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2023 Awards Night

Each of our participants are special in their own right. At our annual Awards Night we take the time to recognize their outstanding achievements and exemplary effort throughout the year, whether it's academic, athletic, or somewhere in between.

This June, staff, participants, families, and special guests gathered at three venues in the province for the annual Awards Night. We celebrated youth in the north and in the south and our adult participants in Regina. Awards were handed out for academics, athletics, social development, creative arts, culture, and concluded with the President's trophies.

Corman Park campus teepee raising

Youth, families, and staff at the Corman Park campus had the opportunity to raise a teepee on June 19th. Although the wind got in the way and prevented us from finishing the structure on the day, everyone had the opportunity to learn more about the ceremony.

Elder Mary Lee shared her knowledge alongside Elder Vernon Linklater. Once the frame of the structure was erected everyone



Adult Awards Night



Teepee at Corman Park

enjoyed Bannock hotdogs and Elder Mary held a teepee teaching inside for youth.

Indigenous speaker series

Ranch Ehrlo's Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC) undertook a new initiative called the Indigenous Speaker Series.

The first event was scheduled for June 21st on the Pilot Butte campus to correspond with the summer solstice and National Indigenous Peoples Day. The first speaker was Cadmus Delorme, the former Chief of Cowessess First Nation. Under his leadership, Cowessess First Nation has focused on economic self-sustainability, progressed on renewable energy, agriculture, efficiency in land use initiatives, and moved forward on child welfare reform.



Cadmus Delorme speaking to students

Cadmus presented to the students, staff, and board on the importance of the Indigenous worldview and empowerment of the TRC Calls to Action.

The committee plans to hold events with different speakers four times a year in conjunction with the equinoxes and solstices.

Greener campuses

Corman Park is about to be a whole lot greener! Ranch Ehrlo teamed up with SaskPower's Our Treehouse to You for a new initiative.



Members of our property management crew and Vocational Training Employment Program participants (seen here) helped plant 1,000 seedling.

The greenhouse donated 1,800 seedlings to the Ranch to plant a shelterbelt at the Corman Park campus, and the rest were planted adjacent to our Path to Reconciliation at the Pilot Butte campus.

Chris Shynkaruk, manager of property management, said, "We have been discussing for quite some time about issues that are caused by the wind at Corman Park campus and the lack of vegetation."

In 2022, Sarah Ovens, May House program manager, provided him with information regarding the Shand Greenhouse shelterbelt program.

"I applied on the premise that once established, these trees will provide protection to the structures, and potentially reduce energy costs, but will also reduce the blowing snow and dust, providing better air quality for those living and working at Corman Park," he explained.

Generous grants

Families in Ranch Ehrlo Society's Family Treatment Program are a lot safer, thanks to a generous grant. SGI provided \$6,000 for the purchase of car seats for families in the Family Treatment Program (FTP).

The FTP improves family safety and function so families can remain together. The program works to either prevent the placement of children out of their home or to assist families to reunite after having a child in care.

Toni Rapley, Traffic Safety Community Outreach at SGI said, "Since organizations like Ranch Ehrlo work with families in need, the partnership with SGI and the Car Seat Grant program is vital for all persons to have an opportunity to make sure their children are safe when traveling on Saskatchewan roads."

She went on to say that families in the program already have so many things to worry about and it is nice to know that, due to this grant, a

proper car seat is no longer on that list of worries.

There was an additional \$1,000 provided for the purchase of bike helmets for the FTP from a partnership between the SGI Traffic Safety Community Outreach Department, and the Provincial Acquired Brain Injury Education and Prevention Program.

Families in the program also expanded their cultural experience thanks to a donation from a local company. Ritenburg and Associates donated \$1,000 so families could attend a weekend powwow.

Brett Kelln, principal engineer at Ritenburg said, “We are always looking for ways to give back to the community. This was a great opportunity for us to contribute.”

Bring your passions

This is the fifth in a series of stories about a day in the life of a staff member at Ranch Ehrlo.

Karlyn Kenny says it's important to bring your personal interests to work with you. She has worked at the Ranch since 2019 and has been a youth care leader (YCL) at Woodward House since December 2022.

“I would tell someone who is thinking about working at the Ranch to bring their passions with them. It's a really fun way to keep our participants engaged,” she said with a smile.

Kenny has used her interest in physical activity and bike riding to get the youth excited about group cycling around the neighbourhood.

YCLs are sort of like a liaison between the manager and the youth care workers in the house. They are responsible for program planning which also includes planning the outings the youth take almost every day.

Kenny said the youth at Woodward House are 16 to 18 years old, so they are being prepared for life after the Ranch. Woodward House staff are prioritizing authentic life skills that the youth will need when they transition out of care. Each youth will need these skills to live independently.

“One of the biggest issues for youth transitioning out of any kind of care is they don't feel like they've been equipped with the tools they need to be successful in their independence, and I feel like that's something Woodward as a whole is really good at doing,” she said.

Kenny feels very fulfilled being a YCL, and she's really enjoyed taking a leadership role, developing CARE-based planning, and creating opportunities for developing life skills for the youth. She goes home at the end of the day knowing that she did something good.

The other benefit she said she has gained from working at the Ranch is the personal relationships she's built. “It's not just the wonderful relationships that I've built with the youth. I met my fiancé working at Ranch Ehrlo and some of my best friends,” she said.

Team building fun

Building relationships is fun and meaningful for long-term success! The entire southern property management crew and the Vocational Training Employment Program (VTEP) participants recently had a great time building their working relationships.



Members of our property management crew and participants on a team building day.

Finding ways to better relationships and build competency is part of the CARE model that Ranch Ehrlo follows.

The focus of the VTEP is on developing life skills, vocational training and skill development, and supervised vocational activities for our participants with developmental and cognitive differing abilities.

The participants work on the property management crew because it suits their interests.

As part of their team building day, the two crews went for a delicious lunch, then went to SkyPark in Regina for an afternoon of fun!

“We’re going to do this regularly from now on. It strengthens our relationships and allows us to remember what fun is,” said Nicole Bonner, property management manager.

The VTEP crew also recently completed a big project. They built a steel briquette barbecue from scratch that will be used on the Pilot Butte campus for years to come!

6th annual powwow around the corner

Our 6th annual powwow will take place on August 31st on our Pilot Butte campus. There will be a grand entry and a family-style carnival with prizes and games to be won.

Our powwow is a place to join in celebration through dancing, singing, visiting, renewing old friendships, and making new ones while honouring the culture of our Indigenous clientele, staff, and community partners.

If you are interested in volunteering at our 6th annual powwow or sponsoring the event, please reach out to Kayla at kayla.mckee@ranchehrlo.ca for more information.

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Moose Hide Campaign Day



Our executive team joined staff and others across Canada to take part in Moose Hide Campaign Day. By wearing the moose hide pins we helped to take a stand to end gender-based violence in Canada.

Baseball training



Exciting things continue to happen at Ehrlo Sport Venture including a trip to Toronto for Gloria Patrick, program manager. She was in Toronto for Ehrlo Baseball Rookie League coordination training through the Jays Care Foundation, and the expansion of the league to an additional field this summer in Regina!

Make a Mark



Ranch Ehrlo's Paper Crane expressive arts services once again teamed up with the Regina Public Library for the Make a Mark art exhibit that ran through May at the George Bothwell Library.

3-Mile Races



Youth, staff, and special guests walked, sprinted, and cheered at Ranch Ehrlo's southern annual 3-Mile Race on May 25th and the northern race on May 30th.

I belong



Ranch artists exhibited their original creations at the Cathedral Village Arts Festival! Their work called *I Belong* was on display in the Neil Balkwill Civic Arts Centre. More than 50 participants ranging in age from two years to adult took part in creating collages.