyokushin Karate youth & teen champion in international championships since 2008. Buffaloe is also an assistant instructor in the Kyokushin Karate youth classes in Roanoke Rapids, Hollister, and Murfreesboro. This is Buffaloe's way of giving back to the local community for the interest and support that people have shown him in his fighting career. For more information on Kyokushin Karate or area training classes, call or text : (252)589 - 4281.



Christian Buffaloe, the 2020 Kyokushin Karate U.S. champion in action in the final match of the Japan sponsored "16th Kyokushin Karate USWC Championships" in Little Tokyo. Buffaloe is featured in the September issue of WORLD KARATE MAGAZINE, a leading martial arts publication in Japan.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

If you would like your name or a loved ones name to be published please email Carol Richardson at crrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com, mail or bring by the office. If you do not submit your birthday or a loved one, we can not publish it in our newsletter. No Call Ins Accepted!

September 1 - Portia Lynch (D), India Richardson
 September 3 - Christian Hedgepeth, Katrina Evan- Mills
 September 4 - Mason Silver, Logan Richardson
 September 5 - Kamryn Richardson
 September 6 - Gladys Wilson (D)
 September 9 - Bailey Richardson
 September 10 - Otis (Boot) Richardson (D), Kaleia Francis
 September 11 - D'Nijah L. Richardson, Jackie Lynch
 September 12 - Devin T. Richardson, Joshua Cooper Jeraldean (Deanie) Richardson, Ugirtha (Lou) Richardson (D), Braxton Evans
 September 13 - Haywood Wilson, Toma Richardson
 September 14 - Albertia G. Richardson (D), Katie Boone, Christopher (Kiowa) Anstead, Sheila Rudd
 September 16 - Kassidie Pleasant
 September 17- Gwen Evans
 September 18 - Jacobi Evans
 September 19 - Jennifer Richardson- Chavis
 September 20 - Barbara Richardson, Mike Evans
 September 21- Corey N. Richardson
 September 22 - Kelvin Richardson, Gabriella Krivosk
 September 23 - Baby Lynch (D) (son of Jared (Ha'ace) and Amelia Lynch, Malina Richardson- Fortune
 September 25 - Camilla Evans, Glenn Cooper, Conner Richardson
 September 26 - Gwen Cooper, Alexis Evans, Jackson Evans, Faith Hedgepeth (D)
 September 27 - Louis Jenkins, Evan B. Silver
 September 28 - Pam McGee -Spressor
 September 29 - Ms. Lucille C. Richardson, Jackie Anstead, Jewel McGee- Bissonnette

Happy Birthday!

COMBATING HYPERTENSION

THE LEADING CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATH WORLDWIDE



Hypertension, or high blood pressure, may be symptomless but it kills **9.4 million** people worldwide every year

If untreated, hypertension can cause death or serious health consequences in a number of ways:



HEART ATTACK



STROKE



DEMENTIA



KIDNEY FAILURE



VISION LOSS

2/3 of those with hypertension are in developing countries

PREVENTION IS KEY!

- Eat healthily and reduce salt consumption
- Eat more fruit and vegetables
- Limit alcohol intake
- Don't smoke
- Be physically active
- Maintain a healthy body weight

KNOW YOUR NUMBERS!



Only **50%** of those with hypertension are aware they have it

- Check your blood pressure regularly - whether at home, at a clinic, a pharmacy or elsewhere
- If you are being treated for hypertension, take your medicine even when you feel good - follow treatment advice of healthcare professionals

For more information: <http://ish-world.com/news/a/WHL-and-ISH-Hypertension-Facts-Sheet/>

Happy Anniversary

Happy 24th Wedding Anniversary to James and Sheila Rudd. Love your family.
Happy 12th Wedding Anniversary to William and Zelda Earley !! Wishing you many more years together !!
Happy 10th Wedding Anniversary to Cliff and Angela (Silver) Wilson on Sept. 4th.

In Loving Memory

In memory of Jeremy Allen Evans March 9, 1974– September 1, 2010
In memory of Faith Danielle Hedgepeth September 26, 1992– September 7, 2012
In memory of Cory R. Mills April 19, 1987– September 19, 2009. "Gone But Not Forgotten", You are missed, Love Mom Annette And Dad Tony Lilies also Family and Friends.

Type 2 Diabetes is a Rising Threat in Youth

PREDIABETES

increases the risk
of developing
type 2 diabetes and
heart disease.



Who has PREDIABETES?

 **1 in 5**
aged 12-18 years

 **1 in 4**
aged 19-34 years

 **PREDIABETES**
is higher in males and
people with obesity

What Can You Do?

- Parents should talk to their child's health care provider about testing for type 2 diabetes
- Adults aged 18 and over can take a 1-minute risk test at www.cdc.gov/diabetes/risktest



For Sale

Beautiful 3.69 acres of wooded land located in Warren County. Just off of Richardson Road, a few blocks from Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. The property is off road, but has legal dirt road access.

Property line begins between Elzie & Milton Road.

Asking price \$15,000.00 (for sale by owner). Contact Nancy Harris at 252-567-6517 if interested.

Land For Sale



****Disclaimer****



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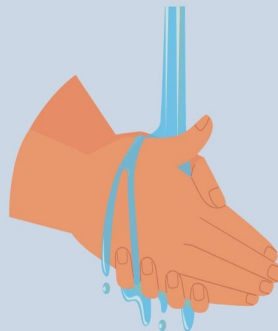
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3 W's to reduce risk of COVID-19

Wear a mask



Wash your hands



Watch your distance



COVID-19 **RESOLVE**
TO SAVE LIVES



More info at
[PreventEpidemics.org](https://www.PreventEpidemics.org)

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#PreventEpidemics