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The Red Eagle

Ne-Chee Friendship Centre Newsletter

Freezing Moon

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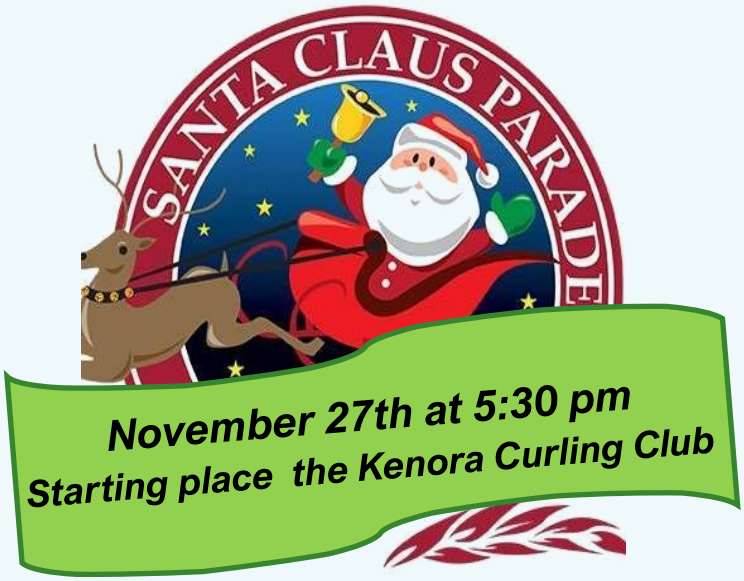
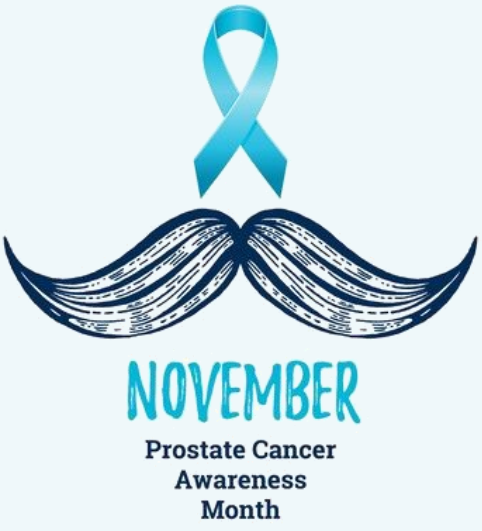
This moon has many names; Beaver Moon, Frost Moon, Whitefish Moon, Rutting Moon, and Digging Moon . This is a time of healing. By receiving both vision of the spirits and good health, we may walk the Red Road with purest intentions, and we can share this most positive energy with our families and friends for the good of all. November's moon names highlight the activity of the animals, the beavers take shelter in their lodges, small animals are foraging for fallen nuts, bears are digging their dens, deer are seeking mates, and the Whitefish are spawning. It's a busy time of year preparing for the long winter ahead.

THINGS TO REMEMBER





Chris Bennett

Bail residency worker

Chris has been an employee of the Ne-Chee Friendship Centre since 2018 and was hired on at the start of the Bail Residency Program . Chris continues to be an asset to the team at the Bail Residency Program, helping to plan events, build the program guidelines, train new staff, and most of all be a support to the residents. Chris is a kindhearted, easy going individual who always knows how to get the room smiling. He has played a valuable role and contributed to the growth and success of the program in so many ways. Thanks, Chris, for being such a dedicated employee to the Ne-Chee Friendship Centre.

Steve Carnegie, Bail Residency Manager

Boozhoo,

My name is Christopher Bennett and I first started at the Ne-Chee Friendship Centre August 2018 for the Bail Residency Program. At first, the program was a blank canvas and and has grown into something I'm proud of saying I've been a part of every step of the way. My favorite part of this job is watching people succeed at life, despite their own troubles that have come their way and gladly say that I was there to help. I've had excellent colleagues throughout my time here and thank everyone who's been a part of it.

Hobbies: **Nature walks, and playing sports**

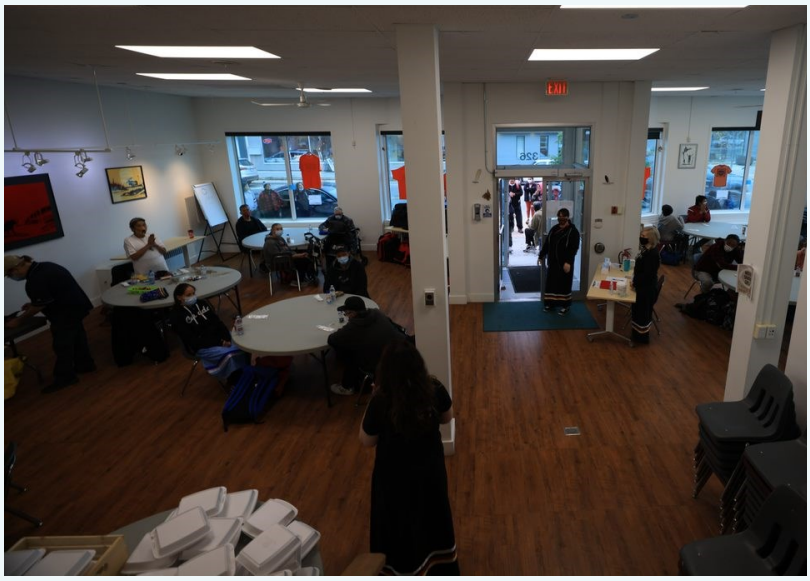
Favorite Food: **A perfectly cooked steak**

Bucket List: **To visit all the continents**

Fall Feast

The Fall Feast is an important ceremony in the Anishinaabe culture. It is a time to give thanks for the past seasons we have had and to pray for a safe warm winter. Prayers to the animals and Mother Nature for what they provide us and continue to provide. A big thank you to all the staff, drummers, and the Elder who helped make this event such a success.

Fall Feast



Fall Feast

Life Long Care

Life Long Care Clients enjoyed a trip to Sioux Narrows where they visited the local shops and had lunch at Yellowbird Lodge. Back at NFC they made Bannock and celebrated Thanksgiving with a ham lunch. If you are interested in this program please contact Tamsen Unrau or Carolyn Rodger, our Life Long Care Workers.

A.S.S.P

Students in the Alternative Secondary School Program have been busy with different beading projects. They made Orange Shirt Pins , Pop sockets for a Healthy Relationship & Communication Workshop and Poppies for Remembrance Day. If you have any questions about A.S.S.P please contact:

Becky Gartner: education@nechee.org

Bail Residency

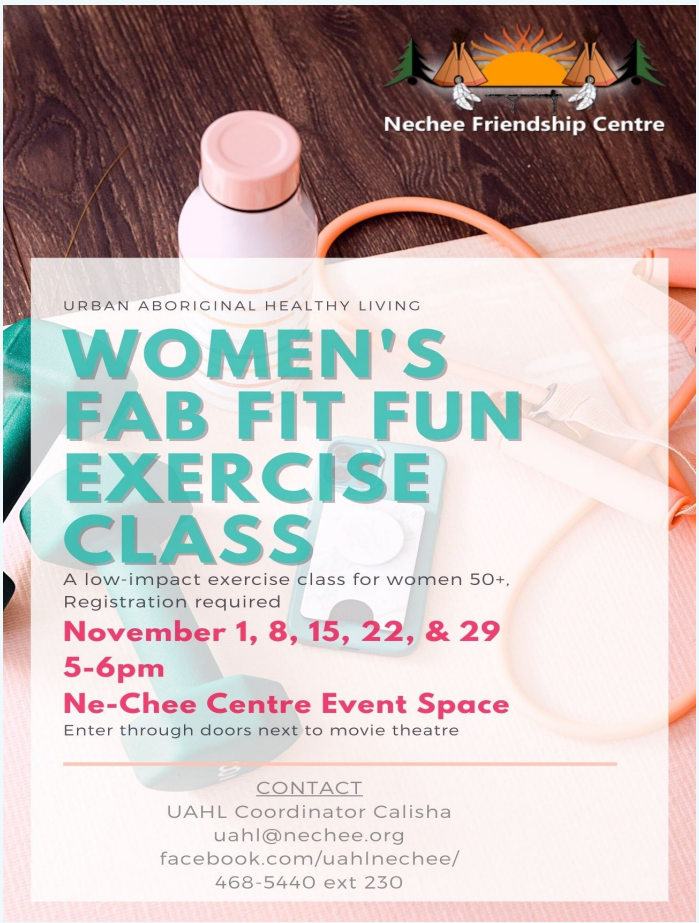
Bail Residents made tipis and drums this past month, the drums are not yet completed and will be done in phases. They decorated cupcakes, carved pumpkins and had a Fall Feast on October 8th, 2021. They also enjoyed a game of baseball against the O.P.P.

Community Involvement

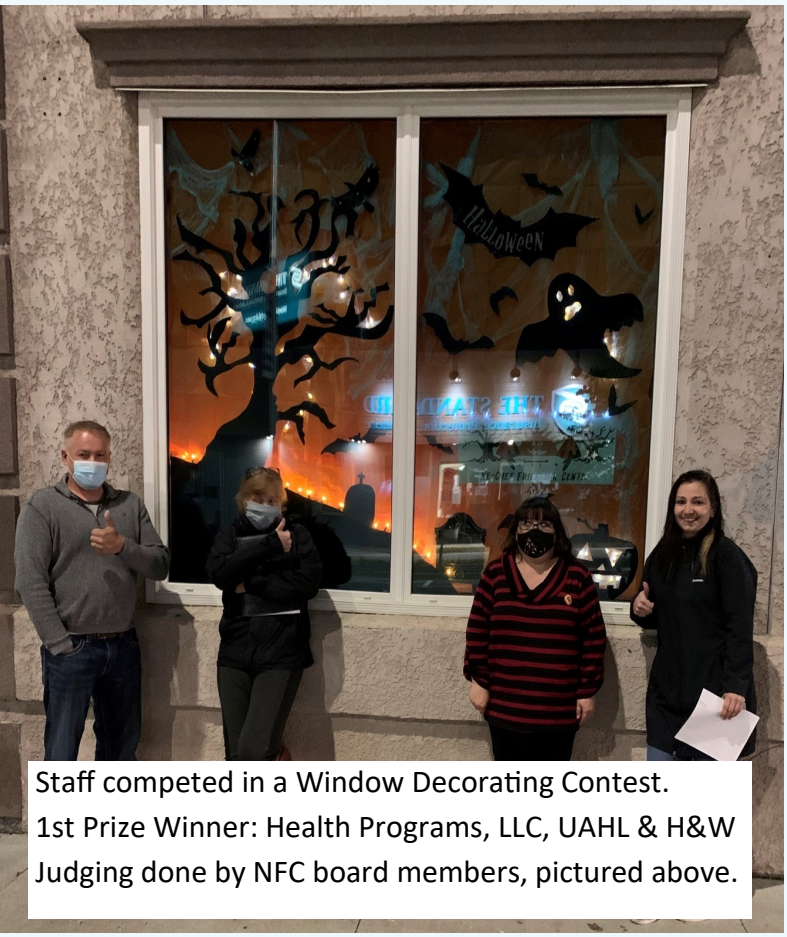
1 in 4 Canadians have a disability. October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Workers who have a disability are 5X more likely to stay on the job than those who don't. Organizations with an inclusive culture are 8X more likely to achieve better business outcomes.

Program Announcements

To register, contact HW coordinator Emily at healingandwellness@nechee.org or 468-5440 ext. 226.



Staff Contest



Staff competed in a Window Decorating Contest.
1st Prize Winner: Health Programs, LLC, UAHL & H&W
Judging done by NFC board members, pictured above.

Staff Directory

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COURT WORKERS Courthouse # 468-9657 NFC # 468-5440			
Amy Kristalovich	Criminal Courtworker (464-0585)	criminalcourtwork2@nechee.org	Ext. 256
Brianna Boucha	Criminal Courtworker (464-0069)	criminalcourtwork@nechee.org	Ext. 220
Open	Family Courtworker	familycourtwork@nechee.org	Ext. 233
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Open	Native Inmate Liaison Officer	Kenora2-Nilo@ontario.ca (468-2871) ext 231	
Theresa Jamieson	Native Inmate Liaison Officer	Kenora-Nilo@ontario.ca (468-2871) ext 315	
Meagan Lacombe	Drug, Education & Living Worker	Kenora.DEAL@ontario.ca (468-2871) ext 314	
JUSTICE PROGRAMS NFC # 468-5440			
Raquel Leutschaft	BVSP Supervisor/Bail Residency Manager	bvsp@nechee.org (464-1908)	Ext. 243
Loy Herbacz	Bail Verification & Supervision Worker	bailcoordinator@nechee.org (464-5849)	Ext. 242
Jake Tellier	Bail Supervision Case Manager	bailcasemanager@nechee.org(464-1854)	Ext. 241
Brady Myles	Indigenous Community Justice	communityjustice@nechee.org(464-4371)	Ext. 245
Brianna Boucha	Restorative Justice Liaison	RJLiaison@nechee.org (464-0069)	Ext. 245
Steve Carnegie	Kizhaay Anishinaabe Niin Coordinator	kizhaayniin@nechee.org	Ext. 246
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Raquel Leutschaft	Bail Residency Manager	bvsp@nechee.org (464-1908)	
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Robert Lauren	Bail Residency Worker	bailaftercareworker@nechee.org	
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Cass King	Bail Residency Worker	bailaftercareworker@nechee.org	
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Dylan Ricklef	Bail Residency Cook/Life Skills	lifeskills@nechee.org	
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Emily O'Connor	Indigenous Healing & Wellness Program	healingandwellness@nechee.org	Ext. 226
Al Sayers	Cultural Resource Program	cultural@nechee.org	Ext. 225
Calisha Wilcott	Urban Aboriginal Healthy Living	uahl@nechee.org	Ext. 230
Amy Kristalovich	Mental Health Peer Support Coordinator	criminalcourtwork@nechee.org	Ext. 256

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Lauren Hansen	EarlyON/Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls	earlyonsn@nechee.org (807) 276-4425	
Sunny Copenace	Family Support Program Coordinator	familysupport@nechee.org	Ext. 236
Open	Family Support Program Assistant	familysupport2@nechee.org	Ext. 236
Ashlynne Surovy	Indigenous Healthy Babies Program	healthybabies@nechee.org	Ext. 237
Pam Rittau	Indigenous Children's Wellness Program	icw@nechee.org	Ext. 238
Open (worker on leave)	Wasa-Nabin Youth Program	wasa-nabin@nechee.org	Ext. 239
David Friesen	Youth Life Promotion Program	youthlife@nechee.org	Ext. 240
EMPLOYMENT and EDUCATION NFC # 468-5440			
Dalaney Smith	Apatisiwin Employment Counsellor	employmentcounsellor@nechee.org	Ext. 248
Jasmine Scheurmann	Apatisiwin Youth Employment Counsellor	youthemployment@nechee.org	Ext. 247
Becky Gartner	Alternative Secondary School Counsellor	education@nechee.org	Ext. 231
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Vision Statement

To improve the quality of life for Indigenous People living in an urban environment by supporting self-determined activities which encourage equal access to and participation in Canadian Society and which respects Indigenous distinctiveness.