



Voice of the Saponi

February 2022

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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 March articles are due February 20th). Deadline 4 p.m.

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

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe
Attn: newsletter Editor
PO Box 99
Hollister NC 27844

February 2022 is...
National Cancer Prevention Month

Let's raise awareness of
MDS
 a rare blood cancer

THE MDS ALLIANCE

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY
 IT'S THE ONLY PLACE *you have* TO LIVE IN

Upcoming Dates and Meetings

- February 18- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting , Location to be announced at 6:30. WEAR, WASH AND WAIT**
- February 21- 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 meetings 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.
 - By-laws Review Committee meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Gov. Complex. Committee: Chair: Attorney Joshua Richardson.

Tribal Administrator Report – February Newsletter

COVID is still rising yet again with both the Delta Variant and the new Omicron Variant creating havoc here in the Tribal Territory and Local Community. Testing is in very high demand and testing supplies are once again in limited supply. If you can please get vaccinated and if you cannot please remember to follow the 3Ws as much as possible. **If you need tests you can request them for FREE from the new Federal Government program offering FREE tests.**

Please go to this site: www.covidtests.gov

If you need any PPE, please call the Tribal Office and arrange for a pick up at the Tribal Office.

On January 13, 2022 the Powwow Planning Committee under the Chair Dr. Marvin Richardson has recommended that the Annual Blooming of the Dogwood Powwow in April be cancelled for 2022. The Tribal Council agreed with the committee recommendation on January 18, 2022.

The NC Indian Unity Conference is scheduled for March 10-12, 2022 and due to COVID it will be held virtually.

Multipurpose Building Floor: As we stated a few months back the floor specialists have said that the massive concentration in calcium and potassium is the issue. As of last week they have 2 possible solutions: jack up the floor and fix the areas in question or repave. Both are possible but not sure when as supplies and labor are both in high demand due to COVID of course. They will let us know when supplies and labor are ready for either possible solution.

GRANTS: The Tribe has applied for 29 Competitive Discretionary Grants and 19 Non-Competitive Non-Discretionary Grants.

Some may have heard that HUD has an intention to form the Department's first standing Tribal advisory committee. The committee will be called the '*Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee*' (TIAC). This notice also solicits comments and recommendations regarding the establishment and structure of the TIAC. The Haliwa-Saponi along with all that receive NAHASDA funds were informed of this on Nov 15, 2021 in a letter asking all to comment in a portal by the end of the day on Jan 14, 2022. We did comment on Jan 14, 2022 along with others. By 5:00 p.m. **only 12** comments had been submitted from all the Tribes that receive HUD NAHASDA funds from all over the United States.

ERA (Emergency Rental Assistance) - We continue to 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 still failing to get that done and the applications are being denied for this. 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 January 20 - We have approved and have paid or are paying
now 473 months of rent and 224 months of utilities for Tribal
Members in 9 states!!!!**

POLICY CHANGES: Do not be shocked or surprised if you applied for any services with the Tribe and you are asked to re-submit information or even asked to do a complete new application. This is because after the HUD Monitor the Tribe will be making sure to follow all policy changes that had not been followed in the past going back to 1998 as well as making sure to follow all new policy changes required by HUD that the Tribe did not have in the past. Because of this unfortunately many if not all applications before the HUD Monitor cannot be “grandfathered in” and that is why you may be asked to re-submit information.

HAF (Homeowner’s Assistant Fund) – many people keep calling about this - ***The HAF is Not Ready yet*** – please continue to be patient and we will let you know when it is ready. We are still waiting for the full amount to be released. This is taking a very long time but we are in the same boat so to speak as hundreds of other Tribes and Counties and State organizations that are also waiting for their HAF Plan to be approved before funds are released. Other Tribes in NC are also waiting for their HAF to be approved or even submitted before they can start applications. 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 HAF for \$769,500.00. Of that 5% is for legal and 15% is for processing costs of applications including copies, printing, postage, etc.

We will make a huge announcement when the HAF is ready.

We have a new Information Technology partner – Infranet has offices in Raleigh, Richmond, Wilmington and Rocky Mount. They will be taking over were Document Systems left off. DS was leaving the IT business to concentrate on their document part of their business. So we been looking and searching for a new IT company. For what we needed immediately Infranet was well recommended and ready to help with our emergency. They did 2 live visit evaluations over 2 weeks and found that we are far behind in both hardware and software and extremely behind in Security. Nothing against DS as they did a good job but we need to step up especially in online security. Infranet also mentioned that if we continue to do virtual meetings we need to make sure that anyone that logs in must identify themselves as it is very easy to hack into a system especially by someone that does not identify themselves for virtual meetings. They also made some suggestions for all to follow to be safe:

1. Always Clear Your Browsers and Always Clear Your History
3. Shut down any applications not needed and do not leave any continually running if not needed.
4. Use at least a 2 step process for logging into applications.
5. Change Your Passwords often
6. Delete any unneeded applications and files and get rid of them immediately

NC INDIAN TRIBES RECOVERY FUNDS – This was signed by the Governor into law on Dec 6, 2021. The NC Pandemic Recovery Office (NCPRO) is responsible for overseeing and monitoring the use of these funds (SFRF) as well as reporting to the US Treasury. The first meeting was Wednesday – January 12, 2022. This meeting was confusing as the NCPRO was not made aware of the technical changes to the July 2021 Proposal. Over the course of the day (Jan 12) they got the updated version of the budget and will be working with the Tribes on the corrected Law signed on Dec 6, 2021. We will keep you informed on this long process.

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.

This new law also creates a brand new NC American Indian Heritage Commission. This new commission will have representatives from each of the NC Tribes. Dr. Marvin Richardson has been selected by the Tribal Council to be the representative.

**TAKE CARE AND BE SAFE
AND STAY WARM!**

**Tribal Administrator's VIII
Special New Year 2022 Edition
Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe 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: *Read Carefully - each question is only about the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe.*

Submit to the TA via drop off, electronic scan email or U.S. Mail – must be in the Tribal Office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday – February 7, 2022.

Winner:

Will receive a **\$200.00** Food Lion Gift Card

Full Name:

First

Last

Phone

Address:

Number & Street

City

State & Zip

Date of Birth

Email

Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Enrollment Number

Questions:

1. In 1670 Ancestors of the Saponi allied with what other **Tribe**? This alliance created what **Nation**?
2. What was the **first Drum Group** founded in the Haliwa-Saponi Community? **Who founded it**?
3. In the 1870s Tribal Leaders begin meeting at this **remote location** in the Meadows Area of NC?

**Tribal Administrator's VIII
Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Trivia Contest (page 2)**

4. What **year** did the Tribe change the name of the Powwow to “Blooming of the Dogwood?”

5. What **year** did the Tribe add the word “Saponi” to the name? **Why?**

6. At the first Powwow in 1965 what **invited Tribe** did most of the dance performances?

7. Long before White Contact the Ancestors of the Saponi are believed to have migrated from this **area?**

8. In the late 18th Century White Settlers in the area called the Ancestors of the Haliwa-Saponi several names including this **term** that was used into the 19th and 20th Century?

9. During the American Revolution which **side** did the Saponi ally with?

10. In 1714, for treaty reasons, what **9 Tribes/Bands** came together to create “The Saponi Nation?”

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**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

This is what the By-Laws Review Committee would like to add to the newsletter:

To All Tribal Citizens: The Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council has organized the By-Laws Review Committee to improve, update, correct, and modernize our governing documents. While the committee is responsible for leading the effort, we need input from tribal citizens to help shape our tribe into a stable and functioning organization for generations to come. To gauge input from our tribal citizens and to help educate tribal citizens about our by-laws, the committee has tentatively scheduled its first forum for Saturday, February 19, 2022 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. This event will be held primarily on Zoom due to COVID protocols, but we will reserve twenty (20) spots for elders and others without online capability to attend the forum in person. Please call the tribal office at (252) 586-4017 to RSVP. As approved by the Tribal Council, the committee will share additional details with tribal citizens. If you have any questions please contact the By-Laws Review Committee Chair, Attorney Joshua Richardson, Jrichardson@haliwa-saponi.org. We look forward to seeing you at the forum!

- By-Laws Review Committee

FOOD FOR SENIORS

What is a CSFP box?

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program is a Federally-funded program operated through the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & the USDA. The purpose of the program is to provide nutritious food to seniors who are able to cook for themselves if they qualify to participate.

How can I qualify for a CSFP box?

To qualify for CSFP you **MUST** meet the following criteria:

1. Be 60 years old or older
2. Must have a photo ID or a Medicare card
3. Reside in the county where the food is being distributed
4. Have a gross income at or below listed guidelines

Check the Income Guide below to see if you qualify based on the size of your household.

What's in a CSFP box?

Typically, a CSFP box is roughly about 30 pounds of uncooked shelf stable foods and a block of cheese.

- 2 Liquid Milk Carton
- 4 Cans of Vegetables
- 2 Boxes of Cereal
- 2 Bottles of Juice
- 3 Meatless Proteins
- 2 Proteins
- 2 Grains
- 2 Cans of Fruit

CSFP Income Guide

Household Size	Gross Monthly Household Income
1	\$1,396
2	\$1,888
3	\$2,379
4	\$2,871
5+	Add \$479 per additional household member

Would you like to learn more or sign-up?
Call the CSFP phone- (919) 247-5129

foodbank
OF CENTRAL & EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT KATHY HARRIS AT THE TRIBAL OFFICE

(252) 586-4017 EXT 228

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY VETERANS ~

"The Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial Committee thanks all those who came out to support our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in January, and to those who offered additional monetary donations. Your generosity puts us one step closer to realizing the vision of someday honoring our tribal veterans with an appropriate memorial that recognizes their sacrifices. We, salute you!"

~ Veterans Committee Treasurer, "Jewel McGee Bissonnette

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCESS:

MISS ANGELINA CAISON

Hello, Everyone! I hope that you all had a Happy New year and blessed Christmas. Since being crowned there have been a few things that I have done such as participate in a program for Native American Heritage month at the Tribal School and I also attended the Magazine Springs Ceremony. I haven't been able to attend many other events, due to the rise in Covid and I ask that you all wear your mask, wash your hands, and get tested also. I ask that you check on your family members and friends and please look after yourself as well. I am looking forward to serving the community as you 2021- 2022 Miss Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Princess.



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE OUR FUTURE!!!

TELL THEM HOW PROUD YOU ARE OF THEM

SO VERY PROUD OF YOU, GREYSON RICHARDSON !!!!

As Christmas approached and most teens were asking for new Jordans and a Playstation 5, Greyson Richardson, 17, asked his parents to send him to the NUC All American Football Game. Greyson is a junior at Nash Central High School and is a wide receiver for the Bulldog's varsity football team. The NUC All American Game brings together some of the very best athletes from around the USA. So, on December 26th, Greyson headed to Savannah, GA to begin training with NUC coaches, in preparation for the North vs. South All American Game scheduled for December 30, 2021. To play in an All American Game was a great honor for Greyson and his family as they watched Greyson score the final touchdown for Team South in the 4th quarter.



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.

- February 1- Nathan Richardson
- February 2- Iris Evans
- February 3- Timothy Evans
- February 6- Rev. MacArthur Mills
- February 7- Natarsha Y. Richardson (D), Tremayne Lynch
- February 8- Alvin T. Richardson (D), Phyllis Dale
- February 11- Toni "Morning Star" Richardson
- February 12- Olivia Sky Richardson
- February 14- Holly McGee (D), Diane Evans, David Evans
- February 15- Kevin Rudd, Timothy L. Richardson, Vessa Silver
- February 16- Tiffany A. Richardson, Thomas E. Richardson
- February 17- jayden Richardson
- February 18- Johnathan Richardson
- February 19- Alaysha Joyner
- February 20- Cateshia Silver,
- February 21- Amelia M. Lynch
- February 26- Salvador DeLaMaora
- February 27- Regina Silver, Kamryn A. Silver
- February 28- Michael Richardson



You're How Old?
Happy Birthday!

**SHOUT
OUTS**



**JOHN D. HEDGEPEETH (D) DEC. 9TH
KLECY JEAN CARTER JAN. 13TH**

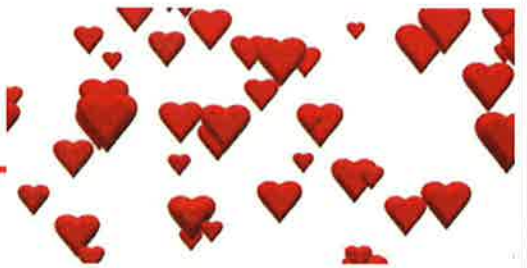
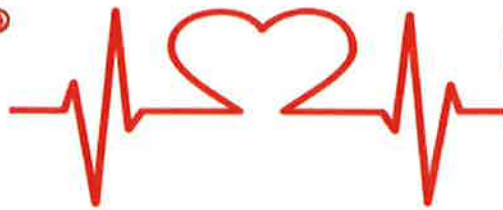


**I'M COMN' HONEY, I'LL HELP YOU BLOW
THOSE CANDLES OUT!!!!**

*To keep your marriage
brimming,
with love in the loving cup,
whenever you're wrong -
admit it.
Whenever you're right - shut
up.*

HAPPY 44TH ANNIVERSARY TO RAY AND PAM (McGEE) SPRESSER "ON

FEBRUARY 17, 2022"



LOVE JEWEL AND DAD!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO REV. HURLEY AND NAOMI RICHARDSON ON
FEB. 2ND

Happy Anniversary

Two golden rules to a
Happy Marriage:

1. The wife is
always right.

2. When you
feel she is wrong
slap yourself and
read rule number 1 again.



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A

CLASSIC CAR TO BUY, WELL HERE IT IS!

FOR SALE: RARE 1991 FIREBIRD GTA 5.7 ENGINE

PRICE NEGOTIABLE. YOU HAVE TO SEE TO APPRECIATE.

CONTACT ARNOLD RICHARDSON FOR MORE INFORMATION

(252) - 586-3339





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" If you don't think then you shouldn't talk"

Submitted by : Migali Stonebuffalo

FIND SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT!



BROOKE SIMPSON'S CONCERT IN ROCKY MOUNT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.

Photos by: Ivan Richardson



-Thank you to everyone from our tribe that participated and thanks to everyone that came out. See you in Broadway! Love you." *Brooke*