



## Ninth annual powwow a success

Members of the community converged on Ranch Ehrlo's Pilot Butte campus to take part in the 9th annual powwow on August 27 as part of the agency's 60th anniversary celebrations.

This year's powwow may have been our biggest and best yet, uniting a record breaking number of dancers, drummers, and community members at the campus.

The powwow is an annual opportunity for the community, as well as our participants and staff, to engage with First Nations culture while learning more about the work Ranch Ehrlo does. The day began with a pipe ceremony, followed by a feast and the grand entry at 1 p.m. Attendees enjoyed a family-style carnival and canteen, and an inflatable play structure. This year also features a self-guided history museum highlighting the past 60 years.

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## New construction on Buckland campus

Ranch Ehrlo Society has launched a project to build a new gymnasium on its Buckland



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campus, located just north of Prince Albert.

The \$2.5-million development will include a full indoor gymnasium, along with a small kitchen and washroom facilities. Once complete, the space will provide youth with a dedicated area for indoor recreation, while also serving as a flexible venue for staff training, multi-team meetings, and special events.

“This new space will help meet the needs of youth and staff in the north by providing a purpose-built indoor facility similar to those already in place at the Pilot Butte and Corman Park campuses,” said Natalie Huber, CEO. “We anticipate it to become a central hub of activity on campus.”

The gymnasium will support activities throughout the school day and into the evening, which is especially important for youth living in the rural setting.

The project reflects Ranch Ehrlo’s broader strategic plan and is one of several priorities identified in the agency’s 2026–27 budget.

Construction is expected to be completed by February 2027.

Until then, staff and youth will watch with anticipation as construction moves forward – confident the space will make a meaningful difference for youth and staff to work and live on campus.

Barclay Batiuk, director of education at Buckland campus, said the addition of the gymnasium is a much-needed enhancement and will provide numerous opportunities to enrich the experiences of youth.

“At present, youth have limited options for physical activity during the cold winter evenings and weekends, often requiring us to rent facilities through the Prince Albert area. The new gym will provide a convenient, on-site space where youth can stay active, engage in recreation, and expend energy in a positive and healthy way.”

Beyond athletics and recreation, the gym will serve as a central gathering place for cultural events, ceremonies, feasts, and other community activities. It will become a space that brings people together, strengthens relationships, and fosters a greater sense of community and belonging.

## Youth leading with strength



A young boy in Ranch Ehrlo’s northern Treatment Foster Care (TFC) program is showing the peers around him, and the adults who mentor him, that people can rise – finding strength, building character, and growing in confidence.

Fifteen-year-old Corey\* didn’t have a storybook start in life, with the white picket fence and picture-perfect family. In his short years, he has faced challenges he’s had to navigate and adversities he’s had to overcome – a world he’s met with courage.

Through that resilience, Corey has begun building a life for himself, surrounding himself with community and finding more people to love and be loved by.

Corey joined TFC five years ago and found a home with foster parents Joyce and Doug Ball. It was here that he began building a circle of extended family, new friends, and mentors he’s grown to admire and share close relationships with.

“His self-confidence has grown and his ability to imagine a brighter future for himself has also grown,” said Dianna Stang, manager of TFC.

As part of his growth and exploration, Corey joined the Cadets program in Prince Albert – a structured, skill-building program for youth that offers adventure, skills development, and real-life experiences. It helps young people grow into more confident, capable individuals.

His involvement, said Stang, has helped Corey mature and step into a leadership role.

“Cadets have helped teach Corey to respect others, as well as himself. It has helped him gain a sense of belonging and camaraderie with his peers. It has helped him improve his self-esteem and confidence in himself and his abilities. It has helped him develop a common interest with like-minded peers, and a possible future career.”

Corey’s commitment to Cadets and his passion for the program came to light recently when he was recognized for his ability to lead and be a positive example to others in his group. Supported by his foster family and with his Mushum in the audience, Corey proudly accepted the Leadership Award from his troop.

“Being recognized for his accomplishments in cadets has been amazing for Corey and has brought him a lot of joy and sense of pride,” said Stang. “It has shown him that there is another path forward for him in life and that he can have a happy, healthy future free from violence and addictions.”

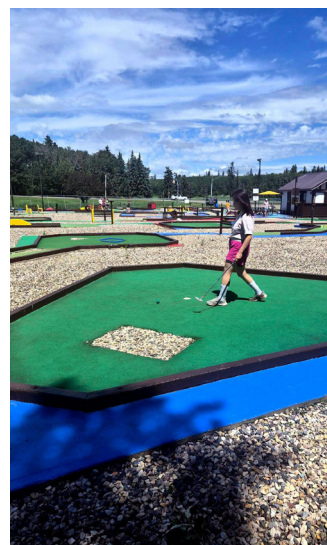
Ranch Ehrlo’s TFC program is a community-based program that provides homes to children, ages six to 15, who require a more intensive level of care than traditional foster care. TFC works with the families of children placed in the program to help support healthy relationships, thus promoting family reunification or helping to find alternative placements if reunification is not possible.

\*Name changed to protect youth’s identity

## Therapeutic camping season fostered growth

Ranch Ehrlo’s therapeutic camping season saw youth and families head outdoors to explore Saskatchewan and Western Canada while building relationships, confidence, and new skills.

Youth from group living programs, supportive living, and family programs travelled to provincial parks, the Rocky Mountains, destinations closer to home, and the Ranch’s own camp sites embracing new experiences beyond their daily routines.



A long-standing tradition at Ranch Ehrlo, therapeutic camping provided opportunities for land-based learning as youth built campfires, hiked trails, learned from Elders, and connected with the natural world. Sharing responsibilities and trying unfamiliar activities helped strengthen

teamwork, independence, and camaraderie among youth and staff.

## Family Treatment Program celebrates 20 years

One of Ranch Ehrlo Society’s most robust programs celebrated a major milestone this past fall. The Family Treatment Program (FTP) marked 20 years of growth and meaningful impact with a family carnival that brought together staff, families, and special guests.

“Reaching this milestone allowed us to reflect on the excellence of this program, the dedication of our staff and the resilience of the families we serve. It was a powerful reminder of what’s possible when we come together to support one another,” said Patti Petrucka, executive director of family programs.

As a cornerstone of Ranch Ehrlo’s family-focused services, the FTP was founded on the core value of family togetherness, offering vital support to help families remain together or reunite after having children in care.

Data from the past decade demonstrates the significance of the program. Since 2016, the FTP has helped 509 children remain living safely with their families at the end of intervention, while another 324 children have been reunified with their parents.

“The celebration marked not only 20 years of operation, but the lasting impact on hundreds of families who have remained together,” said Jordan Hubick, program director. “It was an opportunity to recognize the incredible work and the people who have made it all possible.”

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## Enhancing spaces



Recent upgrades at Ranch Ehrlo Society's Pilot Butte campus included a repaved outdoor rink with new skateboard and bike features and a beach volleyball court. The improvements, inspired by staff feedback, provide youth with more opportunities for recreation, play, and connection.

## Play ball



Staff from family programs and the education team went head-to-head with lots of laughs, a little competition, and a chance to connect outside the day-to-day. More than just a game, it's a reflection of how we work at the Ranch: different teams and professions coming together, having fun, and making a real impact.

## One year anniversary



EELC-tawâw recently celebrated one year since opening its doors. With the move from EELC-Imperial, we are proud to have increased the number of childcare spaces available to families in our community and the addition of our infant program.

## Filling pantries



A generous donation from Andy's No Frills helped stock pantries and put meals on the table for families living in Ehrlo Housing. Support like this goes a long way in helping families stretch their grocery budgets.

## Summer helpers



Two dedicated youth rolled up their sleeves this summer at the lodge on Piapot First Nation, helping install new carpet and setting up a 20x12 canopy to keep gatherings cool in the heat and dry in the rain. This work is part of an ongoing effort to help with the care and upkeep of the lodge and surrounding grounds.