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HBMI, Wabanaki Alliance host Governor candidates

The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, in conjunction with the Wabanaki Alliance, hosted eight candidates who are seeking the office of Governor of Maine on March 19.

Democrats Shenna Bellows, Troy Jackson, Angus King III, Hannah Pingree and Nirav Shah, were joined by independents Derek Levasseur, Rick Bennett and John Glowa. About 140 people attended the forum to hear candidates' stances on Tribal issues.



HBMI Welcomes new staff

HOULTON, Maine – The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians have welcomed several new individuals to its staff.

Sean Lamkins has been named the new Home School Liaison in the Education Department. The Home School Liaison Worker works in conjunction with the local schools, parents, and Maliseet Education Department to ensure a positive learning environment and experience for the Maliseet Children. His position will run during the school year and he will be active during the summer assisting the Boys and Girls Club to plan and continue academic lessons.

“I look forward to connecting with my community and making a difference,” Lamkins said. “I enjoy being outdoors, playing records, and making music in my free time. Feel free to say ‘Hi!’”

Stephanie White has joined HBMI as a second Case Manager for the Indian Child Welfare Act department. The ICWA Case Manager is responsible for case management, program development and to uphold the integrity of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

“I am excited to join the team with a background in both legal and case management,” White said. “I have experience in a law firm environment doing legal secretary work as well as case management, most recently, supporting individuals in drug addiction recovery where I gained valuable experience in advocacy and resource coordination. I am very much looking forward to starting my role as ICWA case manager.”

Noah Reynolds has joined the Tribe’s Food Distribution Program as a warehouse worker/delivery driver. Reynolds’ role with the program will be to efficiently and effectively implement and monitor the USDA Food Distribution Program, following program guidelines. Among his responsibilities will be to assist clients with intake, applications and determinations of eligibility. He will also assist with the organization and cleanliness of the Food Distribution Program Center.

Nikki Roy has been named Finance Director for the Maliseet Indian Housing Authority. Roy, who previously worked for the town of Houlton and RSU 29, said she has enjoyed getting to know more about the Maliseet Community since joining the Housing Authority in December, 2025. Also at the Housing Authority, Mike Jewell has been named as the maintenance supervisor, while Joe Nason and Paul Cloutier have been added as maintenance workers.



Sean Lamkins



Stephanie White



Noah Reynolds



Nikki Roy



Mike Jewell



Joe Nason



Paul Cloutier



Elders' Calendar

April 2026

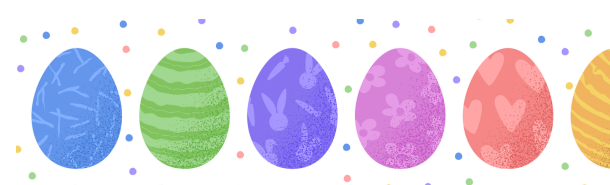
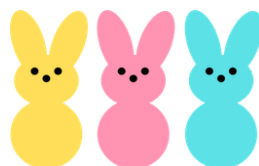


Elder Center phone # -- 532-7780
 Elder Coordinator -- Danya Boyce
 Cook -- Mark Lewis

All regular meals begin at 11 a.m.

Important Dates: April 1, April Fool's Day;
 April 5, Easter; April 15, Tax Day;
 April 20, Patriots' Day (Office Closed)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2 Baked Ham Mashed Potatoes Corn Crescent Rolls Pie Easter Candy	3	4
5 Happy Easter	6	7 Taco Tuesday! Make your own Tacos with all the fixings Chips/Drinks Dessert Squares	8	9 Chop Suey Broccoli Italian Bread Assorted Ice Cream Bars	10	11
12	13	14 Shepherd's Pie Spinach Whole Wheat Bread Jello w/topping	15	16 Baked Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Stove Top Stuffing Mixed Vegetables Cookies Rolls	17	18
19	20 Patriots Day All Tribal Offices Closed	21 Baked Chicken Potato Salad Stewed Tomatoes Cooks Choice Bread Assorted Dessert	22	23 BINGO! Finger Roll Sandwich (egg, ham, chicken salad) Chips/Soda Cook's Choice Dessert	24	25
26	27	28 Meatloaf w/gravy Mashed Potatoes Creamed Corn Dinner Rolls Brownies	29	30 Baked Beans Hot Dogs Potato Salad Sadies' Rolls Cake	1	2



Tribal News & Announcements

Elders Council updates

The Elders Council is looking for Elders interested in helping with this year's Fourth of July parade float.

Also, we are looking for donations (no clothing or shoes) for our Elder Center Yard sale on May 8 & 9 to benefit elder activities.

In addition, we are looking for Elders interested in setting up their own table to sell their crafts food etc. at the Elder Expo on Aug. 15.

Did you know that the Elder Center is available for functions/parties/meetings and other functions free of charge for Tribal citizens. Feel free to join our Elder Council meetings every other Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. at the Elder Center. All are welcome! Our April meetings are on April 7 and 21.

Please contact Danya Boyce at the Elder Center at 207-532-7780 if you are interested in any of these events.

Upcoming Community socials

We are continuing our theme of timing Community Socials with the full moon cycle. The April social, "Ponatomuwi Kisuhs" will be on Wednesday, April 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center (568 Foxcroft Road).

The next social will be "Siqonomeqi Kisuhs" on Friday, May 1.

Settlement Act Review

Join us Tuesday, April 14, at 1 p.m. at the museum (618 Foxcroft Road) for the HBMI Settlement and Implementing Act Review Group. This group is open to anyone who wants to come.

If you have ever wondered about the Settlement Act and the Implementing Acts, and specifically HBMI's role in these Acts, we are putting together a group to study and review it. From this group, we also hope to create review materials to be housed at the museum for all community members. FMI: email dmacdonald@maliseets.com.

Ponatomuwi Kisuhs Social

(Bo-nud-ah-moo-ee Gheez-us)

Wednesday April 1, 2026

5:30pm- 7:30pm

Maliseet Community Center
568 Foxcroft Rd.
Houlton, ME

*Come join us in
celebrating April's
Egg Laying Moon*

*Egg Laying Moon teaches us the
medicine of our Earth Mother
and all her children of creation. We
celebrate revitalization and birth
of a new creation to guide our
healing journeys.*



Carson Jacob of the Boys & Girls Club of Maliseets carefully drills a hole into a maple tree under the watchful eye of Steven Phillips .

A frozen “sap-sicle”

It’s Tree Tapping Time once again!

LITTLETON, Maine – Participants in the Boys & Girls Club of Maliseets gained first-hand knowledge on how to identify sap producing maple trees during a chilly afternoon field trip Monday, March 23.

Gathering at the Natural Resources building, the youth first learned how the sap harvest marks the end of winter and the beginning of a new cycle of life. Many tribes hold ceremonies and offer tobacco to the trees before tapping, acknowledging the tree’s role in providing sustenance.

Held one day after the 43rd annual Maine Maple Weekend, the youth embarked on a short hike to a nearby patch of trees to determine which ones were maple, and whether they were large enough to be tapped for syrup by hugging the trunk of the tree. Steven Phillips, Natural Resources Specialist, said Maple sap typically only runs when the temperature rises above freezing in early spring, during what some tribes call the “sugar moon.” This year has been particularly difficult in sap collection, according to Phillips, as there have been days of very warm spring temperatures only to be followed by extremely cold conditions.

The gathering of syrup from maple trees in the woodlands Maine is an ancient practice that had helped sustain Indigenous peoples for thousands of years. Historically, Indigenous people used maple syrup to cure meats, as a sweetener for bitter medicines and as an anesthetic.

Maple sugar also contains nutritious minerals, including phosphorous, magnesium, potassium, iron and calcium. Maple syrup was also used as a trade item in the form of dried, portable sugar slabs.





Did you know if you have a state child support case, you can transfer it to the Wabanaki Child Support Consortium (WCSC). You have to be the one who has opened the case to be able to transfer it. The consortium office is now open and located at 89 High Street, Houlton, ME 04730. Kaitlyn Goodall is the case manager and her phone number is (207) 599-6170
Benefits of switching your case:

- A service for tribal members by a tribal organization
- When you call, you will talk to a person
- WCSC can get your case in front of a Judge faster
- It is easy to transfer your case especially if both parties are tribal members
- The WCSC can do stipulated orders, which are agreed upon orders
- Option for in kind if not able to pay cash. This is temporary and has to be agreed upon by both parties with a monetary amount established by tribal court.

Please keep an eye out on the Houlton Band Facebook page for events sponsored by the Wabanaki Child Support Consortium and we will be putting information in the tribal newsletter more often. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!



WABANAKI CHILD SUPPORT CONSORTIUM

Kaitlyn Goodall, Wabanaki Child Support Consortium

(207) 599-6170

kaitlyn.goodall@penobscotnation.org

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Wabanaki Wed. w/ Dolores Education w/ Tawoma	2 *DV Tree Lighting*	3	4 *Wabanaki Spring Social*
5	6 *Art Club* Art w/ Hope	7 SmartMoves	8 Club Outing Early Release	9 TRAIL WAYS	10 Child Safety Carnival 4-6pm Hosted by ICWA & BGC	11
12	13 *Art Club* Art w/ Hope	14 SmartMoves	15 Wabanaki Wed. w/ Dolores Education w/ Tawoma	16 TRAIL Career Fair 9-11 am Youth Council	17	18
19	20 HBMI Closed	21 SmartMoves	22 Wabanaki Wed. w/ Dolores Traditional Dancing w Alyia	23 TRAIL Club Outing WAYS	24	25
26	27 *Art Club* Art w/ Hope	28 SmartMoves	29 Wabanaki Wed. w/ Dolores Education w/ Tawoma	30 Professional Develop No Club		

- **Early Release hours 11:30am-4pm. Teacher Workshop hours: 9am-4pm**
- 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.**



Natural Resources Department Summer Techs
2 Job Openings
Salary: \$15.10

The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians (HBMI) currently has 2 openings for temporary (up to 40 hours per week) summer help in their Natural Resources Department. Positions require a High School Diploma/GED, valid State of Maine driver's license with a clean driving record, ability to follow directions, and to work independently as well as part of a team. Individuals must be dependable and reliable with good attendance, be physically able to perform job related tasks and have an interest in natural resources/water resources. These positions require working outside in all types of weather so appropriate dress is needed. Consent to criminal background check and motor vehicle check also required.

Summary of Positions

Natural Resources Technician – Will assist the Natural Resources Specialist in the maintenance of the Nature Trail, implement HBMI's wildlife habitat enhancement plan, and work as needed with other departments and Natural Resource programs to inventory, assess, and monitor tribal trust lands.

Water Resources Technician – Will assist the Water Resources Department in meeting its water quality monitoring goals and objectives. Will help with the collection of samples, the measurement of water quality parameters, provide basic assistance for collecting GIS/GPS procedures, and any other work assigned.

Complete job description, listing duties and qualifications and HBMI applications are available for download at our web site maliseets.net. Application are available at the front desk of the Administration Building or have one mailed or emailed to you by contacting the receptionist at the Tribal Administration Office at 532-4273 or e-mail hr@maliseets.com. If selected for employment you will be subject to Alcohol and Drug testing. If you fail the Alcohol or Drug testing any offer of employment will be withdrawn by HBMI.

Applications will be accepted until close of business on April 9th, 2026.

TO APPLY:

Submit an application to:
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
Attn: Jessica Huff
88 Bell Road
Littleton, Maine 04730

The HBMI practices Indian Preference to qualified Native Americans in accordance with Public Law 93-638 and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

We're Hiring!



Youth **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times

strengthening families, protecting children

GARNIVAL PARTY

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

ICWA and the Boys & Girls Club of Maliseets are teaming up to host a fun-filled Carnival for families to celebrate April as Child Abuse Awareness Month. Enjoy free admission, games, food and bounce houses, while parents and guardians learn more about child abuse prevention.

HBMI Community Center
568 Foxcroft Road
4-6 p.m.

For more information, contact Sharon Romanelli (sromanelli@maliseets.com) or Megan Anderson (manderson@maliseets.com)

APRIL National CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

COMMUNITY • CONNECTION • CULTURE
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



JOIN US! SIGN UP TODAY!



SAAM EVENTS
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

4/11-RIBBON SKIRT & SHAWL MAKING

Join us in making your own ribbon skirt or dancing shawl. All materials will be provided. Sewing machines will be available.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Time & Location: 9am-3pm @ Maliseet Gym

4/23-RESIN SUNCATCHER CLASS

Join us and Glass with Class to make a SAAM themed suncatcher. All materials will be provided.

Meal will be provided.

Time & Location: 5pm-8pm @ Maliseet Gym

4/25-DENIM DAY COMMUNITY COOKOUT & AWARENESS WALK

Join us for Sexual Assault Awareness walk around Clover Circle and then a cookout.

Door prizes will be drawn for participants.

Time & Location: 11am-1pm @ Maliseet Housing Authority

Contact us to sign up and for more information:

☎ 24/7 Hotline: 207-532-6401 Office: 207-532-3000

🌐 maliseets.net/domestic-violence-sexual-assault

📍 Office Address: 690 Foxcroft Road, Houlton, ME 04730

📱 Check out our Facebook page: Maliseet Advocacy Center





What is Denim Day? Why Denim?

The Denim Day story began in Italy 1992, when an 18-year old girl was raped by the 45-year old driving instructor who was taking her to her very first driving lesson. He took her to an isolated road, pulled her out of the car, removed her jeans and forcefully raped her.

She reported the rape and the perpetrator was arrested and prosecuted. He was then convicted of rape and sentenced to jail. Years later, he appealed the conviction claiming that the sex was consensual, leading the Italian Supreme Court to overturn the conviction and release the perpetrator. A statement from the Court argued that because the victim was wearing very tight jeans, she had to help remove them, and by removing the jeans it was not rape but consensual sex. This became known throughout Italy as the “jeans alibi.”

Enraged by the verdict, the women in the Italian Parliament launched a protest wearing jeans on the steps of the Supreme Court. This protest was picked up by international media which inspired the California Senate and Assembly to do the same on the steps of the Capitol in Sacramento. Patti Occhiuzzo Giggans, Executive Director of Peace Over Violence, saw this in the media and thought everyone should be wearing jeans to protest all of the myths about why women and girls are raped.

Thus, Denim Day in LA was born.

The first Denim Day in LA event was held in April 1999, and has continued annually since.