

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: January articles are due December 20th)

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

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HAVE A SAFE AND MERRY CHRISTMAS PLEASE REMEMBER THE 3- W'S WASH YOUR HANDS WAIT 6 FT. WEAR YOUR MASK!!!!!!!!!



Upcoming Dates and Meetings

December 17- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting, multi-purpose building at 6:30. WEAR, WASH AND WAIT

December 20- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting Held at the Chief W. R Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 6:30

<u>Committee Meetings</u>

- 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.
- Education Committee meeting are hold 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.
- Election Committee meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Government Complex Committee Chair: Rev. Michael Richardson.

MAGAZINE SPRING WAYSIDE

DEDICATION On Saturday November 13, 2021, a beautiful bright and sunny fall day, citizens of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe ascended upon the town of Halifax to visit a historical site significant to our tribe. This day was significant as there was to be a wayside sign designation identifying this historic site as crucial to the people of our tribe as well as to the village of Halifax and revolutionary war soldiers. Magazine Spring, so named because of a gunpowder magazine nearby, is a natural spring that served our ancestors well in past history. In recent years it has fell into de-



cay and citizens of our tribe have been diligently working to revive it. In 2017 the Tribal Council approved the establishment of a Magazine Spring sub-committee and designated Al Richardson and Dudley Lynch as cochairs. Over the years many efforts have been made to revive the spring. In 2017 there was a prayer ceremony held at Magazine Spring and over the years there have been many efforts to restore the spring. Based on information from Tribal elder Arnold Richardson and Director of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, Greg Richardson, Magazine Spring is sacred to our people and is to be preserved. After a welcome letter form Tribal Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson was read by Tribal Chairman Gideon Lee a prayer was offered giving thanks for this day by Rev. Willie Silver. At the dedication ceremony Al Richardson stated that "this site with our Tribal seal on the wayside sign is sacred to us and is to be protected and prospered for future generations". The sign dedication was well attended by over 50 Tribal members in our native regalia and included everyone from children to senior citizens. Carl Burke, Director of Halifax County historic sites and Michelle Lanier from the state department of historic sites welcomes everyone and gave thanks for our efforts to preserve and sustain this historic site. As Tribal citizen Rev. MacArthur Mills stated in his closing prayer, "this is our land, and this is land that was the land of our ancestors, and it is to be preserved and protected for generations to come".



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Tribal Administrator Report - November 2021 (double sided pages)

COVID: Sadly numbers are starting to go up again and there is a huge fear across the globe that an Autumn/Winter surge is showing. Several U.S. States are once again high in numbers and low in hospital beds available. Several countries around the world are going back to lock-downs. Please Be Very Careful. If you need any Face Masks and or Hand Sanitizer please call the Tribal Office and arrange a time to pick them up.

Recently there were COVID VACCINE Clinics in the Hollister area.

- 1. Saturday November 20, 2021 at the Doe Spun Building, 403 Gibbs Ave, Hollister, NC 27844. Times were 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. Thanks to Mr. Barry Richardson for this one.
- 2. Monday November 22, 2021 at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Complex, 39021 HWY 561, Hollister, NC 27844. Times were 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. Thanks to the Tribe for this one.

Both went very well.

You can make an appointment to get the COVID Vaccine at various locations including: CVS, DrugCo, Harris Teeter, HOPE, RHG, Walgreens, and more.

Remember the 3Ws: Wear A Mask, Wash Your Hands, Wait 6 Feet

The Tribe sponsored a Vaccine Clinic for Saturday November 13, 2021. Due to serious logistics issues with the State of NC the Booster Clinic that had been scheduled at the C.H. Richardson Building was not available...BUT...

The COVID GIVEAWAY WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL

American Indian Mothers & Day One Relief made sure each person (115) that presented their CDC Vaccine Passport Card received:

1 - \$20.00 AMAZON Gift Card

1 - 10 pack of N-95 Face Masks

1 - 8 oz. bottle Hand Soap

1 - ½ gallon Hand Sanitizer (per household)

And CANDY!

The Tribe has received a \$5,000.00 grant from the Farrington Foundation for the Education Scholarship.

The AAA (Area Agency on Aging) Close Out Audit Report has been received and it was all good. As mentioned in previous reports and if you recall the Tribe came very close to losing the HCCBG Grant after the 2018 Audit as the grant was in the RED going back to the 2017 & 2018 Audits. The hard work of Miss Trassie, Miss Kathy and the TA saved the grant and brought it back into the Black. The purpose of the unit verification review was to close-out the HCCBG services of congregate, homedelivered meals, and transportation. Unit verification was also conducted for the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), Congregate Nutrition and Home-Delivered Meals compliance with DAAS Administrative. As reported and Miss Kathy stated months ago we have a new Provider

and instead of all going through the AAA we now go through the County. The transition was smooth and seamless and not a single service was missed or delayed.

DayCare is closed temporarily due to staff and enrollment issues. Several Staff including Miss Vicky have taken other positions for new adventures. We send Best Wishes to Miss Vicky and others. First round screening is done and at present we have 9 candidates from 3 states being considered for the new Director. 1st interviews began this week and will conclude the next weeks with a New Director hopefully by Dec 1 *if possible*.

The Tribe successfully applied for the Child Stabilization Grant for the DayCare well in advance of the deadline of Oct 31. At last count a few days before the deadline it was announced that almost 400 DayCares also applied. If the Tribe gets the grant it will assist with many expenses including salaries.

There is much miss-information and incorrect rumors on the Salary/Costs/Funding and more regarding DayCare. DayCare is a very unique entity: Over - 75% of the salary at the Tribal DayCare comes from Tribal DayCare itself and the number of paying parents depending on the population of enrolled students. Another very small % of salary comes from the CACFP (Child And Adult Care Food Program). Only 23% of salary comes from the Tribe though a Federal Grant that must be renewed every fiscal year. It has been like this for many, many years. Other Funding like some Expenses/Bonuses are from the state NCDHHS (North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services) and CCDF (Child Care Development Fund) and not the Tribe. Salary/Costs/Funding issues is a common problem for Day Cares across the country. PBS did a special on this in July 2021 on the Dilemma of Child Care in America. NBC did another special on this just last week November 2021. There is a push for a Federal Universal Child Care System to hopefully resolve the problems of Day Care in America.

Every four years a CADA Election Meeting is held to bring on new Board Members and give the community an opportunity to be involved with the process. This year they will hold a meeting at the HSIT Senior Center on November 30, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. They would like to get opinions and a nominee (if available) to serve on the CADA Board of Directors from the Hollister Community.

Staff was very busy writing and editing 42 policies to comply with the HUD Final Draft Monitor. Council was also very busy with reviewing and approving the same policies to comply with the HUD Final Draft Monitor. We got the FDM Response submitted on time on Friday November 12, 2021. Staff has written 42 policies that were REQUIRED and as reported several times many of these policies the Tribe did not even have and it was imperative they be written and approved by HUD. Remember we had some policies that had not been updated since 1998.

There is still a lot of miss-information on the HUD Monitor. There are still many complaints and blame going around. Remember that this did not happen overnight and it took many, many years and years to get to this point as some Findings and Concerns date back to files from 1999 with many issues from 2010. Also it is very clear that most of the Findings and Concerns are due to lack of procedures and lack of policy revisions as some did not even exist. We must work together and solve the Findings and Concerns so we can move on to the next round of NAHASDA (IHBG & IHP) Funds for the Tribe.

On HUD – We owe a huge and most massive THANKS and APPRECIATION to Miss Cheryl Causley our Consultant in the great state of Michigan for all the amazing help with the HUD Final Draft Monitor! Also a great deal of Thanks and Appreciation goes to Trassie Hewlin, Joshua Richardson, Trina Lynch, Glenda Evans, Cynthia Evans, Carol Richardson and the TA. The most acknowledgment goes to Trasse Hewlin and Joshua Richardson – please when you see them give them an Enormous THANK YOU!

Trillium Health Resources, the local management entity/managed care organization will be transitioning to Halifax County to provide Behavioral Health Services (mental health, substance abuse, intellectually developmentally disabilities) to the people of Halifax County

The BCBSNCF I Grant is fully closed out as of Oct 25, 2021. This grant was used to purchase PPE and provide stable shelf life meals to the Seniors on days the AAA was shut down or closed for various emergencies.

The 2^{nd} NC Humanities Grant is fully closed out as of Nov 17, 2021. This grant was used to help offset salaries and expenses for Summer Camp.

NAHASDA Training from HUD is now remote. Staff did have all-day training on Oct 27 and Oct 28.

TRIVIA CONTESTS: As of November the Six Trivia Contest Games has awarded \$1,975.00 in Food Lion Gift Cards to Tribal Members that have participated in now 4 states! Look for a very special Christmas Contest in this newsletter.

Wiring for the new Security System for all Tribal Buildings is done and 75% of it is fully running. The other 25% should be done very soon. The new software runs 24/7 and records both video and audio straight to a hard drive and straight to the CLOUD. We are working with the provider and Law Enforcement on its many applications. This software can do several things, it can even do facial recognition and vehicle recognition if needed.

ERA (Emergency Rental Assistance)

URGENT: Please Be Very Patient. Applications do take a considerable amount of time. The main set back is that many refuse to submit proof of income that is required by the DOT. Other set backs are some are forgetting simple things on the app like date, signature, phone, etc. Please read the application very carefully and fill out all needed information very carefully. If you need assistance please call the Tribal Center. Remember that you are still responsible for your bills as just because you applied does not mean you are approved.

As of Nov 19 we have now paid over 366 months of rent and over 136 months of utilities for Tribal Members in now 8 states!

Multipurpose Building is safe for use. As said in past reports the concrete slab is in very poor condition. At present we are having a hard time finding a contractor that can repair the damage as so far all that have seen the analysis report are amazed at the concentration levels of both calcium and potassium parts per square inch – both are well above normal and require some extensive work to repair. We are working to see what the best viable option to fix this problem – at present every quote of a complete new floor seems to be the only option.

TAKE CARE & BE SAFE & GOD SPEED

The TA wishes you and yours a very safe and very -

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
&
MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Tribal Administrator's VI North West Coast Indian Trivia Contest - ANSWERS

Ouestions:

- 1. What was the ceremony of several North West Coast Tribes that involved giving away many gifts?
- 2. What was the most important **plant** to many of the North West Coast Tribes for both religious/sacred reasons and life sustenance reasons?
- 3. What art/craft form did the North West Coast Tribes use to tell history, stories, myths and more?
- 4. Where did many North West Coast Tribes get their very plentiful food supply?
- 5. What is the most important bird to the North West Coast Tribes?
- 6. What animal fur was highly prized and very important to North West Coast Tribes?
- 7. What type of lodging/home did many North West Coast Tribes live in?
- 8. What European Explorers did the North West Coast Tribes encounter first and have to deal with?
- 9. What 2 animals were probably the most important and sacred to many North West Coast People?
- 10. Where did some North West Coast Tribes store their belongings in the home?

ANSWERS:

1. Potlatch

This grand ceremonial feast involved one giving away huge amounts of possessions or even destroying huge amounts of possessions to show one's wealth and prestige. The destruction of possessions showed that one was wealthy enough to easily replace them.

2. Red Cedar

This tree provided many things including wood for homes, canoes, tools, various utensils, containers, headdress, sacred items and more. The inner bark fiber was turned into textiles for clothes and blankets. All of the plant including wood, bark, berries, leaves and roots were used for medicine for many ailments including arthritis, cough, bloating, digestion, infections and more.

3. Totem Poles

This art form was unique to the North West Coast. These elaborate and often large carvings symbolized many things including history, beliefs, genealogy and events.

4. Waters

Most of the food supply including a huge amount of animal protein came from the Ocean, Rives, Lakes, Ponds and Streams. The North West Coast Tribes were hardly ever out of food due to the rich abundance of resources that the Waters offered.

5. Raven

Raven was the powerful being that transformed the world and was believed to have created the land and released the People to live on the land. It was also the creator of light and the bringer of fire.

6. Sea Otter

This animal has the most dense and luxurious fur in all the world. Sea Otters can have as many as 1 Million hairs per square inch. Even the most coveted beaver fur has less than 100,000 hairs per square inch. Over hunting by Europeans for this fur practically made the animal extinct.

7. Plank Houses

Many of the North West Coast Tribes lived in beautiful houses made entirely of Red Cedar. The People were highly skilled in carving perfectly sized logs, planks and beams to build houses that greatly impressed the Europeans.

8. Russians

Although the Tribes in this area had to deal with the French, Spanish and English like most Natives in North America, the first Europeans to the North West Coast was the Russians. It was the Russians that also almost destroyed the Sea Otter with over hunting.

9. Salmon and Seal

The Salmon and the Seal were like the supermarkets for this area. Every part of the animals were used and provided food, clothing, utensils, and more. Even the bones of the Salmon were used as needles and fasteners. Seals provided leather, clothing, oils, bones and teeth for tools and arts/crafts and more.

10. Under Floor Boards & Rafters

The plank houses were designed to have rafters with extensive shelving for storage and hanging of various items. But very unique to the plank houses was that the floors were part false with areas for storage under the floor boards.

Tribal Administrator's VII American Indian Trivia Contest Special Holiday Edition – 20 Questions!

This Edition is a mix of questions from the 6 Cultural Areas we have studied the past 6 months.

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, VERY Carefully**Submit to the TA via drop off, electronic scan email or U.S. Mail – must be in the Tribal Office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday – December 7, 2021.

Winner: Will receive a \$200.00 Food Lion Gift Card

	First	Last	Phone
ddress:			
	Number & Street	City	State & Zip
	Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Er	nrollment Number	Date of Birth
	Email		

Questions:

- 1. Tribes in this **Cultural Area** developed over 27 varieties of corn including some that were very drought resistant?
- 2. Tribes in the Eastern Woodlands created this hand game that used little pieces of sticks?
- 3. Most Tribes on the Great Plains always faced the door of the Tipi in this direction?
- 4. Artic Tribes ate mostly meat but they did get vegetation from these plants?
- 5. What seashell was heavily traded from Tribes in the North West Coast to Tribes on the Great Plains?
- 6. What was really the common animal protein at the Thanksgiving Feast at Plymouth Rock in 1621?

- 7. Miss-labeled yams, this **vegetable** originally only grew in the Americas and was introduced to the world by American Indians?
- 8. Although the color yellow was important to many South East Woodland Nations, for a few it was rarely used as it was also the color that **symbolized** what?
- 9. Tribes of the Great Basin & Plateau often made their short bow out of this animal part?
- 10. Great Plains Tribes often used this animal part as a water vessel?
- 11. This tree provided sugar for many North East Woodland Tribes?
- 12. A great deal of modern meat jerky is based on this Great Plains food treat?
- 13. This North West Coast Tribe was well known for their amazing woven robes?
- 14. What animal from the Spanish provided food and clothing to the South West Tribes?
- 15. Artic & Subartic Nations believed these amazing colors were spirits of the ancestors?
- 16. This type of grass was a very important source of grain for Tribes in the Great Lakes?
- 17. Great Basin & Plateau Tribes often call this lake Bad Water?
- 18. What was the **ivory** for Tribes on the Great Plains?
- 19. This **nut** was heavily traded all over Indian Country for use as both a valuable protein food source but also used to create a color of dyes and paints?
- 20. What modern **month name** was often called the *Moon Of The Long Night* by Native Nations all over North America?

Submit to the TA via drop off, electronic scan email or U.S. Mail – must be in the Tribal Office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday – December 7, 2021.

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

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CONGRATULATIONS TO BRANDY AND JORDAN

Congratulations to Brandy Lynn Freeman for being crowned 8th grade Homecoming Queen at Warren County Middle School 2021-22 School year. Brandy Lynn also made the A/B Honor Roll which includes 3 high school classes. We are so very proud of you. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations to Jordon Freeman for crowned 6th grade Homecoming Duke. We are proud of you for stepping out of your shell and experiencing something new.

LOVE BRANDON AND MOM



CONGRATULATIONS TANYA RICHARDSON LEE, NPRBC:



Nurse Practitioner – Board Certified

Tanya Richardson, the daughter of Alfred and Judy Richardson, recently completed her studies to earn her Masters' Degree in Family Practice nursing. She went on to pass the Maryland State Board exams to become board certified. This journey was especially challenging for Tanya as she is the mother of two very active ice hockey playing sons and the wife of a restaurant owner. Tanya who is a Registered Nurse at Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C. will resume her practice at a local doctor's office in Annapolis, Maryland. Congratulations Tanya!

CONGRATULATIONS ERINN ANSTEAD:



We would like to congratulate our daughter Erinn Anstead for earning her Masters Degree in Criminal Justice! Erinn we love you and we are so proud of you!

LOVE MOM & ROBIE (FASHA)

DAMIEN, DJ, JAX, KALEB, KATIE









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 the next month's newsletter.

December 1-Kimeka W. Savage

December 3- Jackie R. Richardson, Brenda C. Richardson

December4-Neil Hawkins

December 6- Henley Richardson

December 9- Mattie B. Richardson, John D. Hedgepeth (D), Kayla M. Williams

December 10- Jennifer Spresser, Lizzella Wright

December 11- Jesse McGee, Charles "Pete' Richardson

December 12- Edith L. Richardson

December 15- Leon Richardson, Jr.

December 17-Robert "Ben" Richardson (D)

December 18- Regina Mills

December 19- Troy L. Richardson

December 20- Joel Wright

December 22- George L. Richardson

December 23- Angel Richardson-Silver

December 26- Sam Thomas Richardson (D), Ashley N. Richardson, Marson Richardson

December 27- Talitha Quay Richardson, Jessica A. Williams, Dapline M. Richardson

December 29- Marcus Mills

December 31-Sequoiah Rose Richardson



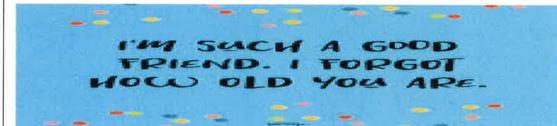
"Having the opportunity to wish a happy birthday and celebrate the life of a great friend like you is a true gift."

SPECIAL SHOUT OUTS

SHOUT OUT TO ROBERT BOONE ON NOV.17TH

SHOUT OUT TO BENNIE FRANCIS JR. ON NOV. 12TH

SHOUT OUT TO LAURA "LE LE" RICHARDSON PEACE ON NOV.30TH





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO EARL AND CAROLYN RICHARDSON
ON DECEMBER 31, 2021



Happy Anniversary



HEY, WAIT A MINUTE ! WHAT'S THIS FOR POORER ! STUFF ?!?

INTRODUCING OUR 2021-2022 MISS HALIWA-SAPONI

PRINCESS

MISS ANGELINA CAISON

THE PRINCESS COMMITTEE IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE CROWNING OF ANGELINA CAISON ON NOVEMBER 7,2021. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF BRIAN AND ETISKA CAISON. SHE WILL BE OFFICIALLY INTRODUCED AS OUR 2021-2022 MISS HALIWA-SAPONI PRINCESS AT THE NOVEMBER 19TH TRIBAL MEETING.

THE TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVED A RESOLUTION DUE TO COVID, TO THE PRINCESS BYLAWS UNDER SECTION G, WHERE-AS IF THERE IS ONLY ONE CANDIDATE NO ELECTION WILL BE HELD. CONGRATULATIONS ANGELINA, WE KNOW YOU WILL DO A GREAT JOB.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. MARTY RICHARDSON

VICE CHIEF OF THE HALIWA-SAPONI TRIBE!!!!

I'm so honored and humbled to have been elected as Vice-Chief of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe! For most of my teenage and adult life I have looked up to the leaders of our tribe who have sacrificed so much for the

people as humble servants. I dreamed about joining their ranks and now it is here. I want to thank all of my supporters and for all Haliwa-Saponi citizens who participated and exercised their right to vote. I was sworn in on Monday, November 22, 2021 at our regular Council meeting and am looking forward to great things to come. I have been appointed as the Powwow Committee Chair, and as you know, it has been a challenging time without our Powwow for the last two years. I am requesting committee volunteers as well as donations or other ideas you have on how you can help with the Powwow. More information regarding upcoming meetings will be forthcoming. I also request your prayers for myself, my family, and all of our Tribal Council and Citizens. Now, the real work begins. Let's get to work together! Bi:'wa!



Dr. Marty Richardson

Haliwa-Saponi Vice-Chief

Announcements:

Miss Indian North Carolina - United Tribes of North Carolina is seeking candidates for the Miss Indian North Carolina pageant to be held on February 12, 2022 in Pembroke, N.C. Potential candidates should review the United Tribes of NC website for the application or contact Dr. Leslie Locklear at (910) 374-6183. The application deadline is December 9, 2021.

United Tribes Scholarships – High school seniors and college citizens of our Tribe are encouraged to apply for scholarships through United Tribes of North Carolina. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2022. If you have any question call Miss. Hattie Campbell at (910) 646-1817.

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"TODAY IS A GOOD DAY TO TRY "- QUASIMODO

Submitted by: Migali Stonebuffalo

FIND SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT!!!!



A PIECE OF OUR TRIBAL

HISTORY

LEFT TO RIGHT ARNOLD

RICHARDSON

THEARTIS LYNCH

TWO OF OUR FIRST

DRUMMERS

