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Honoring Our Elders

The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians celebrated Tribal Elders with a special evening of drumming and dining on Nov. 7. The event culminated with the presentation of awards for Elders. Thank you to all who attended!



General Membership Meeting updates Tribal Citizens

Child Support Services program will soon be reality

HOULTON, Maine – The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians will soon be able to offer additional services to the next generation of tribal leaders.

HBMI has entered into a collaborative agreement with Penobscot Nation to offer child support services for Maliseet families to address both financial support and to honor the people caring for tribal children.

The tribe held an introductory informational meeting in October and updated Tribal citizens during the General Membership Meeting Nov. 17.

Under this new partnership, Penobscot Nation has filed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of Child Support services to include clientele from the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. That MOU has been approved and the two tribes are now taking the next steps to implement the program.

The goal of the Child Support Services program is to improve the lives of children, assist parents in their decision-making efforts, enhance family values to the benefit of family members and their tribal community, and strengthen tribal sovereignty through greater use of tribal institutions.



Tribal citizens Sheila LeBlanc, left, and Elder Coordinator Danya Boyce were in attendance.



Awendela Williams, Penobscot Nation Child Support Agency Program Coordinator, speaks to the audience during the Nov. 17 General Membership Meeting

A new case manager job description has been approved for HBMI, with the hopes of hiring someone in the Maliseet community to fill the role. The case manager will be located on the Maliseet reservation.

The Penobscot Nation is currently the only tribal child support program in Region 1 which includes Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

The new program will provide child support establishment, enforcement, modification of child support and paternity establishment. It also cooperates with other tribal child support agencies and state agencies to ensure the well-being of children.

“This new program is the first step at building our capacity so that we can operate our own child support program independently in the future,” Tribal Chief Clarissa Sabattis said.



Listening are Tribal Chief Clarissa Sabattis and Tribal Councilor Joshua Toner at the General Membership Meeting.

Elders' Calendar

December 2024

Elder Center phone # -- 532-7780
Elder Coordinator -- Danya Boyce
Cook -- Mark Lewis

All regular meals begin at 11 a.m.

The Elder Center will be closed Dec. 24-Jan. 1.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Sloppy Joes on a Bun Corn Coleslaw Pudding	4	5 Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes Rye Bread Jello w/ topping	Elder Christmas Party @ Rollerama 11 a.m. 	7
8	9	10 Shepherd's Pie Cook's Choice Veggie Wheat Bread/Pickles Cupcake	11	12 Christmas Bingo! Soup N' Sandwich Soup of the Day Fruit Ice Cream Cake	13	14
15	16	17 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll Dessert Square	18	19 Chicken Tenders Potato Puffs Macaroni Salad Rolls Assorted Pies	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed	25 Christmas! 	26 Boxing Day Office Closed	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed	1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4



Merry Christmas!



Tribal News & Announcements

Elders Council

The Newly-formed Maliseet Elder Council is inviting Maliseet Tribal Elders to a Christmas Party at the Rollerama in Houlton on Friday, Dec. 6, at 11 a.m. There will be a holiday meal provided, with music, door prizes and giveaways. This will be a start for our Elders to socialize and get to know each other better. We can also discuss what events elders would like to see happen in the future. The Elder Council has requested that no children or animals be allowed, due to safety issues and allergies. For more information, call Chairwoman Danya Boyce at 207-694-5990.



Boys and Girls Club of Maliseets

In November, the Boys & Girls Club of Maliseet youth enjoyed an outing to see Lost on a Mountain in Maine, bringing local history to life for our group.

We also hosted our first E-Sports night, giving members a new way to connect and have fun together. On Nov. 15, we participated in Border Towns Day of Giving, uniting with the community in generosity.

Later in the month, on Nov. 26, we partnered with Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness to host a Thanksgiving Dinner for BGC families and HBMI elders, sharing a warm holiday meal and sense of gratitude. Coming up in December, we look forward to bringing everyone together again for our annual Community Christmas Party!

ESSENTIAL



QPR

TRAINING

TRAINING DETAILS:

evidence based three step suicide prevention training that stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer.

This training will equip you with knowledge to help those experiencing a suicidal crisis.

JANUARY 30TH, 2025
1:00PM -3:00PM

619 FOXCROFT RD, BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MALISEETS



TO SIGN UP:

207-521-5898
kshrout@maliseets.com
ccyr@maliseets.com



Please join us for a



Christmas PARTY

DECEMBER 6TH 5:30PM-7:30PM

568 Foxcroft Rd, Houlton ME, 04730
for
HBMI & Boys & Girls Club of Maliseet Youth



Tribal News & Announcements

Community Social

The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians is hosting a Community Social on Thursday, Dec. 19, from 5-8 p.m. at the Maliseet Community Center (568 Foxcroft Road).

Bring a dish to get entered into a drawing. Bring your regalia for Native drumming and dancing. Families are encouraged to attend.



Do you want to learn how to build your own web page?

A Wordpress web page building and design class is available in December. It consists of two sessions, Dec. 5, from 6-7 p.m. and Dec. 12 from 6-7 p.m.

Anyone interested in this course or in seeing what other courses are available should contact Gwydion at 207-220-7969 between 9-2 Mon-Thurs, or stop by the Digital Navigator office in the computer center across from the housing front desk during those same hours.

If no one is at the desk please fill out a message card from the corner of the desk and leave it in the survey inbox and he will get back to you as soon as possible.

Tribal Offices closed for the holidays

The following is a reminder to the community that all Tribal Offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday starting Tuesday, Dec. 24.

Offices will reopen on Thursday, Jan. 2.



Food Distribution Program to receive first shipment!

HOULTON, Maine – The Houlton Band of Maliseet’s Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) is excited to announce it is receiving its first shipment of food. The program will distribute by delivery only until the new facility opens, which is tentatively slated for the beginning of 2025.

Due to lack of space and accessibility, the program will host a two-day event at the Maliseet Community Center (568 Foxcroft Road, Houlton) on Monday, Dec. 2, and Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 1-4:30 p.m. FDPIR officials will be on hand to answer questions and will have applications ready to help fill out to those who would like to apply for this new program.

Some things to remember – You cannot participate in both FDPIR and SNAP at the same time. For instance, if you were eligible and received SNAP benefits for the month of November, you are not eligible for an FDPIR food package in the same month.



Households may qualify for the FDPIR program even though they do not qualify for SNAP benefits. For those that do qualify for the FDPIR program, representatives will submit your application for verification and you will receive your food package within seven business days.

“We will deliver or meet any applicant at a location of their choosing during Maliseet business hours,” explained Travis Benson, Maliseet FDPIR director. “You do not have to live on the reservation to be eligible. You just need to have one household member who has Tribal membership.”

The food packages are made up of items purchased from product suppliers and shipped directly to the program from the USDA. The foods are not supplied by the Tribal Food Pantry and items are not donated.

For more information, contact Benson at 207-267-0895 or Carrie Peterson at 207-532-8919.

Our last Drawing of the year!
\$400 Value

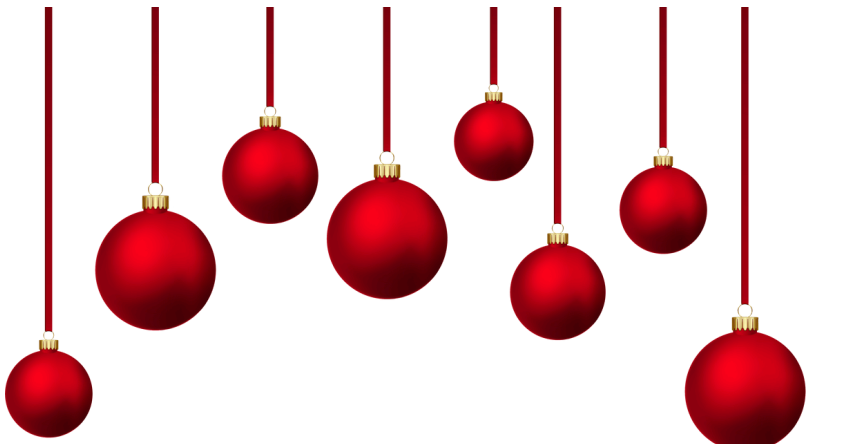



Drawing
 December 16th at
 2pm

Maliseet Fitness Loyalty Program

Pass those completed Fitness Cards in for your chance to win.

For more details, visit our Certified Fitness Trainer Maya Gardiner at the Maliseet Fitness Center.



December

2024

Maliseet Tribal Food Pantry



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Closed Restock	3 Pick up 8-4	4 Closed Truck Day	5 Elders Delivery	6	7
8	9 Closed Restock	10 Pick up 8-4	11 Pick up 8-4	12 Elders Delivery	13	14
15	16 Closed Restock	17 Pick up 8-4	18 Closed Staff Event	19 Elders Delivery	20	21
22	23 Closed for Holiday Break!	24 -----	25 Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays!	26 -----	27 -----	28
29	30 -----	31 -----				

Tribal Food Pantry will be closed for Holiday from December 23rd through January 2nd. After which Normal business hours will resume. To contact please call Ashley Foster-Kinney at (207)-694-5254 or Email at afoster@malieets.com. Reminder for a pick up order please call ahead to schedule a pick up time. If for an elder's delivery, please call at least a day ahead so we can schedule a drop off at your home. We deliver to elders locally. You are permitted one food order every 2 weeks. If an emergency arises please call and leave a message and I will return your call as soon as I can. **Hope everyone has a Happy holiday!!!**

