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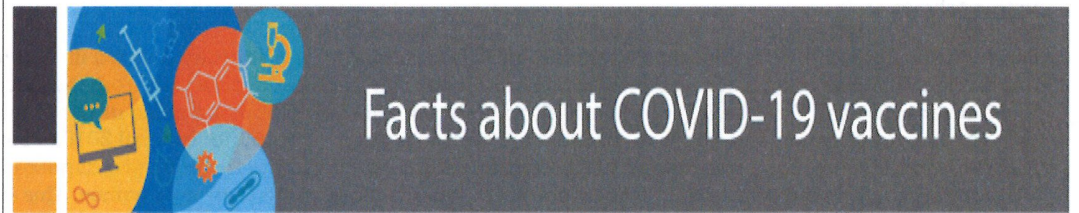
If you would like to submit an article to us, please remember they are due on the 20th of each month prior to the month of March articles are due by February 20th)

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Facts about COVID-19 vaccines

Vaccines (shots) are one of the tools we have to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.



To stop this pandemic, we need to use all of our prevention tools. Vaccines are one of the most effective tools to protect your health and prevent disease. Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses so **your body will be ready to fight the virus**, if you are exposed (also called immunity). Other steps, like wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth and staying at least 6 feet away from other people you don't live with, also help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Studies show that COVID-19 **vaccines are very effective** at keeping you from getting COVID-19. Experts also think that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19. These vaccines cannot give you the disease itself.

Upcoming Dates and Meetings

February 19- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting to be announced.

February 22 - Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting to be announced.

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: Charles Richardson.
- 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: Karen Harley.
- 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: Alfred Morris 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: Jimmie Silver.
- 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: Rev. Michael Richardson.

A Message from Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson

Our Tribal leaders are committed to making every effort possible to keep our Tribal citizens informed of events and activities that make a difference in the lives of our people. As we continue to work in the midst of the pandemic, we believe brighter days are ahead. We are thankful for our Tribal staff, school staff and volunteer Tribal citizens for their efforts to help our Tribe move forward. This message is not inclusive of all events and activities that have taken place or in progress. However, I will address the following items in this article:



Saponi Village: In 2017, The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe embarked on a journey to build its first housing project, Saponi Village, located on Capps Farm Road. The Tribe secured a loan from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) to build the affordable housing units for our community. The loan application and approval process took about a year to complete. In April 2018, a Blessing of the Ground Ceremony was held to begin construction. Saponi Village includes two duplexes with four separate living quarters. In December 2020, tenants moved into their new homes. This building project will be used as a stepping stone to move forward to provide more housing in our area. To build the housing project, a 30-year loan was provided by NCHFA. This is a **forgivable loan**, as long as we maintain the units in accordance with our commitments specified in the loan. During the process, NCHFA will monitor all properties and reports on compliance. The journey seemed to be long, but the Tribe successfully built its first affordable housing development project. **The wait was worth it.** Initially, we planned to hold a Ribbon Cutting/Open House Ceremony upon completion of the project. When we are able to operate with some normalcy, a ceremony will be held.

COVID-19 Testing-Tribe: Our Tribal Administrator is working with the Halifax County Health Department to schedule COVID-19 drive-through testing at our Tribal Government Complex. The Tribe Sponsored Free Testing on Saturday, January 9 and **SET a record for number of tests provided by Rural Health Group in the entire county ever in one day at 244 tests and with 34 positives.** Plans are being made to schedule another Test Day on Saturday, February 6, 2021; however, the details are not available at this time.

COVID-19 Vaccinations-School: Our School Administrator is working with the Warren County Health Department on the dates and locations for receiving the vaccine for the COVID-19 virus. If I receive additional details, I will share them with you.

COVID-19 Vaccinations: On Wednesday, January 6, I received the COVID-19 vaccination, and at this time I have not experienced any side effects. Other Tribal leaders and members have informed me that they have taken the shot. Our goal is stopping the spread and rid our Tribal nation of this deadly virus.

COVID-19 Vaccination Site: The Warren County Health Department began vaccinating citizens who are 65 years and older on January 19, 2021. If you are interested, you may call the Warren County Health Department at 252-257-1185 to make an appointment.

Federal Recognition Update: Attorney Joshua Richardson has joined our team to assist with our Federal Recognition efforts. As Legal Counsel, his services are provided to us on a pro bono (no charge) basis.

Haliwa-Saponi Arcola Fire Chief: Congratulations to Mr. Dudley Lynch, the first Haliwa-Saponi Chief of the Arcola Fire Department. Dudley is the son of the late Raleigh and Claudese Lynch, married to Julie Moore Lynch, and father of three sons: Nicholas Dean Richardson, Dudley Lynch Jr., and Jakob Lynch. He received the promotion on December 30, 2020. Dudley is a former Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Member.

Veterans Memorial Project: An update will be provided on the Veterans Memorial Project at a later date.

Please take a moment to go by Saponi Village located on Capps Farm Road. We are proud of the hard work and persistence that our staff provided to make this project become a dream come true for us. Please take a moment to let our Tribal staff, school staff, and Tribal citizens who are volunteers know that their work is greatly appreciated. The Tribal Council played a major role in the decision-making process and is proud of the work that is being done by the staff and volunteers.

As Chief of the Tribe, I will once again make a plea to my people. Please do your part to be safe while this deadly virus is among us. We appreciate your support as Council, Tribal staff, school staff and Tribal citizens continue to work for the best interests of our Tribal citizens.

Pi: láhuk (Thank you)

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT:

Criteria:

In order to be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum GPA 2.0
- Residency Requirements: Residents of North Carolina
- High School Restrictions: None
- Plan of Study Restrictions: None
- This Scholarship is restricted to American Indian students with a current tribal enrollment.

This scholarship is restricted to American Indian students with current tribal enrollment. There is a preference for NC - state recognized tribal members

Amount

\$1,000

Application Deadline

March 1, 2021

How To Apply

This scholarship is part of our universal online application. When you log on to the online system, you will be prompted to enter some basic information through an eligibility quiz, and the system will present you with all the scholarships you are eligible for and their application questions. You must submit both the universal application and the individual scholarship questions to be considered. Please reach out to us if you have any questions prior to the deadline

Administering Organization: Triangle Community Foundation

Questions?

Julia Da Silva - Scholarships Officer

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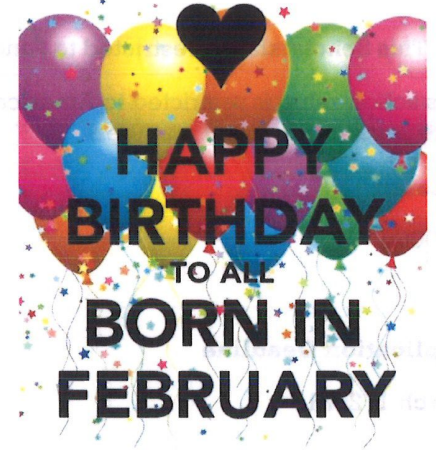
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Angela A. Lynch - HSIT Member & Scholarship Selection Committee Member

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

If you would like your name or a loved ones name to be published please email Carol Richardson at cerrichardson@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- Nathan Richardson
February 2-- Iris Evans
February 3- Steven A. Richardson
February 4- Alex L. Richardson
February 5- Rudy Olson
February 6- Rev. MacArthur Mills
February 7- Natarsha Y. Richardson (D), Tremayne Lynch
February 8- Phyllis Dale, Alvin T. Richardson (D), Justin Richardson
February 9- Gabrielle Norris, Mia Norris
February 11- Lussie Daniel, Whitely Richardson
February 12- Wilma Lynch
February 13- Linda Rodwell, Courtney R. Rudd, Jessie Richardson III
February 14- Holly McGee (D), Diane Evans, Vincent Daniel
February 15- Vessa Silver, Timothy L. Richardson, Natalie Brayboy, Kevin Rudd
February 16- Tiffany A. Richardson
February 17- Darius Silver
February 18- Johnathan Richardson
February 19- Alaysha Joyner, Cameron Richardson
February 20- Cateshia Silver Faith Settles, Tyrek Richardson, Vivian Richardson
February 21- Shawn Richardson, Amelia M. Lynch
February 22- Evan Davis
February 23- Velma Richardson
February 24- Maegan J. Richardson
February 26- Alma Lynch, Johnny Hedgepeth (D), Salvador DeLaMaora
February 27- Reginia Silver, Kamryn Silver
February 28- Mike Richardson



For Sale

Beautiful 3.69 acres. Wooded lot is located in Warren County, off of Richardson Road, a few blocks from Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. The property is off road, but has legal dirt road access. Property line begins between Elzie & Milton Road. . It has been checked and will perk. Bob's branch across runs in back of the property. Asking price \$15,000.00 or best offer. (for sale by owner). Contact Nancy Harris at 252-567-6517 if interested.



Happy Anniversary: Happy 43rd Wedding Anniversary to Ray and Pam (McGee) Spresser on February 17th.

What Your Test Results Mean

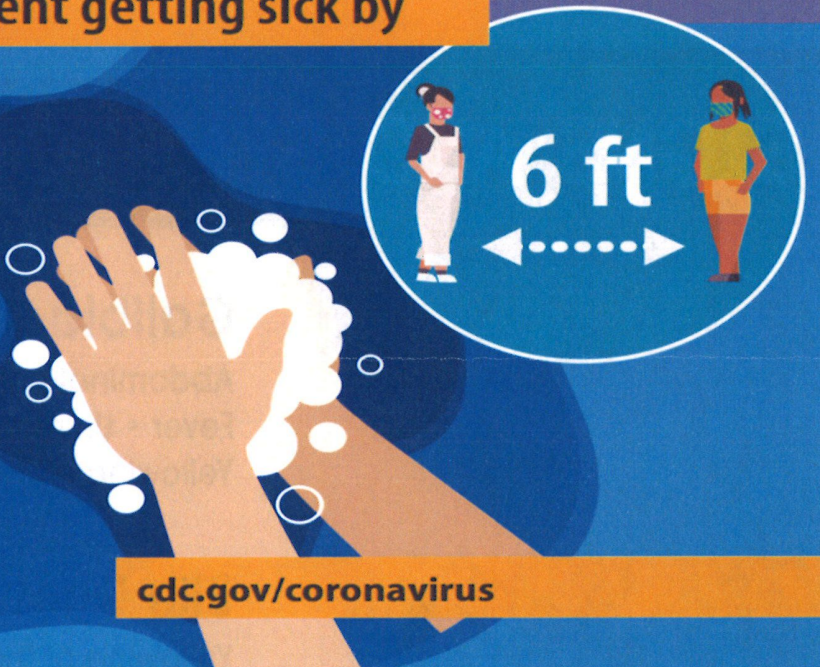
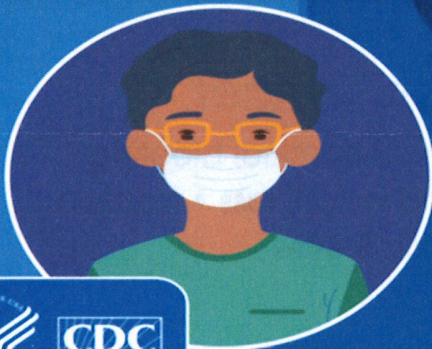
If you test positive, stay home

- Separate yourself from others
- Rest & hydrate



If you test negative, prevent getting sick by

- Social distance
- Wear a face covering
- Wash your hands



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF GALLBLADDER AND BILE DUCT CANCER

Gallbladder Cancer:

Abdominal pain • Abdominal bloating
Fever • Unintended weight loss • Nausea
Yellowing of the skin & eyes

Bile Duct Cancer:

Yellowing of the skin & eyes • Intensely itchy skin
White-colored stools • Fatigue
Abdominal pain • Unintended weight loss

All information courtesy of the Mayo Clinic