

“Serving Indigenous people in the City of Kenora for 47 Years”

The Red Eagle

Ne-Chee Friendship Centre Newsletter

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Zhashagi (Heron)

The Great Blue Heron is considered a very good omen. The tales of Heron center around its ability to stand on its own two feet and can wait forever to reach its goals; when all others give up and leave, the Heron remains steadfast to complete their tasks. The Great Blue Heron can be called on when forging a new path in your personal or spiritual life. The Blue Heron speaks to the importance of patience and watchfulness, knowing when the right opportunity arrives and not being impulsive or in a hurry to get what you really want. When you work with the Blue Heron you are calling on your ability to embrace stillness and to have faith in the process playing out without your intervention. The Heron represents grace, purity, and patience.



THINGS TO REMEMBER



June 21st

OFFICE CLOSED FOR

National Indigenous People's Day

Please join us at the Rec Centre on this day see poster on Page 4 for details



International Day Against
Drug Abuse
& Trafficking

26th JUNE



JESSE KELLAR

BAIL RESIDENCY WORKER

Jesse has been employed with the Bail Residency Program as a fulltime employee since July 2021. When I first became manager, Jesse was always eager to assist me in any way he could, offering ideas and input to better the program and our residents experiences during their time with us. Jess's unique approach to different situations has assisted him in forming positive relationships with the residents and his colleagues alike. I look forward to watching Jesse continue to grow in this position.

Kylie Neniska, Bail Residency Program Manager

A few fun facts from Jesse

Hobbies: [Some of my hobbies include: Playing music with friends \(guitar and bongos\), writing short stories, taking long summer hikes](#)

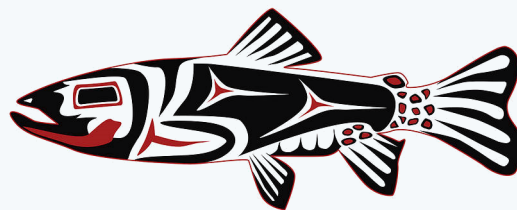
Favourite Quote: [It's not easy being green. When green is all there is to be. It could make you wonder why. Why wonder, why wonder, why wonder? I'm green, and that'll do just fine.](#)

[~Kermit the Frog~](#)

Favourite Food: [Frog Legs](#)

Bucket List: [Learn to play the violin](#)

Favourite song: [Manifest by Andrew Bird](#)





Ne-Chee Friendship Centre

DRUMMING NIGHTS

JUNE 06TH AND 20TH
FROM 6-8PM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME
SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

326 2ND ST SOUTH
(DOORS BESIDE THEATRE)



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LIFELONG CARE PROGRAM

Is looking for new clients to join us!

About Our Program:
 Lifelong Care provides programming & advocacy for Indigenous people of all ages who have physical disabilities, serious health issues, those who are frail/elderly or looking for socialization

Programming Includes:

- Weekly exercises/crafts/bingos with lunch
- Outdoor seasonal activities
- Assistance with medical appointments
- Transportation
- Referrals to access community-based services
- Nutritional support
- Family support
- Friendly visits

Please contact one of our Coordinators if you are interested or know someone who would benefit being a part of our program.

CONTACT LLC COORDINATORS
(807) 468-5440
Tamsen ext. 227
Carolyn ext. 228





Ne-Chee Friendship Centre

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

If interested in becoming a member please email aces@nechee.org to request a membership form.

- In order to have voting rights at the AGM, membership needs to be approved 30 days in advance
- Youth (non-voting) position
- You must reside off reserve and live in Kenora or surrounding area to be a member – copy of By-Laws available upon request

JUNE 19, 2023 @ 5:00 PM
326 Second Street South
Door beside the Movie Theatre



For more information please email: aces@nechee.org

National Indigenous Peoples Day

Honouring Our Graduates PowWow

Hosted by
 Bimose Tribal Council and Ne-Chee Friendship Centre

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Kenora Recreation Centre
1 PM & 7 PM Grand Entries

Host Drum
 MoTown Singers

Invited Drums
 Battle Nation
 Red Cloud
 Hanisha

FULL POSTER AND DETAILS TO FOLLOW




SAVE THE DATE



Moose Hide Walk



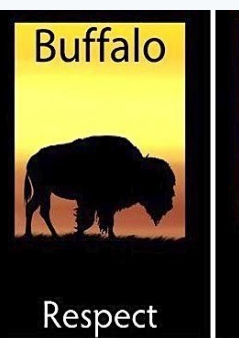
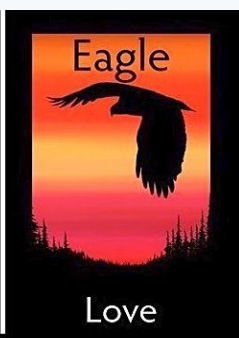
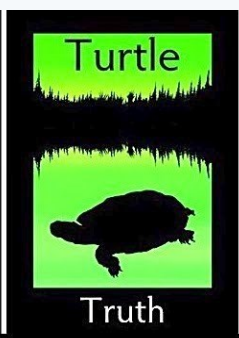
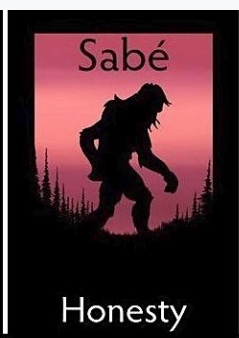
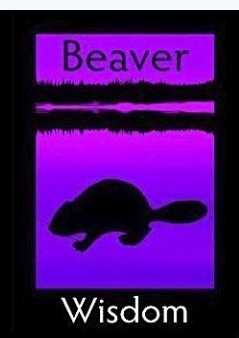
The Moose Hide Campaign began as a BC-born Indigenous-led grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. It has since grown into a nationwide movement. May 11th marked our area's 1st Moosehide Walk, which was a big success.

Pictured below is Elder Cathy Lindsey who opened the event. She emphasized the importance of men standing up against violence towards women and children and that the work shouldn't stop.



Lifelong Care

Lifelong Care clients were joined by the Bail Residents where they learned about the *Seven Grandfather Teachings*. Julian Jordan, NFC's Cultural Resource Coordinator was the workshop facilitator. Julian also held a workshop for the LLC clients who wanted to make drumsticks. Both workshops were a success and a big thank you to Julian for sharing his time and knowledge.



"The Great Blue Heron"

Permission to reprint granted by the Artist & Illustrator **Hawlii Pichette**

To learn more about the Artist and her works please visit www.urbaniskwew.com



Great Blue Heron

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Staff Directory



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CHILDREN and YOUTH PROGRAMS NFC # 468-5440

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Indigenous EarlyON program will be run in partnership with Sunny Copenace & Ashlyne Surovy			
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Spencer Caruso	Youth Life Promotion Program	youthlife@nechee.org (807) 464-0482	Ext. 240

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Brandy Armer	Secretary/Treasurer		
Jordan St.Germain	Board Member		

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.