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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 of publication.

(Ex: February articles are due by January 20th)

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

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

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Happy New Year!

The Voice Season 13 Finalist

Happy New Year to all and a huge congratulations to our very own Brooke Mills Simpson for winning 3rd place on NBC's "The Voice". Over the last several weeks Brooke has wowed America with her beautiful voice and amazingly loving personality. She's captured our hearts with her rendition of Amazing Grace, Faithful, Praying, O Holy Night, and many other well known songs. Brooke is a rare talent and jewel that shines as bright as the sun! Brooke, you have represented the Haliwa-Saponi people with pride, dignity, grace, and humility and we're extremely proud of you. We are so excited about your upcoming and future endeavors!

On January 2, 2018, Brooke came back to her home town of Hollister, NC to give thanks and show her appreciation to all of her fans for their support. Brooke's meet and greet was held at the Doe Spun building with approximately 400 people in attendance. Once again, Brooke's personality shined like a star while greeting fans, signing autographs, and taking pictures.

Brooke's 1st Welcome Home Concert will happen on February 3, 2018 at Halifax Community College Centre Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The Centre is located at 200 College Drive, Weldon, NC. Tickets are \$25 general and \$40 limited VIP and may be purchased online at halifaxcc.edu/centre or call 252-538-4320. Please continue to support Brooke as she embarks on this new chapter of her life!!



Upcoming Dates and Meetings

- **January 15-** Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **January 19-** Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting will be held at the Multipurpose Complex at 7:30 pm.
- **January 22-** Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting will be held at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 7:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

- Finance Committee meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Charles Richardson
- Long Range Planning meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex following the finance meeting. Committee Chair: Alfred Richardson
- Federal Recognition Committee meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Earl Evans
- Enrollment Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Karen Harley
- Princess Committee Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Call (252) 586-4017 for time. Committee Chair: Afreda Evans.
- Pow-Wow planning meetings are held fourth Monday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: LaDonna D. 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

By-Law Change

The comment period started December 15, 2017 and will end January 15, 2018. Written comments must be submitted at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex for Council. This was announced at the December 15th Tribal Meeting, posted on facebook and the Web page.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Section 6.1-Date and Time of Elections: The Annual Council Election of the Tribe shall be held on the second Saturday in June from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School Building or other places designated by the Tribal Council. The election results shall be posted at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex and shall be included in the Tribal Newsletter.

Section 6.2-Candidate Nominations: Nominations for positions of Tribal Chief, Vice-Chief, and Tribal Council seats will be held at the regularly scheduled Tribal meeting in May.

Section 6.3-Election Committee: The Election Committee shall conduct the election. The Chairperson of the Tribal Council shall appoint a person to chair the Election Committee.

- (a) The Election Committee is responsible for posting notices of the upcoming election.
- (b) The Election Committee is responsible for distributing the nominee forms to the nominees and certifying that the form is turned in with five (5) Tribal members' signatures to the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex by 5:00 p.m. on the next Friday following the nominations. **The completed form must be time-and-date stamped for proof of receipt, signed by receiver, and signed by the Election Committee Chairperson. Each nominee shall receive a copy of his/her completed Council Candidate Signature form, as proof of submission. At the time of submission, the nominee acknowledges that he/she has accepted the nomination. This formal act will place the nominee on the official ballot for the corresponding election.** Nominees who do not complete and submit the required nominee form by the established deadline shall be declared as having officially declined nomination for the upcoming election. Nominee forms will remain on file for thirty (30) days after the election
- (c) **The nominee shall have until June 1* (by 5PM EST) to formally withdraw in writing and submit his/her withdrawal in person to the Election Committee Chairperson**. The Election Committee Chairperson shall sign and return a copy of the withdrawal letter to the nominee *If June 1st falls on a weekend, the withdrawal deadline shall be by 12 Noon on the following Monday. **If the Election Committee Chairperson is unavailable at the deadline, the alternate recipient shall be the Tribal Council Chairperson. In the event the Election Committee Chairperson and alternate are unavailable at the deadline, the Vice Chairman, Chief or Vice Chief will be authorized to receive the written withdrawal.**
- (c) The Election Committee is responsible for printing the ballots. **All nominees who complete and return the Council-Candidate Signature form, by the deadline, and nominees who do not formally withdraw from the election process, by the June 1* deadline, shall be on the ballot for the corresponding election. Once the official withdrawal date has passed and the official ballot is approved and signed by the Election Committee Chairperson, there shall be no changes.**
- (e) (d) On the day of the Election, the Election Committee is responsible for having the election box and ballots in place and supervising the polls from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- (f) (e) The Chairperson of the Election Committee is responsible for notifying the Chief, Vice-Chief and Tribal Council Chairperson of the results.
- (g) (f) The Chief, Vice-Chief or Council Chairperson is responsible for contacting all nominees with the election results within twenty-four (24) hours after the polls close.
- (h) (g) Ballots will be kept thirty (30) days after the election in a locked container. Contents will be destroyed after the thirty (30) day period.
- (i)(h) There shall be nine (9) people to count the ballots; two (2) Tribal Council members, three (3) Election Committee members, and four (4) Tribal members.



Enrollment!!



Enrollment Clarification
The Enrollment Books are Now Open.
Beginning January 1, 2018
Through June 1, 2018.
All applicants who meet the Criteria may apply

Haliwa-Saponi Fitness Room

The Fitness Room is now open on Wednesday nights from 5:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Haliwa-Saponi Multipurpose Complex (library). Come out and burn off those calories!! For more questions or concerns, please contact the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 252-586-4017.



Are you our Next?

Tiny Miss, Little Miss Haliwa or Junior Miss Haliwa

Annual

Tiny Miss, Little Miss & Junior Miss Contest.

**Contestants Must be tribally enrolled*



Contestants will be divided into three groups, Tiny Miss (2-5), Little Miss Haliwa for ages (5-10) and Junior Miss Haliwa for ages (10-16). Each contestant will raise money until February 28th, 2018. The one contestant (per category) that raises the most money will be awarded the Title and Crown for 1 year.

The winners will be crowned during the pageant on March 30th, 2018.

How do you participate?

- Call or come by the Tribal office and request an application package.
- **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 31, 2018**

For more details call the Tribal office @ 252-586-4017

Haliwa-Saponi Red Earth Cultural Class News!

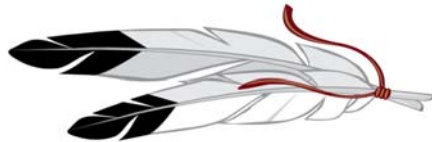
Cultural Class was back in session on September 19, 2017 and kicked class off with the Back to School Mini Pow-Wow sponsored by the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School, Warren County and Halifax County Title VI programs. Our regular Culture Classes are held every Tuesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Haliwa-Saponi Multipurpose Complex. Culture class provides an opportunity to learn more about American Indian culture through singing, dancing, drumming, and tribal history. Class participants can engage in social dances such as intertribal dancing, two steps, round dances, alligator, robin, rabbit and canoe dances. You may also learn men and women style traditional, fancy, grass and jingle dances. Along with each style of dance; students will be taught about regalia as well as the stories and meanings of each dance. Additionally, our class will periodically offer hands on activities in hopes of increasing participant knowledge and skills in American Indian arts, crafts, and regalia making. Culture Class is open to participants of all ages so come on out and join us! For questions and additional information, please contact Sharon H. Berrun, Youth Services Director at 252-257-9195 or sberrun@haliwa-saponi.com

Selena's Journey, 2017 Tribal Princess

Naha:pi pi (Good day!)

Hello everyone, Happy New Year! Going into 2018 I have been very busy participating in the Senior Citizen Lucheon hosted by our Little Miss Haliwa-Saponi Princess Keyara Hedgepeth, participating in the cookie baking at Mt. Bethel Indian Baptist Church, attending the tribal Christmas Tree Lighting Project, and assisting Santa Claus at the December tribal meeting. I pray that everyone has had a safe and enjoyable New Year and continue to keep me in your prayers as I slowly end my reign as Miss Haliwa! I love you all!

Pi:láhuk (Thank you!)



2017 Award Ceremony Recipients Congratulations to all the award winners

Tillman Lynch Volunteer of the Year Award
Mr. McConnell Silver

Courtney Evans
Business Person of the Year Award
Mr. Roland Burgess

Horace M. Richardson
Youth of the Year Award
Miss Selena Lynch

Jeremiah Richardson
Indian Elder of the Year Award
Mr. Manson Wilson

Chief W.R. Richardson Award
Mr. Alfred Morris Richardson

J.C. Hedgepeth
Distinguished Service to the Indian Community Award
Dr. Marvin Richardson

Atlena R. Evans
Staff Member of the Year Award
Mrs. Shirley T. Richardson

Rev. C.H. Richardson
Friend of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe Award
**Twin County Rural Health Group
Hollister, NC**

James Mills Artist of the Year Award
Mrs. Brenda Silva

Joseph O. Richardson
Outstanding Indian Student of the Year Award
Miss Leah Mills

Emanuel Richardson Educator of the Year
Mrs. Patricia Richardson



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

December 11- Jesse McGee
January 1- Glenda Daniel
January 2- Kmira A. Richardson, Jackie Rudd
January 3- Johnny E. Richardson
January 4- Dorethia Chichester, Alex Demery, Michael Rudd
January 7- Keena Lynch, Carolyn J. Richardson
January 8- Kevin Stallings, Garrett Silver, Jimille Richardson, Darrell Richardson
January 9- Lizzie Burgess
January 10- Judy Silver Ainsworth, Aaliyah C. Richardson, Irene Richardson
January 12- Wendse Lanet Harris
January 13- Latasha Rosser, Emily Evans
January 14- Ayanna Burgess
January 15- Issac Evans, Jacie Evans, Ruth Bea Ealing
January 16- Sheila Richardson
January 17- Dana "Pete" Lynch
January 18- Raven Richardson
January 19- Canitra Richardson, Johnathan Hedgepeth, Amber Richardson, Alyssa Rodwell
January 20- Bernella DeLaMora
January 21- Jacie Evans
January 23- Pedro Silver, Brenda F. Richardson (D)
January 24- Azariya C. Francis, Charlotte Richardson, Andrea Richardson, Kenneth Richardson, Bonita Durham
January 26- Rodney Richardson, Cricket Richardson
January 27- Edward (EK) Hedgepeth
January 28- Brian Lynch, Lonnie Ray Richardson
January 30- Ronnie Butch Lynch, Connie L. Hedgepeth, Councilor Earl Evans, Sophie L. Richardson
January 31- Herbert J. Richardson Sr, Rhonda Davis, Chelsia Richardson



Princess Prep Party

Our Tribal Princess, Selena Lynch, along with the Princess Committee will be hosting a Princess Prep Party for all young ladies and women on Saturday, January 13th from 12-3. The cost is \$5 per person and includes manicures, make-overs and airbrush tattoos. Refreshments will be sold and there will also be a Silent Auction with some great prizes.

Outgoing Princess Banquet

The Princess Committee will be having its annual banquet for our outgoing Tribal Princess, Selena Lynch on Saturday, February 17th at 5:00 pm. Cost is \$10 per person and dinner will be provided. There will only be 100 tickets sold and must be purchased in advance. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

Hollister R.E.A.C.H.

The Hollister R.E.A.C.H. Center is having a Stew Sale on January 20, 2018 at 12 noon. Please get your order in by January 18, 2018. The stew is \$8.00 per quart. All proceeds benefit R.E.A.C.H. For more information contact the R.E.A.C.H. Center at 252-586-3215.

Stew Sale!



43rd Annual NC Indian Unity Conference

Sheraton Greensboro Hotel

Joseph S. Koury Convention Center
March 1-3, 2018
Greensboro, North Carolina

The 2018 conference theme is “Sacred Places: Gifts of Our Land”

Conference Registration Instruction and Information:

http://united-tribes.org/Home/2018_RegistrationForm-12-13-16.pdf

Hotel Reservations-See this website:

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/2576?groupID=2097723#/guestsandrooms>

Applications are available at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. For more information call 252-586-4017 ext 221.

Job Posting



Job Title: Administrative Assistant – Haliwa-Saponi Historic Legacy Project

Salary: \$15,000-\$20,000 Part-Time Limited

Location: Tribal Headquarters in Hollister, NC

Supervisor: Project Director, Haliwa-Saponi Historic Legacy Project

Specific Duties: The Administrative Assistant will assist the Project Director by copying, imaging, organizing, filing, and logging historical documents, materials, as well as creating a database of those resources. In addition, the Administrative Assistant will help coordinate meetings, trainings, and workshops, correspond with participants and stakeholders, and disseminate notices. In addition, duties may include some historical research at local repositories, online research, transcription of oral histories, and video and audio recording.

Education and Experience: Must have high school diploma. College degree is preferable. Also needs excellent computer and people skills. Knowledge and interest in Haliwa-Saponi tribal history is preferred.

Applications are available at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. For more information call 252-586-4017.

Community News

Congratulations

“Col. Glenn M. McNeill of the NC State Highway Patrol presented 1st Sgt. Jimmie C Silver with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award. This is the most prestigious award in the State of NC. It is awarded to people for exemplary service to the State of NC and their communities that is above and beyond the call of duty and which has made significant impact and strengthen NC. Your wife Terri and daughters India and Elizabeth are so proud of all of your accomplishments.”

Great Job!



Community News Cont.

Congratulations

Congratulations, Dr. Roy A. Austin on graduating from the North Carolina Law Enforcement Training Program on December 19, 2017. After a fulfilling career as a Federal Law Enforcement officer, Dr. Austin aspired to utilize his educational background accompanied by his experience in law enforcement to give back to his the community. Dr. Austin will be assigned to Medoc Mountain State Park as a North Carolina State Park Ranger. Dr. Austin will focus on constructing a Native American Eastern Woodland Village at the park and developing a living museum. Dr. Austin will develop a community outreach program with the schools located in the Halifax, Warren, Northampton, Edgecombe and Nash County areas. The outreach program will afford an opportunity for special needs and at-risk students to visit the park and learn about its historical background and environmental resources. "We love you and are so very proud of you." Love always your wife, Dr. Frances Austin, children: Erika, Nylah, Noah, and Eva, grandchildren: Abigail and Hope.

Great Job!



Congratulations

Congratulations Alexis and Skylar 'Paige' Evans on making the Deans' list at East Carolina University for the Fall Semester. Alexis is working towards her Masters of Science degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. Skylar is working towards her Bachelors' Degree in Birth through Kindergarten Education. We are so very proud of you both! Love Granny, Papa, Aunt Afreda, Uncle Bill and Shonda!! Keep up the amazing work!

Congratulations

Happy 18th Wedding Anniversary to Sterling & Katina Evans on January 13.



Thank You

We would like to say thank you to Prince Carter for voluntarily clearing the parking lot at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex during the recent inclement weather. Your services to our tribe did not go unnoticed!

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Gas Grill 4 burners, plus side
burner with cover
\$200
Tank not included
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252-314-8613

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Price Negotiable!
Mobile Home, Oakwood Model
60 x 14 Single Wide
2 Bedroom with 1 Bath
Very Clean w/ Carpet
Located on a beautiful 1 acre lot!
Front to Highway, White Oak Community, Contact Kathy Harris
252-883-1218
Only Serious Inquiries!

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**13th Annual
Haliwa-Saponi Winter Pow-Wow
January 27, 2018**

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Dee Spun Building
403 Gibbs Ave.
Hollister, NC. 27844**

**Admission: \$5.00 per person
(0-5 and 65 & older is Free)**

**Limited Vendor
Space
Available!!**

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