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Look For the Good

In the New Year, let's resolve to get less stressed, upset, anxious about things over which we have no control. Let's have a narrower focus on our lives, loving and helping our family and friends, making our community a better place to live, to create peace and contentment.

In the New Year, let's resolve to pay less attention to depressing stories on TV, in magazines and newspapers,

and to stop focusing on what we want

that we haven't got, instead of appreciating the many blessings we do have.

In the New Year, let's look for the good.

We may have to search through a mass of negative media, but the good is there, all around us.

I wish for you a New Year filled with good, engulfed in serenity and happiness!

By Joanna Fuchs



Upcoming Dates and Meetings

- **February 17- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting held at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Complex at 6:30 p.m.**
- **February 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: 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



Chief's Message



Our December Tribal meeting and Christmas Tree Lighting were exciting activities for our Tribal citizens. During the meeting, Ms. Cheyenne Daniel gave an outstanding Hoop Dance performance accompanied by drummer, Timothy Mills. We were fortunate to have donations made by Pet Smart, Ms. Annette Stevenson, and Region K that provided toys and other giveaways to those in attendance. In addition, Santa and his helpers were on site for photo taking and talking to the children. Refreshments were available and Tribal staff provided fruit bags. Lots of children and adults were in attendance, and the excitement was truly awesome.

I would like to thank the Tribal staff and volunteers who helped make these activities successful. Also, I want to thank everyone who attended and supported our Tribe.

A VERY SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Congressional Action on Federal Recognition for the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe

It is with great pleasure that I announce to my fellow Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Citizens, that on December 14, 2022, Congressman G.K. Butterfield introduced H.R. 9536 in the 117th Congress 2D Session to extend Federal recognition to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes. **THIS IS A DAY TO CELEBRATE IN THE HISTORY OF THE HALIWA-SAPONI INDIAN TRIBE!**

To reach this milestone, much help was needed and provided. This is a time to say thank you to Congressman G.K. Butterfield and his Staff, our Tribal Council, Federal Recognition Committee members, Tribal Staff, our Tribal Legal Counsel Joshua Richardson, the Washington, D.C. Legal Team, and our Tribal citizens. Also, many others helped us including, but not limited to, other members of Congress, State and local elected officials, County Commissioners, leaders of other Tribal Nations, and numerous volunteers.

Our ancestors and elders worked tirelessly for this day, and we must continue to move forward based on the wisdom and guidance they left behind for us. We have anxiously awaited this **historical date for the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe**. As we move forward in this process, I will share further updates in person at upcoming scheduled Tribal meetings.

As Chief of the Tribe, I am proud of the resilience that has been shown among the Tribal Council, Legal Team, Federal Recognition Committee, Tribal staff, and our Tribal citizens toward our federal recognition efforts.

Once again, as I've stated before, **the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe has made history!** We have reached a milestone, and this is an exciting time for our Tribe! Your continued support is greatly appreciated, as we continue to work for the best interests of our Tribe and our Tribal Citizens.

Pi: l huk (Thank you)



HALIWA-SAPONI BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 2022

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe Boys & Girls Club officially opened in June 2022.

In less than 6 months the HSIT B&G Club as accomplished amazing things included but not limited to:

Activities:

- Acquired All New Supplies and Games
- Fall Harvest Festival
- First Hollister Christmas Parade
- Improve Childhood Behavioral Problems at schools and home
- Increase Students Grades and Educational Performance to 94% of A-B Students
- Multiple Field Trips across NC
- Partnership with Accentuating Learning
- Health/Safety Camp
- Summer Camp

Grants and Donations Received:

- Bridgestone Tires - \$100,000.00 donation
- Dell Technologies - Donation 10 new Dell Latitude 3520 laptops at \$2,000 each
- Fresenius Medical Care - \$10,000.00 Grant
- NC Alliance - \$19,900.00 Grant
- NC Humanities - \$10,000.00 Grant
- Office of Justice/Juvenile/Delinquency Prevention - \$20,000.00 Grant
- Red Nose Grant - \$7,200.00
- UPS Road Code Program - Equipment Grant

Credit goes to the AMAZING and IMPRESSIVE Work of the B&G Executive Committee of Chair Gideon Lee, TA Jamie Oxendine, Director Miss Dorothy Smith-Richardson and the B&G Staff of Ariel Hewlin, Perry Worthington, Kim Richardson, Kayla Brinkley, and many wonderful Volunteers and Supporters!

HAVE A BLESSED 2023

HALIWA-SAPONI INDIAN TRIBE APR

Here are just some numbers of great achievements by the HSIT for 2022

Opened a brand-new Boys & Girls Club and successfully organized a new Summer Camp.

Distributed over 1.4 Million Pounds of Food to Seniors and Needy in the Tribal Territory.

Awarded Indian Housing Plan of \$1,219,646.00

Paid \$528,903.56 of Rent, Mortgages, Property Taxes and Utilities for over 100 Tribal Members in 12 States via the DOT Grant.

Awarded KBR Grant of \$300,000.00 plus Administration Costs over next 3 years.

Awarded BCBSNCF Grant of \$400,000.00 plus Administration Costs over next 4 years.

Awarded NC State Recovery Funds of \$932,040.87 over next 4 years.

Gifted \$15,000.00 in Food Lion Gift Cards to Tribal Members via Trivia Contests and Distributions to Seniors on Holidays in 14 States.

Awarded Agreement with AccesOn for new Fiber Internet in the Tribal Territory over the next 2 years that will be called *Faster Haliwa*.

Partnered with GRRO to create Community Health Care Workers Positions for the Tribe and create a brand-new Mental Health Care Access and Mobile Unit which will open in 2023.

COVID Tested over 100 Tribal Members and local Community Residents.

Provided over 100 COVID Tests to Tribal Members and local Community Residents.

COVID Vaccinated over 100 Tribal Members and local Community Residents.

Distributed equivalent of over 2,000 gallons of hand sanitizer.

Distributed over 20,000 facial masks.

Distributed over 20,000 gloves.

Opened Recreation Gym Room 3-days a week at the MP Complex and had over 500 visits.

Replaced roof on the Old Administration Building.

Organized successful HSIT 4th of July Picnic with over 200 people in attendance.

Gifted \$2,500.00 to the Youth Participants of Title VI to attend the National Native American Youth Leadership Conference held in Minneapolis, MN.

PARKING WARNING

Please Do Not Park In Front of the Tribal Office Building.

We have had several very close near misses of accidents lately due to people parking right in front of the building and blocking traffic to the ATM, to the building as well as blocking other parked cars wanting to leave.

Even if you think it will only be for a few seconds/minutes take the time to protect yourself and your vehicle and please park in a designated parking area.

No Parking Signs are legal and can be legally enforced.

There have been a few fender benders in the past. On one such occasion the damage was extensive on the vehicle parked right in front of the building blocking traffic that got hit by another vehicle - and the vehicle illegally parked got the citation not the other vehicle.

Thank You. Be Safe & Careful

Congratulations!

November 29, 2022

HSTS Honor Roll



Congratulations!
Congratulations!
Congratulations!

The following students have been named for **First Quarter Honor Roll** at Haliwa Saponi Tribal School.

To earn honor roll, a student must earn all A's and B's for the quarter.

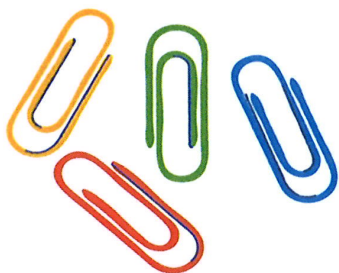


K-5 Honor Roll & School Sprit

Jemir Dancy
 Braelynn Fisher
 Aa'lacyah Richardson
 Mariyah Thorpe
 Na'Vaden Bailey
 Joseph Darling
 Londyn Hewlin
 Major Tyson
 Aaliyah Richardson
 Kamryn Silver
 Destiny Silver

6-8 Honor Roll

Traci Hedgepeth
 Alayna Knight
 Alexander Lynch
 Makaya Lynch
 Tamia Lynch
 Chylayla Richardson
 Karma Richardson
 Cincere Tyson
 Dominique Bullock
 Dustin Carter
 Omarion Richardson
 Amari Boose
 Diamond Dickens
 Takayla Dickens
 Samari Francis
 Zykelya Harris
 Le'Brandylia Harvey
 Kwymac Johnson
 Larri'onna Johnson
 Abraham Lynch
 Jorlin Lynch
 Shania Lynch
 Syerra Reyes
 Jacob Richardson
 Kaylee Richardson
 Kmira Richardson
 Liberty Richardson
 Nelly Robinson



9-12 Honor Roll

Amilia Berrun
 Chase Evans
 Santavion Lynch
 Teanna Richardson
 Antonio Anstead
 Asia Johnson
 Kamari Richardson
 Ke'Undra Alston
 Akeelah Anstead
 Annielle Caison
 Khamani Johnson
 A'nilah Richardson
 E'Miyah Richardson
 Natrell Coley
 Jonah Lynch



ENJOY YOUR PIZZA!!!!!!!



I would like to say congratulations to Chloe Rose for making the principal list at
Hollister Elementary Love Grandma Jackie

As well as all the students for working hard

Halifax County Schools
Hollister Elementary Leadership Academy
2022 - 2023
1st Nine Weeks Honor Roll



Principal's List

Fourth Grade: Caleb Richardson
Fifth Grade: Camden Richardson

High Honors

Third Grade: Zanessa Dewar, Ean Evans, Brailee Francis, Stoney Harris, Layla Lynch, Alona Richardson, Jada Richardson, Aamira Terry, Landon Thompson
Fifth Grade: Emily Harrison, Aidyn Horne, Akhari McCormick, Zy'Keriah Nicholson, Za'Karia Richardson, Caiden Rudd

Honors

Third Grade: Chloe Anstead, Devin Johnson, Bella Richardson, Shaquan Richardson, Sharina Taylor, I'Yana Wallace
Fourth Grade: Kalaysia Mills, Payton Richardson, Silas Silver
Fifth Grade: Aubrice Brown, Jayden Coppage, JeYauna Davis, Breydan Evans, Henry Mills, Alivia Richardson, Jakiera Richardson, Lauren Richardson, Jocelyn Shearin, Josiah Silver

TWIN COUNTY CRUISERS



The Twin County Cruisers Car Club had their Annual Toy Drive on December 3rd, 2022. The group has been together for many years and they are always glad to help our community.

Pictured from left to right: McConnel Silver, Roger Richardson, Mitt Evans, Ken Copeland, Tony Davis, Jerome Richardson, President Willie Richardson, Bobby Leon Lynch, Mike Evans, Jackie Richardson, Danny Ray Richardson, Stanley Evans, Willie Hall and Donnell Evans. Directly behind Jerome is Ronnie Richardson

**THANKS FOR ALL
YOU DO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW HALIFAX COUNTY
COMMISSIONER
MRS. CHENOA RICHARDSON DAVIS
(HALIWA-SAPONI)**



Congratulations to Halifax County Commissioner Chenoa Richardson Davis. I am very proud of you as you made history in becoming the first Native American to be elected as a County Commissioner in Halifax County. I am sure that you will serve the people well.

SO PROUD OF ONE OF VERY OWN SANDRA RICHARDSON HOPE

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH PANEL AT THE U.S. COAST GUARD



On November 21, 2022, Sandra Richardson-Hope (Haliwa-Saponi Tribe of NC) was a panel speaker for Native American Heritage month at the United States Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C. The presentation theme was *"Celebrating Respect, Culture, and Education"*. In attendance was Admiral Linda L. Fagan, the 27th Commandant of the USCG, who is the first female Commandant of *any* military agency. Admiral Fagan presented each of the 5 panelists with a "Commandant Coin".

Ms. Holly Haverstick, Director of International Affairs and Foreign Policy Advisor hosted the event. Ms. Yvie Mondenge was the project manager.

Sandra, daughter of the late Herbert J. Richardson and Lucille Silver-Richardson, is founder and CEO of Saving the Circle, Inc., a 501c3 tax-exempt organization for *"Strengthening the human circle*

through performance arts and media focused on Indigenous cultures, history, and values"; she is CEO of Stolen Nation, LLC and FindANative.com; is Treasurer and Technology Manager for the American Indian Society of DC, as well as an HR Systems Analyst at the U.S. Coast Guard.

Other panelists included Robert Edwardson, USCG District 17 Tribal Liaison (Haida Nation of Alaska); Fredericka Joseph, Chair of Society of American Indian Government Employees – S.A.I.G.E. (Kaw Nation of Oklahoma); Adam Crepelle, Professor of Law at George Mason University (United Houma Nation); and A'lice Myers-Hall, President of the American Indian Society of DC (Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania, Shawnee, and Susquehannock).



Admiral Linda L. Fagan 27th Commandant Coin – USCG



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, 2023 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!

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 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 2-Kmira A. Richardson
- January 3-Alayna Richardson, Johnny Earl Richardson
- January 5- Kelsey Richardson
- January 6-Roderick Bluesky Mills (D)
- January 8- Darrell Richardson, Melanie Pena
- January 9- Chris Anstead, John D. Hedgepeth (D), Keith McGee
- January 10-Yashone Francis, Irene Richardson, Laura Richardson
- January 11- Elder Elaine Silver, Shadonna Richardson
- January 12- McKenzie Akira Francis, Aiyana Lindsea Lynch, Jasper Richardson
- January 13- Klecy Jean Carter, Edna Richardson, Blondell Lynch
- January 15- Shelly Richardson, Ruth Ealing, Amy Bissonnette
- January 16- Angela" Angie" Lynch, Crystal Rudd, Sheila Richardson
- January 17- Deke McGee
- January 18- Linwood Pernel Richardson
- January 20- Bernella Delamora
- January 23- Brenda F. Richardson (D)
- January 24- Azariya C. Francis, Charlotte Richardson
- January 25- Patrina Richardson
- January 27- Henry "Snake" Lynch, Christian M. Silver, Linwood Silver
- January 28- Joseph O. Richardson, Brian Lynch, Cricket Richardson
- January 30- Connie L. Hedgepeth, (D), Ronnie B. Lynch (D),
Chief Dr. B. Ogletree Richardson, Earl Evans,
Dylan Harris



January 31- Leilan Anstead, Chelsea Richardson

**DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY!! I LOVE ALL OF YOU!
YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO DANCE**



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Christian New Year's Resolution



How can I use the New Year
To better serve my Lord?
I'll read my Bible every day,
And be more in accord.



I'll love my neighbor, too.
I'll focus on "give" instead of "get"
In everything I do.
I'll forgive the people I'm mad at;
Angry feelings I'll discard;
I'll try to love my enemies,
Even though it's hard.



In the new year, I'll lift people up,
Instead of putting them down.
I'll fill my heart with love and joy,
And never wear a frown.



I'll let go of my worries;
I'll put it all in His hands;
I'll repent and try to sin less,
And obey all His commands.
These new year's resolutions



Are difficult, at best,
But there's something I can do each day
That will put my soul at rest:
I'll love my Lord with all my heart,
With all my mind and soul,
And if I do that essential thing,
All the rest will be in control.



By Joanna Fuchs