

NEWSLETTER



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New Resource Center

Progress is moving along nicely on our new Resource Center -- being constructed on U.S. Route 1 next to the Wolastoq Inn and Suites.

Members of the Tribal Council were recently given a tour of the property to check on the progress.

Tribal citizen Keith Hayes is one of the many workers for the project. Keith has been in charge of sheetrock and paint.

The project should be completed by the spring.

This new facility includes a large meeting space, will have sections reserved for Native artwork and crafts, and will also have full kitchen.





YEARS OF SERVICE -- The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians recently recognized staff celebrating anniversaries with the tribe. Receiving awards were, from left, Matthew Edberg, 15 years; Darcy Gentle, 15 years; Brian Galipeau, 5 years; Tawoma Martinez, 5 years; Tanya Raymond, 10 years; Marie Polchies, 15 years; Laura Tomah, 5 years; and Tribal Chief Clarissa Sabattis. Not pictured are: Roger Flewelling and Justin Kobylarz, five years; Sarah Tomah and Jason White, 10 years; Karin Morey, 20 years; Heidi Kelley and Sue Young, 25 years; and Michael Jewell, 30 years.

Wabanaki Vocational Rehabilitation

The Wabanaki Vocational Rehabilitation Program provides services to eligible tribal members residing in Aroostook, Washington, and Penobscot Counties.

Some of the services provided may include work-readiness assistance, such as: resume and cover letter development; practice interviews; assisting with online applications; career assessments; and volunteering.

Please contact us today if you are in need of support with: Creating job seeker profiles for hiring sites: LinkedIn, Indeed, Zip Recruiter, Maine Job Bank; Collaborating with other tribal, state, and local programs or agencies; Guidance with completing job application assessments. In addition to the online apps, some employers are adding employee assessments or quizzes. These are used to learn more about the job seeker and how they would respond to different scenarios in the workplace settings.

This fall The Wabanaki Vocational Rehabilitation Program grant application was approved for another 5 years of service. WVRP staff are excited to continue helping our clients in achieving their vocational goals and reaching their potential.

The New Year marked milestones for all WVRP staff and these employees were recognized for their commitment to providing services to our tribal community members:

Brian Galipeau: 5 years of service as WVRP Counselor in our Bangor office

Jason White: 10 years of service as WVRP Counselor –covering Aroostook and Washington Counties

Darcy Gentle: 15 years of service as WVRP Director and supervising our Bangor and Houlton offices.

Lastly, if you have visited the WVRP Houlton office at the HBMI Administration Building, you would already know our office has changed location. Our department is now on the opposite side, but still downstairs, and still in-front.

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Elders' Calendar

February 2025

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

All regular meals begin at 11 a.m.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Shepherd's Pie Stewed Tomatoes Dinner Rolls Jello w/whipped topping		Baked Beans Hot Dogs Sadies' Rolls Potato Salad Brownies		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Baked Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Oatmeal Bread Pudding		Baked Ham Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll Pie w/whipped topping		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Office Closed 	Spaghetti & Meatballs Tossed Salad Choice of Dressing Italian Bread 100% Fruit Juice Ice Cream		BINGO DAY! Soup N' Sandwich Assorted Sandwich fixings Soup of the Day Assorted Cookies Fresh Fruit		
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
		Beef Stew Cornbread 100% Fruit Juice Veggie Juice Molasses Cake		Chicken Tenders Baked Tater Tots Macaroni Salad Wheat Rolls Fruit Salad		



Tribal News & Announcements

Community Social event slated for Feb. 13

The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians is once again hosting a Community Social. The next event is slated for Thursday, Feb. 13, from 5-8 p.m. at the Maliseet Community Center (568 Foxcroft Road).

Bring your regalia for Native drumming and dancing. Families are encouraged to attend. A meal will be provided and giveaways offered.

It is the goal of the Tribe to host these social events on a monthly basis, in order to increase interactions among tribal members.

Celebrating Winter Solstice with students

The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, in conjunction with RSU 29 Title VI Project Director Shelly Crandall-DeLuca and Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness held a Winter Solstice Event Jan. 23 at the Maliseet Community Center.

RSU 29 Elementary students enrolled in the program participated in Winter Birdfeeders, Lanterns, Prayer Bundles and Tribal Dancing and Drumming.



Internet safety courses offered

Gwydion Griffith, our digital navigator, is offering a number of courses that will be hosted at the Social Services/Housing computer room from January through March.

Courses in February include: "Basic Internet Safety," Feb. 10, 6 p.m.; "Identifying Frauds & Scams," Feb. 18, 6 p.m.; "Introduction to MS Excel," Feb. 25, 6 p.m.; and "Introduction to Google Drive and Google Docs," Feb. 26, 6 p.m.

Additional courses will be offered in March. Some courses are more than one session and all have limited space, so people should reach out to Gwydion at ggriffith@maliseets.com to get more information and reserve a seat!

HBMI considers creation of Scouting program

We are considering the creation of a Maliseet Boys/Girls Scouting program and want your input on whether this is something your child would be interested in.

Please complete the survey at the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HBMI_Scouting.

Or scan the QR code:



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB


FEBRUARY 2025

Subject to change without notice



- TO DO**
- Inform staff by Monday morning at 9am if your child will be attending & require transportation home
 - Youth need to come with their backpack & homework, as we have an hour designated for homework

- NOTES**
- Please be aware that while we have an hour designated for homework time, there may be occasions when this period is shortened due to programs/ activities. We highly encourage youth to do their homework during this time. However, if they choose not to, they will still participate in an educational activity such as HYLEA or STEM.
 - Transportation starts at 5:30pm. Youth need to be picked up by 5:45pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 T.R.A.I.L	4 Community Health Education	5	6 Movie with k-2 No regular club	7 E-Sports 3-5pm GLOWDANCE 5-7 pm	8
9	10 T.R.A.I.L	11 Community Health Education	12 Early Release Cultural Activity	13 WAYS Culture Hour	14	15
16	17 HBMI Offices closed; Holiday	18 School vacation Lunch with the Elders	19 School vacation Bowling with 3rd & up	20 School vacation Lunch with the Elders WAYS	21	22
23	24 T.R.A.I.L	25 Community Health Education	26	27 WAYS Culture Hour	28	



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MALISEETS

GLOW Dance

FEB 7TH, 2025, 6-9PM

\$5.00 ENTRY FEE

BGC MEMBERS FEE WAIVED

3RD-6TH GRADE

MALISEET COMMUNITY CENTER

Walking Club



Come join our Walking Club in the New Year!

Each participant will be eligible for a water bottle, t-shirt, pedometer, and entered to win an Echo Dot (5 drawn the first week of February). The rest of the incentives are while supplies last.

For more information, contact Maya Gardiner at 532-2240 ext. 151 or email mgardiner@maliseets.com.

Water and light snacks are being provided. There will also be music. Participants must be 16 or older.

**Tuesdays & Thursdays
3-5 p.m.**

HBMI Community Center
568 Foxcroft Road, Houlton