



# Voice of the Saponi

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**Thank you !**

## A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF DR. OGLETREE RICHARDSON:



### SPECIAL TRIBAL ELECTION FOR INTERIM VICE-CHIEF

A SPECIAL TRIBAL MEETING WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE AT THE TRIBAL POW-WOW GROUNDS FOR INTERIM VICE CHIEF NOMINATIONS ON FRIDAY

OCTOBER 22, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M.

THE SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE REV. C. H. RICHARDSON BUILDING AT THE HALIWA-SAPONI TRIBAL SCHOOL ON SATURDAY,

NOVEMBER 20, 2021, 7 A.M. –7 P. M.

THE ABOVE DATES ARE CONTINGENT UPON THE STATUS OF COVID-19 IN OUR TRIBAL NATION.

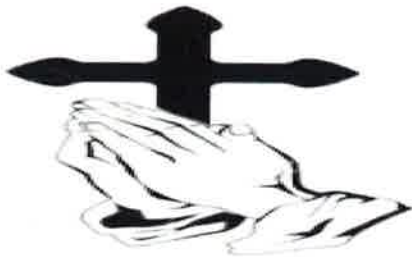


## SOCIAL DISTANCING

### Upcoming Dates and Meetings

- October 13- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting Held at the Pow Wow Grounds. at 6:30. WEAR, WASH AND WAIT**
- October 18 - Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting Held at the Chief W. R Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 6:30**
- 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: Gideon Lee
  - 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: Charles Richardson Jr.
  - 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.

**IN MEMORY OFS':**



*HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY*

*TO REV. EARDIUS RICHARDSON*

*OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 1931*

*WE LOVE AND MISS YOU*

*PA*

*GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN*

**IN MEMORY OF THE QUILTERS: WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU SCRAPS MAKE QUILTS !!!!!**

***Patchwork Images***

Images of the Native woman are engraved  
forever in our memories -  
the faces, the names, the voices, the sounds and scents  
of the generations that came before us and  
the vision of the generations that will follow.

Bonnets, tobacco fields, farming in early morning dew.  
Canning butter beans, hog killings. Sunday school lessons.  
Making a quilt for her children to fight over  
Studying her Bible, fixing homecoming dinner.  
Nursing a baby, breaking a switch.  
Hair turning gray, holding a grandchild.  
These are the images of our women.

We can hear the humming of a sweet song that will last  
until her work is done. Amazing Grace.

Milk. Spit on a hankie. Wet biscuit dough on wet hands.  
Fried fish. Fried chicken. Fried porkchops. Christmas cakes.  
Turnips. Chicken and pastry.  
Camay soap. Sweat. Jergen's lotion on Sunday morning.  
These are the scents of our women.

These images can be heard, felt, seen, smelled or tasted  
in the communities where our Indian women live.

She is farmer, teacher, mother, factory worker,  
secretary, professional.  
Her hair is tinted, gray, short, long.  
She wears housecoats, britches,  
Sunday dresses, power suits.  
Her face is made more beautiful with cosmetics.  
Her face is bare.  
Her skin is soft. Her skin is weathered by years of  
struggle and tiny, tiny character lines frame her eyes.  
She smells like French perfume.  
She smells like Mother Earth.

The responsibility of being native woman was placed  
upon her shoulders at her birth,  
blanketed - like a patchwork quilt - around her body.  
The last generation (and the one before that) hover  
around her - protecting her from bad spirits.  
The next generation (and the one after that) wait eagerly  
for her to share the woman's secret of the Creation.

She will not stumble. She will not fall.

GAYE SIMMONS CUSHING (COHAIRE)

## **Tribal Administrator Report** *(double sided page)*

COVID numbers are still increasing and the biggest increase is in people that are not vaccinated and young people especially under the ages of 30 with significant rise in cases in children and teenagers. Hospitals across the state and the country are overwhelmed with COVID patients. ER's at various hospitals including one UNC institution has brought back the ER tents to accommodate non COVID emergencies. And to make it even more sad several hospitals across the country including some here in NC have mobile morgues parked outside the hospital as their regular morgues are filling fast from COVID deaths.

For your health and safety and the good health and safety of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe and local community we continue to ask you to do the following as best as possible:

**WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN**  
**WEAR A FACIAL COVERING (Cover Both Your Mouth & Nose)**  
**WAIT 6 FEET APART**  
**GET TESTED**  
**GET VACCINATED (If possible due to various health issues)**

**If you need some masks please call the Tribal Office and arrange for a time to pick some up.**

The Tribe sponsored a COVID Testing Site on Wednesday Sept 15, 2021 at the C.H. Building. We are very fortunate to have been able to get this because testing supplies are running very low and health care staff available for testing are over whelmed. Native Angels tested 63 people from 3 counties and all 63 tested **NEGATIVE!**

The Council Room will be off limits September 27, 28, and 29, 2021 for the AAA (Area Agency on Aging) Audit. Miss Kathy and Miss Regina will be busy with the Audit during these three days as well.

Governor Roy Cooper's ARP Proposal of \$18 Million to the 7 NC State Recognized Tribes and 4 NC Urban Indian Organizations has finally gotten to the General Assembly. The NC Commission of Indian Affairs Chairman Ricky Burnett sent out a very urgent message for all Tribes to meet ASAP and respond to NC Legislators to approve and pass the proposal. An immediate Called Council Meeting was done on Thursday September 9, 2021 to discuss this and reaching out to the NC Legislators to hopefully pass this much needed proposal. We are very grateful that Governor Cooper is working hard to include State Recognized Tribes in much of the American Rescue Plan that would have originally gone to BIA Tribes only.

With COVID-19 ever increasing HUD has immediately changed directions with NAHASDA Training and has decided to allow remote training where possible. So the Tribal Council did an all-day remote training on Wednesday Sept 15. The Staff will do their all day remote training later in October.

ERA (Emergency Rental Assistance) – is going well. As of Friday Sept. 17, 2021 we have paid for 163 months of rent and 94 months of utilities for renters in 3 states! Please remember and be advised that it can take up to 2 months for payments to get to the landlords or the utility companies to post the credit for one to see on their billing cycle. We ask all please be patient and remember that you are still responsible for your bills as just because you applied does not mean you are approved. We also ask that all please be grateful that we got this grant as the first round of funds like this all went to BIA Federally Recognized Tribes only! We should be very thankful that State Recognized Tribes were included in this grant and the coming HAF grant as well. So please when you apply be patient. **THANKS!**

Please be advised that the ERA and HAF are 2 completely different grants. We are still waiting on the HAF – as mentioned in previous reports the deadline for institutions to apply and request for the funds is September 30, 2021 so we still have to wait for the full approval and implementation of the grant funds. Yes this takes a very long time.

Our 2021-2022 Indian Housing Plan has been approved by HUD. Special Thanks to the Housing Officer Miss Trassie Hewlin for writing this grant! She is also responsible for the APR and ERR that goes along with the same grant. These grants are a great deal of paperwork indeed. The award is for \$968,988.00! It sadly went down because of the Trump Administration Budget cuts of Spring 2020 for the next Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) by 2.3% across the board for all Native American Tribes.

Our IHBG ARP (American Rescue Plan) IHP has been approved by HUD! This grant was written by the TA. Although meant to be made simpler than the regular IHP and even the CARES IHP this was just as complicated as the CARES IHP. The award is for \$669,936.00 and must follow the Model Activities under HUD for COVID-19. Model Activities must comply with the 3 Ps:

**P**revent COVID-19  
**P**repare for COVID-19  
**R**es**P**ond to COVID -19

The Multipurpose Building was again vandalized over the Labor Day Weekend. Sometime on Friday Sept 3 someone(s) painted various graffiti on the building. There is an ongoing investigation. The Tribe and the Community ask that if you see anything at all suspicious please report it to Law Enforcement immediately.

Due to various illnesses, RSV and the rise in COVID numbers the DayCare under the Direction of Miss Vicky and with consultation from DHHS had to close until Oct 4. In one day she has to send 6 children home with illness and not being sure what the illness was felt it best to close the facility until we are certain of any and all health risks. As mentioned last month there is a surge of RSV across the state and region.

The General Account is down as mentioned before and it is due to very little income because of the COVID Pandemic cancelling rentals, powwows, events, etc. It is also down due to daily, weekly and monthly expenses and the usual emergencies that come along with maintaining several buildings, properties and vehicles. Good news a few grants have greatly helped in taking care of some of the emergency expenses.

Here is an example of how long even after a grant is closed out that keeping very accurate records for reports is needed as there is always something months or years after a grant is thought to be fully closed out. The TA got a letter that a required a U.S. Research Census Survey was due on August 24, 2021. A portal had to be created for this and then 14 pages of questions had to be answered with data submitted for the required survey that took a few hours. The survey was all about the ANA Grant that was done back in Feb of 2020 and closed out shortly thereafter. Nothing wrong as the ANA was done all well and closed out by Marty Richardson, Trina Lynch and Jamie Oxendine. This was just yet more work that even we had no idea would be needed over 1 ½ years after a grant closed out.

The TA took part in a webinar by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. The subject matter was Direct Relief for Tribal Citizens and Getting Beyond Per Caps. It was an excellent seminar on many ways Tribes can utilize funds and especially Federal Funds. While the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe does get some Direct Relief Funds we do not get any Per Cap Funds for Tribal Membership. Several people have called the Tribal Office saying they heard that some Tribes get monthly payments – but the HSIT is not one of them.

**Tribal Administrator's IV**  
**Arctic & SubArctic Indian Trivia Contest - ANSWERS**

**Questions:**

1. What popular **boat** was invented by the Tribes in the Arctic & SubArctic?
2. What is the temporary lodging **shelter** of the Arctic Tribes called? And what is it **made of**?
3. What **2 animals** were the supermarket/home improvement store for Arctic & SubArctic Tribes?
4. What very popular piece of **clothing** today was invented by the Arctic & SubArctic Tribes?
5. What **island** is inhabited mostly by Native American Arctic Peoples?
6. What was the most common form of **transportation** for Arctic & SubArctic Tribes?
7. What **word** is an insult to Arctic & SubArctic Tribes and is not even Native in origin?
8. What SubArctic & Arctic Tribal **sport** was also used as binoculars?
9. This **clothing** invention of the Arctic & SubArctic Tribes is a very popular fashion with women?
10. What are SubArctic & Arctic Tribal **sunglasses called**?

**ANSWERS:**

**1. Kayak**

This one person canoe was created by the Arctic & SubArctic Tribes and was used for both short and very long distance travel. The Parka (*from question #4*) was waterproofed and stretched over the opening thus completely protecting the inner parts of the Kayak. Kayaking is a very popular pastime all over the world.

**2. Igloo & Snow**

The Igloo was only a temporary shelter used by the Arctic Peoples. It was and still is made of packed blocks of snow and not ice. Snow is an amazing insulator and could keep the inside of the igloo as much as 40-60 degrees warmer than the outside temperature.

**3. Caribou & Seal**

These two animals provided food, shelter, clothing, blankets, tools and even home décor and more. Just about every part of the animals were eaten. Bones were used for tools and utensils and sled runners. Oil was used for lamp-light. Even seal skin were tanned to be very thin and tightly stretched over a frame to create windows as glass was not existent before White Contact.

BTW – Caribou and Reindeer are the same animal...Reindeer is the European word for the animal.

#### **4. Parka**

The modern day “hoodie” is based on the Parka created by the Artic & SubArctic Tribes. They have several versions including one made of Seal Skin that is 100% waterproof.

#### **5. Greenland**

This was not a trick question as just about every Arctic island in North America is mostly populated by Indigenous Peoples. But Greenland has the highest percentage and even though Greenland is a part of North America it is owned by Denmark and considered part of Scandinavia.

#### **6. Dog Sled**

This was and still is the best way to travel in the Arctic and parts of the SubArctic. With wood being scarce the sleds were usually made of bone from Caribou, Seal and Whale.

#### **7. Eskimo**

This word is an insult to Native Arctic & SubArctic Peoples. The word is not a part of their languages either as “Eskimo” is European in origin.

#### **8. Blanket Toss**

This game of stretching a large hide blanket like a trampoline with many people holding the sides of the blanket was used to toss a person high into the air to get a bird’s eye view of the horizon.

#### **9. Mukluks**

While it may seem the fur lined ankle or mid-calf boot is from all over the world it was really created by the Arctic & SubArctic Peoples. The boot is still popular with women and was/is a fashion fad seen even in warm weather since the early 2000s. Another word for them in Kamiks.

#### **10. Snow Goggles**

These “sunglasses” are necessary in the Arctic and areas of the SubArctic to protect the eyes from the dangerous glare that comes off snow. Even in cloudy situations these are a must. Sun blindness in the Arctic is a very serious concern and can cause permanent damage to eyes. It has been discovered that Snow Goggles were well ahead of even modern eyeglass technology as they could protect the eyes from harmful UV rays long before any modern sunglasses had the same technology. And unlike modern sunglasses or even ski-goggles, Inuit Snow Goggles do not mist, fog or ice over in change in temperatures in very cold conditions or polar conditions.

**Tribal Administrator's V**  
**Great Basin & Plateau Indian Trivia Contest (page 1)**

**Requirements:**

Must be an Enrolled Member of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe.  
Must be 16 years of age and older.

**Rules:**

Fully answer each question. *Read Very Carefully - Remember each question is only about the topic of Great Basin & Plateau Indian Culture.*

Submit to the TA via drop off, electronic scan email or U.S. Mail – must be in the Tribal Office by 12:00 p.m. Noon on Friday - October 8, 2021.

**Winner:**

Will receive a \$100.00 Food Lion Gift Card

Full Name:

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First

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Last

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Phone

Address:

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Number & Street

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City

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State & Zip

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Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Enrollment Number

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Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_

Email

**Questions:**

1. This **Tribe** was wrongly named for a body modification using heavy weights or pressure boards that they did not really practice?
  
2. This **Tribe** was wrongly named by the French for a body modification they did not even do?
  
3. What **two dance ceremonies** were the most common among many Great Basin & Plateau Tribes?

**Tribal Administrator's V**  
**Artic & SubArtic Indian Trivia Contest (page 2)**

4. This **Tribe** is named after the traditional homes they made from grass?
  
5. What **art/craft** was many Great Basin & Plateau Tribes well known for?
  
6. What **Mountain** was considered by many Tribes to be the domain of the Ute People?
  
7. This **dance** that became popular with Tribes across North America was created by a Paiute Tribal member in the late 1800s?
  
8. Who was the **woman** from a Great Basin Tribe that guided the Corp Of Discovery?
  
9. What **Tribe** was known for their basement like homes?
  
10. What **Tribe** gave its name to a type of weather front/pattern?

**Submit to the TA via drop off, electronic scan email or U.S. Mail – must be in the Tribal Office by 12:00 p.m. Noon on Friday – October 8, 2021.**

**If Mailing Send to: Indian Trivia Contest**  
**39021 HWY 561**  
**Hollister, NC 27844**

**Or send scanned copy in JPEG or PDF to email: [joxendine@haliwa-saponi.com](mailto:joxendine@haliwa-saponi.com)**



# JOB OPENING



Job Opening: Full Time Maintenance Assistance  
Salary: To Be Negotiated  
Travel: Hollister Area

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The person in this position will be responsible for the care and cleaning of the Tribal grounds, multipurpose building, and School Facilities under the supervision of the Maintenance Supervisor.

## SPECIFIC DUTIES:

1. Completing work assignments
2. Maintaining Building inside and out
3. Performing related tasks as required

## QUALIFICATIONS

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school and 1 year housekeeping or janitorial experience. Some knowledge of Electrical and plumbing maintenance is required.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Resumes may be dropped off at the Chief W.R.Richardson Tribal Government Complex or mailed to :

Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe

Attention: Trassie Hewlin

P.O. Box 99

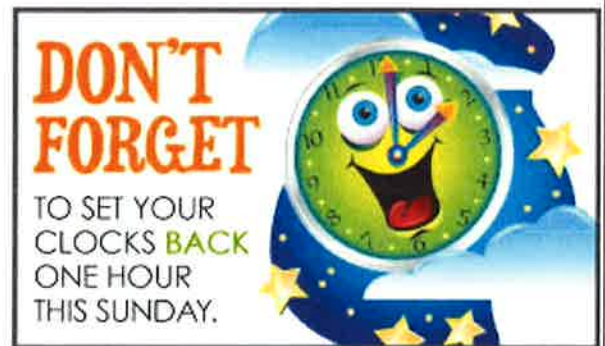
Hollister, NC 27844

Applications may be picked up and returned to the Chief W.R.Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

**The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe reserves the right to give preference in employment to those individuals who are actively enrolled members of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe and who are knowledgeable of the community to be served.**

Open Until Filled

## SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON NOVEMBER 6TH BEFORE YOU GO TO BED!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

If you would like your name or a loved ones name to be published please email Carol Richardson a 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 the next month's newsletter.

- October 1- Gary Richardson,
- October 2- Vonda W. Medina, Martin Richardson (D)
- October 4- Taylor Williams, Dantton Francis, Sr. (D)
- October 5- Theartis Lynch, Jerry Richardson (D)
- October 6- Earlie Lynch, Jr.
- October 7- Elk Richardson, Caleb Rudd
- October 8- Hailey S. Richardson
- October 9- Wiinona Richardson, Zenia Buffaloe
- October 10- Anthony Richardson
- October 11- Phillip McCrane Silver Sr. (D)
- October 12- Lady Lou Richardson (D)
- October 13- Nathaniel M. Richardson, Patricia A. Coley, Juliet Evans, Schron Richardson, Troy Bissonnette, Rita Harris
- October 14- Ashley Mills, Bennie Francis
- October 15- Margie Richardson,
- October 16- Wanda J. Richardson, LaDonna Richardson
- October 17- Mayola Harris (D)
- October 19- Roger M. Evans
- October 20- Noah Austin, Eva Austin, Jordan Rodwell
- October 21- Violet Hope Rudd
- October 22- Mickey Richardson
- October 24- Ana'ki Lynch, Ja'Coa Richardson,, Horace H.P. Harris, Darlene Mills, Stacey Lynch
- October 25- Archie Lynch, Maya Richardson
- October 26- Alexis Jackson, Debra Richardson (D)
- October 28- Muriel Richardson, Lynda Richardson, Cynthia Evans
- October 29- Ralph Evans,
- October 31- Pattie B. Richardson, Kathy Harris



Happy Birthday



OKAY!  
Light The  
CANDLES!



I AM SORRY  
I FORGOT YOUR  
BIRTHDAY

OOPS! I FORGOT THESE: ALYSON D. RICHARDSON  
ON SEPT. 14 TH  
LEON RICHARDSON, SR. ON SEPT. 16TH

*HAPPY 6TH ANNIVERSARY TO DEREK AND ASHLEY MILLS ON OCTOBER 11TH*

*HAPPY 16TH ANNIVERSARY TO KELVIN AND PRECIOUS SILVER ON OCTOBER 14TH*

*HAPPY 34TH ANNIVERSARY TO BRIAN AND TRINA LYNCH ON OCTOBER 17TH*



*Happy Anniversary*



**CONGRATULATIONS:**

**"Christian Buffaloe Wins Kickboxing (Muay-Thai) Fight in western Virginia"**

Christian Buffaloe, local Kyokushin Karate fighter, won his third Muay-Thai Kickboxing match on August 21st in western Virginia. The event was sponsored by Rocket Combat Sports (a subsidiary of GLORY KICKBOXING) and Buffaloe's opponent had alot more experience than him and the favored fighter to win. Christian Buffaloe won this match in 1:59 of the 1st round by a T.K.O (Technical Knockout). Only a few more fights (and wins) and Buffaloe will qualify for a title shot against the current Welterweight champion.

Buffaloe's match on August 21st was called the "fight of the night" and was at the start of the event. Christian Buffaloe was trained by his father/trainer Kenny Buffaloe, the official North Carolina Representative of Kyokushin Karate at their dojo/Gym in Hollister for this fight. He also trained under prominent Muay-Thai coach Ken Armstrong, a former Muay-Thai champion fighter in Thailand in the 1990's.

Christian Buffaloe is very appreciative of the support and interest from the local Haliwa-Saponi community; several of whom were in attendance at his fight on August 21st. A very special thanks to Melinda Richardson for designing a Medicine Wheel patch for Christian's traditional Muay-Thai fighting shorts, showing his love & pride of his Indian heritage. Thanks also to The Embroidery Zone: Stitchez of Rocky Mount, and Yvonne Hedgepeth.

Christian Buffaloe's next fight will be in November in western Virginia. For more information on area training classes and one on one private training appointments, please call or text (252) 589-4281



**CONGRATULATIONS:**

**THE TWIN COUNTY CRUISERS CAR CLUB BOUGHT HOME SOME PLAQUES FROM THE ANNUAL STRAY CATS CARSHOW. THEY ARE ALL FROM THE WARREN AND HALIFAX COUNTY AREA. THE PRESIDENT WILLIE RICHARDSON RECEIVED THE BEST OF SHOW. PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE: Willie Richardson, Roger Richardson, Danny Ray Richardson, Tony Davis, Jerome Richardson, McConnell Silver, and Jackie Richardson.**





Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

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"For the strength of the pack is a wolf. The strength of the wolf is the pack." - Mowgli

Submitted by: Michael Lynch

“ FIND SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT”

**HALIWA-SAPONI 2019-2021: MISS LELONNIE CAISON**



Good day everyone! I know it's been a while since you have heard from me! It has been really hectic since the pandemic started! I am proud to say that I am still your reigning princess! Because of the pandemic, we unfortunately have been unable to have many of our powwows and other related events! However, I was able to attend a few events, such as the Fourth of July Picnic, The Howard County Powwow in Maryland, and the Coharie Powwow! I hope you all are staying safe, wearing your masks, and following all Covid guidelines! During times like these it is very important to help our elders and those who are unable to go out and get their own necessities! By safely helping each other and staying in the word of the Creator, we can all get through this pandemic coming out stronger than ever! "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my

righteous right hand." Philipians 4:13

