

WP Sandin toasts Class of 2022



WP Sandin High School's Class of 2022: Back row, left to right: Daniel Vidal, Lance Paton, Lynden Kerber, Holden Willoughby, Torr Gosselin, Dawson Stieb, River Rudolph, Anson Favel, Cole Tanchuk, Parker Warren, and Ben Lafond. Middle, left to right: Claire Dupuis, Layla Dorko, Alexis Wood, Abigail Simpson, Jade Keyowski, Cassidy Saam, Tegan Naumann, and Mya Sommerfeld. Front row, left to right: Amy Larsen, Marissa Skavlebo, Rielle Puddicombe, and Carnell Olsen. Missing: Brett Bucknell and Landen Willoughby.

The 25 graduates in WP Sandin High School's Class of 2022 were honoured with a graduation ceremony that blended old and new traditions on Friday, June 17.

The afternoon's festivities kicked off with a parade, a newer feature added to graduation programs in the past two years to circumvent the gathering restrictions put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic and keep the community involved in the ceremony.

Wanting to retain this more inclusive approach to their big day, this year's graduating class toured around the town in cars, trucks, golf carts, and other vehicles, making key stops at Parkland Integrated Health Centre, Shellbrook Elementary School, Homestead Place and Heritage Place, and Centennial Park (so the little ones from Happy Hearts had a chance to watch).

Once done with the parade, the graduates returned to the high school,

where the formal part of this year's ceremony was held in the gymnasium rather than outdoors (to mitigate any potential concerns related to weather or pests).

With introductions provided by Mr. Meyers, the graduates each entered the gym and proceeded to the stage, passing off a candle to a loved one before taking their seats. This long-standing WP Sandin tradition is meant to symbolize the passing of the flame of knowledge to the next generation of learners.

Once all the graduates were seated on the stage, graduate Landen Willoughby led the singing of O'Canada, and it was time for the speeches to begin, starting with Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division board representative Cher Bloom.

Expressing admiration that the grads chose "Always Remember" as their theme, after the COVID-19 pandemic

upended most of their high school experience, Bloom said she was confident the graduates are well prepared for the road ahead.

She concluded her greeting by telling the grads to always be true to themselves.

"In an age where Instagram, Snapchat, and Tik Tok rule, it's very easy to have that post or story to impress those on your feed," she said. "Whatever you do, don't worry about the constant approval of others. Be content in yourself, and you will find happiness."

Taking the podium next, principal Karisa Klaassen remarked that it was a nice to change to be able to welcome the whole WP Sandin community back into the school for this year's ceremony. Calling the graduates the embodiment of the school's values of care, respect, and focus, she praised them for being critical thinkers, for being creative and imaginative, for being kind and com-

passionate, and for seeking to make positive change in the world.

With the graduates beginning new chapters, Klaassen encouraged them to lean on the lessons they learned all the way back in kindergarten.

"Today, you passed along the knowledge to a loved one. But I'm passing along the torch of responsibility to each of you," she said. "Go out and change the world with your gifts, your kindness, your voice, your talent, and your passion."

Before getting into the presentation of scrolls and honours tassels, class valedictorian Amy Larsen was asked to say a few words. Larsen's speech was largely a thank you to everyone who helped her and her fellow graduates to reach graduation day, including family and friends, teachers, bus drivers, caretakers, and the broader community of Shellbrook.

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She concluded by addressing the graduates, and encouraging them to chase their dreams.

“Graduates, our dream has finally come true today. But this is only one [dream]. Don’t ever stop dreaming, and always work hard to fulfill your goals. Face the future with courage, optimism, and determination to never let these dreams and friendships die.”

Following the presentation of the scrolls, Premier Scott Moe took the podium to share four lessons with the graduates: always remember where you came from, don’t forget your high school friendships, dare to dream, and always give back.

“Give back to your community, wher-

ever you find yourselves,” he said. “Give back to initiatives that are important to you, and always give back to your friends. I’m not talking just about giving back money. Give back some time, give back your effort.”

Continuing with the festivities, former teacher Wade Reddekopp brought his brand of humour to the special guest address, taking playful jabs at the graduates and fondly recalling their time together in the classroom.

“I want to thank you individuals for being part of my life. I know I’m better for knowing all of you. You all have unique characteristics that I truly admire, and getting to spend more time with you as a sub has been wonderful,” he concluded.

As the ceremony continued, Amy Larsen and Cassidy Saam carried on an old tradition by toasting the parents of the grads, while parents Lina Vidal and Dan Lafond provided the response. Marissa Skavlebo, Ben Lafond, and Carnell Olsen toasted each of the grads, while Daniel Vidal and Rielle Puddicombe offered a toast to the WP Sandin staff, and teacher Kirk Pilon delivered the response.

The ceremony closed with a graduate slideshow prepared by graduate Jade

Keyowski.

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Graduate Daniel Vidal shares a laugh with principal Karisa Klaassen while receiving his diploma.



Graduate Carnell Olsen rides in a golf cart with friends during WP Sandin High School's graduation parade.



Graduate Anson Favel during WP Sandin High School's graduation parade.

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Graduate Jade Keyowski accepts her diploma from principal Karisa Klaassen.



Graduate Layla Dorko accepts her diploma from principal Karisa Klaassen.



Graduate Ben Lafond accepts his diploma from principal Karisa Klaassen.

Spiritwood Library Board meeting highlights

The Spiritwood Public Library Board met on May 18, 2022.

The first batch of Canada Post Grant Books arrived and are ready to be signed out! More are still to come. We were also excited to receive \$500 in funding from a SARCS Grant, with which we are purchasing bean bag chairs for the youth areas.

The June Take & Make Craft is a Popsicle Stick Picture Puzzle Frame. Plans are in place for having a large book & puzzle fundraiser in June. These are a great way to find treasures for the lake, cabin, or camper, or a great read while on the beach. It's also great to curl up with a good book or puzzle for a rainy day! Support for the book sales is appreciated, since the funds go toward Library programming and Take & Make Crafts.

The summer reading program is starting on June 13, along with the Story Walk set up at the Town Square. Permission greatly appreciated from Bevra Fee and the NLEDC. The Notice Nature Program is also on this summer – grab your bingo cards – with a completed card (4 tasks) returned to get a prize.

New books are arriving, so patrons are encouraged to stop in for a good read! As always, there are lots of ways to stay entertained available at the library.



Graduate River Rudolph gives a wave during WP Sandin High School's graduation parade.



Graduate Mya Sommerfeld waves to the crowd during WP Sandin High School's graduation parade.



Premier Scott Moe shares lessons with the graduates during a brief speech.

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An open letter to the Class of 2022

At last, and yet seemingly all too soon, another graduation season is upon us.

For the graduates, and their families, friends, and loved ones, it must be a time of great celebration and joy – a time of hopeful new beginnings, but also of bittersweet endings.

In the coming weeks and months, many of the graduates from our local schools will be heading out into the big world beyond the communities they've known their whole lives (many of them for the first time).

And boy, what a world it is.

Nearly every cohort of graduates is unique in some way, but this is especially true for the Classes of 2021 and 2022.

These two groups spent their last years of high school grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic, and all the uncertainty and yo-yoing public health measures that came with it – the mask mandates, the social distancing, and the isolation.

They had to be able to adapt at the drop of the hat and stay committed to their studies, even when they were in the classroom one day and learning online the next.

Now, as they go out into a world still reeling and recovering from COVID-19 – and the deep divisions it sowed between families, friends, and neighbours – they will have to put all the skills they acquired through the pandemic to the test.

Some, who are strong in their convictions and certain of their path in life, will get it right on the first try. Some will fail and need a second crack at it. Some will learn the path they've chosen isn't meant for them, and set out on a brand new adventure of self-discovery. And some will flounder and struggle for a time, before eventually figuring it out.

Regardless of the paths they take in life, there's every reason to believe this year's graduates will make it to their destinations, in their own time and in their own ways.



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In the meantime, here are three pieces of unsolicited advice for the graduates, from someone who is 16 years removed from his own high school graduation and would do things a little differently if given a second chance.

For much of my four-year high school career, I was simply drifting along, always working hard enough to get decent grades but never hard enough to truly excel.

The same was true of the social aspect of high school life. Fearful of being judged by my peers, I did my best not to stand out, to keep the spotlight off me and just blend in with the crowd. I almost never made any bold declarations about the things I was passionate about, be it music, movies, or books, and I certainly never stood for anything.

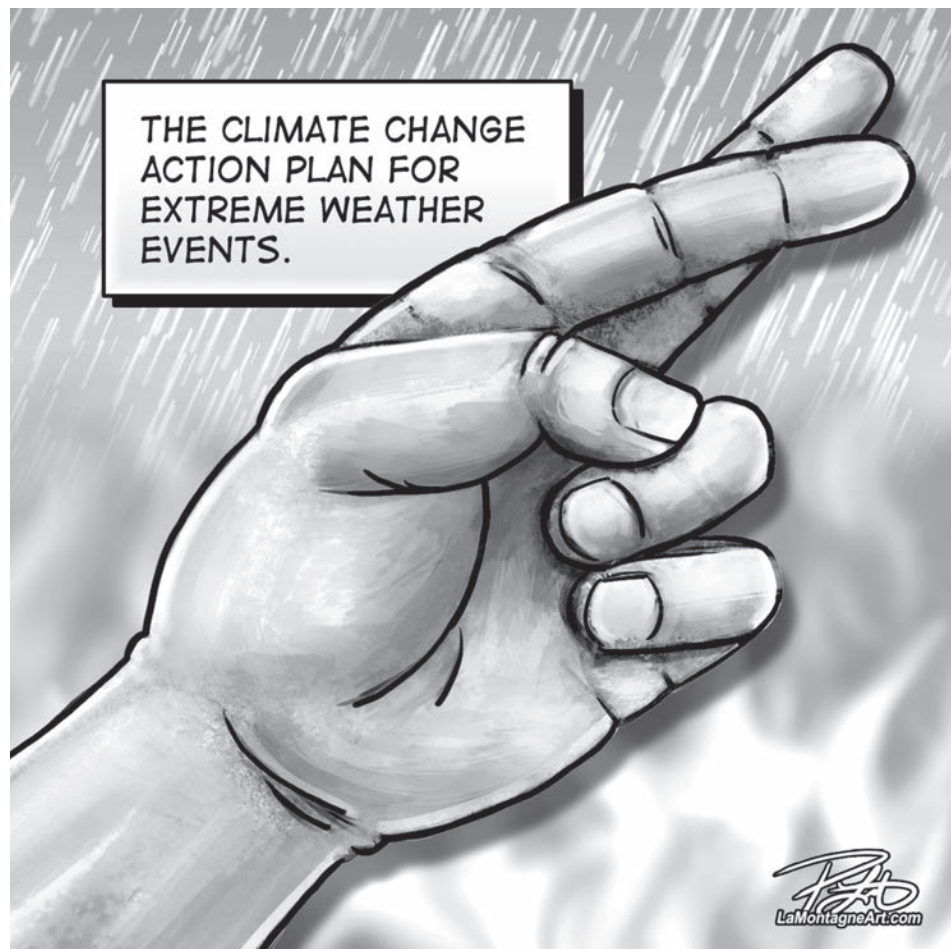
Today, there's no doubt in my mind that I missed out on opportunities and friendships by refusing to embrace and express who I was.

So, my advice to the graduates is this: be loud and proud about the things and the people you love. Be yourself, always, and never dim your light out of fear of outshining others. The world does not benefit from you making yourself small enough to fit into the many boxes society expects you to.

Tangentially, your journey into adulthood will be filled with those who doubt you and question everything you stand for, and those who believe your generation is singlehandedly responsible for the downfall of modern civilization as we know it (or, more accurately, as they knew it in their youth). They'll call you lazy, disrespectful, indoctrinated by some nefarious "woke" agenda.

This is nothing new, and it likely won't ever change. The Baby Boomers blamed Generation X, and Generation X pointed the finger at Millennials, and, in turn, the Millennials are now pointing the finger right back at the Boomers.

The students I've met throughout my nearly eight years in Saskatchewan have almost all been hard workers, balancing academics, extracurriculars,



and part-time jobs while seeming to barely break a sweat.

More, still, have been committed members of their communities, never afraid to volunteer their time to help out, and always striving to make their communities and the world a better place for generations to come.

So, my advice to the graduates is this: stand steadfast in your convictions, and in your commitment to the causes that are important to you, regardless of the cost. At the same time, be flexible, keep an open mind, engage with those whose opinions differ from yours, and be willing to admit when you're wrong. And, most importantly, follow what your teachers have most certainly told you over the course of dozens of assignments and do your research.

At the top of this column, I mentioned the uncertain state of the world, and my last piece of advice ties into this.

With the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine, and soaring inflation pushing up the costs of everything, this year's graduates are facing challenges that haven't been seen since perhaps as long ago as the Great Depression.

For them, it will be harder than it's been for any generation in recent history to attain all of their goals, wheth-

er they be settling down and starting a family, buying a house, or something beyond the normal rites of passage of adulthood.

My last bit of advice to the graduates is this: know your worth and demand to be compensated accordingly, because few people in life will give you what you deserve just because you deserve it. Learn to work smarter, rather than harder, and, where possible, work at something you're genuinely passionate about.

Above all else, though the road ahead will undoubtedly be long and rough, never forget to have fun and smile throughout the journey.

Life can be hard, and dark, and messy. So, find the things in life that bring you joy, no matter how small they might be, and cling to them with all your might.

And last but certainly not least, never be afraid to dream big and shoot for the stars, even if the chances of success are slim. And when you do fail, dust yourself off, learn from your mistakes, and try again.

The world beyond high school is big and scary, but it is yours to shape into something better for those who follow after you. So, venture forth with courage and kindness, graduates.

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Trudeau government on quest for censorship

By Jay Goldberg, CTF

Sign first, then we'll discuss the details.

Nobody would trust a real estate agent or used car dealership with that approach, but that's how the Trudeau government is trying to sell its plan to regulate the internet.

The government is currently trying to rush new censorship legislation through Parliament at lightning speed. Through Bill C-11, the Trudeau government plans to hand the CRTC the power to control what content Canadians are exposed to online. This includes filtering feeds on popular apps like Netflix, YouTube and TikTok.

As if that wasn't bad enough, the government is deliberately choosing not to disclose the scope of these new regulatory powers until after the bill becomes law.

Such an approach runs roughshod over the democratic process.

If the government wants to

ram through new censorship powers, at a bare minimum we deserve to know just how aggressively the CRTC will be instructed to regulate what we see and share online.

The government can't even get bureaucrats singing from its own hymnbook.

Heritage Minister Pablo Rodriguez has promised up and down that user-generated content, meaning content a typical Canadian might upload to YouTube or share on Twitter, will not be regulated through Bill C-11.

But Ian Scott, the chair of the CRTC, the entity that will be responsible for doing the regulation on the government's behalf, says user generated content will be fair game.

Who should Canadians believe?

If the CRTC says it will have the power to regulate user-generated content through Bill C-11, and they're the ones tasked with implementing it,

Canadians should listen to the CRTC.

As the government attempts to give itself sweeping new powers, it is worthwhile to ask why the government wants bureaucrats to have these new powers in the first place.

The government claims it wants to do so to ensure that Canadians are exposed to enough Canadian content online.

But this raises serious questions.

First, is the government competent to decide what should count as Canadian content?

As of right now, the CRTC's process in making that determination is flawed. A biopic of the Trump presidency, entitled *Gotta Love Trump*, is considered by the CRTC as Canadian content, while the *Handmaid's Tale*, based on legendary Canadian writer Margaret Atwood's famous novel, is not.

On the competence question, the answer clearly is no.

Second, what happens if the government decides it wants to use the CRTC's new powers to influence what we see and share online based on standards other than Canadian content?

It's easy to foresee mission creep. Today, the government wants to promote Canadian content. But tomorrow, with the CRTC's powerful new tools to regulate the internet, Bill C-11 could easily be repurposed to quiet dissent or promote favourable narratives. Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino, for example, has mused about the government pursuing new regulatory measures for the sake of "social cohesion."

With these clear risks, it is worth asking whether this legislation is even needed, as the government claims, to ensure Canadian content gains adequate exposure.

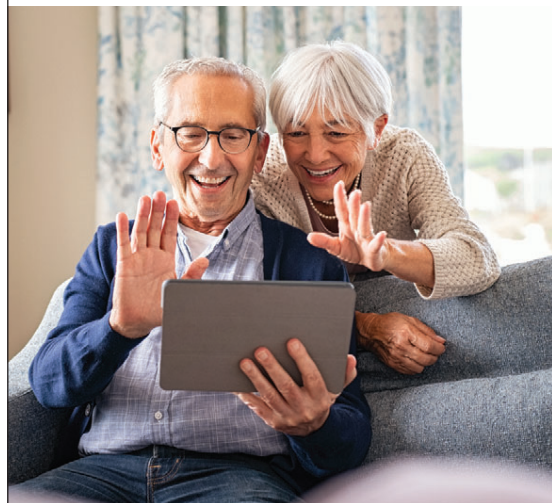
The truth is that Canadian content is thriving like never

before. In 2020 alone, Canada's film and television industry enjoyed \$6 billion in foreign investment, up five per cent from the year prior. And Canadian films and shows are easy to find on streaming services like Netflix.

If the sole rationale of Bill C-11 is to have Canadian content thrive and succeed online, then present data demonstrates that the legislation simply isn't needed. The government could just scrap Bill C-11 and call it a day.

The fact that Rodriguez and the Trudeau government are still aggressively pushing Bill C-11 in light of these facts demonstrates that the government's motive is not, as it claims, to promote Canadian content. Rather, it is all about control.

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Canwood School celebrates Class of 2022

The seven students of Canwood Community School's Class of 2022 made some more moments to live for, when they were toasted at their graduation ceremony on June 10.

Taking their theme from the In Paradise tune "Moments We Live For", which offers both a hopeful look toward the future and a reminder to also appreciate and live in the now, the grads donned their finest, and gathered with loved ones, teachers, and community members in the school's gymnasium for the celebration.

While the rainy weather meant only the receiving line was held outside, rather than the whole ceremony, teacher and staff graduation coordinator Kori Sansom says the evening still ended up being everything the grads had hoped for.

"We were excited that we were finally able to welcome the public back to the school," she said. "This class was a little more low-key and toned down

in terms of their ceremony. They didn't have grand plans and ideas that some classes do. They just wanted something very simple, but very nice and personal to them."

Though the Class of 2022 wasn't the typical "we've been together since Kindergarten" class, with students having come from Debden and Shellbrook in the past year, the grads still stuck with many of the Canwood Community School graduation traditions.

They had the history and prophecy, where the grads shared little stories about each other, as well as words of congratulation from principal Brian Linn and Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division representatives Cher Bloom and Tom Michaud, and a special guest speech from Mrs. Virginia Gray, a long-term substitute teacher with whom the graduates had fostered positive relationships.

The graduates were also given their diplomas and awards

as follows: ELA A30, Math Foundations 30 and Workplace 30, Chemistry 30, and Biology 30 – Rebecca Moritz. Creative Writing 30 – Rebecca Moritz and Emma Arcand. PAA 30 and Physics 30 – Johnathan Bather. PE 30 – Tessa Genereaux and Johnathan Bather. ELA B30 and History 30 – Emma Arcand. Most Improved Student – Tessa Genereaux. Congeniality – Rebecca Moritz and Emma Arcand. Student of the Year – Johnathan Bather. Governor General's Medal – Rebecca Moritz. PAATA Scholarship and Carlson Memorial Scholarship – Rebecca Moritz and Johnathan Bather. RM of Canwood Scholarship – Johnathan Bather.

Finally, graduates Emma Arcand and Petra Borix concluded the ceremony by thanking everyone who attended, and everyone who helped them through their academic journey from Kindergarten to Grade 12. After this, the graduates and their families gathered for the first graduation banquet since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was what they had hoped for," Sansom said of the evening.

While a maternity leave and other factors meant she didn't spend as much time with the Class of 2022 as she has with others, Sansom says she'll remember this group for how they all laughed with each

other, remained positive, and spread their laughter and positivity to others.

As they prepare for the next chapters in their lives, Sansom says her last piece of advice would be for them to stay true to who they are.

"They are all unique individuals, with their own personalities and their own goals and desires. As long as they remember who they are, and that they have a lot of love and support at home, I think they'll all be very successful."

The Class of 2022 is: Emma Arcand, Johnathan Bather, Ethan Bodnarchuk, Petra Borix, Tessa Genereaux, Rebecca Moritz, and Dominic Sten.

Dauvin wins June dessert



Shirley Dauvin won the Dessert of the month draw for June. The ice cream cake dessert was made and presented by board member, Stacey Gaboury.



Canwood Community School's Class of 2022. Back Row, left to right: Johnathan Bather, Dominic Sten, and Ethan Bodnarchuk; Front Row, left to right: Rebecca Moritz, Petra Borix, Emma Arcand, and Tessa Genereaux.

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Negotiation is key to advancing our interests

If you put representatives of different countries at the table and throw out an issue, you are going to get arguments.

That is simply the reality in a world where countries all have agendas based on what they deem as best for them.

Even when it's just major trading partners such as Canada and the United States, with a trade agreement inked and in place, there are near constant disputes which require solving.

So, imagine the problems of making new regulations at World Trade

Organization talks.

The chance of any issue not resulting in protracted debate and outright argument is almost nil. Even when a country's negotiator might be willing to concede a point, they are unlikely to volunteer to do it, choosing instead to try and get some concession they want for any agreement on another point.

In the end, the regulations coming out of the WTO are rarely wins or losses for anyone.

By nature, the rules agreed to come largely by building consensus, and consensus is almost al-



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ways a watered down creation, where everybody at the table gives and takes until some middle ground all can live with is achieved.

It's a positive that in the end, some regulation that might prevent some trade disputes, also means one

is completely satisfied.

So, when a deal is made, Canadian farmers in some cases will think they have gained a little ground on one front, but may also feel they lost ground in another area. So, for example grain farmers might see a gain, while dairy farmers were the pawn sacrificed in the deal.

Of course, the larger political realities of the world – you can see a return to smaller countries as old divides emerge – such as the tension created by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, have to be putting added pres-

sures on what is achieved through WTO talks.

In a recent release, Greg Northey, vice president of the Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance and head of CAFTA's delegation to MC12 in Geneva, issued a statement regarding outcomes at the first WTO Ministerial Meeting in over five years.

"Overall, amid rising global tensions and ever-increasing food security challenges, Canada's agri-food exporters were expecting meaningful outcomes on agriculture at MC12," the release said.

Though it will never be

easy to create agreement on sweeping change, the release notes MC12 resulted in a "Declaration on Trade and Food Security, a Declaration on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, and commitments to reform and strengthen the rules-based trading system including its dispute settlement mechanism."

The nature of so many voices makes such progress almost impossible, yet the process of negotiation, building a better atmosphere for trade bit by bit is still too important a process to ever abandon.

Province announces supplemental program to aid in disaster relief

The Government of Saskatchewan is announcing supplemental relief through the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) to help agricultural producers that experienced significant losses as a result of recent spring storms.

"We recognize the impact these storms have had on Saskatchewan's agricultural producers, especially those who have lost livestock as a result," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said. "This supplemental initiative will help Saskatchewan producers who did not originally

qualify for support under the existing program."

The new program will assist those with more than \$2 million in gross revenues who otherwise meet the definition of a small business, and will be available to producers who were affected by disasters that occurred during the month of April 2022. This will help agricultural operations impacted by extreme weather events this spring, but who did not qualify under the original PDAP revenue restrictions.

In Saskatchewan it is reasonable for a family run farming operation to exceed

this threshold in gross annual revenues, but not have the capacity to recover without government assistance.

The supplemental program, combined with PDAP's existing services, will provide financial assistance to producers in eligible areas that have experienced substantial losses or damages to uninsurable property as a result of natural disasters. These programs are not intended to compete with private insurers or to provide full compensation to those who incur a substantial loss or damage to property.

Local authorities, such as municipal-

ities, must request designation through the PDAP office to initiate assistance for residents following an extreme weather event. Anyone that has applied to the PDAP program, as a result of the spring storms, will automatically be considered for the supplement and will not require a separate application.

For more information on the program, please contact PDAP at 1-866-632-4033 or visit the website at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/access-funding-through-the-provincial-disaster-assistance-program>.

Crop Report: June 7 to 13

Producers were able to wrap up most of the seeding operations in the province over the past week with 98 per cent of the crop now in the ground. There is still some seeding to be done in the east half of the province, where small portions of fields were too wet to seed. With recent rain in the region, these areas will likely go unseeded this season.

Multiple rain showers and thunderstorms hit the province over the past week. Several areas reported minor to severe flooding. While the rainfall caused damage in some areas, it was still very welcome to those who were desperately in need of moisture. In the west, the rain will hopefully allow crops to recover from the drought conditions, but due to the localized nature of the rainfall, much of the western regions will need more widespread rains soon to keep crops from failing. Some areas received hail over the past week, damage is currently unknown since many crops have not yet emerged, but enough hail was received in some areas to

make it appear as if it had snowed.

The most rain was received north of Rosetown, in RM 317, where over 125 mm was recorded Monday night; the area experienced some flooding but most of the water was able to soak in. The Biggar area received 69 mm, the Dinsmore area 65 mm, the Bienfait and Rhein areas 41 mm, the Duck Lake area 34 mm and the Tyner and Bruno areas 25 mm. Many other areas received rain this past week.

With the rainstorms came the wind, which delayed many producers from being able to spray for weeds and insects such as flea beetles, cutworms and grasshoppers.

Provincially, topsoil moisture conditions have improved compared to the previous week. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated seven per cent surplus, 65 per cent adequate, 19 per cent short and nine per cent very short. Hay and pastureland is rated as six per cent surplus, 61 per cent adequate, 24 per cent short and nine per cent

very short. For some hay fields in drier areas, the rain might have come too late and the hay crop may not be ready for first cut in a couple of weeks. In areas where moisture was abundant, the crops look very good.

Provincially, 69 per cent of fall cereals, 60 per cent of pulse crops, 50 per cent of spring cereals and 41 per cent of oilseed crops are at their normal stages of development for this time of year.

Crop conditions across the province mostly range from fair to good. With the recent rains, producers are hopeful that conditions will improve, especially in the west. Most damage this week was from drought, flooding, insects (flea beetles, grasshoppers and cutworms), gophers, hail and wind. Producers have wrapped up some of their reseeding operations and are now turning their focus back to spraying to keep pests under control.

A complete, printable version of the Crop Report is available online at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/crop-report>.



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www.spiritwoodherald.com

Newly opened café ready to serve Spiritwood

A newly anticipated café, located at 224 Main Street in Spiritwood, has finally opened its doors. The new dining location, called Merchant's Café, officially opened for business on June 5 and promises a place where guests can dine, chat, and enjoy a few drinks in an aesthetically calm and modern atmosphere.

Owners Calvin and Cheryl Bose bring past experience in the food industry to the table, and both had long been interested in owning and operating their own restaurant. Apart from that, Cheryl and Calvin say that their main goal is to serve the community.

Previously, Calvin lived in Camrose, Alta., and through the years he has worked in catering and in the feed business.

He says he once visited Spiritwood and liked what the community and the area had to offer. Convenient, then, that a building with potential to help him and Cheryl

achieve their dream of owning a restaurant became available.

"There was this building for sale, and I was thinking of what a person can do and I guessed it would be nice to have a new service on Main Street for the people here," Calvin said.

Opening up a new business is a challenge under normal circumstances, never mind doing so during a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic.

Calvin and Cheryl say the main challenges came in the construction phase of the restaurant, as there was a lot of engineering and renovation work to do to convert the building, which had previously functioned as a warehouse.

Saving money by purchasing furniture and other items second-hand at auctions, Calvin and Cheryl say they're glad they persevered and made it through to opening. They add that they feel fortunate to have opened as life

got back to normal and people could start to gather more.

Currently, Merchant's Café employs eight or nine employees, including Calvin, Cheryl, and their three children who help them in the operation of the café. Depending on circumstances, Calvin has said plans may include hiring foreign workers in the future, as he is familiar with the process of sponsoring them.

Currently, Merchant's Café is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Tuesday to Saturday. Going forward, Calvin and Cheryl plan on extending into supper hours at least one day a week, so people can drop in after regular work hours.

Apart from the Café, Calvin and Cheryl are also in the process of building the first hydroponic farm in town. Their plan is to use it to grow lettuce, some herbs, and strawberries in the back part of the building. The Café also fea-



Merchant's Café is the latest business to open its doors on Spiritwood's Main Street.



The interior of Merchant's Café has a modern feel, and includes a meeting room for people to get together and chat.



The back of Merchant's Café is home to a hydroponic farm, which will be used to grow lettuce, some herbs, and strawberries.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

- Regular services, Sunday school and special services will be listed.
- LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Zion - Canwood
Sunday School,
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m.
St. John's - Shellbrook
Sunday School,
Live-stream worship
service on Facebook,
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Parkside
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor Daniel Mooseely
306-747-3572
Shellbrook
Adult Study
9:30 a.m.
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - Worship
Pastor David Bodvarson
306-747-7235
Canwood
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Glenn Blazosek
306-468-2138
Leask Gospel Tabernacle
Sunday 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Lorne Valuck

PRESBYTERIAN
Mistawasis
Sunday worship
11:00 a.m.
Rev. Katherine Bretzlaff
- IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**
Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship

ANGLICAN CHURCH
Leask - All Saint's
Sunday Service - 9 a.m.
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service
Canwood - Christ Church
Sunday, 2 p.m. - Service
Rev. Wendell Brock
306-460-7696
H.C. Service with Rev.
Brock - 1st Sunday of the
month

MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH
Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel
109 Railway Ave. W.
Blaine Lake
306-497-3316
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Worship

EVANGELICAL FREE
Big River
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Summer: 10:30 a.m. - 12
306-469-2258
Youth Nite: Fridays
Mont Nebo
Bible Study & Prayer
Sun., 11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower
- UNITED CHURCH**
Big River
Sundays
10 a.m.. - Worship
at Anglican Church
Rev. Dave Whalley
306-747-2804

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Debden
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Fr. Dong Doan
Big River - Sacred Heart
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass
Whitefish
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.
Victoire
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.
Fr. Dong Doan
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.
St. Henry's - Leask
Mass - Sunday - 9 a.m.
Mistawasis
2nd & 4th Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
Fr. Phong Tran

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
407-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook
Sat., 9:45 a.m. - Sabbath School
Sat., 11:00 am -Worship
Broadcast on
VOAR 92.1 FM
Pastor Liviu Tilihoi
306-747-3398

PRAISE & WORSHIP

- Regular services, Sunday school and special services will be listed.
- PARTNERS IN FAITH**
Lutheran/United/
Christchurch Anglican,
137-2nd St. W.
Spiritwood
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Sarah Urano

UNITED /ANGLICAN
Worship Services
Glaslyn
Time is on the sign
Rev. Kun Kim
Rev. Don Skinner

CATHOLIC SUNDAY
Spiritwood - 11:15 a.m.
Leoville - 9:30 a.m.
Shell Lake - 2:00 p.m.
Chitek Lake - Closed for
the Season
Everyone Welcome
SATURDAY
Medstead - 6 p.m.
Father Ramel Macapala

PARTNERS IN WORSHIP
Shell Lake
Worship Services
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Pastor Sarah Urano
306-841-7333
- SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**
407 - 2nd Ave .E,
Shellbrook
Sat., 9:45 am -
Sabbath School
Sat., 11:00 am - Worship
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MENNONITE BRETHREN
Glenbush
10:00 am - Sunday School
Worship 10:50 am

FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER) MENNONITE CHURCH
Glenbush
Worship - 10:00 am
1st Sun. (June, July, Aug.)
Worship - 10:00 am
at Rabbit Lake
Mennonite Church

BETHEL
Medstead
1st Sunday, 10 am -
Worship
Pastor David Jensen
3rd Sunday - 10 am
Worship
Pastor David Jensen
- Gideons International of Canada**
Battlefords Camp
Phone Art Martynes
(306) 389-4633

EVANGELICAL FREE
Mont Nebo
Wed., 7:30 pm -
Bible Study & Prayer
Sun., 10:30 am - Worship
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Corner of 1st Ave. and 4th
St., Spiritwood)
Sun., 11 am - Worship
Service & Sunday School
Pastor Michael Kluthe
306-883-2380

BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL
11 am Worship Service
1st Sun., 7:30 pm
- Hymn Sing

COWBOY CHURCH
Spiritwood
Every Wednesday Night
7 pm
Spiritwood Legion Hall
Pastor Rick Martin

Shellbrook Kin groups honoured with awards

When members of the Shellbrook Kinsmen walked into the Kinettes' meeting last Wednesday evening, Tasha Cyr became suspicious that something was afoot.

Her intuition was correct. While she was aware that both the Kinettes and Kinsmen were nominated for the Kin Community Award in the 2021-2022 District 3 Kin year-end awards, she had no idea they'd also thrown her name in the hat for the Kinette of the Year Award in Zone D.

To sweeten the surprise, the unexpected guests came bearing the

news that both the clubs and Cyr had won in their respective award categories.

"It is a good feeling to be recognized for what I put into this community," Cyr said. "That being said, I would never be able to do this without this core group of Kinettes that always show up to help. It is definitely a group effort."

Cyr joined the Kinettes in 2010, hoping to get out and meet people in the community while also making a difference. Twelve years later, she says she got more than she ever could have

hoped for: a tight-knit group of ladies who have become some of her closest friends, who know how to make volunteering fun (even when it's hard work), and who share her commitment to help and bring out the best in their community.

Given what they have to say about Cyr, it's clear her fellow Kinettes feel the same way about her.

"Tasha is a fierce leader, committed volunteer, and the driving force behind 99.99 per cent of our initiatives. She is a busy mom of three teenagers and carves out more time for her community than anyone we know," the Kinettes wrote on Facebook while announcing the news about the awards, crediting Cyr for growing the organization's membership to 25 from four.

"Tasha puts her all into everything she does, and we can't imagine life without her," they concluded.

As for the Kin Community Award, which recognizes two or more clubs that work together to make an impact in their communities and serve as great ambassadors of Kin, Cyr feels the distinction is well deserved.

The Shellbrook Ki-

nettes and Shellbrook Kinsmen have a long-standing collaborative relationship, partnering each year to raise funds for Telemiracle, and to host the annual day of KINdness. The organizations also tend

to pool their resources when it comes to donations to the community, with the aim of making their contributions more impactful.

"Kin is about making your community a better place for everyone in it,"

Cyr said.

"Our clubs show we both want what's best for this community by working together when we can. We accomplish a lot when we work as a team, and it is a huge benefit for our community."



Kinette Tasha Cyr (right) accepts the Zone D Kinette of the Year award from fellow club member Melissa Moe.



The Shellbrook Kinettes and Kinsmen were given the Kin Community Award in the 2021-2022 District 3 Kin year-end awards. Pictured, back row left to right: Tara Lenz, Amber Larson, Julien Cyr, Kelly Herndier, Matt Bruce, Trevor Thorburn, Robin Collins, and Kim LaMotte. Middle row: Melissa Moe, Kat Mackin-Smith, Anita Cruz, Gayle Draper, Nicole Erb, and Sam Borix. Front row: Becca Collins and Tasha Cyr.

Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

Shellbrook's Town Council met for its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, June 20.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, councillors Larry Batten, Peter Halayka, Dave Knight, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, and Kathleen Nording, and the town's CAO, Kelly Hoare.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson and council began by approving the meeting's agenda and adopting the minutes of its June 6 meeting. With no business arising from said minutes, council moved on to reports.

Councillor Miller provided an update on the PARWU Steering Committee and Board, which is still exploring the option of an intermunicipal water pipeline to Shellbrook. Miller said the work on the design for the water treatment plant and river crossing are 50 per cent complete, but the pipelines haven't quite reached that point.

Currently, the aim is to reach 90 per cent completion on design for all aspects of the project by mid-July, at which time PARWU will have a cost estimate with a variance of +/- 15 per

cent. Miller added that PARWU has also contracted a lawyer, who will be providing their opinion on the organization's ability to borrow money and enter into partnerships.

Elsewhere, in a brief update on the hospital and clinic, Mayor Otterson reiterated that two physicians are still on schedule to come to the community in July, pending the outcome of their Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment exams.

Shifting to new business, council started with some housekeeping by reversing interest charges on two accounts in the amounts of \$34.65 and \$35.29, respectively.

Next, council reviewed and approved remuneration and mileage rates for mayor and council, with Hoare noting that the rates hadn't been increased since 2016. Per the new rates, the Mayor will be paid \$150 per meeting (up from \$130), while councillors will be paid \$120 per meeting (up from \$100). These rates of remuneration will apply to regular meetings, and any special meetings at which minutes are recorded.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPIRITWOOD: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm; Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm; Friday 9 am - 5 pm
LEOVILLE: Wapiti Regional Library - Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 3 pm
SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 12:30 pm - 4 pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm - 4 pm

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BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Wednesday 11 am - 6 pm; Friday 11 am - 5 pm; Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.
BIG RIVER: Wapiti Library - Wednesday 11:30 am - 4:30 pm; Thursday 11:30 am - 4:30 pm. Phone # 306-469-2152
CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 12 pm - 5 pm. Kids Club is Fridays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Crafter's Choice is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.
DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10 am - 3 pm; Wednesday 3 pm - 7 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon
LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Friday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 1 pm - 4 pm
MARCELIN: Wapiti Library - Tuesday 2 pm - 7 pm; Thursday 2 pm - 8 pm; Saturday 9 am - 2 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.
SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Branch of the Wapiti Library located at 105 Railway Ave., West (Provincial building). Library Hours: Monday 2 pm - 6 pm; Tuesday 12 pm - 8 pm; Wednesday 2 pm - 8 pm; Thursday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 9 am - 4 pm.
SHELLBROOK: The Ministerial Association invites you to celebrate with us – July 1st, Canada Day! Breakfast @ 9am at the Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly, #61 – 2nd Street West. Sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #111. Donations go toward the District Ministerial Association.
BIG RIVER: Jack Pine Music Festival – June 24-26, 2022, A North Americana Experience, Big River, SK. Get your tickets now! Glamping packages & VIP options available. jackpinemusicfestival.com (See ad in the June 16th edition of this publication for festival lineup)
PARKSIDE: 'ARTISTS IN BLOOM' Honeywood (Dr. A.J.Porter) Heritage Nursery Inc. Provincial Heritage Site Parkside, Sask. Sunday, June 26th, 11 am - 5 pm - \$5.00/person. Showcasing Regional Artists & Craftspeople, Entertainment, Tours, Food, Refreshments, Gift Shop. Potted lilies & Perennials. Ph: 306-747-3307 - email: honeywoodn8@gmail.com

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For all other meetings, both mayor and councillors will be compensated at a rate of \$30 per hour. Mileage, meanwhile, will be covered to the tune of 70 cents per kilometre (up from 50 cents).

Councillor Knight suggested these rates should be reviewed on an annual basis, and council agreed to do so going forward.

Moving on, council gave first readings to Bylaw 2022-05, a bylaw amending the Official Community Plan, and Bylaw 2022-06, a bylaw amending Zoning Bylaw 2022-06. The joint by-laws both pertain to the property that Hidden Hills' new golf cart sheds occupy. That property is to be reclassified as parks and recreation/green space, effectively incorporating them into the same classification as the Shellbrook Sports Grounds.

Continuing with new business, council discussed a request from the Saskatchewan International Film Festival to rent the Shellbrook Theatre for two days. In exchange for use of the facility, the organization is offering to share some of the ticket revenues to benefit the Parkland Pool Project Steering Committee's ongoing effort to build a new pool. In the end, council agreed to wait until it has more details before deciding what it would charge for the rental (the town's current weekend rate is \$500).

Up next, council discussed a request to allow for free public use of the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, whenever it's available, for skating or hockey. Hoare informed council that the town's recreation director is looking into making such time available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and council was in favour of testing the waters.

Closing out the new business, council carried a motion to cover the cost of Hoare's cell phone, as well as the costs to upgrade said phone whenever the time arrives. Currently, other town employees have some cell phone costs covered, and council saw no reason for the policy not to apply to the CAO.

Council's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 4.

Shellbrook Royal Purple hosts seniors for tea

An old tradition was made new again last Wednesday, when the Shellbrook Royal Purple hosted 73 seniors for tea, dessert, entertainment, and some long overdue visiting.

"Our seniors are very important. Especially after COVID, none of them were able to get out much," Royal Purple member Elaine Perkins said. "This was a day for them to come out at no cost to them, just to have some entertainment and some visiting amongst themselves."

While she admits she and her fellow Royal Purple members weren't sure how the day would go over, because the pandemic has changed so much, Perkins says the group was very pleased with the turnout and reception of the tea social.

More importantly, though, the guests, including the residents of Parkland Integrated Health Centre's long-term care home, all seem to have enjoyed themselves.

With the Shellbrook Royal Purple currently in the process of formulating its vision for the lodge through to 2024, Perkins says the senior's tea will certainly be part of those discussions.

"As long as COVID stays away, and the funds are there, I do see this as an [annual] event," she said.

In addition to tea and cakes prepared and provided by the Royal Purple Members, the seniors were treated to musical entertainment from Gerald Lanes and Friends, whose volunteer performance got a few couples up dancing. As a special surprise, Mrs. Pam Boettcher brought 60 Grade 6 and 7 students from WP Sandin High School to perform as well.

"It was nice [to have the kids out]. Seniors enjoy children," Perkins said. "Also, it teaches the children to appreciate the seniors, and to do something without money involved. It's a very good experience for the children."

While the COVID-19 pandemic spelled the death of many community organizations, the Shellbrook Royal Purple seems to have emerged from it stronger. When the new lodge was formed in October 2019, it had just eight members. Over the past year, it's added six new members to bring its total membership to 18 (include two lifetime members who are unable to participate in the lodge's events).

For the new Shellbrook Royal Purple's success, Perkins gives all the credit to her fellow members.

"We have such a vibrant lodge. The members that we have are so helpful. They just jump in there with every chance they get. It's an awesome group."



Shellbrook Royal Purple member Elaine Perkins serves cake to guests at the organization's Senior's Tea.



Pastor Emmanuel Aristide said grace before the cakes were served.



WP Sandin High School teacher Pam Boettcher brought about 60 Grade 6 and 7 students to perform for the guests at the Royal Purple's Senior's Tea.

Minutes of a Village of Leask council meeting

(Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity)

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Leask Held at the Leask Community Hall on May 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Mayor John Priestley, councillors Valerie Priestley, Charles Smith Zach Waldner, acting administrator Yvette Hamel, and administrator mentor Tony Obrigewitch.

The mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

V. Priestley: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

Waldner: That the minutes of April 27, 2022, Regular Council Meeting and that the minutes of May 11, 2022, Special Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask accept the Maintenance report as presented. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept the Water Treatment and Lab Testing Reports as presented. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask approve the attached list of Accounts Payable, being Cheques 9492 to 9541 totalling \$34,677.06, as presented. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept the minutes dated May 17, 2021, as presented from the Leask Community Hardware Store Board, That the Village of Leask accept the Financial Sales Statements April 1, 2022 - April 30, 2022, and May 1, 2022 - May 17, 2022, as presented from the Leask Community Hardware Store Board. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept the resignation from the following Leask Community Hardware Store Board Members: Clarence Hoehne, Caitlin Erickson, Denis Brad, and Ed Musich. Carried

Smith: That the Village of Leask request minutes from all meetings of the Leask Community Hardware Store dated August 1, 2021, to present, That the Village of Leask request all financial information dated August 1, 2021, to present, and that the name of the Accounting Firm and name of Accountant handling the Leask Community Hardware Store financials be provided to Village of Leask Council.

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask remove Clarence Hoehne, Caitlin Erickson, Denis Brad, and Ed Musich from any and all signing authority regarding the Leask Community Hardware Store. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept the Rink Board Report as presented by Charles Smith. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask accept the Executive Board members for the Leask Sports Centre Ltd. as presented: Chairman - Josh Wheler, Vice Chair - Jessica Podhordeski, Secretary- Amber Wheler, Treasurer- Chris Donohue. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept the Leask Golf Club report as presented. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask table the Budget presented. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask revise the IIP, removing the three-phase power project. Carried

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Yankees, Mets headed for October showdown?

Hey, baseball fans, get ready for the possibility of another Subway World Series.

New York Yankees and New York Mets are flexing their baseball muscles in the first few months of the 2022 season, and nobody would be shocked if they wound up facing each other this October in the World Series. It would be the first 'Subway Series' since 2000, when the Yankees beat their crosstown rivals 4-1.

The Mets showed in the off-season they intended to improve their fortunes by signing the best pitcher on the free-agent market, Max Scherzer, and one of

the best position players, Francisco Lindor. Then they added some stability to their operation by convincing veteran manager Buck Showalter to guide the team's fortunes.

The Yankees threatening to contend for a Series title is hardly surprising; the Bronx Bombers are a perennial contender in the American League East, and have had a winning record for 29 consecutive seasons dating back to 1992. Through mid-June, they had the best record in baseball, cruising along at a .720-plus clip.

The Mets, on the other hand, have been closer in



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recent years to the 'Can't Anyone Here Play This Game' lament of their first manager, Casey Stengel, than a playoff threat. The Mets have posted a losing record in 10 of the last

13 seasons, but 2022 has been a different story. At last glance, they held a five-game lead over second-place Atlanta, in the National League East, and were riding the pitching arms of Carlos Carrasco, Scherzer and Taijuan Walker to a handsome .650-plus winning percentage. At the plate, Lindor has joined veteran Met slugger Pete Alonso, Jeff McNeil and Brandon Nimmo to provide plenty of offence.

Across town, it's easy to judge why the Yankees are flourishing. That's judge, as in the imposing 6-foot-7, 282-pound Aaron Judge, who during the pre-season turned down a seven-year contract extension offer which would have paid him \$213 million. He and his handlers thought a couple of boffo offensive seasons would attract offers far north of a measly \$30 million per year. His judgment looks to be correct. Judge is by far the Yankees' best player, the A.L.'s likely MVP and on pace to eclipse the 60 home-run mark. The Yankees' accountants might have to raid the offices of Citibank and Chase Manhattan to find enough cash to pay Judge over the next decade or so.

So, is the baseball world ready for New York vs. New York?

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald on The Match, a 12-hole golf event featuring

NFL quarterbacks Tom Brady and Aaron Rodgers against Josh Allen and Patrick Mahomes, won by the veteran team of Brady-Rodgers: "It was one for the ages. The old ages."

• From Super 70s Sports, on Twitter: "Legend has it one time someone quoted John 3:16 to Rickey Henderson and he said 'I don't wanna hear about John hittin' .316, Rickey's hittin' .330.'"

• Bob Molinaro of pilot online.com: "Now that a scion of the Walmart dynasty is buying Denver's NFL team, can we expect elderly men and women to work as greeters at Broncos games?"

• Another one from Molinaro: "Will Rafael Nadal play Wimbledon? Maybe. But he was photographed on crutches this week. He probably couldn't win more than two or three matches on crutches."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Aaron Rodgers's new girlfriend identifies as a witch named Blu of Earth. Has anyone checked to see if Rodgers's man bun is tied way too tight?"

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Is it just me or is firing Joe Maddon sort of like booing Bruce Springsteen?"

• Headline at the onion.com: "North Dakota Constructs Billion-Dollar Stadium Just In Case Some

NFL Franchise Gets Desperate"

• Headline at fark.com: "Soccer teams banned for match fixing. Officials started getting slightly suspicious after the 41st own goal"

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "A bad hop in a Happy Valley softball game in Encino, California, sent singer Nick Jonas to the emergency room. Where did it hit him? Let's just say he suddenly went from the Jonas Brothers to The Sopranos."

• Perry again: "Managers Joe Girardi and Joe Maddon got fired one day apart last week. Say it ain't so, Joes."

• Billy Foster, PGA Tour caddie for Matt Fitzpatrick, on deplorable conditions caddies faced when sharing a room with other loopers to reduce expenses: "I've stayed in hotels where, if rats had walked in during the night, they would have taken one look and left because it was too dirty."

• Two Inches Short, on Twitter: "The year is 2036. Bryson won the Saudi long drive championship, Patrick Reed has been dismembered for cheating by crown prince Phil bin Mickelson and DJ is an Arabian drug lord who goes by the name Muhammad."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Minutes of a Village of Leask council meeting

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Waldner: That the Village of Leask accept SUMAassure for the most current insurance policy, noting the Rink deductible is \$2,500 not \$25,000. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask administrator contact SUMAssure to adjust the coverage/value of Golf Course buildings and equipment as presented by Golf Course Board. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask maintenance paint the outside window trims, door, and panels at the Affinity Credit Union. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask Administrator obtain a quote to have the sand tilled at the Leask Lions Park. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask rescind motion 2022-174 due to the unavailability of Contractor. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask ratify a motion, after an emergency action was taken to hire Arcand Roofing to repair the rink roof to prevent further damage to the rink. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator send Congratulation Letters to the Leask Community School Graduates. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask allow basement to be constructed to 344 2nd Ave Lot 12 Blk 4 Plan S3969 on the same footprint as the house exists, ensuring it follows the Bylaw regarding grandfathering constructions on old houses and that the construction passes building inspections as per BuildTech. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator attain more information from the Leask R.M. 464 regarding the Leask Fire Department 2022 Budget. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator send a letter to citizen regarding suggested activities be forward-

ed to the Leask Community Recreation Board, the Leask Happy Homesteaders and the Leask Legion. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask Administrator send a letter to citizen noting the surveying stakes regarding the Allowance on 3rd West will try to be located to determine boundaries. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator send a letter to citizen regarding state of Main Street Bulletin Board, noting this would be revisited once budget allows, also noting the Leask Recreation Board is researching grants for a new Bulletin Board. Carried

Smith: That the Village of Leask accept the Shellbrook & District Health Services Foundations report as presented by Councillor V. Priestley. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask block street in front of Leask Community School on June 2 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. to accommodate School activities, and that the Village of Leask Administrator inform RCMP and Ambulance and 911 of the closure. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept Administrators report as presented. Carried

Waldner: 7:51 p.m. That the Village of Leask Council move to in Camera meeting. Carried

V. Priestley: 8:06p.m. That the Village of Leask Council return from in Camera meeting. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask approve the minutes of the April 27, 2022, Special Meeting as amended. Carried

Priestley: That the maintenance records their daily, weekly, monthly and seasonal activities on the recording sheets provided by Administrator with the time required for the tasks involved. Carried

Waldner: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:50p.m.

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OBITUARIES



Tyson Desjardins



DESJARDINS - Tyson
Tyson David Leigh Desjardins, currently of Preeceville, SK (formerly of Saskatoon and Marcelin), passed away on June 16, 2022, at Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon, after a two-year battle with neuroendocrine cancer. He was 44 years old.

with his parents, Richard and Brenda Desjardins. He attended school in Marcelin and Leask. Throughout high school, Tyson worked with his dad and grandpa at the family service station, Desjardins Service. After high school, he attained his journeyman as an automotive service technician from SIAST Kelsey Campus. He worked in Saskatoon, with the majority of his career at BEMA Autosport BMW. Tyson often joked that he had as many hours of training to fix foreign vehicles as a doctor has to fix people. He was very proud of his accomplishments in his career.

Tyson married Tara Kyle in 2001. They had one son (David) in 2000 and raised Tara's two children (Daggon and Josh) together until 2011. Daggon, Josh and David were always Tyson's focus and priority, and he was a loving and supportive father to all three of them.

In 2013, Tyson started dating Sherry Joanne. Their relationship was strengthened by a common history of growing up in the Marcelin area and decades of friendship between their families. Tyson and Sherry maintained a long-distance relationship between his home in Saskatoon and hers in Preeceville for 6 years. They travelled back and forth to spend time together. Tyson introduced Sherry to motorcycle riding, and they enjoyed trips on and with the bike to BC and Alberta each summer. They especially loved spending time in their "happy place", Toad Rock in BC. Tyson always called Toad Rock "home" and considered the friends he made there as family. In the fall of 2019, Tyson moved to Preeceville. He got a job at Formo Motors there and was enjoying a less physically demanding job as a service manager.

In March of 2020, Ty-

son began to experience pain and illness and in July of 2020, he was diagnosed with neuroendocrine cancer. His original prognosis was hopeful, with no expected impact on his life expectancy and a plan to manage his symptoms with medications. However, the disease was more aggressive than expected and despite treatments, Tyson's health gradually declined. In true form to his character, Tyson fought hard and refused to give up on doing the things he loved. He was still able to ride his motorcycle in the summer of 2021, and he and Sherry made the trip to Toad Rock last August. Right up until his hospitalization the week before he died, Tyson was making plans to get back out to BC in the summer of 2022.

Besides riding his motorcycle, Tyson also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with his friends. He was an avid fan of the Calgary Flames, the Saskatchewan Roughriders and

NASCAR. He loved to sing (loudly and badly) and listen to music, especially when it was live. He could fix almost anything and worked so hard until his health prevented it. He enjoyed gardening and yard work and took a lot of pride in growing food to eat and making things look beautiful. He was strong, stubborn, and loving. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Tyson was predeceased by his father, Richard Desjardins and his grandparents, Tilly Macdonald, Dave Chambers, and step grandfather, Archie Macdonald.

Left to miss him and cherish his memory are his spouse, Sherry Joanne, his mother, Brenda, his brothers Benett and Shawn (Jalisa) and his children Daggon, Josh and David, as well as his stepsons, James and Eric Dodge. He will also be dearly missed by his nieces, Ashlyn and Ava, and his nephews, Walker and

Liam; his grandparents, Raymond and Giselle Desjardins, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

There will be a Memorial Service held for Tyson on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. from the Shellbrook Community Hall. Tyson will be laid to rest at a later private family interment.

Memorial Donations may be made in memory of Tyson to either the Canadian Neuroendocrine Tumour Society (CNETS 333 Pitt St. Suite 102, Cornwall, Ontario K6J 3R1) or visit them online at (cnets.ca) - or you are welcome to make a donation to the Saskatoon Motorcycle Ride for Dad (RideForDad.ca).

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart – Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

Lily Peake



PEAKE – Lily
1927 – 2022
Lily Peake passed away on June 8th at the age of

94. She was the wife of the late Ernest Peake. They shared 60 years together and raised 5 children. Lily was born at home near Marcelin, Saskatchewan to John and Martha Bold. She was the eldest of three children.

Lily's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the greatest joy of her life. She was an avid reader until she lost her sight. Fishing, traveling in the motorhome, and bingo at Big River were some highlights. She loved flowers

and watching birds on the deck. Her home was always a very busy place. Many friends and relatives stopped by for conversation, card games and of course food, she always had a large array of food and goodies. At the care home and at the nursing home she loved painting, crafts, singing, and bingo. The staff was so wonderful, and they helped her through the tough times of no visitors during COVID. She really loved soft ice cream right up to the final day, she would

say, "That was something you could have any time". Lily would have many conversations on her cell phone, which helped her through the long days.

The Graveside Memorial will be held on August 6th at Honeywood Cemetery at 2 pm, everyone is welcome to join the family.

Lily is survived by her five children: Jim (Beryl) and their children Renee (James) and their daughter Mikayla; Melanie (Chris) and their children Braydon and Maitric; Ryan (Ang) and their children Axle and Gaege; Doug (Sue)

and their children Lisa (Ron); Teri (Stan) and their children Stacey, Calli, and Nathan; Sheri (Brian) and their children Chloe and Mia; Bev and her daughter Edna (Bob); Stephen and his son Ananias; Jenny and her children Kaylynne, Kegan, and Kasie; Gail (Rod Verbonec) and their children Jake (Dayna) and their children Madysen, Emma and Hunter; Paul (Janelle) and their children Rider and Kiera; Wendy (David Stupnikoff) and their children Bryce (Cheryl); Stacy and Devon (Natasha) and his son Lennox.

Lily was predeceased by her parents, John & Martha Bold; her grandson-in-law, Lee Hoffman; her son-in-law, Raymond Toth.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Lily to the Leask Wapiti Library.

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GOOD NEWS



SOMETIMES THINGS JUST HAPPEN

I remember as a boy my mom would receive a newsletter from Evangelist Oral Roberts. He was famous for saying, "Something Good is going to happen to you today." Yet Evangelist Roberts had to deal with life when he heard his daughter died in an airplane crash on Feb. 11, 1977.

Tough things happen at times.

I read recently "God does want to bless our lives with abundance. Yet the Bible also teaches that suffering is a part of God's order. We shouldn't go looking for it, but neither should we be

surprised when it finds us. Everyone is going to suffer. The only decision is whether you are going to suffer with Christ or without Him."

Before my graduation from Bible College, I was asked what scripture I wanted by my grad photo. I chose Philippians 3:10, "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death." The first part of that verse is more appealing than the last. Yet I need to remind myself blessed are balanced.

There are several reasons that could be listed why people suffer. Sometimes, we get ourselves in trouble. Sometimes we are going through a test. I have always found these verses comforting in Isaiah 55:8-9, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

There are just some things this side of Heaven I won't understand, so I just

need to trust in Our Heavenly Father.

After the assassination of President Kennedy, his young son, John Jr., asked William Haddad, an associate of JFK's, "Are you a daddy?" Haddad told him that he was. In response, little John Jr. asked, "Then will you throw me up in the air?"

If you feel like you have been thrown up in the air, remember you have a Heavenly Father who can catch you.

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Sask Parks expands park offerings through new business partnerships

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New in Sask Parks this year, visitors can enjoy:

- Guided Nature Walks with Jacquie Bolton - Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park;
- Petting zoo, pony rides and glitter tattoos offered by J&S Entertainment - Pike Lake Provincial Park;
- Specialty coffees, fresh roasted coffee beans, pizza, soft pretzels, mini donuts, bagel sandwiches and other snacks from Grinded Love Coffee - Candle Lake Provincial Park;
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vincial Park;

- Equipped camping experiences with Eagle Ridge Rentals - The Battlefords Provincial Park;
- Sask Aquatic Adventures' new inflatable water park locations - Candle Lake and Meadow Lake Provincial Parks;
- Transportation and tour packages with Engelheim Tours to special events and attractions at Sask Parks; and
- Long-term seasonal camping offered by Harbor Golf Club RV Park - Elbow Harbour Recreation Site.

In addition, a number of businesses will return to parks again this summer. Some of the unique experiences and services that will be available include:

- Lessons with Prairie Paragliding - Blackstrap Provincial Park;
- Sailing experiences and courses with Living Sky Sailing - Elbow Harbour Recreation Site; and
- Paddle board rentals from Candle Paddle - Candle Lake Provincial Park.

Additional details and contact information for new park businesses will be shared on Sask Parks' Facebook page throughout the next week at <http://facebook.com/sask-parks>.

More information on Sask Parks business partnership opportunities and expansions is available at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/doing-business-with-government/doing-business-in-the-provincial-park-system>.

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Minutes of an RM of Canwood meeting

(Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity)

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 was held in the Municipal Council Chambers, at 641 Main Street, Canwood, SK, on April 12, 2022, commencing at 9 a.m.

Present – Reeve Lyndon Pease, Administrator Lorna Benson and the following Councillors for their respective divisions: #1 Ralph Korody, #2 Dennis Benke, #3 Gordon Andrews, #4 Ray Duret, #5 Kevin Olson, and #6 Leonard Smith.

Delegations:

9:30 a.m. Dwight Diehl, Public Works Supervisor, Municipal Operations Update
1 p.m. Councillor Indemnity

Pease: That the minutes of the March 15, 2022, Regular Council Meeting be approved. Carried

Benke: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of February 2022 for the R.M. General Account be approved as presented. Carried

Korody: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached account listing for a total of \$245,085.97 Council Direct Deposits for January and Payroll Direct Deposits for 2022 Pay Period 7 & 8. Carried

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl attended the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Korody: That Road Ban Order 2022-01 be acknowledged in these minutes setting the weight restriction of 8.2 tonnes including load on the following municipal roadways:

1. West of Sections 4 and 9-49-04 W3
2. Through Section 29 and East of Section 32-50-04 W3. Carried

Korody: That we hire Michelle Altstadt, Canwood, Sask., to maintain the South Cemetery for the 2022 season at a cost of \$250 per cut. Further to this, trimming around the graves with a trimmer as well as cleaning off the graves is a requirement of the mowing caretaker. Cemetery maintenance is supervised by the cemetery ad-

ministrator, Debbie Anderson, who will instruct and monitor cemetery activities. Carried

Benke: That we hire Beatrice Hansen, Mont Nebo, Sask., to maintain the Hawk-eye Cemetery for the 2022 season at a cost of \$1,000. Carried

Duret: That we hire Raymond Boutin, Prince Albert, Sask., to maintain the designated areas at Goldridge Enterprises Inc. for the 2022 season at a rate of \$130 per cut. Carried

Duret: That we agree to rent a 1999 Terex TS14 D11 Scraper, Serial Number S7361089 from Korpan Tractor, Saskatoon, Sask., starting the middle of May 2022, at a cost of \$15,000 per month up to a maximum of 200 hours a month, plus applicable taxes. Carried

Smith: That we make application for participation under the Beaver Control Program (BCP) for the year 2022–2023 as administered by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) and authorize the following individuals to remove problem beavers in the Rural Municipality (list omitted due to space). Carried

Pease: That we set the following guidelines for the Beaver Control Program (BCP) for the year 2022-2023:

1. Each councillor shall direct where problem beavers shall be removed in his division;
2. Beaver tails must be delivered to the councillor on or before June 30, 2022;
3. Legal descriptions of where the beavers were removed must be provided by the authorized individuals when delivering the beaver tails;
4. A bounty will be paid in the amount of \$30.00 for each problem beaver removed from March 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022, and thereafter the bounty will be reduced to \$15 per beaver;
5. Councillors cannot be designated as

- beaver hunters; and
6. Counting of beaver tails shall be done by another councillor if the hunter is a family member, defined as follows: "Family member" means spouse, parent, grandparent, child, brother or sister or of a spouse; and also means grandchild, and son- or daughter-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew and cousin or a person who resides in the employee's household as a member of the family. Carried

Korody: That Bylaw 2022-01 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to regulate the establishment of a system for Rural Addressing, now be read the first time. Carried

Benke: That Bylaw 2022-01 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to regulate the establishment of a system for Rural Addressing, now be read the second time. Carried

Pease: That we agree to give third reading of Bylaw No. 2022-01 at this meeting. Carried Unanimously

Smith: That Bylaw 2022-01 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to regulate the establishment of a system for Rural Addressing, now be read the third time and adopted. Carried

Benke: That we appoint Kevin Olson to the Public Works Committee. Carried

Korody: That we acknowledge the minutes of the Occupational Health Committee Meeting of April 5, 2022. Carried

Pease: That we acknowledge the Annual General Meeting of Highway 55 Waste Management Corporation set for April 21, 2022. Carried

Smith: That we make the annual contribution of \$200 to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers, Regina, Sask. Carried

Duret: That we designate the Human Resources Committee to review the applicants' submissions, interview the applicants and select the recipient of the Council Bursary prior to Friday, May 13, 2022. Carried

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Benke: That we acknowledge the Debden Public Library 2022 Proposed Budget and agree to pay their grant request of \$2,610. Carried

Korody: That we acknowledge the transfer of client files from Zatlyn Law Office to Veritas Law Barristers & Solicitors, Prince Albert, Sask. Carried

Benke: That we approve the Council's Indemnity as presented. Carried

Pease: That we acknowledge the Annual General Meeting Minutes of the District #33 Rat Eradication Board held on March 30, 2022. Further to this, we agree to the dissolution of the District Rat Board. Carried

Olson: That we advise the Community Planning Branch of the Ministry of Government Relations that we recommend approval of the Application to Subdivide Land of Camille and Luke Howat, Stump Lake, Sask., for the purpose of subdividing Parcel A from the NE 30-53-04 W3 as the site exceeds the minimum site area requirements of Section 5 of the Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Benke: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Mike and Barb Davio, Martensville, Sask., to construct a detached garage/shop on the SW 09-50-07 W3, with approval pursuant to Section 5.1.1(1)(c) of the AR - Agricultural Residential District, Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Smith: That we now adjourn at 1:55 p.m. with the next regular meeting of Council to be held May 25, 2022, at the Municipal Council Chambers in the Municipal Building located at 641 Main Street, Canwood. Carried

How to choose and grow the best perennials – Part III

By Patricia Hanbidge
This is the third article in the series on my choice of some of the best perennials to plant in your garden. I have received my order of perennials that are showing colour for a long season of bloom, are well-behaved in the garden and are extremely attractive to butterflies and bees. Luckily for you, I also bought a few extra to share with other gardeners!

A selection of other well-behaved perennials that provide lots of long-term colour and of course are supremely attractive to butterflies and bees rounds out this series of articles on how to choose and grow the best perennials.

Plants are special to gardeners and often what we grow has meaning that goes beyond the plants. One summer on a hot July day, I was visiting a friend who is fortunate enough to live on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River. As it was a very hot day, I wandered through the poplar bluff down

to the water. As I walked, the understory was filled with native monarda or bee balm and the scent of bergamot was just amazing. Ever since that day I always have some bee balm in my garden as the scent is like being surrounded by a giant cup of Earl Grey tea!

The following Bee Balm unless otherwise stated will all grow about the same size which is 24 inches (60 cm) in height and spread about the same dimension as their height. They bloom from mid-summer all the way to a killing frost, gracing our gardens with scent and colour attracting butterflies and bees and other gardeners!

Monarda didyma 'Coral Reef' has lovely coral to salmon-pink flowers and the foliage is very disease resistant.

Monarda didyma 'Grand Marshall' also has good resistance to powdery mildew which is a problem with many perennials. It boasts shaggy fuchsia-purple flowers and is delightfully fragrant.

Monarda didyma 'Grand Mum' has a delicate pink-mauve flower and is a slightly smaller perennial at about 18 inches (45 cm) in height and



Scarlet bee balm.

spread.
Monarda didyma 'Grand Parade' is an exceptionally hardy, mildew-resistant cultivar that produces an abundance

of lavender-purple flowers on mid-size plants that grow to between 12 to 18 inches (30 to 45 cm).

Monarda didyma 'Jefsnaw' is simply stunning! This monarda has 2-lipped scarlet red flowers that are 3 to 4 inches (7.5 to 10 cm) across. My personal favourite monarda!

Monarda didyma 'Marshall's Delight' won an award of garden merit by the Royal Horticultural Society. Clear pink, beautiful flowers – an all-time favourite!

Monarda didyma 'Petite Delight' is a tiny bee balm with grey-green foliage and only 10 to 12 inches in height (25 to 30 cm) and spread. The lavender-pink flowers are really quite beautiful – especially against the foliage.

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