



# 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: June articles are due May 20th) Deadline at 4 p.m.

You may email articles to [crrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com](mailto:crrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com) or feel free to mail them to :

**Haliwa-Saponi Tribe**

**Attn: newsletter Editor**

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## MISS ANGELINA CAISON ONGOING PRINCESS UNTIL COLLEGE

Hello everyone and Happy Easter! I hope you are all doing well. This month has been busy, I've attended three college powwows so far UNCP, NC State, and Duke powwow, I also attended the Traditional Festival that was held on powwow weekend. I will be attending the Lumbee powwow on May 6-8th and I highly encourage you to go, also we are still raising money for the youth to go the national conference, if you would like to donate, please contact Sharon Berrun, or Stacy Lynch. The tickets for my princess banquet are still being sold for \$15 you can get one from any of the princess committee members or the Tribal office.

Submitted by: Princess Committee Chair, Angela Richardson

### Upcoming Dates and Meetings

- **May 13- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting held at the Multi-Purpose Building at 6:30 p.m.**
  - **May 16- 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 Building  
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 Complex  
Committee Chair; Attorney Joshua Richardson

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBERTA JENINE RICHARDSON



Roberta Jenine Richardson, daughter of Robert & Orinthia Richardson, will graduate from N. C. State College of Veterinary Medicine with a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine on May 7, 2022. She is pictured here with her dog "Mookie," After graduation, Roberta plans to work as an associate veterinarian at North Star Veterinary Hospital in Parkton, North Carolina.



IN MEMORY OF:

EVANS, ALMAE 9/12/1925 - 3/19/2022 EVANS, Almae (Lynch), age 96, of Vienna Township, Michigan, fell asleep in death on March 19, 2022, at B.R.A.G. Assisted Living. Almae was born September 12, 1925 in Goldsboro, North Carolina, the daughter of Horace and Mary Lila (Silver) Lynch. She was united in marriage to Joseph Evans on November 8, 1943. He preceded her in death on October 13, 2008.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES, LOVE YA MOMMA!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO  
CHRISTOPHER AND JACKIE  
ANSTEAD



49 YEARS OF  
BLISS ON  
MAY 19TH



*You're a wonderful couple  
Joined by God above  
May your marriage continue  
In God's love*

**Tribal Administrator Report April Meeting 2022** *(double sided page)*

**RECREATION ROOM:** The Recreation Room at the Multipurpose Building will be available starting Monday – April 25, 2022. Days and Hours Open will be Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Zenia Buffalo at 252-204-2693.

**HUD:** The HUD Monitor Audit is not over. We are waiting for the response to the Explanation of Findings/Concerns submitted early Nov 2021. On typical an average Monitor can be a year to 18 months – but with COVID things have been greatly prolonged. If you can remember from previous reports the HUD Monitor had 11 Findings and 3 Concerns going back well over 10 years. HUD required that The Tribe write or re-write over 40 policies (some that did not even exist had to be created and some had not been updated since 1998).

**STATE INDIAN TRIBES RECOVERY FUNDS:** The Tribe has completed the first 2 steps listed in bold below. We are waiting for the response from NCPRO.

**Step 1 - Tribe receives template from NCPRO and meets to discuss questions**

**Step 2 - Tribe returns template and budget projections to NCPRO**

Step 3 - NCPRO processes documents and sends tribal organization electronic funding agreement for signature

Step 4 - Tribe signs funding agreement electronically, and it is routed back to NCPRO

Step 5 - Tribe and NCPRO set up PANGRAM account and tribe requests funding through grants management portal (called PANGRAM)

Step 6 - Tribe receives funds

Step 7 - Tribe obligates funds by December 31, 2024, and expends funds by December 31, 2026

Step 8 - Tribe completes reports on use of funds and returns to NCPRO (ongoing)

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB:** We have hired a Director. They will be starting on April 28<sup>th</sup>. She is Dorothy Smith Richardson from Navarre, FL. We have posted the Manager Position and hope to post the Program Specialist Positions this week.

**STATE VISIT:** Executives of Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC will be making a formal visit to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe on Thursday – May 26, 2022.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS:** GRRO has hired 4 CHWs to work with the Tribe on health needs for Tribal Members. If you have any health issues/needs and or concerns please call them at:

Kathy Harris 252-226-5357

Kiwania Williamson 252-226-5358

Josefina Garduno 252-226-5351

Dianna Richardson 252-226-5353

**STAFF:** Contrary to belief Staff is working very hard and Staff in the past and present have gotten “bonuses” the past 10+ years from Administrator Archie Lynch, Administrator Alfred Richardson, Administrator Archie Lynch again and also under the present TA. In 2021 Staff also got the first raise in 12 years to comply with inflation and the costs of living and it did not take away from any other funds, grants, or programs...this information was posted in the January 2021 Newsletter.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Several Tribal Members are Volunteering for various things including doing classes, cleaning, food distribution and more and none are getting paid as they are doing this 100% Volunteer. If anyone is interested in Volunteering with the Tribe please contact the Tribal Office. All Volunteer work can be documented and used for Volunteer hours for any service from needed requirements for schools, organizations and even IRS Tax Deductions.

**Tribal Administrator Report April Meeting 2022 (double sided page)**

**COVID:** Yet again COVID numbers are going up across the Globe and here in the United States. The new sub-variants are called BA.2 and Omicron XE. The CDC warns these variants are highly contagious. Please Be Very Careful and Safe. The Tribe and GRRO will offer a Testing/Vaccine Clinic on Wednesday – May 4, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Tribal Office. This is for Testing and ALL Vaccines. If you have any questions, please contact GRRO at 252-432-6004.

**LIGHTS:** We are working on new and better lighting at both the C.H Building and the Multipurpose Building per Membership requests. It is much more complicated than one might think according to Halifax Electric as we own one and rent the other as far as poles, lights etc. and how they are controlled via different electrical boxes/lines even if at the same location (i.e., C.H. Building). Electrical costs/labor has also gone up extremely like most things, but we are getting new and better lighting for both areas and should be completed in the next few weeks.

**ERA:** As of April 22, 2022 we have paid or are paying **709 months of rent** and **320 months of utilities** for Tribal Members and more in 11 states and with 17 different Utility Companies.

**NEW GRANT:** The Tribe has been awarded a new grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust Foundation. This is an Improvement Grant for 3 years in the amount of \$100,000.00 a year with added costs of \$10,000.00 a year once the funds are released each year. The grant maybe used for the following:

- Improve Health Care & Access to Better Health Care
- Improve Housing & Access to Better Housing
- Improve Technology & Access to Technology
- Improve Transportation
- Improve Tribal Buildings & Tribal Properties
- Increase & Improve Educational Programs
- Increase & Improve Internet Access
- Increase Food Access & Eliminate Food Insecurity
- Maintain Day-To-Day Operations

**TRIVIA:** Contest 10 had a huge participation! The Trivia has gifted **\$4,700.00** in much needed Food Lion funds to Tribal Members. Look for Trivia 11 coming soon!

**PANDEMIC WROK** - Since the COVID Pandemic the Tribe has:

- Tested over 350 Tribal Members and local Community Residents
- Vaccinated over 1370 Tribal Members and local Community Residents
- Distributed over 250,000 pounds of food
- Distributed equivalent of over 400 gallons of hand sanitizer
- Distributed over 10,000 facial masks
- Distributed over 10,000 gloves
- Paid Rent/Utilities for over 150 Tribal Members

**CULTURE CLASS:** Culture Classes are back. Amy Silver has volunteered to administer the new classes and they started on Thursday – April 14, 2022. It was a success with 29 in attendance. If you want more information on the classes, please contact Amy Silver.

**EASTER:** The Tribe donated \$1,000.00 to P&G Ministries to help needed Seniors with Easter Baskets and Food.

**Tribal Administrator's X**  
**Middle/Central America Area Indian Trivia Contest - ANSWERS (page 1)**

**Questions:**

1. **Who** was the first European to contact what is now Middle/Central America? **When?**
2. What was the most important **agricultural product** in Middle/Central America?
3. Many products that are grown today all over the Globe were introduced to the World by Native Americans of Middle/Central America...**list at least 4 of these items that originated in Middle/Central America.**
4. What did the Native Peoples in the Caribbean **wear** that inspired Christopher Columbus' crew to give Costa Rica its name?
5. What were the **2 main great empires** of Middle/Central America before White Contact?
6. What **Middle/Central American Native Nation** had the most sophisticated Mathematical System that rivaled even European and Asian Math?
7. What **unique material** did Middle/Central American Nations invent that would revolutionize practically all ball sports in the world?
8. What **Cat** did some Middle/Central American Native Peoples worship? **Why?**
9. What **Holiday** did some Middle/Central American Native Peoples practice that is still celebrated today with a mix of European traditions as well?
10. This **item** which originally grew only in Middle/Central America was most valued and sacred and was even used as money?

**Answers:**

1. **Christopher Columbus in 1492** was the first European to make contact with Middle/Central America. *Many listed Leif Erickson circa 990 A.D. – but that was not Middle/Central America.*
2. **Maize** – now called Corn. The word “*Corn*” originally spelled “*Korn*” is a European word for any kind of “*grain*.” Maize was the premier crop of most Native Nations in Middle/Central America.

**Tribal Administrator's X**  
**Middle/Central America Area Indian Trivia Contest - ANSWERS (page 2)**

3. There are many items that originated in Middle/Central America that are now used all over the world. Just some are: **Avocado, Chocolate, Coffee, Corn, Peppers, Rubber, Squash, Tobacco, Tomatoes, Vanilla.** *And one that surprises people: BBQ – called Barbacoa by the Spanish this was a unique way of cooking meat very slowly over a very low heat used by the Taino Natives.*

4. **Gold.** The Natives of this area had so much gold accoutrements that the Spanish called the land Costa Rica which means *The Rich Coast.*

5. **Aztec and Maya** were the 2 most powerful Empires of present-day Middle/Central America.

6. **Maya.** The Maya knowledge of numbers greatly rivaled both European and Asian mathematics and calculations including having one of the most advanced calendars in the world.

7. **Rubber.** The Plant that we get latex to make rubber from is indigenous to Middle/Central America. Native Nations used rubber for many things including making balls for sports. Rubber over time became the primary material for many athletic sports that use balls.

8. **Jaguar.** The Jaguar was highly respected and often worshipped because it symbolized Power, Strength, Excellent Eyesight and the Subconscious. **For these reasons many believed that the Jaguar could move between Worlds (Heavens, Earth and Underworld).**

9. **Day Of The Dead.** This holiday was originally a celebration of many Native Nations of Middle/Central America as a celebration of Life & Death. Today it is a mix of both Native American and European traditions.

10. **Cacao.** The beans/seeds of the Cacao Plant are where we get Chocolate! The entire plant was very valuable and the beans/seeds were a main part of the monetary system for many Native Nations of Middle/Central America.

**Tribal Administrator's XI**  
**South America Area 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:**

***Read Very Carefully - each question is only about the topic of South America.***  
***Pay close attention to the **bold** hints!***

Submit to the TA via drop off, electronic scan email or U.S. Mail – must be in the Tribal Office  
by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday – May 5, 2022.

**Winner:**

**Will receive a \$200.00 Food Lion Gift Card (*this one is difficult*)**

Full Name:

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First

Last

Phone

Address:

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Number & Street

City

State & Zip

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Date of Birth

Email

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Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Enrollment Number

**Questions:**

1. What was the **great Native empire** of South America **before** White Contact?
  
2. Name the insect that was and is a **food** for some Natives of South America?
  
3. What **trophy** did South American Tribes make from their enemies?     **How was this done?**

**Tribal Administrator's XI**  
**Middle/Central America Area Indian Trivia Contest (page 2)**

4. What **animal** provided poison for Indian Tribes in South America?   **How was it used?**
  
5. What **country** in South America is named after a food introduced to the world by the Native Peoples?
  
6. What **sacred plant** was and is still chewed by some Natives of South America?   **Why?**
  
7. What **animal** was and is a food delicacy to some Natives in South America and became a common household pet around the world?
  
8. Some Tribes in South America practiced this **ritual eating** which is considered rather taboo?
  
9. What is a famous **weapon/hunting tool** used by some Natives of South America?
  
10. What Native South American **term** that means east is also a brand of candy?

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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](mailto:joxendine@haliwa-saponi.com)**



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Hollister, NC 27844

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**Wednesday**

**May 4, 2022**

**2pm-7pm**



## **RECREATION ROOM OPEN**

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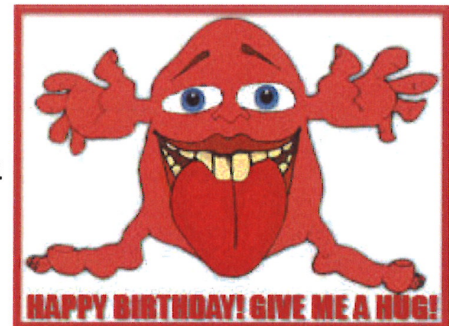
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

If you would like your name or a loved ones name to be published please email Carol Richardson 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.

- May 1- Tony D. Richardson, Jessica Kizer
- May 2- Laura McGee
- May 3- Peggy L. Francis
- May 4- Martell (D) and Quantell Green, Forest "Buck" Richardson
- May 5- Ko-Ann Richardson, Milton (Punkin) Silver
- May 6- Alyssa Bluesky Mills
- May 7- Chandra Carter, Roxie Adell Carter, Tina Lynch, Freda Jones
- May 8- Dallas Anderson, Renea Silver, Sylvia Johnson
- May 9- Dorothy Evans
- May 11- Seanna Macon
- May 12- Verneice V. Francis (Nokey) (D)
- May 13- Cordet Evans
- May 15- Talia D. Harris
- May 16- Fred "Donnie" Evans
- May 17- Jack C. Richardson
- May 18- Chandler A. Lynch
- May 20- Samantha Dale, Edward Richardson, Burnette Rudd
- May 21- Rachael (McGee) Jager
- May 22- Marcie D. Evans
- May 23- Dellie M. Richardson
- May 24- Benjamin Hewlin (D)
- May 26- Kaidyn M. Richardson
- May 27- Rodney Anthony Richardson
- May 28- Ryland Dale, Irene E. Everette
- May 30- Tony Richardson, Sharayna Silver
- May 31- Carolyn Richardson, Vicky Lee Richardson



**CECILIA RICHARDSON-MARCH 30**  
**EXSON RICHARDSON- APRIL 1**  
**MARK TERRELL WHITEHEAD- APRIL 1**  
**SHIRLEY CARTER-APRIL 2**  
**BLAIR HUFFMAN- APRIL 5**  
**TAKYER EVANS-APRIL 15**





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Remember -  
 our fallen heros.  
 They are the reason  
 that we are free.

“ Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much “ Helen Keller

Submitted by : Migali Stonebuffalo

FIND SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT



**Skin  
 Cancer  
 Awareness  
 Month**

