



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

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## Upcoming Dates and Meetings

- **February 16-Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting 6:30 p. m. Rev. C.H. Richardson Building.**
- **February 19- 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 on 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 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Jewel Bissonnette.
- 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: 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.

## 2024 Calendar Tribal Observed Holidays

1.	New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2024
2.	Dr. Martin Luther King	Monday, January 15, 2024
3.	Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
4.	Haliwa-Saponi Day	Friday, April 19, 2024
5.	Memorial Day	Monday, May 27, 2024
6.	Juneteenth Day	Wednesday, June 19, 2024
7.	Independence Day	Thursday, July 4, 2024
8.	Labor Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
9.	Indigenous Peoples' Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
10.	Veterans Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
11.	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28, 2024
12.	Day After Thanksgiving Day	Friday, November 29, 2024
13.	Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24, 2024
14.	Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25, 2024

\*12/18/2023: Tribal Council Approval of additional holidays added, and strike through language.

## **North Carolina American Indian Fund Scholarship**

*(this is the scholarship which is generated from having the NC AI License Tag)*

*This a \$1,000 annual scholarship. (it can be renewed each year up to four years) In order to qualify for this annual scholarship you must be enrolled in a state – or federally-recognized tribe (with documentation), demonstrate sustained involvement in the American Indian Community and commitment to American Indian concerns and initiative, have family residency in the state. Be currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a post-secondary institution in NC, maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA and plan to pursue a 2 year or 4 year undergraduate degree as a full-time student at an accredited public, private or technical college or university.*

### **TO APPLY:**

**Trianglecf.org**

Click on “students”

Click on “scholarships”

Here you will find the North Carolina American Indian Fund Scholarship (this is the scholarship which is generated from having the NC AI License Tag) and a list of many scholarships which you maybe eligible for please complete the Scholarship Portal.

**The 2024 Triangle Community Foundation Universal Application will open for scholarship applicants on January 4, 2024. The deadline for submissions is March 6, 2024.**

Angela A. Lynch

NC American Indian Fund Scholarship Committee Member

## **Haliwa-Saponi Tribe’s Job Openings**

Director/ Chief Executive Officer

Of the Boys and Girls Club

Human Resources Generalist

Tribal Enrollment Clerk

For more information go to the tribal website: [haliwa saponi](http://haliwa.saponi)

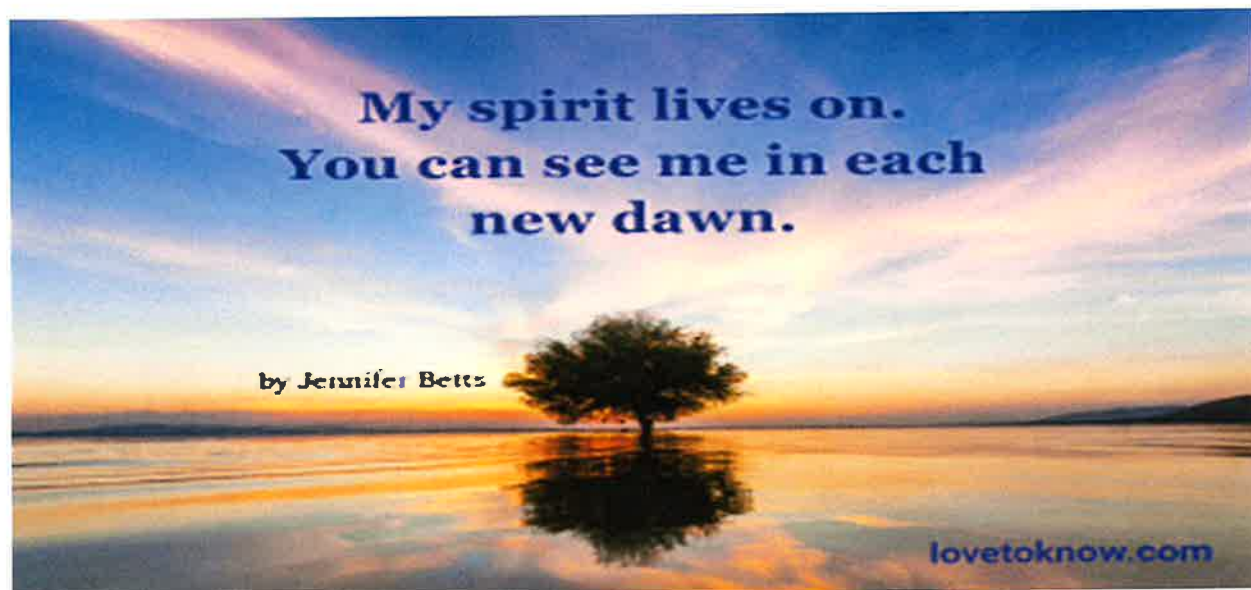
Resources -Job Openings

*IN MEMORY OF'S*

*ON BEHALF OF THE HALIWA-SAPONI TRIBE  
WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR  
DEEPEST SMYPATHY FOR TO THE LOSS OF  
OUR BELOVED  
TRIBAL MEMBERS*

**My Spirit Lives On**

When this day is done.  
Bask in the sun.  
Enjoy my shade.  
Though it was time to trade,  
My feet for wings.  
Just watch what each new day brings.  
Remember to be brave.  
For I'm not in a grave.  
My spirit still lives on.  
You can see me in each new dawn.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU !!!!!

If you would like your name or a loved ones name to be published please email Carol Richardson at [crrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com](mailto: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- Ammie Everette (Richardson), Nathan Richardson

February 2- JayLavern Lawson, Phillip Carter, Iris Evans

February 6- Rev. MacArthur Mills

February 7- Tremayne Lynch

February 8- Phyllis Dale, Alvin "Tonto" Richardson (D)

February 11- Tony Morning Star Richardson

February 12- Olivia Sky Richardson

February 14- Holly McGee (D), Diane Evans, David Evans, Brayden J. Richardson, Wendy Richardson

February 15- Vessa Silver, Timothy L. Richardson, Kevin Rudd

February 16- Tiffany A. Richardson, Thomas E. Richardson

February 18- Johnathan Richardson, Shady'mon Brinkley, Pernell Brinkley, T'quan Alston

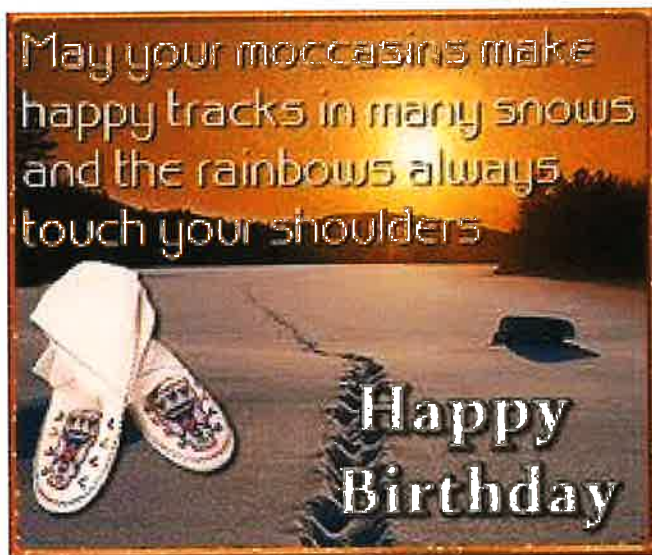
February 21- Amelia M. Lynch

February 26- Salvador DeLaMaora, Jaylen Richardson

February 27- Regina Silver

February 28- Michael Richardson, Mike Richardson

February 29- Carl Carter





## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy 46th Wedding Anniversary to Ray and Pam  
(McGee) Spreser on February 17, 2024.

As you begin another year of life together, may you  
celebrate the joys of today, the memories of yester-  
day, and the hopes of tomorrow! With Love, from your  
McGee Family members near and far.



Congratulations to Leon & Edith Richardson who will celebrate their 42nd Wedding anniversary on February 26, 2024. With love from your children Timothy, Leon Jr (Jessica), Ashley (Kwan) and grandchildren Aaliyah, Aiden, Bre, Tracy, Amaya, JJ and Jace.

*SPECIAL 95TH HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
MASSAGER "TOM"  
RICHARDSON  
ON JANUARY 24TH  
Love your Family and your Tribe*

*HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY ON  
JANUARY 31ST TO OUR SWEET GREAT GRAND DAUGHTER  
LEILANI SKYE ANSTEAD  
LOVE PaPa and Grandma  
We Love You*

*February 20th wishing our daughter Cateisha a Happy 49th Birthday  
May you be blessed with many more  
We Love You  
Daddy, Mom, Kiowa, Jordan, Chloe and Leilani*

*A Special Shoutout to  
Kamryn A. Silver  
His birthday is February 27th  
THE BIG 10!!!!*

*We're So Proud of Our  
Young People*  
CONGRATULATIONS



**Darius D Doughty, Great Grandson to the late Theodore & Rohena Lynch, Grandson to the late Payton & Mattie Lynch, & son of Hazel E Lynch.**

**Graduated and received his MBA in International Business at Washington**

**State University on December 5th, 2023.**

**Congratulations to Ashley B. Richardson and JaKwan Richardson on the birth of their son Jace Deuntae Richardson. Jace was born on January 3, 2024, weighing 6lbs 9oz, 19 inches long. Jace is the grandson of Leon & Edith Richardson. Jace has older siblings Aiden, Amaya and Jamal Jr. who have already spoiled him dearly. With love from Jace's God-mother Pamela R. Silver & family.**



**Congratulations to DeMont Hedgepeth on winning the Rookie of the Year award for the Arcola Fire Department! It's impressive to see his dedication to the community while pursuing a major in medicine at East Carolina University. Wishing him continued success on his path to becoming a physician assistant!**

**Love Mom and Dad**



**Our Jr Miss Haliwa Keyara Hedgepeth was awarded the Horace O Youth of the year award for 2023. Keyara has completed numerous community projects that included delivering a hot meal to our seniors that live local the week before Thanksgiving. Keyara loves working with our elderly and providing opportunities that are not always easy to acquire in our small community. Congratulations Keyara! We are very proud of you!**

**Love Mom ,Dad & Dmontae**

Kathy Harris, Community Outreach Article:

-We will let all tenants know of important dates that will be coming up at Tomahawk Meadows and Saponi Village Apartments in our monthly newsletter.

-Housing repairs for the community are on hold now until the existing housing is repaired.

-All tenants, please let us know if there are any concerns, if you do, let us know.

-We will inform you of any community events and locations coming up in the future. This will be a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, get to know them and have some fun. When we are having events, please put them on your calendars or have someone to do it for you.

-Please remember to park only in your assigned spaces, if need assistance, please contact our Housing Dept. Also, help us keep our community housing project clean and presentable to the public.

-If there is anyone that wants to be featured in our next newsletter, a community experience, a helpful tip, and a suggestion for improvement.

-Please be mindful of community safety guidelines and emergency procedures.

-All tenants are expected to keep their units clean and maintained, such as dusting, vacuuming and mopping on a regular basis. Must prevent damage and keep a healthy environment.

-All appliances should be cleaned daily, such as cleaning filters and not overloading circuits. Report any malfunction promptly.

-Tenants should not dispose of grease or non-flushable items down drain, maintain faucets, toilets and showers to prevent leaks and water damage.

-Housing staff will meet with tenants regularly to educate them on the proper use and maintenance of heating/air systems. Will change filters to check for any issues, temperature or unusual noises.

-Test smoke detectors and clear carbon-monoxide alarms, keeping fire extinguishers accessible and be familiar with emergency procedures.

-Meetings with tenants and other community members, who are interested in getting help with their credit repair. We can bring in outsiders, such as Credit Karma. Flyers can be distributed on credit repairs as well.

-Housing staff can meet with potential homeowners who are seeking to repair their credit, bill consolidation, pay bills on time and any other sources that will get them prepared and ready to buy their own home. Make extra payments towards their mortgage. Check with the Credit Bureaus to see how their credit looks and if their scores have increased. Prequalify them with designated Mortgages to see how they stand with their overall credit and if they need to do more preparation, so they will be ready to purchase their home.





-On behalf of The Hallwa-Saponi Tribe, we would appreciate if all of our tenants would cooperate and participate in making their place, they call home, a great place to stay and continue to shine for our community.

-I have had several clients to ask about ramps for their homes, I will be contacting The Aging Programs in both counties. Also, I will be contacting other agencies that may provide ramps or refer me to other sources.

-Contacted AARP, to find out if they can hire temporary staff for the Tribe and community to be assigned to various duties to get new skills and sharpen their existing skills. This program will be for 4 years or until placed at regular places of employment.

-Assisted in applying for (2) beds for one of our tenants who is a grandmother raising 2 granddaughters. This request was submitted to Tracy Story, who has his own business in building beds for the needy. Received approval last week for the (2) beds to be delivered to our community, including the complete sets, all the bedding and a toy for each child. The family was truly thankful to the Tribe for reaching out to them for this need. If anyone else need beds for their children, please let us know if you are interested.

Talked to a community member concerning Solar Systems to provide heating and air to their housing needs, please let us know.

Talked to someone at the Warren Nursing Facility about someone coming here to do a focus group meeting to let our community know about their facility and what they provide for the seniors and the handicapped citizens of our community.

Submitted By:



Kathy Harris

Community Outreach

January 17, 2024



## JUNIOR MISS HALIWA 2023-2024



Good day to my people! It was good to see each of you as we gathered at the Winter Powwow! I stated there my platform "You can sit with Me" focuses on spreading awareness to all on bullying & how we can give our young people hope! I have created t-shirts and was able to bless two young ladies with them at the powwow! The color blue is worn to promote education of anti-bullying programs and bullying prevention initiatives with schools and organization so on February 9 2024 im asking everyone to wear the color blue and post it to social media with the hash tag #UcanSitWithUs or email my mom a picture. It's strength in numbers and it starts here at home. I have also included a cross word puzzle that spreads bully awareness.

Thank you!

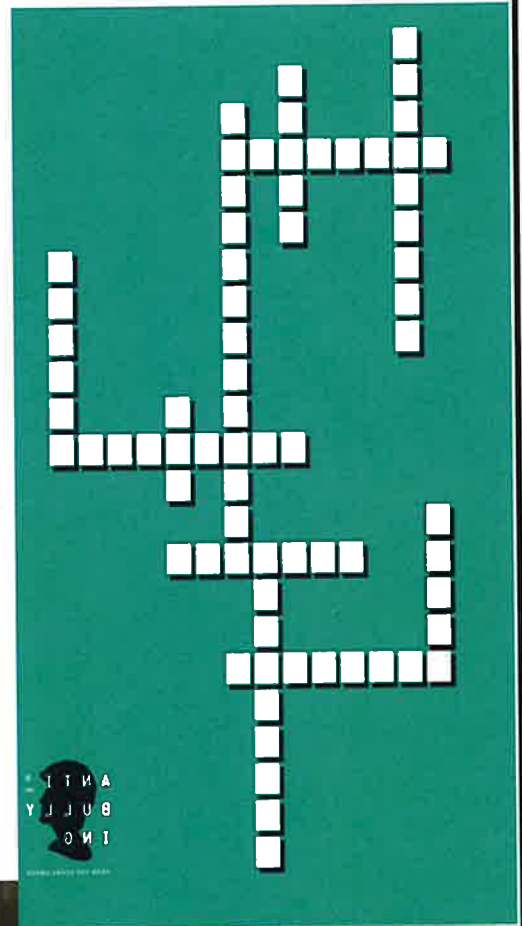
Keyara Hedgepeth

1. AWARENESS
2. WORLD
3. CYBERBULLYING
4. PROPERTY
5. VERBAL
6. VIP
7. PHYSICAL
8. ADULT
9. ILLEGAL
10. EVERYBODY
11. TEACHERS

1. Raise this by spreading the word about anti-bullying in your school and community (9)
2. Young people have the power to change this (5)
3. Engaging in bullying behaviour through electronic devices (13)
5. The most common type of bullying behaviour (6)
6. Acronym made up of the initials for the types of bullying behaviour (3)
8. Who is the most trusted person you should tell when you feel unsafe (5)
10. Who has the biggest responsibility to deal with bullying behaviour in school (9)

Across

4. Someone's belongings which are destroyed as a result of indirect bullying behaviour (9)
7. Pushing and shoving someone are signs of which bullying behaviour (8)
9. Cyberbullying is \_ (7)
11. 8/10 people in this group have faced bullying behaviour whilst working at school (8)



# Haliwa-Saponi 23rd Annual Tribal Awards Banquet Recipients



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**Vice Chief Dr. Marty  
Richardson**

**AWARDS RECIPIENTS**

**Courtney Evans-Business Person of the Year**  
**"Cleophus Richardson"**

**Horace Richardson-Youth of the Year**  
**"Keyara Hedgepeth"**

**Chief W. R. Richardson**  
**"Barbara L. Brayboy"**

**Atlena H. Evans-Tribal Staff Person of the Year**  
**"Kathy Harris"**

**Rev. C. H. Richardson-Friend of the**  
**Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe**  
**"Reginald Speight"**

**Emanuel Richardson-Educator of the Year**  
**"Amanda Lynch"**

**Dr. Joseph O. Richardson-Outstanding**  
**Indian Student**  
**"Hailey Harrison"**

**James Mills-Artist of the Year**  
**"Phillip Harley."**

**Tilman Lynch-Volunteer of the Year**  
**"Rev. Al Cooper"**

**John Conrad (J.C.) Hedgepeth-**  
**Distinguished Service to the Indian Community**  
**"Vice Chief Dr. Marvin Richardson"**

**Jeremiah Richardson-Indian Elder of the Year**  
**"Gideon Lee"**

**Dr. Ogletree Richardson-Tribal School Staff Person**  
**"Marisa Harley"**

**Barbara L. Brayboy-College Student of the Year**  
**"Lucas N. Lynch"**

**PRESENTERS**

**Glenda Evans**

**Alfred Richardson**

**Natalie Brayboy**

**Cynthia Silver**

**Pamela Sunshine Richardson**

**Barbara L. Brayboy**

**Roena Daniel**

**Ella Green Viverette**

**Montenia Lynch**

**Karen Harley**

**Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson**

**Cynthia Silver**

**Barbara L. Brayboy**



**Awards Committee:**

- Chair Dr. Joseph O. Richardson**  
Roena Daniel  
Cynthia Silver  
Alfred Richardson  
Barbara Brayboy  
Glenda Evans  
Ella Viverette  
Montenia Lynch  
Karen Harley



**Special Recognition:**

- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Princesses and Warri-  
or  
Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council  
Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Staff



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## **John Scott-Richardson Understudy roll in the Off-Broadway New York Premiere of Between Two Knees**



The production is from the 1491, an intertribal sketch comedy troupe. BY MARGARET HALL  
DECEMBER 19, 2023

The complete cast for the Perelman Performing Arts Center premiere of The 1491's new comedy *Between Two Knees* has been revealed. Directed by Eric Ting, *Between Two Knees* is an Oregon Shakespeare Festival and Yale Repertory Theatre production, with performances set to begin February 3, 2024, ahead of a February 13 opening night. The limited engagement will run through February 24

The Perelman PAC production will feature Rachel Crowl, Derek Garza, Justin Gauthier, Shyla Lefner, Wotko Long, James Ryen, Shaun Taylor-Corbett, and Sheila Tousey. They will be joined by Irma-Estel Laguerre, Jessica Ranville, JOHN SCOTT-RICHARDSON, Kholan Studi, Ryan Anthony Williams.

