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VOICE OF THE SAPONI



Summer Discovery Applications

Summer Discovery Applications are now available for the Boys & Girls Club of Haliwa-Saponi. The program will start on June 10, 2024, and will operate for 9 weeks through August 9, 2024. Participants will enjoy activities in academics, social and coping skills, leadership skills, team building skills, sports and recreation activities, technology activities, arts and crafts, as well as off-site activities throughout the week. The hours of operation will be from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. The Summer Discovery program fee is \$350.00. Program fees are non-refundable, but ensure your participants spot over the 9 weeks. Applications can be picked up from the tribal office or the multi-purpose building (between 3 pm - 6 pm @ multi-purpose building). For additional information please contact Patricia Richardson at 252-257-9195 or prichardson@haliwa-saponi.org.

Upcoming Dates and Meetings

- June 14- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting 6:30 p. m. Rev. C.H. Richardson Building.
- June 17- 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 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 pm. 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 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.



Title: Celebrating Compassion and Generosity Recap of the Tiny Miss, Lil Miss, Jr. Miss, and Haliwa Warrior Contest



On March 30, 2024, our community came together for an extraordinary event—the Tiny Miss, Lil Miss, Jr. Miss, and Haliwa Warrior Contest. More than just a pageant, this event serves as a beacon of compassion and generosity, where young contestants vie for esteemed titles while making a profound difference in our community. This year's contest was nothing short of inspiring. Each contestant not only showcased their beauty but also demonstrated their commitment to giving back. Through their efforts in fundraising, they embodied the spirit of generosity, raising a combined total of over \$10,000.00. These funds will undoubtedly make a significant impact on various community initiatives, touching the lives of many. Behind the scenes, the dedication and hard work of our committee members were instrumental in making this event a success. Terri Silver, Jessica Hedgepeth, Sunshine Richardson, Vicky Richardson, Amya Richardson, Cricket Richardson, Jo-see Richardson, and Jamia Richardson poured their hearts into organizing every detail, ensuring a seamless and memorable experience for all involved. Special thanks are also due to Mrs. Rita Harris for her incredible decor, setting the stage for an enchanting atmosphere. The stunning moments captured by Ivan Richardson through his photography will serve as cherished memories for years to come. And of course, a heartfelt appreciation goes out to the Big Red's catering crew for providing delicious food that delighted the palate of every attendee. As we reflect on the Tiny Miss, Lil Miss, Jr. Miss, and Haliwa Warrior Contest, let us not only celebrate the winners but also recognize the collective effort and generosity that made this event possible. Togeth-

Jr Miss Haliwa-Saponi

On May 11, 2024, Jr Miss Haliwa-Saponi, Amilia Berrun attended the Mt. Bethel Indian Baptist Church Mother/Daughter Banquet. Amilia had the honor of sponsoring a beautiful cake for the event and also provided roses for everyone in attendance. This was a wonderful event filled with love and laughter as mothers, daughters and granddaughters enjoyed an evening of bonding and fellowship. Thanks to Mt. Bethel Women on Mission for allowing Amilia to contribute to this beautiful event!



Amilia has also been invited to serve as the Keynote Speaker for the 2024 Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School Kindergarten Graduation Celebration on May 24, 2024!

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*



Birth Announcement



*Steven and Gaynelle Richardson
Are happy to announce the birth of their
4th*



*granddaughter. Their daughter April and son- in -law Brian and
sister Lillie welcome the birth of their daughter Mila Shay on
April 12th, 2024 weighing 6lbs. 15 oz*

We are so very proud of you all !!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Congratulations and warm wishes to Mike & Jewel (McGee) Bissonnette
as they celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary on June 2nd, 2024! “
Side-by-side, or miles apart, no matter the distance, they’re always
close in heart.” Love will find a way.*

*Happy 14th Anniversary to Ha’Ace & Amelia (Mimi) Lynch
On June 5th, 2024*



*Happy Anniversary to McConnel & Lori Silver
On June 27, 2024*

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, 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.

June 1- Angelia Carter, Brooklyn Richardson
June 2- Katie Mae Mills (D)
June 8- Lori R. Silver
June 10- Pamela Denise Richardson, Preston Richardson
June 11- Sylvia Richardson, Exson (EJ) Richardson
June 14- Jessalyn Kizer
June 16- Oris G. Evans
June 20- Jamie K. Oxendine
June 21- Hannah Richardson, Zachary Richardson
June 22- Antonio McWilliams
June 23- Alex McGee
June 25- Ty McGee, Arthur B. Richardson, Trassie Hewlin
June 26- Natalie Pena
June 27- Shane Evans, Shawn Evans, Hailey G. Richardson
June 28- Malenya Steed
June 29- Grayson Richardson



Ms. Chloe Rose Anstead will be turning the Big 10

On June 15th

May you be blessed with many more.

*Grandma and Papa love you to the moon and
beyond.*

Happy Birthday Princess



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAYS:

May 1- Jessica Kizer
May 2- Laura McGee
May 21- Rachael (McGee) Jager



*Happy
BIRTHDAY*



TWIN COUNTY CRUISERS

22nd Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show

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CAROLINA BEACH &

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3 CASH
GIVEAWAYS

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TOP 5 CARS/TRUCK 2002-2012

TOP 5 CARS/TRUCK 2013-2024

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SPORT & CRUISER BIKE, STREET ROD,
RAT ROD, BEST OF SHOW, PEOPLE'S
CHOICE, MOST CLUB PARTICIPATION**

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1ST PLACE \$300.00 • 2ND PLACE \$200.00 • 3RD PLACE \$150.00

Registration 8:00 am - 12:00 noon \$25.00 • Pre-Registration \$20.00

Awards Presented at 2:00 pm • FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Pre-Registration

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NAME: _____ MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____

YEAR: _____ COLOR: _____ #: _____ (TCC ONLY)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

WILLIS RICHARDSON (252) 820-4439 OR DANIEL RICHARDSON (252) 883-2351

Twin County Cruisers & Haliwa Saponi Tribal School will not be liable for personal damage or bodily injury
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Article submitted by Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe
Housing Department Staff

Fire Safety in the Home

Learning the basics of fire safety is the first step in fighting fire – and it just so happens to be the most important.

Understanding the best ways to protect your home and family or your business from fire should always be at the top of your to-do list. From selecting fire extinguishers and smoke alarms to knowing your state's laws, fire safety 101 begins now.

Steps to Safety: How to Protect Your Family from a Fire

Don't be a statistic. Be safe. A fatal house fire occurs approximately every three hours in America, and more than 20,000 people are injured or die from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning every year. The numbers may be alarming, but just a few steps can help shield your family from danger at home.

Step 1 - Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years.

- Use Kidde [Worry-Free](#) 10-year sealed battery alarms and never change a battery.
- Choose the right alarm for the right location in every room and on each level.
- Test alarms weekly. If using traditional battery-powered alarms, remember to replace batteries as needed, at least twice a year.
- [Browse Kidde Smoke Alarms](#)

Step 2 - Place Fire Extinguishers Within Reach on Every Level of Your Home.

- Install close to exits, and in the kitchen and garage. Include all locations where a fire may start.
- Check the gauge monthly to be sure it is pressurized.
- Replace fire extinguishers that are over 12 years old or after use.
- [Browse Kidde Fire Extinguishers](#)

Step 3 - Install Carbon Monoxide Alarms on Each floor and Near Bedrooms.

Look for the "UL Listed" symbol to be sure the alarm meets quality standards.

- Replace outdated alarms with Kidde Worry-Free 10-year sealed battery alarms.
- Test alarms weekly.
- Because CO weighs about the same as air, an alarm can be plugged into an outlet, placed on a table or shelf or mounted high on a wall. Refer to the user's manual for installation instructions.
- [Browse Kidde CO Alarms](#)

Step 4 - Create an Escape Plan With Your Family.

- Download this guide from the NFPA for creating an [escape plan](#).
- Practice regularly, both day and night.
- Know 2 ways out of every room.
- Know who will assist children and those with mobility/health issues.
- Have [escape ladders](#) in upstairs rooms.





Elizabeth Caroline Silver graduated from East Carolina University on May 3, 2024. She received a degree in Masters of science in Counselor education with a dual concentration in school counseling and clinical and mental health counseling. She earned this degree with a 4.0 GPA while

working full time and going to school full time. Elizabeth will be attending the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the fall to pursue her PHD in Doctor of Philosophy in educational leadership with a concentration in cultural foundations. Her parents Jimmie and Terri Silver are so proud of her along with her sister India.

*A Special Congratulations
To All Our
Tribal Graduates!!!!
We the Haliwa-Saponi
Indian Tribe
Are so Very Proud of Each
And Everyone of You*

Upcoming Tribal Council Elections

The Haliwa-Saponi will hold a Tribal election for the position of Chief and three Tribal Council seats on June 8, 2024. The election will take place at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex Building from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Please have your tribal enrollment card or number available for verification.

Nominee for: Chief

Dr. Brucie Ogletree Richardson

Nominees for Tribal Council:

Marvlet Lynch

Gideon Lee

Tyler K. Richardson

Earl Evans

In preparation for the election, the Election Committee will host a Candidate Forum on June 1, 2024, from 11:00 – 12:00 at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. This is an excellent opportunity to hear from the candidates. No questions from the audience during the forum. Please submit all forum questions to Election Chair Montenia Lynch at Montenialynch@haliwa-saponi.org by 4:30 pm, May 30, 2024.

Your participation is crucial to the future of our Tribal community. Make sure your voice is heard!



CONGRATULATIONS TO Elan Brayboy Locklear and Mary-Riley Locklear



Mary-Riley Locklear will graduate from Cross Creek Early College,

Fayetteville, NC on May 21st. She is an honor student and will enter North Carolina State University in the fall. She is the daughter of Jennifer Brayboy-Locklear and Eric Locklear and the granddaughter of Barbara Brayboy and the late Rev. Tecumseh Brayboy. Mary-Riley is also the granddaughter of the late Rev. Edmond and Mrs. Mary Locklear, Pembroke, NC.

Elan Brayboy Locklear graduated May 3, 2024 from UNC-Pembroke with a Masters of Arts on Teaching with a specialization on Special Education. He is married to Kristin Cain and they are the parents of Malachi James. He is the son of Jennifer Brayboy Locklear and Eric Locklear, the grandson of Barbara Brayboy and the late Rev. Tecumseh Brayboy. Elan is also the grandson of the late Rev. and Mrs. Mary Locklear, Pembroke, NC.



Dr. Marson S. Richardson is seen in the picture above with his mother, Carolyn, and father, Johnny Earl, with whom he dedicates and shares this achievement.

Bio:

Dr. Marson Sentel Richardson completed his Educational Leadership (Doctorate) degree at Walden University in January 2024. Marson is the son of Johnny Earl (d) and Carolyn Richardson of Hollister, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Johnnie and Irene Richardson (paternal) of Hollister, North Carolina, and the grandson of Herman (d) and Beatrice Richardson (d-maternal) of Hollister, North Carolina.

Marson started his educational journey at Hollister Elementary, then proceeded to Eastman Middle School, and then graduated from Northwest High School in 1997. Marson accredits his love for writing, literature, and education to Mr. Jackson, an esteemed Eastman Middle School teacher who pushed him to recognize his hidden talents. Marson graduated from North Carolina State University (NCSU), where he pursued a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Minor in Business Management. He graduated from NCSU in 2002. In 2019, Marson completed the Masters of Education, Educational Leadership Program at Grand Canyon University (GCU). Marson is a career educator, having taught at the elementary level at the Haliwa Saponi Tribal Charter School (Hollister, NC), Woodland Elementary Charter School (Sandy Springs, GA), and Greenbelt Elementary School (Greenbelt, MD), with over 20 years of experience. Marson has served as an Early Intervention Teacher, Instructional Lead Teacher, Talented and Gifted Coordinator, and Assistant Principal. Currently, he proudly serves as the Instructional Specialist for Area 2, Middle Schools, K - 8, and Charter Schools in the Prince George's County Public School district of Maryland, where he serves as a district leader and works to support school climate and culture and school improvement initiatives.

Marson's dissertation is entitled "The Best Practices and Perceptions of Elementary School Administrators to Address the Underrecognition of Culturally, Linguistically, and Economically Diverse Students in Gifted and Talented Education Programs in the United States" and can be found on Google Scholar and is published in ProQuest. In this study, Marson explored school leaders' perspectives regarding the underrecognition of historically marginalized student populations, including Indigenous populations, in Gifted and Talented education programs. Marson is a proud member of the Haliwa Saponi Tribe.

Tribes Recognized at White House Event



The "Rural Communities in Action" event, part of the "Building a Better America" series, hosted by the Office of Public Engagement took place at the White House on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Chief Dr. Brucie Ogletree Richardson of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe and Pamela Sunshine Richardson of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs attended the invitation-only event which marked the first in-person convening of all the RPN community networks and highlighted the Biden-Harris administration's commitment to rural communities, featuring a select group of rural leaders from across the nation. The event highlighted significant investments and initiatives in rural America by the Biden-Harris administration, including the American Rescue Plan, bipartisan infrastructure legislation, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the Rural Partner Network, among others. Additionally, it highlighted success stories from rural leaders and provided a platform to recognize individuals making a positive impact through partnerships with the administration via the new White House Rural Initiative. With only thirty-six leaders invited nationwide, Chief Richardson and Commissioner Richardson's inclusion underscores exceptional contributions and leadership within the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe. During the afternoon session, tribes were given recognition. Sokaogon Chippewa Tribal Chairman Robert VanZile of Wisconsin offered the prayer in his native language. Christine Sorensen, RD-SD Lead Management and Program Analyst gave a formal introduction of Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson of Hollister, North Carolina. As one of the selected participants, Chief Richardson had the opportunity to share and highlight events of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe. She gave a thank you for, the President's Cabinet member, Secretary Vilsack for the investment and coming to our area to bring awareness to the programs and funding, and to Rural Partners Network (RPN) for the work they are doing to help rural communities like the Haliwa-Saponi community in North Carolina. Chief Richardson stated that the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe hosted the Kick-Off meeting for "Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap." She highlighted that our Tribal government was able to bring USDA and EPA, local, state, and national leaders, and other experts into our community together for the first time. Within the Haliwa-Saponi area, our focus is on closing America's wastewater access gap in collaboration with USDA and EPA. We are one of eleven pilot communities participating in this project. Our journey towards equitable access and enhanced opportunities for all is a collective effort, and I am deeply grateful for the continued support from dedicated individuals like North Carolina's State Director Reginald Speight and his RPN Team. Together, we are closing the Access Gap ensuring that every member of our community has resources and opportunities they need to thrive."

The White House event was truly a history making day for the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe. This was the first time that such a memorable honor was bestowed on the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe at the White House. As Chief, I am eternally grateful.



A Big Shout to Sheyenne Love Richardson. She is the daughter of Sylvia Richardson Johnson and the late David Richardson. She graduated from Vance- Granville Community College with an Associate Degree in Arts and Sciences. Also, a certificate in CNA. We are so proud of you. Your daddy would have been very proud of you as well. She is planning on continuing her education in the medical field. No matter where life may lead you, you will always be in my heart and on my mind. But, most importantly keep trusting in our great creator who makes all

things possible.

Keep the faith, keep believing and never stop dreaming.

Love your mother, Sammy, your brother

And the whole family



Congratulations to our daughter

Samantha Dale, she is the wife of Brett Dale, the mother of two wonderful boys Landyn and Ryland.

She received her Masters of Art in

Organizational Leadership from Chowan University on

May 4th

Love Mom & Dad!!!!



Congratulations to

Shane Evans, he is the son of Pamela Denise

Richardson and Chris Evans.

He graduated from NC State on

May 4th

Love You and we are so very proud of you!

Love Mom , Dad & Mema Carol & Papa Jack



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***Twin County Crusiers Do
What They Do Best:
Giving Back !!***

The Twin County Crusiers donated \$3000.00 to the Sisters Support Group of Hollister NC from the proceeds of the 2023 car show. They also donated \$1000.00 to the American Cancer Society. The Twin County Crusiers will have the 2024 car show June 15th 2024 at the Haliwa-Saponi tribal grounds. Please mark your calendar and come out to support them.