



Rawhide's Beat the Heat Program Sprints to Top

Rawhide continues to offer youth who reside at the ranch more opportunities to grow in their education during their stay. In the fall of 1997, Rawhide initiated a Beat the Heat (BTH) chapter. This chapter is part of a larger nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting traffic safety, drug and alcohol awareness, and building relationships between officers and youth of all ages.

This year's BTH crew has been working on two cars. One is their main racing car, the 1974 Chevy Nova, and their project car which is a 1979 Ford Fairmont "Sleepy Fox."



The Nova was initially a donation from Marion High School. After many years serving as an educational vehicle and promotional vehicle for Rawhide, the students helped transform it into the BTH race car in 1998. The car currently puts out about 700 horsepower, which allows it to run the quarter mile track in 10.67 seconds at 125 mph!

The Sleepy Fox project car was started in the 2009-2010 school year from two salvage vehicles. The car contains the popular Fox chassis found on Mustangs, a 5.0 small block engine, and improved Cobra heads, cam, and firing order. Students have installed a new

intake, carburetor, headers with dual exhaust, new brakes and suspension. The plan is to test the car throughout the remainder of the season and then sell it to raise funds for a future project.

The Rawhide BTH class teams up with the Waupaca County Sheriff's Department to race the vehicles. This elective school course usually has about eight students, which meets on Friday's from 8:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. In this class, students get the opportunity to work on the race cars as well as other projects. It gives them hands on learning about safety, teamwork, positive recreation activities, and racing. Scott Wilson, a math teacher at Starr Academy, along with Rawhide mechanics, teach and work with the students to prepare the cars for racing.

Students earn the privilege of going off grounds to attend about six races each season, along with various car shows including the Iola Old Car Show. If there is room, other students not in the program also are able to attend the events. We attempt to attend one national event in Illinois to let the students experience professional racing at a higher level.

Along with the BTH program, students at Rawhide also participate in work experience opportunities within the Vehicle Donation Program. This enables them to learn more about the automotive industry and can be the spring-board to a career down the road. "When I leave Rawhide, I would like to continue my education in the areas of auto and/or diesel mechanics. I have been working on cars in the work experience program and Beat the Heat program at Rawhide, have learned a lot, and enjoy this work," stated Anton, a current student at Rawhide.



Youth work on the race cars each week in a school elective course

Beat the Heat adult members have an opportunity to closely interact with the young men from Rawhide to make a personal connection and promote a better understanding of each other. It gives the Rawhide students the opportunity to see that Police and Firefighters are more than just authority figures, they are real people dedicated to serving their communities and are pretty neat guys to get to know.



Rawhide donors and Friends celebrate the ribbon cutting

Rawhide Dedicates Train Station on the Ranch

On June 29, Rawhide dedicated the 5700 square foot Train Station building that was recently constructed. This building helps support the mission of Rawhide in providing top notch services for youth. The Youth Services Train Station was built in part due to a electrical fire in 2009 that housed training and office space for youth services staff. The new facility consolidates all of the youth counseling, training, and supervision into one location.

Milwaukee Ride to Rawhide

On July 23, motorcyclists from southeastern Wisconsin participated in a 100 mile ride to Rawhide. This was an inaugural event planned by the Friends of Rawhide--Milwaukee with the intent to raise funds for the Milwaukee area Outpatient Counseling Clinic. It was a gorgeous day to ride up to Rawhide for the participants.

The event was inspired by Mary Ann Scaffidi and her husband Greg Peterson, who led the ride through the Kettle Moraine countryside. The group arrived at the ranch and were able to have a tour, enjoy lunch and meet some of the students. Special thanks to our sponsors Chris Dulla and Heiser Automotive Group, West Bend Mutual, R&R Insurance Services, Inc., Dawes Rigging & Crane Rental, and Usinger's Sausage for their support of this event. We hope to see everyone again in 2012!



Motorcyclists arrive at Rawhide as part of the inaugural ride

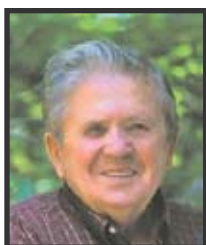


Kimberly-Clark Leadership (left) presents Rawhide with a \$36,000 check

On July 16, Kimberly-Clark held its annual ITS Charity Golf Classic at High Cliff Golf Course in Sherwood. Rawhide was honored to be one of three recipients of the proceeds from the event. This year's gift was \$36,000 to benefit residential care for the Smith Boys Home, a home built by their foundation in 1992. Rawhide is very grateful to Kimberly-Clark for this support.

Frank Koller, Manitowish Waters, WI, long-time supporter of Rawhide, passed away May 15. He was a loving husband, father, and good friend to many. Frank is survived by his wife Betty.

Throughout the years, they generously donated to many local community and health care organizations. Rawhide's About Face Honor Guard attended Frank's funeral and provided care to the family during their time of loss.

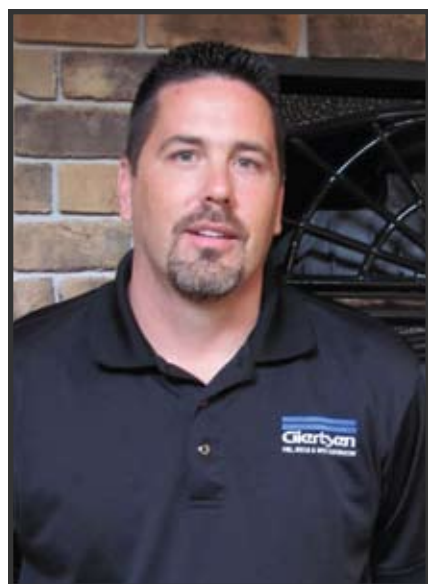


Frank Koller
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Rawhide will always be grateful to the Koller's for their support which continues to be a legacy in the lives of young men.

Alumnus Appreciates Family Values

Rawhide always welcomes alumni who visit the campus throughout the year. John Mcilquham was a student at Rawhide in the mid-1980's and returned to visit after nearly 25 years since he was last here. "The buildings have really changed. I wasn't sure if I was in the right place until I saw the Lodge Home," stated John. He fondly recalled living in the original Carriage Home, which is now the Cornerstone Group Home, and all the wonderful staff who helped him through his stay. "My houseparents really showed us love and discipline and shaped me into a solid man." John is currently a husband and father and resides in Muskego, WI. He serves as the Operations Manager for Giertsen, a building restoration company. He was working on repairs at Little Wolf High School in Manawa and wanted to take a break from the hard work to revisit a special place in his heart. Rawhide's glad you did John, welcome back!



John Mcilquham, alumnus



2011 Rawhide Fish Fries

Frontier Café at Rawhide
(Serving from 5-8 p.m.)

Hand breaded lake perch, haddock, shrimp, and broasted chicken

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