



MAY 2025

HBMI

NEWSLETTER

Election Results!

The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians held their general election on Saturday, April 26, to fill several positions in Tribal Government. A total of 190 individuals cast ballots, either in person at the Community Center or via absentee ballots.

Tribal Chief Clarissa Sabattis was re-elected to another four-year term with 160 votes. She ran unopposed for the seat that she has held since 2017. She is just the fifth chief in the tribe's 45-year history as a federally-recognized tribe. Previous chiefs were Brenda Commander, Clair Sabattis (Clarissa's father), Jim Tomah and Terry Polchies. Brian Reynolds was elected as the Tribal Representative to Augusta with 160 votes. His term expires in October 2026. Reynolds also serves as the Tribal Administrator for HBMI.

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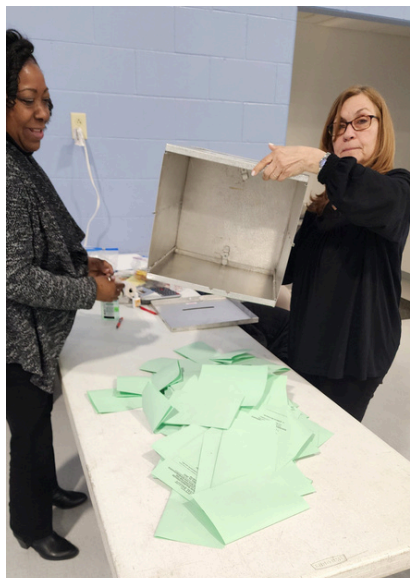
PRC Update

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Food Distribution Center now open!

The HBMI Food Distribution Center is now open for business! The center will receive fresh fruits and vegetables starting May 8 and currently has canned foods available.

Those wanting to apply for the program can stop into the North Road center Mondays-Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. or contact Carrie Peterson (207-532-8919) or Travis Benson (207-267-0895) with any questions.



Election

For Tribal Council, Beth Aucoin (102 votes) and Crystal Tucker (96 votes) were re-elected to the council. Joining them on the council will be Allison Sabattis who received 70 votes. Others receiving votes were: Kristin Anderson (Hardy), 28 votes; Michelle Barrows, 51 votes; Danya Boyce, 67 votes; Ashley Foster-Kinney, 45 votes; and Darcy Gentle, 25 votes.

A swearing in ceremony was held Wednesday, April 30, at the Maliseet Community Center.





Elders' Calendar

May 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
27	28	29	30	1 Chicken Tenders Coleslaw Oven Fries Rolls Cookies	2	3
4	5	6 Hamburger patties w/ sautéed onions Oven Roasted Potato Spinach Cook's Choice Bread Pudding	7	8 Boiled Dinner: Ham w/cabbage, carrots and potatoes Dinner Roll Choice of pie Ice Cream	9	10
11 	12	13 Sloppy Joe on a Bun Oven French Fries Mexican Corn Fruit Cup	14	15 Build your own Sandwich Chips / Soup Sadies' Bread/Rolls Fruit Salad	16	17
18	19	20 Barbecue baked chicken Macaroni Salad Green Beans Wheat Bread Dessert Square	21	22 Head Start Graduation at 10 a.m. at Community Center Meal to follow	23	24
25	26  MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed	27 Chop suey Broccoli Dinner Roll Ice Cream	28	29 Baked Pork Chops Stove Top / Potatoes Carrots Wheat Bread Jello w/Cool Whip	30	31



Purchased & Referred Care (PRC) Reminders

Qey! Below are some friendly reminders about PRC. If you ever have any questions about PRC please do not hesitate to give me a call at 532-2240, Mondays-Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. I'll be happy to answer any questions you have.

Members who have medications or referrals ordered by any provider you must notify PRC of these services for prior authorization. Services are not covered simply because the clinic provider referred you. PRC must be notified. Failure to do so will result in denial of payment.

Also, keep in mind that any ER visits or walk-in care visits after hours must be reported to PRC within 72 hours of the visit. Tribal Elders (55+) have 30 days. Members will need to contact the nurse triage line (532-2240 opt. 9) after hours and the nurse will help determine whether you will need ER services or walk-in care. When PRC staff are notified of ER or walk-in care visits this does not mean the service is approved. The note will be need to be reviewed to determine medical priority. Notification simply means you have followed the notification policy.

Please remember to check your medications prior to the weekend in case you need any refills. The PRC after hour's cell phone (694-1872) is for payment authorization for any prescriptions ordered by an ER or walk-in care provider outside of the business hours. This is not the number to call for refills. For refills, please contact the clinic staff. All maintenance medications needing payment authorization must be done during office hours.

Woliwon,
Beth Aucoin



Maliseet Behavioral Health Services

ADULT, CHILD & FAMILY 207-532-4229

YOUR JOURNEY. OUR FOCUS. WE ARE HERE.

Graduation season fast approaching

The planning stages are underway for our upcoming 2025 Maliseet high school graduates!

If you have received a letter from the Education Department about graduation, please make sure to complete the information and return it or feel free to email your response to Amber Wire at, awire@maliseets.com.

We are still in the process of scheduling a date, time and location. Once we have more information for our graduates please expect to receive those details in the mail in the upcoming weeks.

Tribal Food Pantry Schedule

The Maliseet Tribal Food Pantry offers pickups on Tuesdays, from 8-4 p.m. and delivers to Elders on Thursdays in May. FMI: call Ashley Foster-Kinney at 207-694-5254.



SUMMER PROGRAM

**GRADES
K-12**

**JUNE 24-AUGUST 7
9AM - 4PM**

SPACE IS LIMITED

**REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED
UNTIL JUNE 1ST**

ACTIVITIES:

- Outdoor games
- Hiking
- Berry picking
- Indoor games
- Arts & Crafts
- Cultural Activities
- Fun field trips
- Water Activities
- Enrichment Activities

Applications can be picked up at:
618 Foxcroft Rd, Houlton

For more details:
207-521-5898

4 kshrout@maliseets.com OR ccyr@maliseets.com



Tribal News & Announcements

On Your Own – Indian Child Welfare Act

College: Who Pays?

Most people entering college have reached (or will reach) the age of 18. In Maine, the age of 18 brings you to the age of adulthood. Reaching the age of 18 means that is the end of the parent's legal obligation to you. You are now responsible for paying for college. However, some parents have agreed to help their children with college expenses, without any legal obligation to do so. This tradition represents an important distinction between those duties recognized by law and those that come from custom and moral obligation – but are not legally enforceable.

Military

You can enlist in the military at the age of 17 with parental consent and 18-35 without consent. You need to ask yourself two questions: 1.) Am I interested in serving in the active duty military (full or part time) or interested in serving as a reservist for the National Guard (part time unless called by the President or Governor to serve on active duty); and 2.) What branch of service am I interested in? Army, Navy Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard?

It is important to know the difference between joining the active duty military versus a reservist or National Guard member. Enlisting in active duty means that you will be a member of the military full-time for the number of years enlisted. Enlisting as a reserve or National Guard member means you agree to serve on a part-time basis, usually one weekend a month and two weeks per year.

Each branch offers different positions and different educational benefits and signing bonuses. It is important to remember that you are not obligated to serve in the military just by talking to a recruiter or even taking an entrance exam to find out what positions you would be eligible for (called the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery).

Draft

Federal law requires all male citizens and male aliens residing in the United States ages 18-25 to register with the Selective Service System. The law requires you to register within 30 days following your 18th birthday. This system provides men to the country's armed forces in the event of war or other national crisis requiring a draft.

Resources: On Your Own, Main State Bar Association, 25th Edition 2007.

Skitkomiq Camp returns July 9-30

The Natural Resources Department will host Skitkomiq Camp for 4 weeks in July (one day a week on a Wednesdays) to provide learning sessions for tribal youth grade 5-8. This year's Skitkomiq Camp will be held July 9-30, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Youth are encouraged to talk and engage on current environmental topics related to archeology, fisheries, water quality, plant and forest ecology. Maliseet traditions are incorporated within these topics including traditional crafting and cooking.

It introduces tribal youth to hands on experiences such as archery on the nature trail, canoeing on Conroy Lake, and fish identification.

There will be field trips this summer to tour Mi'kmaq Farms fish hatchery and garden and a tour of the Tekakapimək Contact Station at Katahdin Woods and Waters.

Kids who want to attend camp can be dropped off at Natural Resources building or we can pick them up at the community center in the morning. Applications will be available May 12. Register on time by June 30 to receive free movie tickets.

For more information or an application, contact:

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