



# Voice of the Saponi

December 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: December articles are due November 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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## Christmas ~ Anon

Every time a hand reaches out  
To help another...that is Christmas  
Every time someone puts anger aside  
And strives for understanding  
That is Christmas

Every time people forget their differences  
And realize their love for each other  
That is Christmas

May this Christmas bring us  
Closer to the spirit of human understanding  
Closer to the blessing of peace!

### Upcoming Dates and Meetings

- **December 2- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting held at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Complex at 6:30 p.m.**
- **December 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: Karen Franco.
- 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: Council Vice Chair Pamela S. Richardson.
- 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: Vice- Chief Dr. Marty Richardson.
- 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: Rev. Al Cooper.
- 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: Angela 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: Montenia Lynch.
- 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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Happy 45th Anniversary to  
Earl & Carolyn Richardson*

*On December 31st*

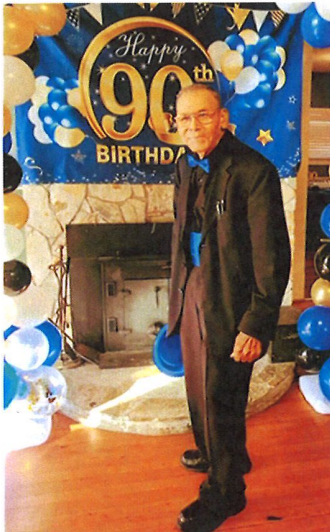
*Happy 32nd Anniversary to  
Benjamin & Lisa Copeland*

*On December 21st*

*A Very Special Happy Birthday to my  
Husband Jackie R. Richardson*

*On December 3<sup>rd</sup>. God has been there*

*through the good and the bad. In reality nothing is bad  
as long as you have God. Love Carol*



*HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO*

*MR. ARNOLD RICHARDSON*

**Happy 90th Birthday to my dad Arnold Richardson. He's  
always enjoyed gardening and tinkering on cars. He is al-  
so responsible for getting the community road in the  
neighborhood which is named**

**Arnold Road.**

## **Tribal Administrator Report November 2022**

**TRIVIA:** Contest 17 went very well. The Trivia has gifted **\$11,420.00** in much needed Food Lion funds to Tribal Members in **12 states**. Thanks to all that participated the past 17 months! And special thanks to those that donated their gift cards back to the Tribe or to others that needed it most – that is True Compassion!

**NCPRO:** The next meeting of the NC Pandemic Recovery Office on the State Recovery Funds is November 22, 2022. This will be PANAGRAM (State Payment Portal) training to release the funds to the Tribe! If you recall this has been a lengthy process starting in Summer 2021. Remember all 7 State Recognized Tribes will be getting these funds. HSIT will be getting \$932,040.87!

**KBR:** The next meeting on the KBR Grant will be November 29, 2022. A Planner has been hired to help with this grant of 3 years of \$100,000.00 per year.

**BCBSNCF Tribal Grant:** The Grantee Kickoff for these funds will be December 8, 2022. BCBSNCF has hired a Consultant to help each of the Tribes that are getting these funds. Remember this is a 4-year grant of \$100,000.00 per year.

**INTERNET:** Some may have seen the news recently (Facebook & TV Media) about High-Speed Internet coming to rural areas of Northeast NC including Halifax and Warren Counties. This goes way back to the CARES Act under Trump and the ARP Act under Biden and later the Infrastructure Act under Biden. It has been some time but hopefully you recall that the Tribe did get its name in the portals early for Communications Companies to bid on the massive grants to provide Internet Service to rural areas of America including the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe.

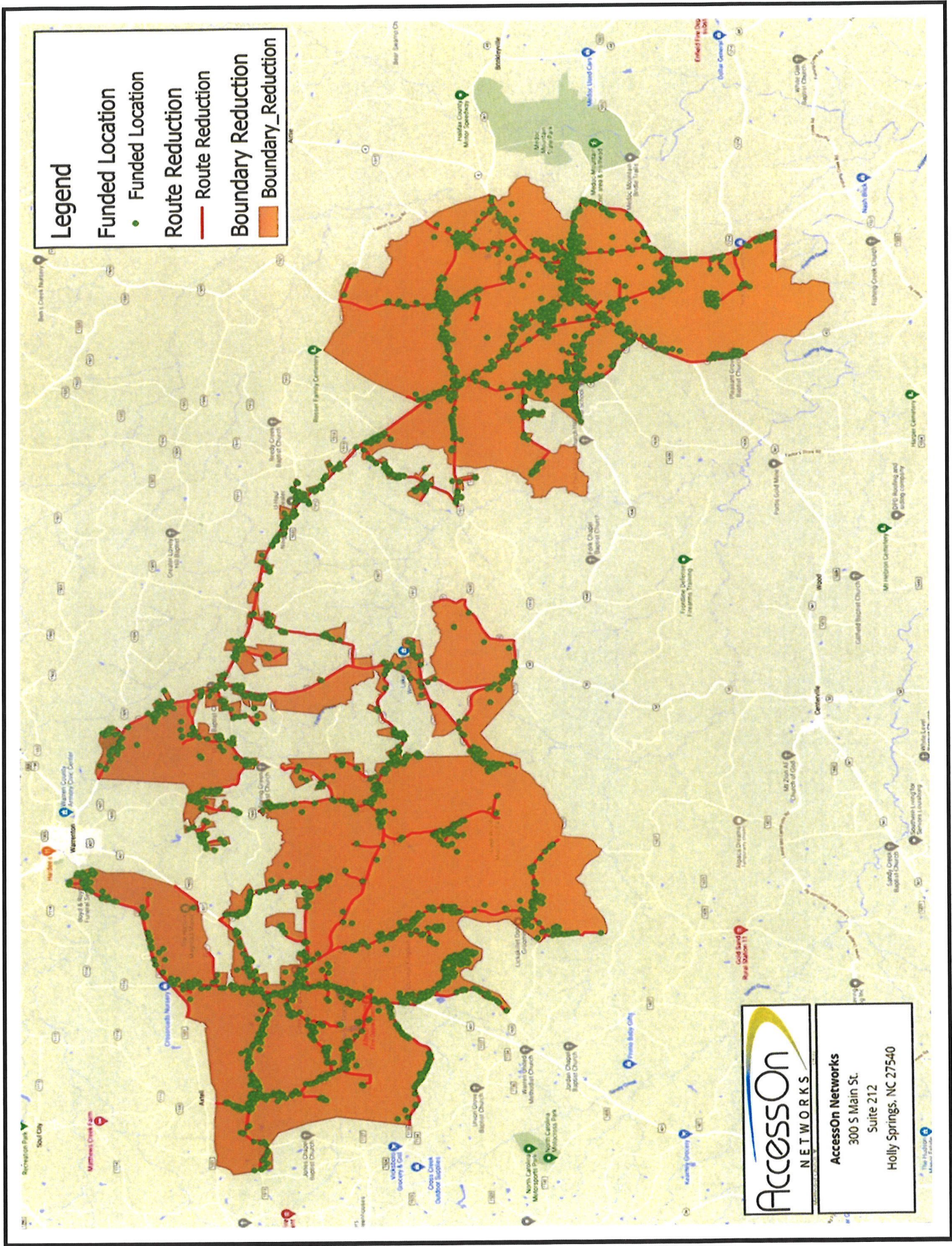
In March 2022 we reported the funds do not go to the Institution – they go to the provider that must submit a plan to the Federal Government. Over all 5 providers submitted plans for the areas in agreement with the Tribe. Bids were a mix of Broadband, Fiber, and Satellite. In June 2022 the 45-day period for grant requests from Internet Providers to the massive Communications Bill passed.

In early August we were informed by AccessOn Network that they were one of the winning Communications Companies to bring Fiber to the Tribe! We were told to keep it hush-hush until the State and the Governor could do a huge press release! And so, on Aug 31 the Tribe got an email of the news and that same day Governor Cooper announced the \$206M in Great Expand Internet Access to rural areas of NC (including the Tribal Territory of Halifax and Warren Counties)!

We were told to be quiet again so that a massive press conference could be done with Governor Cooper and local leaders including Chief Ogletree Richardson for Oct 27. This got coverage in most media including WRAL, WTVD, WITN etc.

Then we got the official letter dated Nov 3 that AccessOne would be doing Fiber here and the project will be called **FASTER HALIWA**. The project is 250 miles of fiber cable via a 6-8 foot width area digging a 6x30 inch trench to bury the cable. They say that in one growing season all signs of disturbance should be gone. The area contains 64.2 miles of Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Territory and 62.5 square miles of non-Tribal area. This is GREAT NEWS. Credit goes to the TA and Tribal Council (over the period of 2 years for making sure the Tribe was including in the earliest stages during CARES and ARP and continuous meetings and discussions). It will take some time though as early estimates is 1.5 to 2 years before completion.

**SEE MAP OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE!**



**Tribal Administrator's XVII  
Trivia Contest On The Color Sheets!**

**ANSWERS:**

1. What **item** did the Water Spider have on her back?

**BOWL**

2. What **2 things** did Natives use the rattles of Rattlesnakes for?

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS & ADORNMENT**

3. In what **direction** does the Woodpeckers dance?

**WITH THE WIND or COUNTERCLOCKWISE**

4. Water Spider is part of what **story** for the South East Natives?

**CREATION**

5. What was Rattlesnake meat and oil **used for**?

**PREVENT DISEASES & ARTHRITIS**

6. What is another **name** for the Woodpecker?

**FLICKER**

7. What **feared** the Rattlesnake the most?

**WITCHES**

8. What **2 items** are needed to play the game Chunkey?

**STONE and SPEAR**

9. What **thing** does the Woodpeckers dance around?

**SUN or CROSS**

10. What **gender** is the Water Spider?

**FEMALE (your answer/clue was in question #1 – her)**

# Christmas Word Search

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ANGEL

BELLS

CANDY CANE

CAROL

CHRISTMAS

DECORATIONS

ELF

FAMILY

HOLLY

LIGHTS

MERRY

ORNAMENT

PRESENTS

REINDEER

SANTA

STAR

STOCKINGS

TREE

WREATH

YULE



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF

**Dr. Ogletree Richardson**



### Reminder:



The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex on Friday, December 2, 2022, at 6:00 PM. Following the Tree Lighting, the December Tribal Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM. Refreshments will be served and Santa will be present with lots of toys and other giveaways. Tribal members are encouraged to attend and bring their children.

Pi: láhuk (Thank you)



### AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets are available for purchase December 1, 2022, to the Annual Awards Banquet. The Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2022, at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 3:00 p.m. The cost of tickets is \$20.00 each. Tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Get your tickets before they are sold out!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO TOMA EVANS AND KIRK RICHARDSON

Congratulations to Toma Evans and Kirk Richardson in their recent promotions to the rank of 9th Kyu (Blue Tip) in Kyokushin Karate. They are training regularly at the Hollister Dojo/Gym in Essex and at the Kyokushin Karate Class in Roanoke Rapids and are dedicated and diligent students. They were trained under local Kyokushin Karate instructors Sensei Kenny Buffaloe and Senpai Christian Buffaloe.



Their new ranks are endorsed and recognized by the International Kyokushin Karate Organization in Tokyo, Japan.

For more information on Kyokushin Karate and Japanese Kickboxing training, call or text : (252) 589 - 4281

## Kyokushin Karate



Photo #1 (left to right)- Senpai Christian Buffaloe, Toma Evans, and Sensei Kenny Buffaloe at far right.

-In Photo #2 -(left to right)- Senpai Christian Buffaloe, Kirk Richardson, and Sensei Kenny Buffaloe at far right

• In Photo #3-

Toma Evans receiving his new Belt and Certificate from Sensei Kenny Buffaloe (on right) in a formal promotion ceremony at the Hollister Dojo/Gym recently.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU AND YOU !!!!!

If you would like your name or a loved ones name to be published please email Carol Richardson at [crichardson@haliwa-saponi.com](mailto:crichardson@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, Ladonna E. Richardson, Brenda D. Lynch, Jennifer Faust
- December 6- Henley Richardson,
- December 9- John D. Hedgepeth (D),
- December 10- Jennifer Spresser, Mattie Richardson
- December 11- Jesse McGee, Charles "Pete" Richardson, Zollie Richardson
- December 13- Harrison Craig , Melody McGee Kizer (D)
- December 16- Cameron Kai Francis,
- December 17- Robert L. Richardson (D),
- December 18- Regina Mills, Drucilla Kizer Miller
- December 19- Harmony Copeland,
- December 21- Hardy Ray Copeland,
- December 22- Patrick Krivosh
- December 23- Angel C. Richardson- Silver,
- December 25- Ashley Noel Demery,
- December 26- Marson Richardson, Callen Portillo
- December 27- Talitha Quay Richardson,





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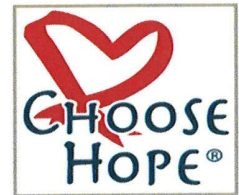
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## Covid Or The Flu?

Signs and symptoms	Influenza	COVID-19 (at least two of the following)
Symptom onset	Sudden	Gradual
Fever	Temperature of 100° F and above, lasting 3-4 days	Temperature of 100° F and above, lasting 2-7 days
Chills	Common	Common
Headache	Prominent	Common
Cough	Dry, sometimes severe	Dry, persistent and often more severe
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common, and often prominent
Runny or stuffy nose	Sometimes	Common
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	Sometimes	Common, and often prominent
Muscle pain or body aches	Usual, often severe	Common
Repeated shaking with chills	Rare	Sometimes
Fatigue (extreme tiredness or lack of energy)	Early and prominent	Common
Diarrhea	Sometimes (more common in children)	Sometimes (more common in children)
Vomiting or nausea	Sometimes (more common in children)	Sometimes (more common in children)
Sudden loss of taste or smell	Never	Common