



# 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)

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR



## Upcoming Dates and Meetings

**January 17- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting ,Location to be announced at 6:30. WEAR, WASH AND WAIT**

**January 20- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

IN LOVING MEMORY of JOHNNY S. HEDGEPETH

JANUARY 26TH



**In Memory of Belle**

Mom

Sunrise February 26, 1928

Sunset December 27, 2018



As years have passed our time has not and two winters have come and gone. Here in this place your spirit flows,

A life well lived, a chapter that's closed.

You did so much for so many, your strength and light, your long hard fight will never be forgotten

You are still with us as we with you.

We miss your sunshine

Your love and strength was the glue which pulled us through

Your light will forever shine on us.

Love Always

Beverly, Laurenda, Sharon, Jeff, Tonya



**McGee Frye**



**Tribal Administrator Report – December 20, 2022 (3 pages)**

COVID is actually rising yet again with both the Delta Variant and the new Omicron Variant. Testing is in very high demand and testing supplies are once again in limited supply. This holiday season we ask all to please be as careful as you can when you celebrate with family and friends. If you can please get vaccinated and if you cannot please remember to follow the 3Ws as much as possible.

The Tribe has a NEW Digital Sign in front of the Tribal Office! It has been expressed by many that this has been a request for well over 10 years. The old marquis was supposed to be only temporary. The new sign is fully automated and can do full color messages on both sides. This is from a grant that was written well back in 2020 by the TA. Special Thanks goes to the Office Manager Carol Richardson also in getting the design and other logistics for this excellent new addition.

The December Tribal Meeting was held on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> along with the Christmas Tree Lighting. Santa was the guest and the Tribe distributed 75 goody bags and there was also door prize drawings for gift cards.

The Tribe donated \$1,000.00 in Food Lion Gift Cards to P&G Ministries to be delivered to Seniors in need. This will help 40 Seniors in both Halifax and Warren Counties.

Haliwa-Saponi Seniors in both Halifax and Warren Counties and the SNS (Senior Nutrition Site) Holiday Help included:

- Gift boxes of apples, oranges, pears, water and popcorn from Vidant Health
- Gifts of blankets from Kerr Tar Council of Governments
- Gifts of Infrared Heaters from Kerr Tar Council of Governments
- \$500.00 donation from the Halifax County Sherriff Department
- \$2500.00 donation from Halifax County Sheriff Department and County of Halifax

The ZSR Foundation Direct Assistance During The COVID Pandemic Grant was officially closed out with a Final Report on Dec 1, 2021. This grant was used to help 55 families with Halifax Electric back in the Winter of 2021 and early Spring of 2021.

Security Cameras are working 24/7 at the Tribal Center, DayCare/Old AD Buildings and the Multipurpose Building. The new system can even do audio, face recognition, vehicle recognition and heat signature if needed. The new system has already provided much needed information on illegal use of the dumpsters at the MP Building.

Trivia Contest – As of Dec 7 we have done Seven Trivia Contests on Native American Culture and awarded \$2,725.00 in Food Lion Gift Cards to Tribal Members in 4 states! We will take a break for the Holidays but look for a new game in the January Newsletter.

ERA (Emergency Rental Assistance) - We must still stress to all: Please Be Very Patient. Applications do take a considerable amount of time to process. Please read the application very carefully and fill out all needed information very carefully as many are failing to get that done and the application is denied. 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.*

***We have approved and have paid or are paying now 408 months of rent and 207 months of utilities for Tribal Members in 9 states!!!!***

HAF (Homeowner's Assistant Fund) - We are still waiting for the full amount to be released. The deadline for Tribes to request funds was extended again to Dec 15, 2021. For some reason many Tribes across the country



have not even done the request. As mentioned the HSIT did that months ago and got the initial approval. We submitted the Housing Plan for \$769,500.00. Of that 5% is for legal and 15% is for processing costs of applications including copies, printing, postage, etc. This is taking a very long time but we are in the same boat so to speak as hundreds of other Tribes and County and State organizations are also waiting for their HAF Plan to be approved before funds are released for use. We will continue to keep you informed.

We are still looking for a DayCare Director and New Staff. We have had several applicants and we are doing a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of interviews. This is very delicate because we must comply with the NC Department of Health and Human Services rules on certifications and licensees for all staff. Please be reminded that DayCare funding comes from DayCare itself and the State not the Tribe.

There is sadly a new rumor going around from some that the Tribal Office closed for the pandemic. As many of you are well aware we NEVER CLOSED. We did have a few days in 2020 and 2021 where we had to be quarantined due to exposure/illness and wait for testing results. And if you recall there was the month in Winter 2021 when over ½ the staff was out very sick with COVID but we NEVER CLOSED. Many Tribes here in NC and across the county closed for not only days but weeks and even months – we stayed open. When it was very bad we did cut back on hours and altered days for staff to limit exposure but again we NEVER CLOSED. At the height of parts of the pandemic we did lock the doors but clearly indicated on the door and in various media that we were here and open for those that needed something and they only had to knock and we came out to them and helped with things that they needed. Even the NC Commission of Indian Affairs complimented us on staying open and working hard for the people!

#### **NC INDIAN TRIBES RECOVERY FUNDS – the next few paragraphs are about this subject:**

A lot of miss-information and incorrect rumors have been spread that involved the Governor's Proposal to use \$18 Million of Recovery Funds to go to NC Indian Tribes. Back in February it was the Governor's Proposal to possibly have each State Tribe get \$1.7 million dollars and more depending on possible other factors. Eventually this came down to \$1 Million for each State Tribe and possible also to the Indian Urban Centers, Commission, and other Indian entities.

In June we reported that it was still just a proposal.

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In Aug we reported the same as from July as it was just a proposal.

In September we got the news that the Proposal was finally going 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 reach out to the NC Legislators to hopefully pass this much needed proposal.

We were told in October that the General Assembly had other ideas and it drastically changed and the Recovery Funds were now to be allocated per demographics - meaning each Tribe would not get a fair share but instead be based on population etc. This meant that large Tribes could get millions and small Tribes could get only a few thousand. This was very frustrating to hear but it was not set in stone yet and Tribal Leaders all over the state expressed their concern immediately to the GA.

Then in November some incorrect and miss-information was spread that the Recovery Funds were official and that some Tribes were getting millions and the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe was getting around \$500,000.00. There was no confirmation or verification of this rumor as the State Budget was not official, was not passed and was not released yet. This incorrect information caused many across the state to call various Tribal Offices and the NC Commission of Indian Affairs demanding to get their share of the funds including thinking that there would be individual allocations to every Tribal member of each Tribe in the state. Our Tribal Office and several Tribal Council Members got swamped with calls for several days from

Tribal Members with the following - "*Where is my part of this \$500,000.00?*" and "*What are we doing with this \$500,000.00?*" and "*You just gonna line your pockets?*" and other similar questions and statements.

**Finally as of Thursday Dec 2, 2021 here is the Actual News from the State on the Proposal:**  
FUNDS FOR STATE INDIAN TRIBES SECTION 6.2. Section 23.4 of S.L. 2021-180 reads as rewritten:  
SECTION 23.4. Of the funds appropriated in this act from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management, Pandemic Recovery Office, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall be allocated used to provide grants to the American Indian tribes named in Chapter 71A of the Page 24 House Bill 334-Ratified General Statutes.

Funding to be distributed as follows:

(1) \$715,285 to each of the following seven state recognized Indian tribes:

- a. Coharie.
- b. Haliwa-Saponi.
- c. Lumbee.
- d. Meherrin.
- e. Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation.
- f. Sappony.
- g. Waccamaw-Siouan.

(2) \$4,000,000 to the seven tribes listed in subdivision (1) of this section on a per capita basis.

(3) \$250,000 to each of the following Urban Indian Organizations:

- a. Cumberland County Association for Indian People.
- b. Guilford Native American Association.
- c. Metrolina Native American Association.
- d. Triangle Native America

This legislation also includes funding for the following positions at the NC Commission of Indian Affairs: Deputy Director Position and Pandemic Research Position.

**The Governor did sign the bill on Dec 6, 2021. But the funding cannot be distributed until the budget is certified and then guidelines set on how the funds are to be spent. We will monitor this process and keep you posted!**

*Wishing all the best for a very*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

*and a*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022**

**Tribal Administrator's VII  
American Indian Trivia Contest - ANSWERS  
Special Holiday Edition**

**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 & SubArctic 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?

**ANSWERS:**

**1. Southwest**

While many Native American Cultural Areas had several types of corn it was the Southwest that had over 27 varieties and several that were drought resistant that was needed in their dry environment.

**2. Pick Up Sticks**

This Indigenous Game is often attributed to the Lenape of the North East Woodlands and was played with little pieces of sticks. It is also an ancient game found in various parts of the World long before the Age of Exploration.

**3. East**

Most Tribes of the Great Plains did their best to face the door to the East to face the rising Sun as well as have it on the opposite side of the prevailing winds which came from the west.

**4. Lichen and Moss**

These are the only plants that will grow above the tundra line where there is perma-frost. They provided the needed vegetation for Artic Tribes.

**5. Dentalium**

These tusk like shells became very popular with Great Plains Tribes and came from the North West Coast Pacific Waters.

#### **6. Seafood**

Contrary to popular belief turkey was not the most consumed animal protein and neither was deer. The most common animal protein would have been all kinds of fish, shrimp, clams, crabs, lobster and more from the Atlantic Ocean.

#### **7. Sweet Potatoes**

This vegetable only grew in the New World. It reminded Europeans and Africans of the yam but it is not the same. The mix up comes from that the USDA has called Sweet Potatoes yams since the 19th Century.

#### **8. Death**

Yellow was and still is an important color for the Tribes of the South East, but it was used sparsely because it was the color often associated with Death.

#### **9. Horn**

Tribes of the Great Basin & Plateau often made their short bow of horn and not wood. They made a composite bow that was more powerful than the wood short bow of the Great Plains.

#### **10. Bison Bladder**

This part of the Bison was often used as a water vessel.

#### **11. Sugar Maple**

This tree that grows well from the North East to the Great Lakes provided sugar for many Woodland Tribes. The sap was collected in the Spring and boiled down to create maple syrup and maple sugar.

#### **12. Pemmican**

Modern beef jerky is based on the Great Plains food called Pemmican. A mix of dried beef, fat and various berries it was high in calories and protein with a very long shelf life.

#### **13. Tlingit**

While many North West Coast Tribes made robes it was the Tlingit that were most famous for their exquisite woven robes.

#### **14. Sheep**

The Spanish introduced sheep to the New World. They became essential to the Tribes in the South West for many things including food and clothing.

#### **15. Aurora Borealis**

These Northern Lights are thought to be the Spirits of the Ancestors.

#### **16. Wild Rice**

All rice is a grain and part of the family of grasses. Wild Rice was and still is very important to the many Tribes of the Great Lakes that still harvest it by hand.

#### **17. Great Salt Lake**

Tribes in the Great Basin & the Plateau and later other Tribes that knew of it had several names for this lake that translated in English as Bad Water.

#### **18. Elk**

The ivory on the Great Plains as well as the Great Basin/Plateau and Great Lakes came from Elk. These ivories, also called "buglers" or "whistlers," are in the upper jaw on each side of the incisors front teeth.

#### **19. Black Walnut**

While a few nuts were traded all across North American it was the Black Walnut that saw the most extensive trade. It was used for many things including making of dyes and paints.

#### **20. December**

*Moons* were and still are the names of months in many cultures across the globe. Most Native American Tribes called the modern month December *Moon of the Long Night* cause it is the month with the days of shortest daylight and longest nights. Also the full moon in December can be viewed longer than any other full Moon of the year.



# EXTREME WEATHER HOME DEFENSE: SEVERE COLD



## **FREEZING PIPES**

Open sink-cabinet doors to let warm air in. Wrap exposed pipes. Disconnect hoses.



## **BURST PIPES**

Know where your water shut-off valve is so you can turn it off quickly.



## **POWER OUTAGES**

Check your emergency kit for working batteries, lights, and a radio.

## **Cold Weather Preparedness**



### **Home**

- Check the furnace
- Check chimneys
- Check carbon monoxide detector
- Insulate exposed pipes



### **Car**

- Check the battery
- Check the coolant
- Check the tires
- Have jumper cables
- Have a blanket

### **Pets**

- Bring pets inside
- Provide shelter & fresh water
- Keep salt away from paws

### **Outside**

- Dress for the conditions
- Limit your time outside
- Check on others
- Watch for signs of frostbite or hypothermia





## TRIBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



### PRINCESS



### COMMITTEE:



Any Haliwa-Saponi Tribal enrolled young ladies currently in the 11th grade are eligible to run for the Miss Haliwa-Saponi Princess 2022-2023.

Letters were mailed to tribal enrolled young ladies currently in the 11th grade. However, *several letters were returned due to having the wrong address*. If you did not receive a letter and would like the opportunity to represent your tribe, contact the tribal office for a package. The package will provide the requirements and due dates to complete the application process.

As a potential candidate for Miss Haliwa-Saponi 2022-2023, the Princess Committee will continue planning for a safe and successful year.



## **\*Spaghetti Plate (Fundraiser) Sale\***

**(On behalf of the Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial Committee)**

On **Friday, January 7, 2022** the Veterans Memorial Committee will hold a Spaghetti Plate (Fundraising) Sale at the Rev. C. H. Richardson Building **from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm** or until sold out.

Please come and support our efforts to build a Veterans Memorial that honors our Haliwa-Saponi veterans who have served or are currently serving to protect our freedoms and our way of life.

We welcome ALL “additional” donations as well, as we endeavor to build a memorial that is worthy of the sacrifices made by our tribal veterans for our nation and our tribe.

**ALSO...We're seeking committee members!** - The Veterans Memorial Committee is actively seeking committee members who have the time and commitment to help us reach our goal to build this memorial. If interested, please contact Chairman Rev. Al Cooper at (252) 213-3077. Our committee meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Chief W. R. Richardson Complex. Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 28, 2021.



# 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](mailto: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.

January 1- Glenda Daniel  
January 2- Kmira A. Richardson  
January 3- Johnny E. Richardson  
January 4- Doretha Chichester  
January 6- Elan Locklear  
January 8- Melanie Pena  
January 9- John D. Hedgepeth (D), Christopher Anstead, Keith McGee  
January 10- Yashone Francis, Irene Richardson, Laura Richardson  
January 11- Elder E. Silver  
January 12- Klecy Jean Carter, McKenzie Francis, Wendse Lanet Harris  
January 13- Blondell Lynch  
January 15- Amy Bissonnette, Ruth Ealing  
January 16- Crystal Rudd  
January 17- Deke McGee  
January 19- Canitra Richardson, Amber Richardson  
January 20- Bernella Delamora  
January 23- Brenda F. Richardson (D)  
January 24- Charlotte Richardson  
January 26- Ardella Delamora  
January 27- Linwood Silver  
January 28- Joseph O. Richardson, Brian Lynch, Cricket Richardson  
January 30- Connie L. Hedgepeth, Ronnie B. Lynch (D), Chief Dr. B. Ogletree Richardson, Earl Evans  
January 31-Leilani Anstead

## happy birthday



## SHOUT OUTS

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO THESE AMAZING FOLK!!!!

KOREY JAMES WHITLEY CARTER -DEC.30TH

CAMERON FRANCIS -DEC 16TH

BECCA HEDGEPEETH-DEC. 14TH

ANDREW HEDGEPEETH DEC 17TH

JENNIFER SPRESSOR- DEC. 10TH

JESSE MCGEE- DEC. 11TH

MELODY MCGEE-KIZER (D)- DEC.13TH

DRUCILLA MILLER-DEC. 18TH

PATRICK KRIVOSH-DEC. 22ND CALLEN PORTILLO-DEC. 26TH



*HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO JOHN D. AND CONNIE HEDGEPEETH ON JANUARY 8TH.*



## Happy Anniversary





## CONGRATULATIONS TO KAMRYN AND KAIDYN SILVER



Congratulations to Kamryn A. Silver for Student of the Month in November at the Haliwa Saponi Tribal School. Kamryn is in the Second grade. Also, Congratulations to Kaidyn M. Silver for Student of the Month in December. Kaidyn is in the First grade at the Haliwa Saponi Tribal School. With love from Mom & Dad (Pamela & Robin Silver), Big sister Kmira, Grandparents Nathaniel & Dellie Richardson, Bettie Silver and Aunt Tiffany!! We are all very proud of our babies!!

## THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting was held Friday December 3, 2021 at the W.R. Richardson Tribal Administrative Building. Mrs. Barbara Brayboy gave a brief history of how the project began. "Thanks to Joseph Wright for planting the seed." Several Christmas Carols were sung while standing around the tree.

Refreshments were served while we waited for Santa and his elves to arrive. Pictures were taken with Santa. The elves handed out candy, bagged fruit, and stuffed animals.

THANKS TO MRS. BARBARA BRAYBOY, THE COMMITTEE AND EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE IT A FUN AND SUCCESSFUL EVENT

**Wishing All: A Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!**







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“ He who thinks little, errors much “  
Submitted by : Migali Stonebuffalo

FIND SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT!



CERVICAL  
CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH  
*january*



WARRIOR

BECAUSE  
GIVING UP  
IS NOT AN OPTION

**THE BEST  
PROTECTION  
IS EARLY  
DETECTION**



**CERVICAL CANCER  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**