



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 November articles are due October 20th) Deadline at 4 p.m.

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

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Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe's



Annual Awards Ceremony

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe's Annual Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex.

Nomination forms will be available at the Tribal Office from November 1, 2023, through December 1, 2023. Tickets for the ceremony will go on sale on December 15, 2023. Tickets are \$20.00 each, and only 100 tickets will be sold. If you have questions, please call Dr. Joseph O. Richardson at 252-883-5258.

Upcoming Dates and Meetings

- **November 13- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting to be held at the Rev. C. H. Richardson Building at 6:30 p.m.**
- **November 16- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting held at the Chief W. R Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 6:30 p. m.**
- **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: Rev. Michael 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 6:00 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: Jewel Bissionnette.
- 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 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Complex. Committee Chair: Attorney Joshua Richardson

JUNIOR MISS HALIWA

2023-2024



Good day! My name is Keyara Lashae Hedgepeth and I am currently serving as your Jr. Miss Haliwa-Saponi 2023-2024. This month I was able to travel and represent my people at the Lumbee Pow-Wow held in Lumberton, NC. I was also able to celebrate my heritage on Indigenous People's Day with my people. To honor and celebrate all who endured struggles so we are able recognize our culture with the help of Bliss



Hedgepeth I created Indigenous T-shirts that myself and others purchased to wear. I have had a busy month and I have enjoyed all of it! Lastly I challenge all women to take action and have your breast cancer screenings completed this month! Cancer Awareness in honor of all cancer survivors especially my grandmother Yvonne Richardson.



UNITED TRIBES OF NORTH CAROLINA
2024 United Tribes Scholarship Awards
Hattie J. Campbell
C/O United Tribes of North Carolina
Attention: Hattie J. Campbell/Waccamaw Siouan
Tribe P.O. Box 69
Bolton, NC 28423

American Indian Tribes and Organizations, Title VII Indian Education Program Coordinators, NC University Financial Aid Offices, High School Guidance Departments, and Community College Financial Aid Offices

United Tribes of North Carolina believes in promoting educational opportunities for American Indian Students. Since the creation of the United Tribes Scholarship Award, over \$120,500 has been awarded to deserving students pursuing higher education degrees. We are proud to continue this worthwhile tradition.

Applications must be **RECEIVED** by **FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024**

If you have questions, please call Hattie Campbell, Coordinator, United Tribes Scholarship Awards Committee by phone at (910) 646-1817 or (910) 641-1476 or via Email at camplink34@gmail.com



HALIWA-SAPONI SENIOR PRINCESS **2023-2024**

KATHY DELL HARRIS

I have been busy attending different Pow-Wows, including Mattaponi in June. I represented my tribe with dignity and honor and spoke on behalf of our Tribe and seniors. I participated in the Inter-tribal grand entry and the Princess dance and got to meet other senior and junior princesses from North Carolina and Virginia. I also attended the Mattaponi Indian Church in August and got to meet their Chief and met the Assistant Chief of the Nansemond Tribe. I went to the Chickahominy Pow-Wow in September, and participated in all the activities there as well.

In November, I am planning on going to the Indian Museum in Raleigh during Native American Heritage month, to represent the Tribe and our seniors.

I have given out gifts and tokens to many of our seniors and the disabled recently and will give gifts to them as well during the Holidays.

I also visited 2 Nursing/Rest Homes during the last several months, prayed and sang songs for them and told them about the Tribe. Most of them remembered for the most part, they were so happy that someone from the Tribe still loved and shared lots of memories with them. When I left, they had a smile on their face, and I told them that I would be back during the Holidays with some goodies.

In November, I would like to put American Flags on the Veterans graves, in the surrounding communities. Anyone who would like me to honor your family member, please let me know, so I will have your permission to do so.

I am planning on going to the Great American Indian Expo in Richmond, VA., on December ninth and tenth. There will be 25 Tribes representing North Carolina, Virginia and other states. I will be representing the Tribe and our seniors.

I want to thank all of you for your support and especially our Senior Organization here for selecting me as their Haliwa-Saponi Senior Princess for the year of 2023-2024. Let me know if I can help anyone that needs any type of service, since I am the Community Outreach Worker at the Tribal Office. May God continue to bless each of you as we continue our efforts as a Tribal Nation to Stand Tall and be proud to be an "American Indian".

KATHY DELL HARRIS 10-19-2023

CONGRATULATIONS

SECU State Employees' Credit Union Oct 9



Honoring Native Americans and commemorating their history and culture.

#IndigenousPeoplesDay



Today we honor Native Americans and commemorate their history and culture. SECU also recognizes several employees who were selected to participate in Campbell University's first-ever American Indian Leadership Development Program. Congratulations!

#IndigenousPeoplesDay

Blondell Lynch is one of the first participants in Campbell University's first ever American Indian Leadership Development Program. Therefore, she is the first Haliwa-Saponi to participate in this program. Blondell, keep representing our people, empowering women, and reaching all your goals.

Love, your sons Nick (Megan), Buddy, Jake, your sister Lindell (Tony), your niece Alyssa and your grandchildren Raleigh, Aiden, Emma, and Lucas.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lelonnie Elizabeth Caison on graduating from the navy on 10-19-2023. We are so proud of all your accomplishments. Love mom, dad, Angie & Nelly. We are so proud of you.



CONGRATULATIONS

Aiyana Lindsea Lynch on her accomplishments since graduating from UNC Pembroke with her bachelor's degree in Exercise & Sport Science with a Concentration in Health Promotion & a minor in American Indian Studies in May 2023. Aiyana is currently employed as the Marketing Director at Greater Vision Counseling & Consulting agency, PLLC and as a 3rd Grade teacher at Pembroke Elementary School. Aiyana is also serving as an Assistant Coach with UNCP Spirit Squad.

Chandler Aiden Lynch for attending the National American Indian Science & Engineering Society Annual Conference. This year's conference was held in Spokane, Washington October 19th-22nd. He attended the conference with NC STATE AISES Chapter. Chandler represented NC STATE AISES Executive Board as their Co-President. He was also selected as an AISES Intel Scholarship recipient for a 2nd year.

Veterans Day Dinner/Gala - - Deadline Approaching!

November 2, 2023, is the last day to purchase tickets and/or reserve tables. The Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Day Dinner/Gala will be held on **Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the Rev. C. H. Richardson Building** located at 130 Haliwa-Saponi Trail, Hollister, NC 27844. Tickets are on sale for **\$30 each** and are currently available at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Tickets may also be ordered using a debit/credit card by phone during business hours at 252-586-4017. **No tickets will be sold after 5:00 pm on November 2, 2023.** The Veteran's Day Dinner/Gala is a semi-formal event that will include a catered dinner, entertainment, tribal veterans' picture presentation, raffles, guest speaker and more! You do not need to be a tribal veteran to attend, and **tribal enrollment is NOT required** for guests to attend.

For more information (or to donate an item to be raffled), you may contact the following Haliwa-Saponi Veterans Memorial Committee members:

- Chairperson Jewel Bissonnette, 540-446-1886 or JBissonnette@haliwa-saponi.org
- Co-Chair: Rev. Al Cooper, 252-213-3077; alc5308@gmail.com.
- Morris Richardson, 252-204-1282; saponi1943@yahoo.com
- Jimmie Silver, jimmie.silver@yahoo.com
- Arnold Lynch, arnoldlynch1944@gmail.com
- Kim Silver, brokenchainscycling@gmail.com.



Thank you for your support as we continue our efforts to honor our tribal veterans of the past, present & future.



PICTURE FROM OUR
2019 VETERANS MEMORIAL DINNER

Pictured (Standing): "Morris" Richardson, Greg Richardson, Kim Silver, Jesse McGee, "Tom" Richardson, Jimmie Silver, Melissa Green, Arnold Lynch, "Pete" Richardson; **(Kneeling)** "Mark" Green, "Cray" Evans, Jewel (McGee) Bissonnette

ANNIVERSARIES

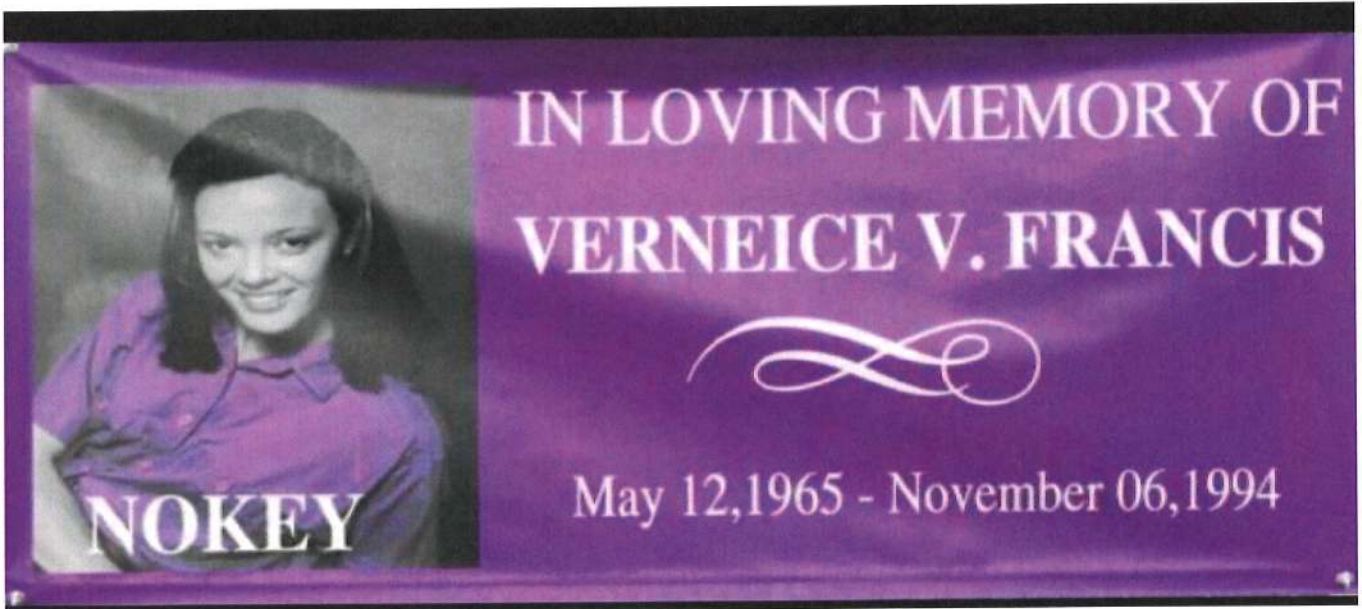
Happy 36th Anniversary to Brian & Trina Lynch

On October 17th

Happy 36th Anniversary to Shawn & Charlotte Richardson

On November 28

Wedding Congratulations to Jesse McGee and Montana Thompson on your upcoming wedding on November 5th, 2023. We wish you an amazing life together full of love, joy and adventure! Love from your entire McGee tribe, especially Aunts Pam and Jewel, Uncles Deke and Keith, their spouses, and all those many cousins!



HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY TO JUDY!!!

Happy 70th Birthday to the woman that will always be my Princess. To Judy Richardson from your husband Al

On November 29th, 1953



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU !!!!!

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



- November 2-Maynard "Bud" Ealing (D)
- November 3-Telisa McWilliams
- November 4-Anthony Harris, Delilah Green
- November 5-Joan Rudd
- November 6-Bennie F. Francis
- November 7-Erica N. Richardson
- November 8-Cornell Alanda Richardson (D), Rev. Ronald Richardson
- November 10-Gloria R. Lynch
- November 11-Kayla Ciamone Lynch, Prince Richardson
- November 13-Earl Evans
- November 14-Damien Harris, Deitrick Richardson
- November 15-Margie Richardson, McKinley P. Richardson (D)
- November 16-Kimberly M. Covington
- November 17-Robert Boone
- November 18-Aloka Laqui Richardson, Rev. James Rudd, Jessomy Evans
- November 19-Katie Kizer
- November 20-Octavio Berrun, Barbara Lynch
- November 21-Linda C. Hedgepeth
- November 23-Phillip Silver Jr. (D), Grady Michael Evans (D)
- November 25-Odessia Richardson (D), Leon H. Francis Jr.
- November 26-Monica DelaMora
- November 28-Thawatha Wilson




Happy 24th Birthday Alyssa Faith Bright Eyes Lynch. (October 25th) Mama (Lindell), daddy (Tony) & granny (Sarah) we love you always.

Sending Birthday Kisses to heaven to Willis Richardson (October 25th) from El & Murzie Richardson family

Happy birthday Lucas Richardson (October 20th)





HALIWA-SAPONI SENIOR CITIZENS FUNDRAISING EVENT!

Special Desserts

Jewelry

*Ribbon Skirts
and Blouses*

Arts and Crafts

Made by Local Native Americans

**Where: Haliwa-Saponi Daycare Site
Hwy. 561, Hollister, NC.**

When: Saturday, October 28, 2023

Time: 10.00 am - 3:00 pm

Face Painting for Children: \$1.00 each

Assortment of **FOOD for Sale**

Tables for Rent: \$30.00 each

**COME JOIN IN THE FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE SE-
NIORS OF THE HALIWA-SAPONI TRIBE**

**Contact: Mrs. Roena Daniel (252-544-3376)
or Dr. Joseph Oliver Richardson
(252-883-5258)**



ATTENTION: CALLING ALL NATIVE ARTIST

The Haliwa-Saponi Pow Wow Committee is very proud to announce that our 59th Annual Blooming of the Dogwood Pow Wow will be held in honor of Haliwa-Saponi Tribal member, Veteran and Lifetime American Indian Advocate; Mr. Dalton Lynch. With this in mind, the Pow Wow committee would like to offer our tribal citizens/artist the opportunity to create an appropriate design for our 2024 Pow Wow T-shirt as well as Pow Wow Book Cover. All T-shirt and Pow Wow Book designs (please submit separately) must be submitted to Sharon H. Berrun at sharonberrun0244@gmail.com by or before 5:00 p.m. on November 10, 2023. The committee is offering \$150.00 to the person whose T-shirt design is selected for use and will also offer \$100.00 to the person whose Pow Wow Book Cover design is selected for use. Should you have any questions or desire additional information, please feel free to contact Sharon Berrun at the email address listed above.





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"NATIVE AMERICAN GOLDEN RULE":

'When the last tree is cut down, the last river poisoned, the last fish caught, then only will man discover that he cannot eat money.'

— Cree Indian Wisdom

Submitted by Migali Stone
Buffalo

A.K.A. Michael Lynch



VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Native American Heritage Month