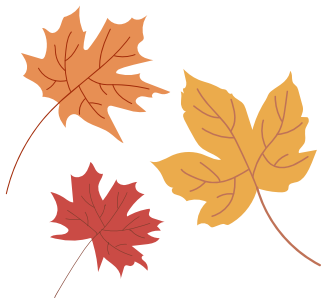




SEPTEMBER 2025

HBMI

NEWSLETTER



The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians celebrated the grand opening of its new Resource Center Aug. 14 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Resource Center is now open!

On Aug. 14, we celebrated the Grand Opening of our new Resource Center, located at 654 North St. in Houlton, with a special ceremony and ribbon-cutting event. The evening included an opening prayer by our Tribal Elder Danya Boyce, as well as drumming by our local group The Four Winds. Tribal Chief Clarissa Sabattis and Project Director/Grant Writer Rosa McNally also spoke at the event.

The new facility will be used for a variety of functions including meeting space for local groups; training room for our tribal staff, or the general public; and also can be used as a banquet room, complete with a full kitchen.



Four Winds' drummers from left, Leona Alvarado, Danya Boyce and Amy Joseph sing and drum at the grand opening.

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**2-Day
Event!**

45th annual Metaksonekiyak Community Days

Sept. 6-7, 2025

88 Bell Road, Littleton, ME



Co-Hosting Drums

TURNING EAGLE

FOUR WINDS

Guest Drums

TURNING EAGLE

MAWITAN'EJ E'PIJIG

MUSKRAT SINGERS

**WOLOSAHTIYEK
DRUM GROUP**

Field Director

ROGER FLEWELLING

Emcees

**MIKE SOLOMON
ELISSA SABATTIS**

Head Dancers

ADULT MALE – ISAAC SYLIBOY

ADULT FEMALE – ALIYAH SABATTIS

YOUTH MALE – KIWNİK DANA

YOUTH FEMALE – ELLA BITHER

Events

**BINGO, TRADITIONAL DANCING & DRUMMING,
30+ VENDORS, BOUNCE HOUSE,**

YOUTH GAMES,

HORSE SHOE & CORNHOLE TOURNEYS,

COMMUNITY DINNER & BREAKFAST

FIREWORKS!

Open to the General Public

Alcohol, drugs and firearms are not permitted on the tribal grounds. Service Animals only on the field.

HBMI is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

For more information, contact Joseph Cyr at 207-532-4273 ext. 238

45th annual Metaksonekiyak Community Days Celebration Schedule of Events

Saturday, Sept. 6

7 a.m. – Pipe Ceremony. All Welcome

9 a.m. – Vendor/Public Registration

10 a.m. – Bingo Tent Opens, Smudging, Vendors & Bounce House Open.

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. – Pony Rides

12 p.m. Grand Entry, Welcoming remarks, Drumming & Dancing begins.

1 p.m. – Egg & Spoon Races / Sun Catchers*

1:30 p.m. – Sack Races / Mandala Coasters*

2 p.m. -- Horse Shoe tourney begins.

2 p.m. – Youth Corn Hole / Kids Bingo*

3 p.m. – Bean Bag Toss / Shoe Keychains*

3:30 p.m. – 3-Legged Race / Jewelry making*

4 p.m. – Tug O'War / Raffle Drawings*

4 p.m. – Shawl Ceremony

5 p.m. – Free Community Dinner (Community Center)

6:30 p.m. – Special Dances / competitions

7 p.m. – Cribbage Tourney (Recognition Field Bingo Tent)

8:30 p.m. – Fireworks (viewed from venue)

**Denotes Youth Event*

Sunday, Sept. 7

7 a.m. – Pipe Ceremony. All Welcome

8 a.m. – Free Community Breakfast (Community Center)

9 a.m. – Vendors booths open

10 a.m. – Bingo Tent Opens

11 a.m. – Corn Hole Tourney starts

12 p.m. – Grand Entry

3 p.m. – Closing ceremony.

*Special Dances and prizes for those dancing
in regalia. Schedule subject to change*

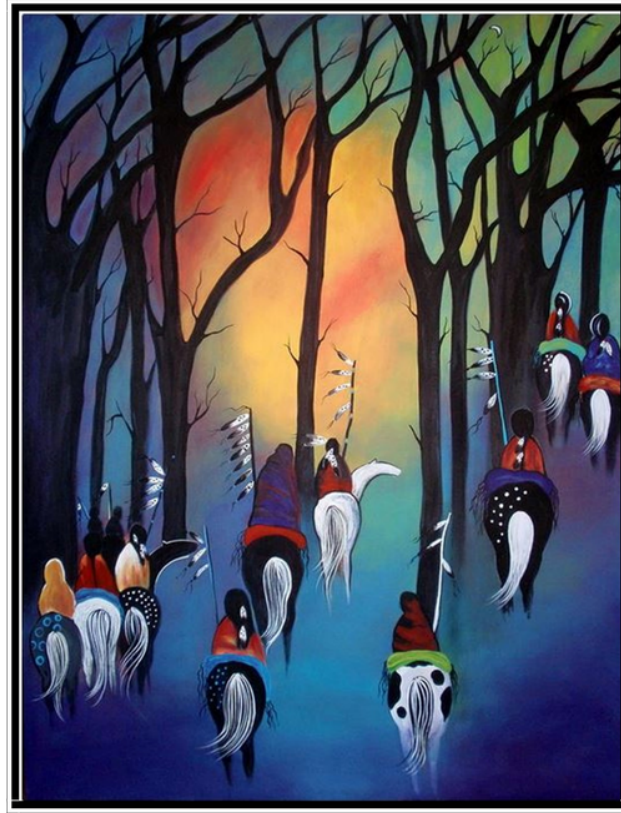
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Annual "Gathering of the Spirits"

On September 27, 2025 we will Observe our Annual "Gathering of Spirits".

During this traditional ceremony, ash collected from our loved ones sacred fires will be sprinkled into a communal sacred fire. Prayers will be offered, both aloud or written and offered to the sacred fire. The fire will deliver your prayers asking loved ones to visit once again, be it in spirit, dreams or any sign they wish to offer, a gentle breeze, a calling bird or special memory.

Fire is powerful, entrancing and awe inspiring. It speaks to our primal soul, reminding us we are part of something greater...connecting us to that Tribal force we all hold deep within ourselves.

This celebration will be held at the Elder Center, 716 Foxcroft Rd., starting at noon with refreshments to follow.



Honoring the Spirits of

Cecelia M. Tibbetts 05/25/84-02/09/24	Amanda J. Haney 05/21/86-04/07/24
James L. Devou 12/30/22-02/11/24	Mary D. Sabatis 08/11/65-04/14/24
Ronald J. Tomah 11/25/29-03/01/24	David A. Fortier 01/02/65-07/18/24
Amanda K. Bear 12/17/84-03/01/24	Kenny J. Hardy 09/19/80-08/20/24
Deke J. Oliver 11/10/99-03/08/24	Albert D. Trecartin 04/28/66-09/02/24
John E. Williams, Jr. 02/14/55-03/10/24	Ryan T. Coy 07/13/81-10/28/24
David E. Abernathy 03/20/04-03/29/24	Vincent J. Brooks 04/06/73-11/10/24

Gerald L. Devoe
04/20/57-11/26/24



All Are Welcome
to Come and Pay their Respects
to Those We Lost in 2024

Boys & Girls Club has new temporary home

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
SEPTEMBER 2025 Subject to change without notice

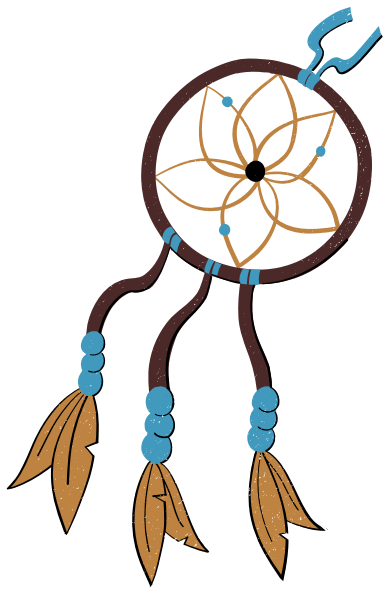


Starting Sept. 8, the Boys & Girls Club of Maliseets will be housed at 494 North St. in Houlton (Rollerama Building) as the team prepares for a major expansion project to its clubhouse!

TO DO

- Let staff know by 2:00pm every Monday if your child will be attending for the week.
- We have designated time for homework time each day. Staff will encourage all youth to complete their homework.
- If your child chooses not to do their homework, they will read for the designated homework time.
- As nonprofit organization, BGC runs on grant funding that supports important programs. Participation in these programs are required by all youth to meet our grant objectives.
- Ensure your child has appropriate attire for the weather.
- *SIGN UP Required*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 HBMI CLOSED LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5	6 Community Days
7 Community Days	8	9 TRAIL W/ COMMUNITY HEALTH EDU.	10 WABANAKI WEDNESDAY W/ DOLORES	11 *ART CLUB*	12	13
14	15	16 TRAIL W/ COMMUNITY HEALTH EDU.	17 Early Release APPLE PICKING	18 *ART CLUB*	19	20
21	22	23 PROCESSING APPLES W/ WPHW	24 WABANAKI WEDNESDAY W/ DOLORES	25 HBMI Offices closed	26 HBMI Offices closed	27
28	29	30 TRAIL W/ COMMUNITY HEALTH EDU.				



Elders' Calendar

September 2025

Elder Center phone # -- 532-7780

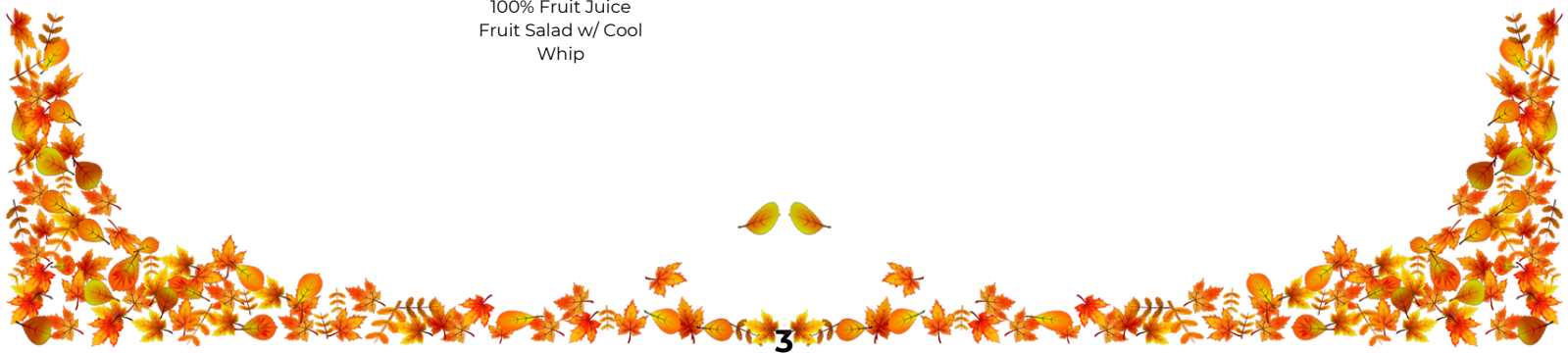
Elder Coordinator -- Danya Boyce

Cook -- Mark Lewis

All regular meals begin at 11 a.m.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Labor Day Tribal Offices Closed	2 Chicken Patty on a bun Oven Tater Tots Mixed Vegetables Pudding w/ Cool Whip	3	4 Meatloaf w/gravy Mashed Potatoes Carrots Dinner Rolls Dessert Square	5	6 45th annual Metaksonekiyak Community Days
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14	15	16 Chop Suey Tossed Salad Italian Bread Cake	17	18 BINGO! Soup N' Sandwich Assorted breads, meats and cheeses Lettuce, tomato, green peppers Soup of the Day Cupcakes/Cookies	19	20
21	22 First Day of Autumn	23 Shepherd's Pie Beets, Sliced Tomatoes, Cukes Whole Grain Bread Pies	24	25 No Meal Native American Day Observed TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED	26 Native American Day	27
28	29	30 Beef Stew Corn Bread 100% Fruit Juice Fruit Salad w/ Cool Whip	1	2	3	4



October is
Domestic Violence
Awareness Month

Maliseet Advocacy Center
October, 2025
Calendar of Events

MARK
YOUR CALENDARS

October 1: Tree Lighting Ceremony
@ *Advocacy Center, 690 Foxcroft Rd*
6pm
**Light refreshments will be served.*

October 6: 28th Annual Candlelight Vigil
@ *Maliseet Community Center*
568 Foxcroft Rd ~ 6pm
Giveaways including t-shirts
**Meal provided.*

October 8: Mosaic Making DV Awareness Activity
@ *Maliseet Community Center*
568 Foxcroft Road ~ 5pm to 8pm
Space is limited-registration REQUIRED
Adults only. Meal will be provided.

October 17: DV Awareness 1 Mile Run/Walk
@ *Maliseet Football Field ~ 10:30am*
Pre-registration for all ages is required.
An adult must accompany children
Doorprizes will be drawn
Complete the 1 mile to receive t-shirt
Light refreshments and water will be served



**Formore information or to RSVP,
please contact Advocacy Staff at 207-532-6401**

Termite damage prompts removal of arbor

Wednesday, Aug. 20, marked the end of an era for a familiar structure on Native Land as the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians retired their arbor.

Located on the Recognition Day/Community Day field on Bell Road, the arbor served as the gathering spot for countless drum groups for about 30 years during the tribe's annual celebration.

Unfortunately, termite damage compromised much of the arbor's support beams, making the structure unsafe for future community events.

The tribe had also outgrown the arbor for its annual celebrations, as it no longer

provided adequate coverage for the many drum groups who attend the Maliseet's annual Metaksonekiyak Community Days celebration.

This year's event is slated for Sept. 6-7 at the Bell Road location and will feature a new canopy designed to provide coverage to both drummers and dancers in the event of inclement weather. The wood from the aged support beams was salvaged and will be burned in a ceremonial fire at a later date.

The top of the arbor will live on in a new location, however, as the tribe plans to reuse the arbor at the Maliseet Tribal Cemetery with new support beams, thus guaranteeing its use for many generations to come.

