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## AHS launches an internal review

**JOHN WATSON**  
*Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*

A Gleichen resident is launching a complaint with Strathmore Hospital regarding her mistreatment by two nurses and paramedics during her admittance.

Tami Hutcheon said while she was in need of medical services on and following Jan. 8, she was verbally abused by medical staff who were supposed to be tending to her needs.

“I don’t know exactly what day it was or the time; friends of mine called paramedics because I started vomiting profusely and having explosive diarrhea. The paramedics came, they put me in the ambulance and the paramedics accused me of being on drugs,” she said.

Upon reaching Strathmore Hospital, Hutcheon explained she requested a drug screening via catheter, hoping the results would be indisputable.

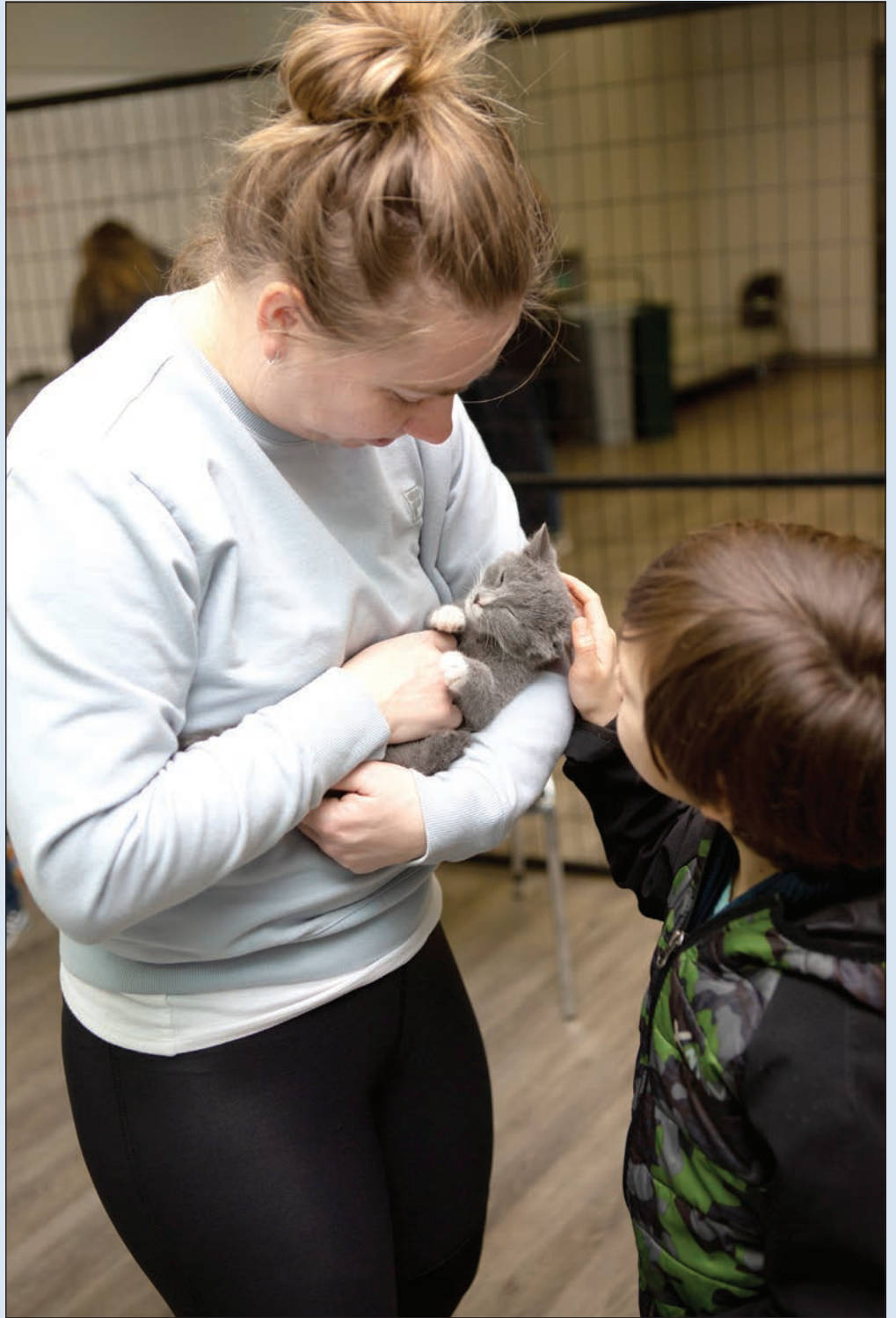
The results, though returning negative save for her prescribed medication, did not help to improve her treatment.

“The feces was all up to my neck, it was in my hair, down my legs, and they left me like that forever. The two nurses call me (vulgar names), they called me a drug addict,” said Hutcheon. “They then transported me from Strathmore Hospital to Peter Lougheed Hospital and even the paramedic who transported me down there said ‘the only reason she is being transported is because they didn’t want to look after her.’”

Hutcheon added it wasn’t until she returned from Peter Lougheed to Strathmore Hospital and was admitted to acute care, that her treatment and experience improved.

“When I got (back) to Strathmore Hospital they put me into acute care and ... the nurses in acute care, everyone should get a medal. Those have got to be the nicest nurses that anybody could ever deal with,” she said. “They were so kind to me, even they couldn’t believe what had happened.”

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## Making furry friends!

The Strathmore Municipal Library provided another opportunity for folks to come out and play with cats currently looking for their forever homes through the Happy Cat Sanctuary. The Library’s program room was utilized to provide a space for the animals to run around, as well as for people to drop in, interact, and potentially adopt. For more coverage see Page 4.

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Men: Chicken | Traditional | Grass | Fancy

Sr. Adult (40-54)

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Men: Chicken | Traditional | Grass | Fancy

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Men: Chicken | Traditional | Grass | Fancy

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# Town approves budget increase for snow removal, path maintenance tools

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is looking to improve its local road, sidewalk and pathway clearing services, as council approved the purchase of a new tractor for operational use.

Town Operations Manager Donna McCallum presented to Town Council, Jan. 18, to request the authorization of an increase to the budgeted amount, as this was not the original idea for serving the purposes.

“When quotes came in for the municipal tractor, they were over the allotted budget amount. Also upon further review of the cold planer purchase, we discovered that the cold planer does not really operate as we had wanted it to,” she said. “Basically, what it does is it grinds in a vertical motion as opposed to a horizontal motion which results in more of the original sidewalk material being removed.”

McCallum explained the goal with the alternative snow blower attachment for the tractor would help to preserve the sidewalks and pathways much longer than if the cold planer continued its regular operations.

According to the report provided to council, operations staff have found it is more effective to grind the sidewalks and only removing as little of the original material as necessary.

For reference, a cold planer is a device used for

the controlled removal of pavement surface to a specific depth. The end result of cold planing is a restored surface free of cracks and tripping hazards, but is an aggressive process to use on sidewalks and pathways.

Additionally, the new tractor would be compatible with other equipment already maintained by the town, making it a versatile, multi-season tool.

“The snowblower and chute will allow operations to use the municipal tractor in the winter to assist with snow removal in case of a breakdown of our loader-mounted snowblower. It can also be used in smaller areas such as the alleys in case of a significant snow event,” said McCallum. “This scope change would result in a small increase to the total budgeted amount. The new tractor will also be compatible with the attachments that we purchased previously, so it allows operations staff to utilize the attachments to conduct the additional tasks such as stump grinding.”

Other uses for the tractor would include allowance for the distribution of ice melt, plowing pathways and sidewalks, mowing and sweeping.

The town had originally budgeted \$187,230 for the cold planer and the tractor, though with the requested scope change to account for the tractor, a snowblower attachment, and show chute, the new total would be \$189,228.

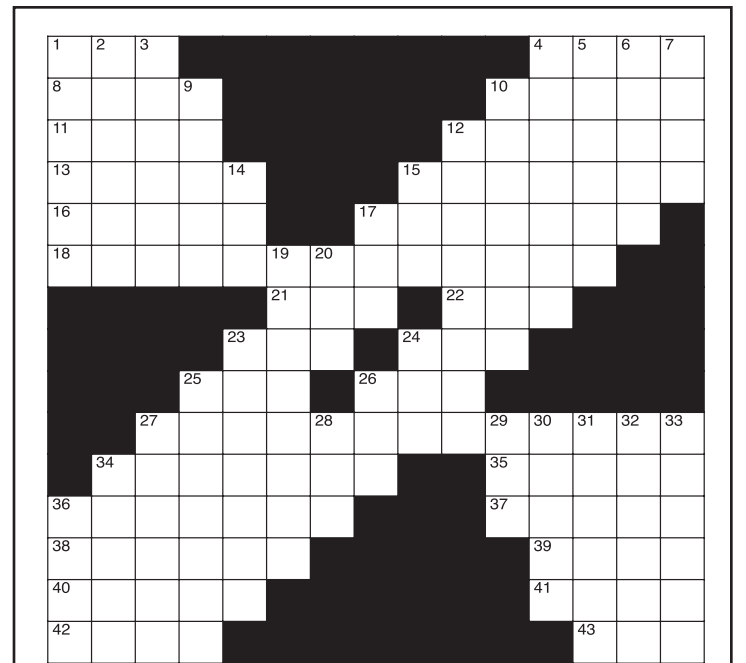
The change was approved unanimously by Town Council, following a motion put forward to authorize the change by Coun. Denise Peterson.



## Close call

The Strathmore Storm U13A played a pair of close, one goal games this weekend, including a 5-4 loss to division-leading Stettler on Jan. 22 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Storm will now play a pair of road games in Indus and Brooks Jan. 28-29.

Joe Lepage Photos



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Tax collector
- 4. Fishes without the line touching water
- 8. Brooklyn hoopsters
- 10. Actress Lathan
- 11. A metric for athletes
- 12. Food storage location
- 13. Colossus
- 15. Desolations
- 16. Accustom to something unpleasant
- 17. \_\_\_ Kubrick, filmmaker
- 18. You might ask this at Thanksgiving
- 21. Arkansas city
- 22. Gave food to
- 23. Request
- 24. V-shaped open trough
- 25. Make lively
- 26. It accompanies feather
- 27. Blonde bombshell
- 34. One who revolves
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Charity
- 37. Having the shape of a cube
- 38. Unwind
- 39. Believed by some to be the supreme being
- 40. Checks or guides
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. Top-quality
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Part of your foot
- 2. It's at the back of the eyeball
- 3. Where things stand
- 4. Offered
- 5. Contains pollen
- 6. Boisterous get-together
- 7. Asserts out loud
- 9. They're in the sky
- 10. Canonized
- 12. A politician's official stances
- 14. It can catch fish
- 15. British thermal unit
- 17. Helps little firms
- 19. Where patients go for treatment
- 20. Large red deer
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. "Star Wars" hero Solo
- 25. One in a hospital
- 26. Scandinavian god of battle
- 27. Famous cat
- 28. \_\_\_ Angeles: City of Angels
- 29. Type of drug (abbr.)
- 30. City along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini ingredients
- 33. Get away
- 34. Rare species of rodent
- 36. Suppress

# Quonset fire stopped quickly

**JOHN WATSON**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Agricultural Society suffered damage on Jan. 19, when the Quonset building caught fire, damaging or destroying many of the materials inside.

“We got a call (Thursday) morning shortly after 11 a.m. that there was a structure fire out on our grounds. I ran out from the office with the rest of the staff there and noticed the fire department was already on scene and putting out a fire in our storage closet,” said Ryan Schmidt, CEO of the Strathmore Ag Society. “I do want to really thank the Strathmore Fire Department for so quickly being on the scene. There were on that fire very fast and kept it under control, and the Wheatland County Fire Department also came out to help.”

Inside the Quonset building, the Ag Society was storing roughly 100 bales of hay, as well as walls, materials and memorabilia for operating Halloween events on the grounds.

Schmidt added he was relieved that by the time he and his staff were notified of the fire, response crews were already on the scene working to control the blaze.

“By the time I got out there, they were already rolling out the hoses and hooking up to the hydrants. The fire could not have been going for that long because it was within where about 100 hay bales were stored and there is a lot of wood around there,” he said. “It could have been very bad but wasn't because of the brush professional-

ism and quickness of our fire department.”

Ultimately, the damage is estimated to be around \$10,000 in value, which Schmidt said an insurance claim would be filed and investigated for. No staff or personnel were injured as a result of the incident.

There is no estimate yet regarding repair timeline, though he hopes to have the building ready to go by the start of the rodeo season in the spring.

According to Schmidt, the damage will not impact any events being hosted on the Ag Society grounds, as the building is mainly used for storage.

An investigation into how the fire started is being conducted by the Strathmore Fire Department. Both the Strathmore and Wheatland County divisions were involved in controlling the blaze.

“The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but we are working closely with the property's insurance investigators to determine the exact cause,” said David Sturgeon, Chief of the Strathmore Fire Department. “This one will be a little bit harder because of the nature of the fuel. It was mainly hay bales on that side so it will be like finding a needle in a haystack. We will be sifting through the debris to find the origin site and then work it back from there.”

Once the fire was under control, debris were spread out and doused in order to prevent any potential flare ups caused by smouldering remains.

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**Cat Café a hit**

The Strathmore Municipal Library hosted its second cat café in partnership with the Happy Cat Sanctuary, Jan. 21. Similar to the first event hosted in November 2022, the café aimed to raise donations for the shelter, as well as to provide the community an opportunity to interact and adopt the cats.

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**Gleichen woman launches complaint with Strathmore Hospital over mistreatment claims**

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Her grievances, she specified, were with the two nurses who attended her initially, as well as with the paramedics who transported her from Gleichen to Strathmore.

Hutcheon said she submitted a complaint with the hospital and spoke with an administrator, who she did not name. She added to have been informed an investigation into the incident would be launched "immediately."

"I want an apology from both of these nurses. I want them to tell me why they are apologizing to me, and I think they should take a course on why they shouldn't treat people like

that," she said. "You can't treat patients like that; they don't know what's wrong."

Hutcheon said she was diagnosed with pneumonia, an ear infection and a urinary tract infection.

Alberta Health Services (AHS) issued a statement in response to the claim on behalf of Strathmore Hospital.

"We are very sorry to hear that a patient is upset with their experience at an AHS facility. AHS has worked extremely hard across the organization, to develop a culture of compassion, accountability, respect, excellence, and safety.

"Strathmore Hospital site leadership has spoken with the patient to discuss the concerns. The patient was also informed that AHS has a Patient Relations service for patients and family members to work with if they have concerns about care."

AHS added an internal review is also underway regarding the complaint to determine details of the care provided to this patient. Results of this review will be available to the patient.

To protect patient privacy and confidentiality, AHS will not be providing further detail regarding this matter.

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**RCMP investigate serious motor vehicle collision**

GLEICHEN RCMP

At approximately 10 a.m. on Jan. 18, Gleichen RCMP responded to a serious motor vehicle collision at Highway 1 at Range Road 211, east of Gleichen.

A passenger vehicle collided with a semi truck. The driver of the passenger vehicle and lone occupant, a 25-year-old female resident of Calgary, was declared deceased at the scene. The semi driver was uninjured.

An RCMP collision reconstructionist attended to the scene. The cause of the collision remains under investigation. No further updates are anticipated.



The Strathmore Strikers U13C team has decided to forgo their attendance at their regular provincial tournament, instead heading off to Edmonton to compete in the Slush Cup at the beginning of March as a cap-off to their season. The team is currently fundraising in order to finance their trip.

Photo Courtesy of Stefanie Brown

## Strathmore Strikers U13 team headed to 2023 Slush Cup

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Strikers U13 soccer team has opted out of attending their usual provincial tournament this year, instead heading off to a much larger stage.

According to Team Manager and Treasurer for the Strathmore Soccer Association (SSA) Stefanie Brown, the team is instead going to the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association (EMSA) Slush Cup.

“We decided to go to this tournament instead of provincials because of the size of the tournament. Just for reference, there are 14 teams in the kids division and they have never played at a tournament with more than six in their division,” she said. “(The kids) are pretty excited to get to go and play on a bigger stage and see different teams that they have never played before.”

The Slush Cup is taking place from March 2-5, which would have introduced a scheduling conflict with the Strikers’ usual provincial tournament.

Instead, the team will be setting out to compete against an entirely new set of opponents. Taking into account all competing divisions which will be in attendance at the Slush Cup, over 200 teams will be in Edmonton for the weekend.

This will mark the first time the Strathmore Strikers have attended the Slush Cup, as well as being the first time being at a tournament of its size.

“We actually had to apply and be accepted to the Slush Cup, so you register your team and then you apply for the tier that you are trying for, and then they accept you. We applied and were accepted for the U13 tier,” she explained. “We have been told everyone gets placed into a pool, so Pool A, Pool B or Pool C, and then the top contenders from there go on to the medal rounds.”

To date, the Strathmore Strikers U13 features players who have never been to a tournament before, including some players who did not begin playing soccer until this season.

To remedy this, Brown added the team will be competing in the Calgary Family Day Soccer Tournament in order to get the players acclimated to the tournament format.

“It is going to be very overwhelming for the majority of our players to go there and have 200 teams playing in a tournament,” she said. “So for our players who have never played in a tournament before, we registered in the Calgary tournament, which is a lot smaller. There are four teams in our division.”

The aim is to give them an idea of what competing in a tournament is like and allow them to experience tournament play.

The Family Day tournament is taking place through the Strathmore Strikers’ home association, the Calgary Minor Soccer Association (CMSA) over the course of the Family Day weekend.

In order to finance their trip to Edmonton for the Slush Cup, the Strikers are aiming to raise \$5,000 to cover many of their expenses, including those of their volunteer coaches – Erin Cunningham and Tristen Fraser.

“The reason we are doing fundraising is mostly because we have two volunteer coaches, neither of them has a child on the team and they have committed to coming out to a tournament in Edmonton,” said Brown. “To not have a child on the team and be willing to give up your own weekend time to come out there, we wanted to support them in coming out.”

The team is selling raffle tickets for an item that was donated to the team, they have a GoFundMe set up, and if local businesses are interested in supporting the team, they can provide a cheque to the SSA.

### Battle of the rings

The Strathmore Ice U19B team battled the Airdrie Sting on Jan. 22 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Ice will now prepare to host BV2 Voltage on Feb. 5 (7:30 p.m.).

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### Storm surge

The Strathmore Storm U18 Tier 3 team defeated the Carstairs-based RMAA Renegades 6-3 on Jan. 21 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Storm will now gear up to host Brooks on Jan. 28 (10:45 a.m.) in Hus-sar.

Joe Lepage Photos

# Local businesses to host Alzheimer's fundraiser

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore's own local cornhole Local music retailer and instruction studio Max SPL music is partnering with Origin Brewery to host a fundraiser for Alzheimer's disease at the taproom.

Dan Wiewel, owner of Max SPL Music, said the idea came to him following the loss of a relative to Alzheimer's late last year.

"Unfortunately, my aunt passed away in December due to Alzheimer's and I was not able to attend the funeral, so I reached out to Origin to see if they wanted to put a fundraiser on," he said. "It's sort of my way of honouring her."

Finances raised at the event will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society of Calgary. Wiewel added the timing works out well, as January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

The event will consist of dinner, music, and a host of activities aimed at raising money and awareness for the charity.

"We have got music lined up supplied by myself and some of my fellow instructors here at the store, we have a silent auction going, they have got some great food going at Origin and ... Hunger Pains is donating 10 per cent of food sales to the charity as well," explained Wiewel.

A 50/50 draw will also be taking place at the taproom.

Wiewel added this is his first time being at the helm of organizing an event like this, however, partnering with Origin, he said, has made it a very smooth and easy experience.

"(Origin) has been amazing. I on a whim after everything happened in December, just sent them an email thinking I might be able to set something up there and they got back to me right away ... (saying they) can handle this, he said. "Origin has taken so much off my back that it has been a very smooth experience so far. All I have really had to



Dan Wiewel, owner of Max SPL Music in Strathmore, is partnering with Origin Brewery to host a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Society of Calgary. Wiewel created the idea following the loss of a relative and wanted to honour their memory in some way. The event will be hosted at the Taproom, Jan. 28.

John Watson Photo

do is help set some of the dates and times and start practising."

Attendees can expect to hear some piano, classical guitar, as well as some rock-esque music at the venue throughout the evening.

Those who are interested in attending are able to prepurchase tickets for \$10 online, or for \$15 at the door, with all proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Society of Calgary.

Wiewel added he may consider turning the fundraiser into an annual event, given the ease of setup he has experienced working alongside the local brewery.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan 28, with dinner music lined up for 7 p.m. and rock music scheduled for 8 p.m.

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- February 7: Council Meeting
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- February 14: Public Presentation Committee

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### WHEATLAND COUNTY INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR 2023 COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

Wheatland County recognizes that its residents utilize various recreational, cultural and other community enhancement facilities and resources and has established the Community Enhancement Fund to provide financial support for such venues and activities.

The Community Enhancement Fund provides grant funding from Wheatland County to enhance, promote, and support groups and organizations that bring a broad range of enjoyment, benefit, beautification, recreation, entertainment, participation, and enhancement projects to Wheatland County. The program is intended to invest tax payer dollars annually to support recreational, cultural and other community activities, facilities, and resources that are utilized by Wheatland County residents.

#### How to Apply:

Applications and Guidelines for the Community Enhancement Fund are available at the Wheatland County Office and on the County website: [www.wheatlandcounty.ca/cerb](http://www.wheatlandcounty.ca/cerb)

#### Deadline:

Applications must be post marked on or before January 31, 2023.

Please note that eligibility for 2023 funding is dependent on filing all previous funding reports with Wheatland County by January 31, 2023.

For more information please contact Jessica Salmon at 403-361-2021 or [jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca)

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**Raiders on fire**

The Wheatland Raiders extended their winning streak to six games when they defeated the Red Deer TBS 7-3 on Jan. 21 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local U16 AA team pushed their winning streak to seven games the following day on the road, when they beat Airdrie 5-3. The Raiders will play in Eckville and Medicine Hat before returning home on Feb. 5 to host the CBHA Hawks at 1:15 p.m.

Joe Lepage Photo

# Competing against the best

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

Alie Chernoff of Strathmore will be demonstrating her riding abilities at the 2023 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup in Bryan-College Station, Tex. from June 29 to July 8.

Every two years the event hosts 16 nations from around the world to compete for gold medals in various quarter horse competitions ranging from cutting, reining, horsemanship, ranch riding, trail, western riding, hunt seat equitation, hunter under saddle and showmanship.

Members, human and equine, are eager to be back in the saddle (pun intended) as this is the first live event since before the Covid pandemic began. 2018 was the last in-person event and a virtual event was held in 2020 where competitors from 13 counties participated.

Chernoff began competing when she was 13 years old. She got her start with competition when she was involved with 4-H and the passion continued to grow.

This will be Chernoff's last year that she is eligible for the youth category bringing mixed feelings for the rider as she will be aging up into the adult category.

"I'm excited to be ending this year with being able to go to the Youth Cup," said the 18-year-old.

She will be competing in team events at this year's World Cup with team members from Ontario, Saskatchewan, B.C. and Nova Scotia. Chernoff is eager to attend this event as a team because "I'll get to compete with other girls that love riding as much as I do."

The three events Chernoff will be competing in are reining, cutting and ranch riding.

"I'm very excited about this one (World Cup Championship) because I get to compete in two other events that I normally don't get to compete in," she said.

Having never competed in cutting before, she has been getting extra training in order to be fully prepared.

What makes this competition different from others is that the athletes will be riding horses that they haven't been able

to ride before. All teams get drawn a set of five horses that they will ride for each event making it a true example of the riders abilities.

For more information and to follow along on Chernoff's journey, as the event will be live streamed online ([www.aqha.com/disciplines/showing/shows/championship-shows/youth-world](http://www.aqha.com/disciplines/showing/shows/championship-shows/youth-world)).

Strathmore's own Alie Chernoff will be attending the 2023 American Quarter Horse Youth World Cup in Bryan-College Station, Tex. from June 29-July 8.

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### Beautiful bonspiel

The Strathmore and District Curling Club hosted their annual shorty bonspiel on Jan. 7. The event was attended by 20 teams, first draw started at 8 a.m. and the final games started at 8 p.m. Team Craiger and Toots won the A event, B event winners were Team Musselman and C event went to Team Palsson.

Photo Courtesy of Strathmore & District Curling Club

# Alberta Blue Cross reminds seniors to be vigilant against potential fraud

## ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

With recent reports of a new scam attempting to defraud seniors by promising health care payments, Alberta Blue Cross is reminding seniors to be vigilant against fraud.

All Albertans aged 65 and older are eligible for the Coverage for Seniors program administered by Alberta Blue Cross on behalf of the Government of Alberta, and thousands of seniors also complement their government-sponsored coverage with supplementary plans from Alberta Blue Cross.

“Alberta Blue Cross will never contact seniors – or any of our members – asking for personal or financial information to provide a ‘payment’ to them, whether by text, email or phone,” says Brian Geislinger, vice-president of Corporate Relations at Alberta Blue Cross. “Anyone who receives a suspicious request and has concerns should contact our Customer Services.”

Alberta Blue Cross recently worked with the Alberta Injury Prevention Centre to publish a booklet for older adults, called “Keeping Well,” that includes two pages of practical tips to help Alberta seniors avoid becoming the victim of fraud.

Fraud is the number one crime against older Canadians. Criminals often target seniors as they may have more money, can be more trusting and are home during the day to answer the door or phone. Online, email and text scams have become increasingly common. Common types of scams include

free items or vouchers; fake competitions; free money from the government; tax rebates and refunds; and pension and investment scams.

Tips to help older Albertans protect themselves from fraud and scams include the following:

- Never give out money or personal information to someone over the phone, at the door or in an email unless you can confirm the identity of the person or organization you are speaking to.
- Don't respond to emails that look suspicious, or open any links or attachments associated with them. Emails can be made to look like they came from a person or organization you know.
- Don't click on pop-up windows – you can safely close the window.
- Don't sign agreements or contracts without giving yourself time to think it over – this includes limited-time offers.
- Request proof of identity or check references before hiring someone or agreeing to have them work on your home.

Victims of fraud may feel embarrassed, think the amount of money they lost is too small to worry about or worry they might not get their money back. Regardless of the situation, individuals who think they've been scammed should always report it to local authorities. Not only can law enforcement help these individuals but reporting fraud can also stop someone else from being scammed.

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### Weekend split

The Wheatland Kings split a pair of weekend games, including a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to the Medicine Hat Cubs on Jan. 22 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local Junior B team opened the weekend with a 4-3 overtime win versus Coaldale on Jan. 21, before hosting the second place team in the league the following day. The Kings will now travel to Okotoks to face the league-leading Bisons on Jan. 28 in their lone weekend game.

Joe Lepage Photo

# Crowther Memorial classes going green

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Crowther Memorial Jr High School teacher Lindsay Walker is encouraging her language arts students to go green, challenging them to create ideas through a class project.

The idea came after her Grade 8's watched Pixar's Wall-E and completed a film study on the movie.

"Part of that movie is humans have destroyed the earth ... and so I wanted to challenge my students (to think about) what we can do to try to make this not happen to our earth," she said. "They could choose anything they wanted and they were working in groups of four and (thinking about) what they could do to address this issue."

Walker explained the topic is something she is passionate about and figured it would be an excellent opportunity for her students to feel empowered that they can influence positive change.

The students worked on creating projects entirely of their choosing. Some opted to raise awareness about compost and rain barrels, some chose to raise money for charity, and others chose to look at aquaponics at the school.

Some students also approached the project looking at different ways to incorporate gardens that benefit pollinators into the school.

Students were required to examine what they wanted to accomplish, how would it work, what would be their budget, who the project would affect, how will it make an impact, and create a plan around their idea.

"They were pretty excited, I think partly working in groups they always get excited that they can work with their friends but (there was) no hesitation. The kids were excited and they jumped right in," said Walker. "Now that that part of our language arts class is over, groups are doing different things to actually implement their ideas, and so that is really cool to see."

One group applied for a \$500 grant from Learning for a Sustainable Future to see more compost bins and vermicomposters, as well as to get more plants into different classrooms, while another is interested in raising money for Bee City Canada and their plan is to sell popcorn at lunch for a week at \$2 a bag, and then all that money will go towards that charity. Their goal is to raise \$100.

This is the first year Walker has encouraged her students to

take on a project of this nature.

"I hope that they learned ... that they can do important things and hard things. Even though they might feel like they don't know enough or are scared to, they can work together to reach a goal," she said. "We do have some composting that happens and groups after lunch take care of that. Our hope is to increase the composting going on in our school."

Students also have the option to join an agriculture club at the school, or for those in leadership classes, they have some freedom to take on projects large-ly of their own passions.

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Should you wish to address council in person, a **public hearing for Bylaw No. 2023-001** will be held in the Village of Rockyford office at 110 Main Street, on **February 8, 2023 commencing at 7:00 pm**. Council will hear from any person claiming to be affected by the proposed bylaw.

Additionally, written comments may be delivered to 110 Main Street, Rockyford Alberta, T0J 2R0, or emailed to [cao@rockyford.ca](mailto:cao@rockyford.ca); submissions will be received up to Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

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1923-2023

Clarence Robert "Cy" Putnam passed away on January 19th, 2023, at the AgeCare Sagewood facility in Strathmore, Alberta at the age of 99.

Cy was born on October 18th, 1923 and was the first child of Robert and Marge Putnam. He grew up on the family farm in Nightingale, which he later took over from his father. After completing his schooling, he signed up as a pilot with the Air Force in the midst of the Second World War. He spent a year in Aberdeen, Scotland training with the British Royal Navy. Upon returning from overseas, Cy returned to the family farm and married Helen Way on November 3rd, 1947 and raised six children. Cy was a highly regarded and prominent figure in the Nightingale community for his entire life. He was also an avid reader, card player and world traveller.

Cy is survived by his son Lorne Putnam; daughters Elaine (Ed) Connolly, Laurel (David) Young, Heather Bishop, and Nola (Lorne) Newitt; grandchildren Trevor, Tyler, Nicholas, Patrick, Stephanie, Scott, Devon, Richard, Dillon and Cailey; and great-grandchildren Aidan, Emma, Ava, Mia, Brooklyn, Isabella and Oscar. He is pre-deceased by his wife of 73 years Helen in 2020, son Kerry Putnam in 2017, parents Robert and Marge Putnam, and sisters Doris Thurston and Margaret Eberl.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff and especially nurse Sandra at Sagewood for their care and compassion over the past three and a half years.

A service in memory of Cy will be held on Friday, February 10th, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Hope Covenant Church in Strathmore. The service will also be live streamed.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to The Veteran Association Food Bank at <https://veteransassociationfoodbank.ca>.

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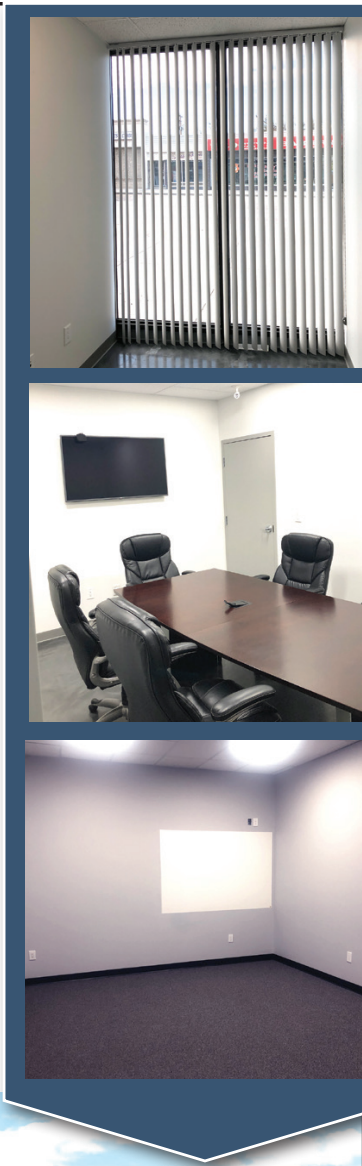
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