





DECEMBER 2025

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# NEWSLETTER

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

## *Honoring our Elders*

On Nov. 6, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians held its annual Honoring Our Elders gala. The event featured a delicious meal, cooked up by council member Crystal Tucker and her kitchen crew.

The evening finished with a presentation of honorariums to our tribal elders. Thank you to all who attended.



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Food Distribution Program  
on Indian Reservation (FDPIR)

# DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	2 Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	3 Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	4 Produce Delivery No pickup orders Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED
7 CLOSED	8 Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	9 Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	10 Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	11 Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	12 CLOSED	13 CLOSED
14 CLOSED	15 Warehouse Delivery Store closed	16 Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	17 Open 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.	18 Open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	19 CLOSED	20 CLOSED
21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED for Inventory	23 CLOSED for Inventory	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED
28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED New Years Eve	Happy New Year!		

***Tribal Offices closed for the Holidays***



A reminder to our community, all Tribal Offices will be closed for the holidays starting Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Offices will reopen starting Monday, Jan. 5, 2026. We hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season!





# Elders' Calendar

## December 2025

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. 4.*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2 Baked Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Spinach Cookies	3	4 Chicken Breast Patties Buns, Cheese, Mayo Macaroni Salad Jello w/topping	5	6
7	8	9 Taco Tuesday with all the fixings Fruit Salad / Cool Whip	10	11 Beef Stew Corn Bread Cake	12	13
14	15	16 Chop Suey Broccoli Wheat Roll Pudding w/Cool Whip	17	18 <b>Christmas Party &amp; BINGO</b> Assorted Sandwich fixings Cook's Choice Soup Christmas Cookies	19	20
21	22	23 Chicken Tenders Coleslaw Potato Puffs Rolls Brownies	24  <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25  <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27
28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1  <i>HAPPY new year</i>	2	3







## Veterans Saluted at Maliseet Cemetery

HOULTON, Maine – A chilly afternoon did not deter a group of about 30 tribal citizens from paying their respects to fallen soldiers Tuesday as part of Veterans Day.

Held at the Maliseet Cemetery, the solemn ceremony included an opening prayer from Tribal Elder Danya Boyce, a welcome greeting from Tribal Chief Clarissa Sabattis and remarks from Cemetery spokesperson Margaret Sabattis.

Members of the Maliseet Color Guard were also in attendance, along with representatives of the American Legion Post No. 47, who provided a gun salute and a rendition of “Taps” by bugler Gerald Riley.

“Today we acknowledge the cost of war and service,” Chief Clarissa Sabattis said. “We know there are scars that remain, whether they are physical or unseen.”

According to tribal records, a total of 87 tribal citizens have served in the military. Of that number, 47 are still alive. “Whether you were chosen or you made that decision [to join the military] on your own, we know that came with a lot of personal sacrifice,” Chief Sabattis said. “We want to thank you for your service and your duty and commitment to our country and our nation as a tribe. By honoring you every year, it our opportunity to honor your legacy and the importance of remembering your service. Thank you for protecting our country, our heritage and our culture for future generations.”

The Tribe’s Cemetery Committee was formed in 2016 and has worked closely with Sue Young, Natural Resources Director, to complete a veterans grant for the purchase and installation of a granite monument at the Maliseet Veterans Cemetery. It is the only Native American Cemetery east of the Mississippi River. “Our hope is that the families of those listed on this monument are well represented and to be represented in the future,” Margaret Sabattis said. Following the ceremony, the group held a small gathering at the Elders Center for light snacks and refreshments.




# FOOD PANTRY

## December 2025



Tribal Food Pantry Coordinator – Ashley Foster Kinney  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	CLOSED FOR RESTOCK	Pick-up orders 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	CLOSED FOR TRUCK DAY	Elder Deliveries 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	CLOSED FOR RESTOCK	Pick-up orders 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Pick-up orders 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Elder Deliveries 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	CLOSED FOR RESTOCK	Pick-up orders 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	CLOSED FOR STAFF EVENT WPHW food distribution, 2-4 p.m.	Elder Deliveries 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Pick-up orders 8-12 Closed half-day restock	Pick-up orders 8-12 Elders Delivery 1-4	 CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY BREAK	MERRY CHRISTMAS	CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY BREAK	
28	29	30	31	1		
	CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY BREAK	CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY BREAK	NEW Year's EVE	Happy New Year		



Please Join us for a

# Christmas PARTY

DECEMBER 5TH 6:00PM-8:00PM

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

