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## Lee House community clean-up

Lee House took matters into their own hands at their community clean-up event and demonstrated the power of teamwork.

Youth participated in a poster-making contest, with the winning posters distributed door to door and displayed throughout the neighbourhood. The poster informed the neighbours of their intention to clean up the back alley and invited everyone to join.

A former Ranch Ehrlo employee, who now works at Advanced Waste Solutions, was kind enough to lend Lee House one of their large garbage bins for the day.

“We thought this would be a good way to bring the youth together to do something nice, not just for our house, but for everyone in the neighbourhood. Our goal was to promote a culture of teamwork and

pride in their work. The aim is for us to continue to build positive relationships within the community,” said Michael Torrie, program manager at Lee House.

Lee House exhibited a strong commitment and passion for Ranch Ehrlo’s CARE principles with a willingness to build relationships and work together to achieve their full potential.

Once the gloves were on, the hard work commenced. Youth and staff took to the streets to clean up various trash items.



Ranch Ehrlo’s 5th annual powwow was held August 25th





“It feels so much better to not see garbage flying around the yard. I hope we do this again,” exclaimed one participant.

This event provided an opportunity to see how a small act for a short time can have a great impact. When people get involved in cleaning their neighbourhood and take pride in that work, they are less likely to litter and more likely to keep it clean.

## Ranch Ehrlo celebrates multiple graduates

This year we’ve been fortunate to have four participants graduate from high school!

It isn’t easy to reach graduation – it takes hard work. Many youth, when they first come to Ranch Ehrlo, have had little success in school. Frustration and failure have often led to anger or withdrawal. As a result, they are often no longer interested in learning. We work hard to turn that around.

We want to celebrate the perseverance of our outstanding graduates and their accomplishments and highlight some of their journeys.

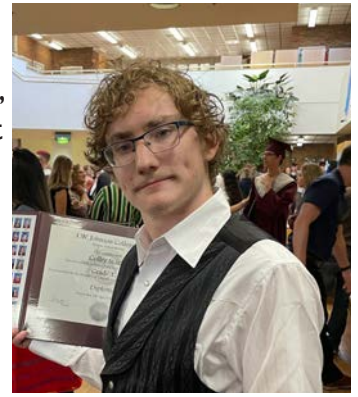
### Colby’s story

Schoolwork wasn’t a priority for Colby

for a long time.

He said, “I was repeating some of my classes, not handing in my work all the time, and not giving a crap about anything I’d learned.”

Kelly Cook, program manager, added that Colby’s teachers and educational assistant helped to keep him engaged and motivated to keep his eye on the end game which was ultimately graduating.



Colby

Thomas Ottenbreit, Ranch Ehrlo teacher, and Jenn George, Ranch Ehrlo educational assistant, worked with Colby to help him achieve this milestone.

“He has cemented a legacy within the school that only those who have gotten the privilege to know Colby will understand what will be missing here with him moving onto bigger and better things as he graduates with the class of 2022,” they commented.

When asked what advice he would give to undergraduate students, Colby declared, “Don’t give up.”



Marcellus

### Marcellus’s story

Marcellus graduated from Campbell Collegiate’s Functional Integrated Academic Program (FIAP) in Regina. He joined the program eight years ago and became a popular student.

He participated in many extracurricular activities and starred in multiple theatre productions giving many memorable performances in roles such as Captain Hook and Olaf.

He also successfully completed a work experience placement with the Campbell maintenance team, and he was a top worker as the dishwasher for Campbell’s cafeteria.

He jumped and completed a 360 degree turn in the air as he crossed the stage to get his diploma. His dream is to be a dishwasher at Red Lobster someday, because it’s his favourite restaurant.

Marcellus’s advice to younger students is, “High school is fun. It’s not scary even though it seems scary.”

## Learning experience



Two high school students recently had the opportunity to learn more about their culture, and in turn, learned more about themselves.

The students made ribbon skirts for the first time as well as beaded lanyard keychains.

Jenn George, Ranch Ehrlo educational assistant, helped the students learn these crafts.

She explained that making a ribbon skirt takes patience. If it becomes too challenging, then it's important to take a break and return to it when calm. It's important to think good thoughts about the person they're making it for including themselves.



\*Lisa, one of the youth, learned that she needs patience to create beautiful things. She found it challenging, but when she finished, she felt proud, and her mom was also proud of her.

"I chose a floral print because it reminded me of my late Mama. She loved flowers. When I saw the material, it felt calm and comforting."

\*Kate, the second student, found the process much easier.

"She was a natural," George added. "You can always see how proud the youth are of their ribbon skirts."

Ribbon skirts symbolize resilience, sacredness, and survival. Wearing ribbon skirts reminds wearers to always respect themselves and others.

*\*Names changed for privacy*

## Partnership fulfills a need

Recently the supported group living program and the vocational program at the Ranch came together to help a participant in need.

\*Chad, a vocational student and supported group living participant, was experiencing some difficulties because he was no longer able to receive one-on-one attention in his vocational program, nor could he isolate himself when he needed separation from the group. The program was no longer meeting his needs. Chad started struggling and didn't want to attend.

Barry Senft, a personal support worker who works closely with Chad, said, "There was a lot of negative behaviour and lots of sadness. He

didn't want to go to LSEP anymore."

Life Skills Education Program (LSEP) is a Ranch Ehrlo vocational program that helps participants with differing abilities develop life skills and provides leisure and recreation opportunities, training, and skill development.

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*-Warren Powers, LSEP program manager*

Warren Powers, LSEP program manager, explained that there was a lot of coordination between the group living and vocational programs to create a program that was fiscally responsible and would meet Chad's needs.

They designed a week-to-week program to ensure all his needs are being met with input from Chad. Powers pointed out that Chad still participates in learning and practicing life skills, but now he has the support he needs.

"It's much more person-centred," Powers explained.

Chad still participates in two LSEP activities twice a week. One day he attends expressive art program classes, and the other day is for music therapy. The difference is if he's experiencing challenges at these activities, he now has a personal support worker with him who can take him home, so he doesn't disrupt the other participants.

Thanks to the cooperation between departments, Chad has a new lease on life.

"Chad is thriving," Powers said.

*\*Name changed to protect privacy*



## Super Summer Art Show and sale

Ranch Ehrlo participants' superhero art was featured at Black Dog Art Supply in August.

The participants are a mix of youth and adults from Ranch Ehrlo's vocational programs who have differing abilities.



Their art from the *Make A Mark* exhibition, which was featured in Regina Public Library in May 2022, were up for silent auction. All proceeds will be used to purchase art supplies for Ranch Ehrlo's young artists to continue to enjoy the freedom and inclusivity of art.

Local comic artists Raymond Lolacher, Jordan Bidyk, and Jason Scott were also in attendance creating original pieces.

## Safety



The Service Hospitality team CEO Carrie Bjola, along with Brelyn Klotz, Shikara Dyck, and Bay Stenz joined Ranch Ehrlo's Judy Bidyk, vice-president of human resources, and Carolyn Ross and Michelle Miller for a comprehensive tour of our Pilot Butte campus.

## Colour run



The Pride colour run hosted by Jordan House on the Pilot Butte campus definitely brightened up the day. Staff and youth enjoyed participating in many colorful activities, as well as a delicious BBQ.

## Reconciliation path



We are excited to announce the beginning stages of construction on a path to reconciliation which will be woven throughout our Pilot Butte campus landscape. This path will be a place of respect, reflection, and reconciliation, encouraging individuals to embark on their reconciliation journey.

## Ehrlo Baseball



Ehrlo Sport Venture's Baseball Rookie League wrapped up with a tournament on July 30th. A special thank you to our players, volunteer coaches, and parents who dedicate their time and help make the season a success.

## Family camps



Sport Venture spent the last two weeks in July facilitating family sports camps in the community. The participants focused on cooperation, teamwork, and listening skills.