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LOCAL NEWS

Committee confident about Scotties bid

CURLING
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The bid is in and an organizer behind the city's attempt to land the 2021 Scotties Tournament of Hearts says she's confident Thunder Bay has shown Curling Canada they've got what it takes to host the national women's curling championship.

Diane Imrie on Friday said response to a community survey was overwhelmingly positive, with more than 1,300 people taking part.

"We had a 97 per cent approval rate of yes, we want the Scotties. It's going to be an exciting event and we couldn't believe the success of that little campaign," Imrie said.

"One of the questions we asked was would you volunteer? Seven-hundred-and-ninety-four people said they would.

Thunder Bay is a volunteer town for sure."

When it came to whether or not the public was hungry for tickets to the event, last held in the city in 1996, again the response was stronger than expected.

"Twelve-hundred people said that they would buy either a full package - almost half of that said they would buy a full event package - or single tickets or weekend passes as well," Imrie said.

Additionally, 85 businesses stepped up and said they would be willing to take part in a sponsorship deal, another key that should look good in the eyes of the national governing body, who will inform the local organizing committee this fall if they've won the bid.

At this point, Imrie said they're not sure which other communities, if any at all, are in the competition.

A quick Google search doesn't turn up any other news articles, besides Thunder Bay, about communities in the hunt, although some larger communities might not have needed to go to the media as part of their bid preparation.

Bids are due on June 29, but Imrie said Thunder Bay decided to submit a day early.

"We're going to see what happens," she said.

If successful, the event will come with a minimum \$400,000 hosting fee, which has been requested to be drawn from the Community Economic Development Commission's share of the municipal accommodation tax.

The bid committee will learn in late September if it was the successful bidder, and a public announcement is expected in mid-October.

The event would be held at Fort William Gardens and the Fort William Curling Club, if the bid is accepted.



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WAIT AND SEE: Organizing committee co-chair Diane Imrie said the Scotties bid is in.

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LOCAL NEWS

Rafferty dies at 65

POLITICS
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Former NDP member of Parliament John Rafferty has died at 65.

Rafferty, who would have turned 66 on Wednesday, served in the House of Commons from 2008 to 2015.

The former CKPR broadcaster lost a lengthy battle with cancer.

His wife, Pamela Cain, confirmed his death in a short Facebook post on Sunday evening.

Former Liberal MP Ken Boshcoff, who Rafferty defeated to capture the Thunder Bay-Rainy River riding in 2008, said he was saddened to hear the news.

"I had a chance to talk to John after one of his treatments a couple of months ago and I'm glad we had a chance to talk about those several campaigns," Boshcoff said, reached via text.

"He was a persevering and tenacious competitor so it was with some chagrin that I acknowledged it was a humbling honour to be the guy that John beat to become our MP. We shook hands sincerely and I did not realize that was the last time I would see him. He served the people of our riding with tireless energy."

Much beloved

Tributes poured in as the news of his death spread.

Thunder Bay-Superior North Liberal MP Patty Hajdu said Rafferty served Northwestern Ontario well.

"Our region was fortunate to have the dedicated representation that John Rafferty provided. His commitment to public service was clear and he was a strong voice for Northwestern Ontario. My deepest condolences to his family," she said.

Thunder Bay Mayor Bill Mauro, a frequent political opponent, extended his condolences to Rafferty's family.

"Political life can be difficult on the member and their family, but I always felt that John truly embraced the job and all that it entailed," Mauro said.

"His commitment to his party and to the people of Thunder Bay represent a legacy that his family can take great pride in. The communities of Thunder Bay-Rainy River are better because of his public service."

Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said she was saddened to learn of his passing.

"John was loved, well-respected and a true champion for his community. On behalf of Ontario's New



SERVED WELL: John Rafferty was first elected for the NDP in TB-Rainy River in 2008.

Democrats, our condolences to his wife Pamela and to John's family and loved ones," Horwath wrote on Twitter.

It took Rafferty several tries to finally find a seat in higher government.

He first took on longtime Liberal MP Joe Comuzzi in the 2000 federal election, finishing third. He switched to provincial politics three years later, finishing second to Liberal Mauro in Thunder Bay-Atikokan, then was runner-up to Boshcoff in the 2004 federal election in Thunder Bay-Rainy River, 3,508 votes behind. Two years later he cut the gap to just 663.

He took another stab at Queen's Park in 2007, losing to Mauro again, this time by just 36 votes.

It was in 2008 that he made it over the top, finally knocking off Boshcoff, a two-time MP and former Thunder Bay mayor and councillor. Rafferty won 40.3 per cent of the votes that year, and went on to serve seven years in the NDP caucus.

Born in Wingham, Ont. on July 3, 1953, Rafferty's time in Ottawa

wasn't without controversy. He ran afoul of interim NDP leader Nicole Turmel, when he stood his ground and in 2011 voted against the repeal of the long-run registry, saying at the time he was standing up for the constituents of his largely rural Northwestern Ontario riding.

Stood up

Both Rafferty and fellow Thunder Bay-Superior North NDP MP Bruce Hyer were disciplined by Turmel, losing their critics roles and temporarily their right to ask questions or make statements in the House of Commons.

Hyer would later cross the floor to join the Green Party, while Rafferty had his status restored by newly anointed NDP leader Thomas Mulcair.

Rafferty, despite his defeat at the hands of Liberal Don Rusnak in 2015, didn't stay off the political stage for long, earning the NDP nod in Thunder Bay-Atikokan ahead of the 2018 provincial election, slated to take on Mauro for a third time.

But it was not to be.

The long-time politician withdrew from the race in January 2018, citing his health.

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LOCALNEWS

Opioid addiction a community crisis

THUNDER BAY
By Matt Vis - TB Source

The escalating number of opioid overdoses constitutes a community crisis, with fatalities increasing by 40 per cent in 2018 compared to the previous year.

Representatives from the city's three emergency services, along with Thunder Bay Drug Strategy and Thunder Bay District Health Unit officials, held a joint news conference on Wednesday to make the declaration.

Preliminary data released earlier this month by Public Health Ontario showed 44 opioid-related deaths in the Thunder Bay District last year, spiking from 31 the previous year. Nearly half - 19 - of the fatal overdoses happened during the final four months of the year.

"People are dying and this is avoidable," said Thunder Bay Drug Strategy coordinator Cynthia Olsen.

In 2017, the city's opioid death and emergency department visit rates were

both more than double the provincial average, a trend that is expected to be higher last year when the statistics are finalized.

To combat the influx of southern Ontario gang activity bringing drugs, guns and human trafficking to Thunder Bay, local and regional policing agencies have teamed up to create a joint task force. That initiative, referred to as Project Disruption, in its first six months had seized drugs with an estimated street value of more than \$1.5 million. That haul included more than one kilogram of fentanyl, an amount that is believed to be capable of causing 500,000 fatal overdoses.

Despite the series of busts having resulted in the apprehension of more than 80 confirmed or suspected gang members, the crisis is not a situation that police can arrest their way out of, said Thunder Bay police communications director Chris Adams.

"This isn't just about law enforce-



GROWING CONCERN: Thunder Bay Drug Strategy coordinator Cynthia Olsen speaks last Wednesday about the growing opioid problem the City of Thunder Bay is facing.

ment," Adams said, acknowledging the call for help to all levels of government is not unique to Thunder Bay.

"This is about dealing with a real health and safety issue that needs broader help and support. You can only do so

much, and quite frankly there has been quite a bit of downloading on municipalities to deal with many issues that sometimes are out of their scope financially."

Thunder Bay Police Service Staff Sgt Shawn Harrison said local opioid abuse includes fentanyl patches and medically prescribed pills, but more dangerous and potentially tainted substances are becoming increasingly prevalent.

"What we're seeing, and it's causing lots of concern, is the fentanyl and carfentanil," Harrison said.

"It's the fentanyl coming in and being sold that we have no idea what the purity of it is, the consumer or person purchasing it doesn't know what the purity is. That's where overdoses can occur, because they're taking something in that they're not too sure about and it's poisoning them."

In January 2018, health unit officials announced the first confirmed presence of carfentanil in Thunder Bay.



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LOCAL NEWS

Powwow a chance to heal

FW FIRST NATION
By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

Each year, thousands of people gather atop Mount McKay to take part in one of the grandest displays of Indigenous pride, the Fort William First Nation powwow.

It isn't exactly known when the first powwow was held (one elder said over 50 years ago), but it's an annual tradition. One that's celebrated throughout the week and attracts campers to stay overnight on Mount McKay.

Dazzlingly colourful regalias, gigantic booms from the drums, the smell of traditional Indigenous medicines being burned; all were showcased on a hot sunny day atop Mount McKay on Saturday to honour the culture. But as Gail Bannon, the cultural and mountain co-ordinator for Fort William First Nation said, there's one aspect that serves a higher purpose than just celebrating.

"There's an aspect to pow-wows which I'm not going to talk that much about, but it's the ceremony part. It's a healing for a lot of people."

Judy Desmoulin, like thousands of others, took part in the dancing, singing, and storytelling.

She told the story of one of fondest moments of her grandson Daniel. He was playing hockey for the first time and scored a goal on a no-look pass from his teammate, who told Judy this story.

"He told me he was skating up the ice, he went through everybody, and Daniel kept up with him! He kept him at the corner of his eye and tricked the goalie to pass to Daniel who scored."

"That was his first goal," she said smiling.

Her grandson ended up taking his own life at the age of 15 a few months later.

Desmoulin was told of the story by a teammate of her grandson's three weeks following his death.

"The community has been struggling a



CULTURAL FUN: Calle Echumpz at the Fort William First Nation powwow last Saturday.

lot. Many of his cousins and classmates," she said.

She said the healing walk was a vision an elder gave to her.

That vision: "Sometimes we have to give up our physical selves so our spiritual selves can become stronger."

"A lot of our own people don't even know why they are the way they are. I think this walk lets everybody understand a little bit more."

Desmoulin was joined by many others

taking part in the walk at one point in the ceremony.

"This year I wanted to do something, so I attached (the FWFN) flag to his hockey stick."

Walking around the powwow circle on top of Mount McKay, Desmoulin fought back tears as she was filled with emotions.

"It's certainly is a coping mechanism," she said. "Throughout this week everybody learns more about our personal histories, and about each other."

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EDITORIAL

Rafferty gone far too soon

Northwestern Ontario lost a political and broadcasting giant over the Canada Day weekend.

John Rafferty, who served two terms as the NDP MP for Thunder Bay-Rainy River from 2008 until 2015, lost a long battle with cancer.

He was just 65.

Rafferty, who spent several years at CKPR Radio, was a tireless supporter of our region.

His stance on the gun registry was a prime example of his principles.

Told by party officials to vote in favour of keeping it, he defied them, not worried about the political fallout, because that's what the majority of his largely rural constituents wanted.

And he never once backed down.

That takes courage in this day and age, when political leaders are all-too quick to toss dissenters out of caucus and onto the parliamentary scrap heap.

Rafferty was always a man of his word, only too willing to listen to other points of view from his own NDP leanings.

An advocate for labour and a friend to workers one and all, he was also a shining example of perseverance.

Rafferty ran six times at the federal and provincial level before finally earning a seat in the House of Commons in 2008, when the Jack Layton-led NDP became the country's official opposition.

Rest in peace, Mr. Rafferty.

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Walk the talk, Thunder Bay

To the editor:

In recent months I have watched as city stakeholders circle the wagon for damage control after the two reports identifying systemic racism within the police force revealed very real and dangerous living conditions for Indigenous peoples here in Thunder Bay.

I have also watched city officials using the televised council meetings and local media to counter these reports by promoting and highlighting accomplishments within their organizations in an effort to downplay existing systematic racism.

Talking your accomplishments instead of walking towards change is simply a defense of your actions, not a sincere acknowledgement or a willingness to make change within the existing system.

These tactics are to maintain control in an effort to gain back reputation on a national stage and to help curb the negative economic impact that may occur in Thunder Bay.

I am concerned that instead of opening the door to honest dialogue and solutions with a competent strategy for change, these counter claims have led to non-Indigenous citizens publicly shouting out their racist attitudes in public forums as was recently witnessed in a community town hall.

Suggesting Indigenous people and their building projects belong on reserves tells a much more accurate story of attitudes this city holds towards the reconciliation process with the Indigenous community.

Our reality check is this man's audience clapped and cheered at his suggestion that these buildings and people belonged on their Reservation.

Another reality is a mayor that sees his legacy project as a \$40-million dollar indoor sports facility believing that sports will heal the divide that exists in Thunder Bay.

Hoping to integrate youth from Indigenous communities with sports, programming and concerts bypasses the hard conversation and reconciliation process that needs to be initiated with their parents, and grandparents who suffered unspeakable trauma in residential schools and the Sixties Scoop.

I have every confidence that this sports facility will be hijacked by parents with the financial means to ensure their children benefit the most, with limited access for the less fortunate.

Bob Cook wrote in *Forbes* magazine in March 2017 that "parents of means willing to spend more money, earlier, on their children's athletic development, that raises the price for everyone else who wants to participate, and creates a more profes-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



sionalized youth sports environment where being developed and discovered early becomes more critical."

Children and youth living in poverty will not be able to compete within this competitive and expensive sports structure and although an indoor turf facility is needed in the city, the \$40 million dollar price tag for this facility is reckless and the mayor's legacy project definitely takes the focus and conversation away from the poor state of Indigenous relations and reconciliation efforts within the city.

Lori Paras,
Thunder Bay

Rafferty will be missed

To the editor:

I am sure there are a ton of ways that people will remember John. To his family and friends, my condolences on your loss.

When news of his passing reached me, I was in shock as I'm sure many are.

It'll be weird not to meet him cruising his Mr. Bean car on the highway.

We had the pleasure the last decade almost of having John visit our community every powwow, he danced, ate bannock burger and played Nevada's as a man who thought "another dollar and I'll get that \$250" might.

He became "powwow people" and it will be a somber affair not to see him this year.

May the great spirit help him on his journey and help those he leaves behind for now.

Miigwetch.

Carrie L. Boshkaykin,
Via Facebook

To the editor:

My condolences to the family, he was a great man and a wonderful human being.

Janice Valois,
Via Facebook

To the editor:

I remember meeting him a couple of times a few years ago.

He seemed like such a nice man.

Condolences go out to his friends and family.

RIP, Mr. Rafferty.

Nikolai Wataja,
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

To the editor:

He was a great and very approachable radio host and represented Thunder Bay professionally. Condolences to his family.

Marty Shmanka,
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

To the editor:

Sad news. Great man. He was a hard-working politician, remember him coming to my door, when nobody else did.

Aaron Wesley,
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

Perspective

Always Canada Day around here

Despite it's small population, the Canadian experience has a growing global reach and worldwide influence

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

For anyone lucky enough to be Canadian, every day is Canada Day.

For me, July 1 is the unofficial mid-point of summer and hopefully, the first of many lazy, hazy days to come.

By the time the long weekend rolls around our garden is healthy and green, the chores are done and we are ready to celebrate.

We like to have people join us in the back yard for food, drinks and fellowship as we all enjoy our uniquely Canadian experience.

This is a common scene in back yards across the country but technically, only one in 202 people worldwide can claim a place at the Canada Day picnic table.

According to the latest census, all 37.3 million Canadian citizens make up just 0.5 per cent of the total world population.

World-wide reach

That's OK because when you include our extended families and friends, the Canadian experience has global reach and influence.

Who knows - there might be modest Canada Day celebrations taking place in far-flung places where Canucks don't normally congregate.

Deep in a jungle somewhere or out on the open sea or even perched on a mountaintop, the Canadian flag is proudly displayed on July 1st.

And speaking of global influence,

Canadian citizens living in the UAE can witness a dazzling display of Canadiana on the tallest building in the world.

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One Canadian P.M. put it this way, "Beyond our borders, our flag has become an emblem that garners respect and admiration."

I can't help myself - I always get a little nostalgic on Canada Day when I think about what it means to be Canadian.

It happened again this year as I picnicked with family and friends and it struck me that maybe being Canadian is more than just being from Canada.

The Canadian experience (and citizenship) is treasured by those lucky enough to share the opportunity and envied by many other citizens of the world.

Every year on Canada Day I immerse myself in the history, tradition and home-cooked foods that define us and set us apart as nice, well-fed and friendly.

It's easy to take it all for granted - I was born in Canada and I have grown accustomed to a life of abundance and privilege.

But for me, being Canadian has become a guilty pleasure especially when I reflect on the many others who would share our picnic if they could.

There are millions of families worldwide who would happily attend a Canada Day picnic anywhere in our country if they were only invited.

They would even come to Thunder Bay if they had the choice which is why I was so gratified to hear that our community has been chosen.

We have been selected for a five year pilot immigration project designed to lure new Canadians to small rural and northern communities like ours.

Getting old

Thunder Bay faces the demographic challenge of an aging population, stagnant economic growth and a shortage of qualified labour.

Employment Minister Patty Hajdu made the announcement, noting that increased immigration is crucial for our community to grow.

Thunder Bay can meet the challenge by attracting new workers and encouraging them to stay, work and grow their families.

And with any luck, when Canada Day rolls around again next year we

will see some new faces at our picnic table sharing a uniquely Canadian experience.

They might get a little nostalgic themselves as they realize that when you live here, every day is Canada Day, eh

"There are millions of families worldwide who would happily attend a Canada Day picnic..."



NATIONAL PRIDE: Lawrence Timko celebrates Canada Day on Monday at Marina Park.

MICHAEL CHARLEBOIS

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LOCAL NEWS

Alleged liquor thieves nabbed

POLICE

By TB Source staff

A pair of Thunder Bay men are facing a total of 76 charges in what police term serial shoplifting at LCBO outlets and other retailers around the city.

Police, in a release issued last Friday afternoon, said the one suspect allegedly stole more than \$1,550 worth of product while the other is suspected of taking

more than \$730 worth of merchandise.

The LCBO has a well-known hands-off policy by staff when it comes to shoplifting offences.

Police say they began their investigation after ongoing online reports surfaced about multiple liquor store thefts.

The officer investigating then linked multiple alleged theft incidents to the two accused, who were identified using

high-quality surveillance footage.

Steve Appel, 39, of Thunder Bay, was charged with 19 counts of breach of probation, four counts of breach of recognizance and 19 counts of theft under \$5,000.

Eric Andrew Atkinson, 35, was charged with assault, 19 counts theft under \$5,000 and 14 counts of breach of recognizance.



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IN BRIEF



NO ONE HURT: Thunder Bay Fire Rescue crews respond to a fire at a Little Lake Road Home on Sunday on Fort William First Nation.

Fire destroys home on Little Lake Road

A Fort William First Nation family escaped with their lives after an early morning fire on Sunday tore through their Little Lake Road home.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue, in a release, said the call came in at approximately 4:15 a.m.

First arriving units found the home, a single-family bungalow, fully involved in flames.

A second alarm was called to battle the blaze, leading to five pumpers and aerial ladder being brought to the scene.

The fire was so intense the roof ultimately collapsed.

The residents of the home, including children, were able to get out safely, one family member waking up just in time to get everyone out of harm's way.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Student critical after house fire

A victim trapped in a house fire is in stable but critical condition following a fire at a Hartland Street residence.

Fire officials responded to the fire early Saturday morning.

According to a media release, firefighters assembled simultaneous fire attack and rescue of the trapped victim.

"Some of the occupants reported barely making it out of the building, literally escaping through the smoke with flames over their heads," the release issued Saturday afternoon said.

Once rescued from the fire, the victim was cared for by paramedics and is now reported to be in the ICU of Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre in stable but critical condition.

The building was occupied by six-to-10 international students and is not known to be a properly approved or configured rooming house.

Deputy Chief Greg Hankkio reinforced the importance of landlords ensuring their properties are properly equipped with working smoke alarms. "Landlords need to ensure that working smoke alarms are properly installed and maintained. This includes keeping appropriate records," he said.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue and Thunder Bay Police are working with a fire investigator from the Office of the Fire Marshal to determine the origin, cause and circumstances of this fire, and examine the fire code compliance of the property.

TB Life

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Canadians celebrate

THUNDER BAY
By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

Shoaib Ahmed had never been on Canadian soil to celebrate Canada Day. An international student originally from India, Ahmed just completed his second year at Lakehead University, and felt comfortable enough to stay in Thunder Bay for the summer.

"It's almost like home," he said. Ahmed was one of an estimated 20,000 people who attended Marina Park for the celebration of Canada's independence. "It's better than I expected," he said. "It's an amazing experience getting to know the culture."

The celebration featured live music, food vendors, fireworks, and a lot of people dressed in red. Ahmed said the celebration is similar to India's - a sign he's feeling at home here in Thunder Bay.

"We have a parade and different things going on. It's kind of the same here but it feels different."

Not all the activity was at the waterfront. The Nasser family has lived in Thunder Bay since 2017, but decided Canada Day would be the day they would try Fort William Historical Park.

Originally from Lebanon, the family spent the day learning about the history of the region they now call home. "Usually my kids don't enjoy going out too much, but today was good," Haitham Nasser said.

The Nassers were one of many families who took part in the festivities at Fort William Historical Park on Monday.

Haitham's son, Mahdi, said his favourite part was paddling in the canoe. "It was my second time on the water." Haitham says Canada's independence day celebrations are different from Lebanon. "I think Canada Day has more of an emphasis on landscape when it comes to celebrating, at least here at Fort William Historical Park. It's a bit different when it



SEEING RED: Eva Nasser (left), Amir Barhoum, and Mahdi Nasser at Fort William Historical Park on Monday during Canada Day festivities.

comes to Lebanon, it's more about history there."

Jiangyuan Huang is an international student from China who wanted her mother to experience Canadian culture on the holiday.

"It's too hot," she said when asked what she expected Thunder Bay to be like.

Huang has been in Thunder Bay for three days.

While it's safe to say her opinion of the

weather will change, her Canadian pride is well-established, and she said it was important to spend the day with her mother.

"My mom just traveled here and she wanted to see different things. She loves travelling and trying new things," she said.

As for the Yang family, the bouncy castles provided the children with something to do while the parents enjoyed the nice weather. Originally from Guyana, they've lived in Thunder Bay for the last six years.

Jessica Chunick wins \$590K House Lottery home

THUNDER BAY
By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

The Fort William Rotary Club and a number of local politicians were under the bright lights as they held their Canada Day draw at the Marina.

Mayor Bill Mauro announced that Jessica Chunick is the lucky winner of a 1,790 square-foot Dogwood Crescent cab-over

style home, worth more than \$590,000. "I just got off the phone with Jessica, she was pretty excited," said Stephen Margarit, president of Fort William Rotary Club. "She's never really won anything this big, so it's a pretty great feeling telling her she won."

Margarit said the 33rd annual draw sold 14,000 tickets and raised over \$435,000 for local and district charities.

The Fort William Rotary Club is a charity allocation organization that provides seed money for community projects.

With 2019's total, the charity has raised over \$6 million in 32 years.

Chunick will have the chance to keep the Sherwood Estates residence, or sell the house within the first year.

"We always are happy when they keep the house," Margarit said.

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SAFETY FIRST: Mallory Morrisseau (left), and Kyle Haywood at the Elevate NWO booth.

National Testing Day collaboration

HEALTH
By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

As many as 14 per cent of people living with HIV don't know their status. For hepatitis C, the number jumps to 20 per cent.

On Thursday, local health officials set out to lower those numbers, setting up shop at Victoriaville Mall to provide the public with relevant information as part of National Testing Day, with Elevate NWO teaming up with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit to raise awareness about the availability and ease of being tested for blood-borne diseases.

"Testing today is done through a blood drop. Elevate NWO can do rapid testing for Hepatitis C, and based on the result, whether it's reactive or non-reactive then there may be further tests," Robin Cooper, health promotion planner at Thunder Bay District Health Unit said.

"We want people to know where they can get tested and decrease some of the stigma around it," Cooper said. "It's very important people know what puts them at risk."

Earlier this week, the Thunder Bay District Health Unit declared an HIV outbreak in the city's homeless and under-housed population. The health unit said the

general population is not considered to be at increased risk.

Cooper said Thursday's event was not at all related to the outbreak, but the health unit's declaration served the same purpose of the event in raising awareness of the importance of testing.

Hepatitis C is an infectious disease that is spread through blood-to-blood contact, which can cause severe liver damage. It can be cured within 12 weeks.

There is no cure for HIV. The virus attacks the body's cells that fight infection, leaving a person afflicted with HIV more susceptible to other infections and diseases.

However, Schweitz says modern treatment is effective and people can live long, healthy lifestyles with the virus.

"It is completely manageable and treatable," Schweitz said.

"If they don't get tested today we want to link them to other places where they can get tested. Either at their own health-care provider or through the Thunder Bay District Health Unit,"

Cooper said.

Through the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, a website, HepNet, is now available for people to visit and learn more information on Hepatitis C and the resources available in the community.

"We want people to know where they can get tested and decrease the stigma around it."

ROBIN COOPER

MICHAEL CHARLEBOIS

TB Life

July heat brings a bevy of July bugs

Well, school is out. The kids are free. I still think that summer doesn't really begin until July despite the official calendar or the weather.

Spring? What spring? What we had was cold and often wet. Then (as I wrote before) like a coiled spring (no pun intended) being suddenly released delivering real heat and real bugs.

Everything seems delayed again this year. Gardeners have been complaining that "by this time last year...", they had successfully planted and growing things were well on their way.

But this year? Delayed.

Still going strong

Not that our vegetable garden isn't doing well. Just look at the weeds! My wife, Laura, The Gardener-in-the-Family, says that despite a slow start, the sown seeds have burst forth and we are now eating our



FRED JONES

RURAL ROOTS

own lettuce and asparagus.

But it is no fun working in the garden, walking in the bush, mowing the lawns, or doing much of anything outside at this point and all thanks to the explosion of biting bugs. First to appear and annoy are the black flies, late this year but making up for lost opportunities to harass. Just this past week, the deer flies appeared. They like to buzz in squadrons around your head and, like the black flies, get under the brim of your hat if you are wearing one. I've seen the occasional horse fly as well.

The solution is to spray your flesh

with deet-infused insect repellent or don a bug jacket.

In a sense, it is somewhat akin to being twixt a rock and a hard place: which to choose? If you spray, then you breath the stuff which, to me, reminds me of all those canoe trips I used to take first, as a teenager at a boys' canoe-trip camp in the Temagami area and then, after moving to Northwestern Ontario, in Quetico Provincial Park.

Be careful not to get the stuff in your eyes. It really stings.

But at least I can see what I'm doing.

The bug jacket of course, means no need to spray. However, I have difficulty seeing through the mesh that protects my face.

I wear a wide-brim hat underneath so as to keep the mess away from my face but often I'm constantly adjusting the mesh that develops folds that impair vision.

It is OK when seated on a riding

lawn mower going back and forth endlessly until the grass is all cut.

But trying to do chores that involve weeding or digging – in the case of replacing fence posts, then I need to be able to see clearly and that means resorting to insect repellent.

I thought that our farm was particularly cursed with the flying biting scourges but in conversation with other rural neighbours, we aren't alone. 'Tis a small consolation though.

You also have to be careful about what insect repellent you use.

Recently, I bought a well-known brand name repellent but this time, containing an extra-strong solution of deet.

I sprayed my face, careful to shut my eyes like I usually do. But when I opened them, the stuff got into my eyes and until I managed to grope my way to where I knew there was tissue, I experienced agony.

After clearing my eyes, I noticed that my lips had gone numb. Holy cow!

This intense experience does not occur when I use the regular-concentrate of this brand of insect repellent. I had to warn Laura to use it only on her arms and not her face.

Worked well

But it was sure effective while I was outside working.

Ravens are busy trying to feed their three young, squawkers; and after weeks of absence because they didn't nest on our property this year, the Sandhill Cranes have shown up with a young one to feed in our paddocks. My binoculars have been busy.

So, looking forward to ripening veggies, blooming flowers, and some days on the lake.

I think that summer arrived right on time.

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Adams tops Blues Fest bill

Amanda Marshall, Tom Cochrane, Johnny Reid and Burton Cummings playing too

MUSIC

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

It's hard to believe how fast another year has flown past.

Not that anyone's complaining.

Friday marks the return of the Thunder Bay Blues Festival to Marina Park, an event that sold out quickly in 2019 thanks to a stellar lineup topped by a Canadian legend who'll be making his first appearance at an event that has increasingly turned to talent from the Great White North to draw thousands to the city's waterfront.

"Bryan Adams seems to be the pinnacle, if you will," said Trevor Hurtig, manager of marketing and development for the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium and the Blues Festival.

"But it really is an all-star lineup from start to finish. The blues artists are second to none. Even some of the local artists are perennial favourites and we're really looking forward to them as well.

"Certainly Burton Cummings is great. Jann Arden has never played the festival before. Tom Cochrane's return, Johnny Reid's return – we know we're going to be in for a jam-packed weekend full of world-class entertainment."

That's just scratching the surface.

Canadian legends 54-40 and Nova Scotia's The Trews add a touch of upbeat rock and pop to a lineup that also includes rising country star Meghan Patrick, returnee Amanda Marshall, Alfie Zappacosta and St. Paul and the Minneapolis Funk All-Stars, featuring Jellybean Johnson, who helped create the Minneapolis sound with the Time.

There won't be much down time for music fans, Hurtig said.

"That was done on purpose, to get some new stuff in there that would be exciting," he



CUTS LIKE A KNIFE: Bryan Adams is scheduled for a two-hour set to close out Saturday night.

said of the decision to add bands like 54-40 and The Trews to the lineup.

"St. Paul and the Minneapolis Funk All-Stars, those guys are just driving down from Minneapolis. But these guys have all played with Prince and they're going to bring that kind of First Avenue sound from the '80s here and we're really looking forward to that," Hurtig said.

The fun begins on Friday, when Ariel Poser takes the Marina Park stage at 4:15 p.m.

He'll be followed by Davy Knowles at 5:30 p.m. The aforementioned St. Paul and the Minneapolis Funk Allstars are next at 6:45 p.m., followed by Tom

Cochrane and Red Rider at 8:15 p.m. and Johnny Reid to close out opening night at 10

p.m., a scheduled 90-minute set.

Local act The Chain kick off Saturday's lineup, with the Lincolns (1:45 p.m.), Alfie Zappacosta (3 p.m.), The Trews (4:15 p.m.), Meghan Patrick (5:30 p.m.), Amanda Marshall (7 p.m.) and Bryan Adams (9:30 p.m.), a two-hour finale.

On Sunday, the final day of the three-day festival, music gets under way at 12:30 p.m. when local favourites James Boraski and MomentaryEvolution make a Blues Festival reappearance. Ken Valdez hits the stage at 1:45 p.m., followed closely by the Ben Racine Band (3 p.m.), The Hip Show, a Tragically Hip cover band (4:15 p.m.), Dawn Tyler Watson (5:30 p.m.), 54-40 (6:45 p.m.), Jann Arden (8:15 p.m.) and Burton Cummings and band to close out the festival at 10 p.m.

Tickets are completely sold out for this year's Blues Festival.

**"But these
guys have all
played with
Prince..."**

TREVOR HURTIG

Pedestrian walkway new festival entrance

MUSIC

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Other than the names on the lineup, the biggest change to this year's Thunder Bay Blues Festival is a logistical one.

Since the event began, patrons have been crossing South Water Street at Camelot Street and entering the festival grounds across the railway tracks.

But after years of warning festival-goers to stay off the tracks and away from dangers, a compromise solution

was sought.

In 2019, that means music lovers will take a new way into the park, by way of the pedestrian walkway located high above the busy South Water Street.

The former entrance will be exit only, with the exception of those patrons who have mobility and access issues.

It was all in the name of safety, said Trevor Hurtig, the manager of marketing and development for the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium and the Blues Festival.

"Last year and the year before we had

some problems with people lining up down the railway tracks and also blocking Water Street and Cumberland Street, as well," Hurtig said.

"We've met with the police and the rail police and came up with the plan that the pedestrian overpass is now your entrance to the park. So we're encouraging all able-bodied people to come in over the overpass. If you have mobility issues, you can still come across Camelot Street."

The Thunder Bay Blues Festival runs Friday through Sunday at Marina Park.

IN THE bay

Ivanka's new home sweet, sweet home

THEATRE

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

The neighbourhood along St. George Street in Thunder Bay will never be the same.

You see, a certain feisty fire-cracker we've grown to know and love over the years as Ivanka is back in her hometown to put down roots of the very best kind. Slobjevan roots; except don't bother trying to find Slobjev on a map. And, well, truth be told the only roots uncovered might be those her cat digs up in her new neighbour's garden. Perhaps not the best way to forge friendship. Especially when that potential friend is someone with happy memories of peace and quiet, cherished routines of his own. Oh, and did I mention a dog?

Ivanka: Pasta, Salami and a Guy Named Pasquale promises to be one sunny hoot of a play at Magnus Theatre this summer. And how could it be otherwise, with Jo-Ann Waytowich and

Mario Crudo sharing their brightly zany and tangy-sharp limelight on stage? No ma'am. No sir. Nothing serious here, except for the seriously delightful fun to be had by an audience, whatever your roots.

The Source dropped by Ivanka's new home sweet home the other day; let's just say the temperature on St. George Street felt warmer than usual.

"I move in, a nice leetle howse a-crause the tracks," says Ivanka. Her smiling eyes are beautifully framed by pointy cats-eye glasses. "Only ting rong, I got new ney-burr, Pasquale. Pasquale Choo-cho! Does dis not sound like sneeze to you?"

To be fair, Pasquale's surname is spelled Ciuco. It's listed in the phone book; at his insistence I check. Then turn my attention back to Ivanka, cuddling a purring feline in her arms.

"My Pussy-Doodle duzn't cause no trowble. But my ney-burr! Hees dog gets owt of yard and attack my pussy.



MATT GOERTZ

BACK HOME: The always popular Ivanka returns to the Magnus stage this July.

Vat am I supposed to do? I haf to defent my pussy!" Ivanka throws a withering glance across the fence at Pasquale, who crosses deeply tanned forearms and rolls his eyes. "Hees stubborn man; got opeen-yun bout ever-ting and ever-one."

Pasquale's patience, if there was any

to begin with, evaporates. He waves frustrated hands in circles in the air. Ivanka keeps talking. "So, I haf idea. I invite heem over for nice perogy dinner. And tell heem. Ve shud invite ever-one over, for nay-burr block-a party. Vat you tink?"

It's Pasquale's turn to speak. Unapologetic about his thick accent, Pasquale regales me with the story of his family, his dearly departed wife, their arrival in Canada, their home on St. George Street, wine-making colourful parties, and mention of his life as a knife-thrower in a circus in the old country. A glimpse of proud flamboyance. Then I make the mistake of asking Pasquale about his dog.

"I gotta nice dog, Loup-o. Dat meen volf!" He points at Ivanka. "She say Loup-o go inna her yard; I no letta heem go! He got a bigga chain. Cuz ven he getta mad, he getta mad! You canna chain a cat! Dat pussy inna my yard, she digga my garden, my tomato, my pees; I gotta plant a-gane, a-gane anna gane!"

Go witness how Pasquale's garden grows with Ivanka as his new neighbour on St. George Street in Toon-der Bay.

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WIDE AWAKE: Applauze Productions presents *Spring Awakening* by Frank Wedekind at the Hoito from July 10 to 13.

Young voices ringing

Applauze Productions is presenting *Spring Awakening* by Frank Wedekind

THEATRE

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Some 130 years ago, in a small village in Germany the seasons were changing. It was a time of awakenings. As it is again, here in 2019, when at the Finlandia Hall the curtain rises on an energetic drama imbued with the voices of youth and an edgy déjà vu.

In 1891 the play was shut down because it was just too controversial. Truths about sexuality, straight or otherwise, abortion, mental illness, abuse, suicide: such topics did not sit well with those in charge. Now, Applauze Productions' theatre-in-the-round version of "Spring Awakening" by Frank Wedekind brings a rather dark story to 360-degree vibrant life for its audience.

Thomas McDonald, director, remarks on the immediacy of this production. "We're in times where access to true information is being curtailed. Our government is clawing back on sex-ed policy; abortion continues to make headlines, women still fighting for rights over their own bodies. Never mind the last century, it's still not easy today."

The cast of Applauze Productions finds wings to fly with the limitless appeal of music, in this case modern tunes under the snappy verve and vibe of Danny Johnson and his band. "All so current. Rock, folk, gospel – music to speak to the soul. Though our characters live in a rigid world (1891), through the music they can express their minds freely, without boundaries. Now is just the right time for this play."

Frances Loghrin's role is as on-looker. Her character Ilse Neumann is our narrator of sorts, but I wonder if

she might actually be a timeless ghost. I ask her. Ilse shakes her head. "This story has happened in my recent past; and been given to the other girls and boys in my village in warning. The adults have covered up and changed the truth of it. I'm here to dispel their sugar-coating of what has really happened."

Actor Hudson Morash steps into his role as Melchior Gabor with natural ease: a leader his peers look up to even when trouble arrives. Hudson's sincere eyes have me guessing about Melchior's predicament. Is the future still shaped by young confidence? "My hopes are higher than my expectations," replies Melchior quietly. "I'm fortunate in that I have access to books my mother encourages me to read; we don't get to read any such books in school. I worry my peers, my friends, are being kept in the dark about so many things. The adults pretend to have everything figured out, but they don't. Our teachers feel threatened when we question them, and I'm afraid this will stay the same for a long time to come."

Melchior sounds wise beyond his years. I ask Hudson, here in 2019, why this production rings true over a century after it was first performed, then banned.

"I'd say its relevance today comes down to mental health, how many people these days struggle with that. Politics incite; social media doesn't help; too many things are coming non-stop at young developing minds. It's very stressful."

Don't miss *Spring Awakening* at the Hoito: July 10th to 13th. Tickets at the door and www.applauze productions.com. Please note: appropriate for mature audiences only.

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Democrat's debate stage crowded

With the presidential election a mere year and a half away, it appears it's time to start thinning the herd of two dozen Democrat candidates. Enter the NBC two-night debate.

Now, given that it's the beginning of summer and the first debate for this election, NBC had low expectations for viewership.

However, according to Nielsen ratings, over 15 million viewers tuned in on Wednesday night and even more so on Thursday.

And that doesn't include online viewing.

Of course, that's hardly the record-breakers of the 2016 campaigns. But then again, who could look away from the train wreck that was Donald Trump?

So why were so many Americans tuning in to this over-filled smorgasbord of liberal agendas? One



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could say they wanted to see how the candidates answered the tough questions.

If that was the case, one would be disappointed.

Direct questions were rarely answered. Instead, the candidates would pump out their campaign rhetoric on the topic in general. For example, the moderators asked Cory Booker how his gun buy-back

program worked. He responded by talking about all the people who had been shot in the last week on his street.

We feel for you Cory. Now, can you answer the question?

Kamala Harris was asked if Democrats need to explain how they will pay for all the new benefits they're promising like free healthcare and cutting student debt.

Her choreography was fabulous. Harris side-stepped the question, jumped back into the costs of the Republican tax credit and then pivoted to her own tax credit plan.

Others had little to say at all. Andrew Yang later claimed that his mic was often turned off so he couldn't be heard.

NBC responded saying, "At no point during the debate was any candidate's microphone turned off or muted."

Absolutely true.

In fact, that night they even left the moderators' microphones on long after they left the stage.

Fortunately during the second night, everyone spoke up. And instead of attacking the President, they went after each other. Or specifically, the always affable Joe Biden.

Kamala Harris' experience as a prosecutor allowed her to herd the rowdy group like a headmistress, before slicing and dicing her opponents.

Even almost non-existent candidate Eric Swalwell managed to pry

Biden's foot out of his mouth to use his own words against him.

Apparently, the VP once told a crowd – which included Swalwell himself – that it was time to pass the torch to a new generation. That was 32 years ago.

Pundits and political experts are already naming the debate winners. But was there really a debate? Sure, debate-adjacent arguments did pop up periodically. Yet most of what was heard could have been switched out for the candidates' YouTube campaign videos.

A debate should educate. It should allow the candidates to compare the benefits and costs of voting for them. This one didn't.

Hopefully the next round will be smaller and more productive. Otherwise, viewers may just as well tune in to another *Big Bang Theory* repeat.

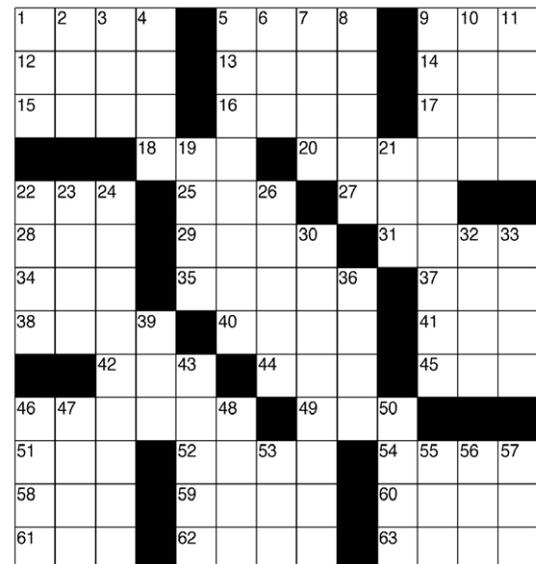
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 - First miracle site
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 - Carplike fish

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Special Olympics team picked

THUNDER BAY
By Matt Vis – TB Source

Marco Pauselli finally got the news for which he'd been waiting and hoping.

Fifteen local athletes, including Pauselli, on Thursday evening learned that they will be competing for Team Ontario in the 2020 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games, which will be held in Thunder Bay next February. Each of the athletes first competed at the regional level and earned their spots through their performances on the provincial stage earlier this year.

Despite an early summer heat wave outside, winter now can't come soon for the athletes.

"Getting to this point, it was pretty challenging and having in the mind (wondering) if we made it or not made it, and then finally to know we made it. It's like wow, it's indescribable," said Pauselli, who will be joined by curling teammates Mykola Cuthbertson, Janice Martinsen, Jordan Pretchuk and Rachel Warren on the ice at the Fort William Curling Club, after they earned their spot by claiming gold at the 2019 Ontario Winter Games in Sault Ste. Marie.

"With all the hard work and training we really did want it and I guess it paid off."

Event organizers and local volunteers had the athletes come to the announcement, but kept them in the dark about why they were there. Each of the athletes was brought to the front of the room and was given an envelope, which they simultaneously opened to read that they will be competing in the games.

Alpine skier Amy Cizmar, who had previously competed in bowling when Thunder Bay hosted the 2011 provincial games, is happy to have another opportunity to perform in front of family and friends.

"So many friends here in Thunder Bay, nice of them to support me. My family has supported me 100 per cent," she said.

The games, which will be held from Feb. 25-29, are expected to bring together more than 1,200 athletes, coaches and mission staff from across the country.



WILL COMPETE: Some of the athletes who qualified for next year's Canada Special Olympics Winter Games.

LOCAL 2020 SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES

- **Five-pin bowling:** Julia Luck, Steven Mau and Joshua Tomagatick
- **Alpine skiing:** Amy Cizmar and Carson Smith
- **Curling:** Mykola Cuthbertson, Janice Martinsen, Marco Mauselli, Jordan Pretchuk and Rachel Warren
- **Nordic skiing:** Justin Campbell and Noah Filice
- **Snowshoeing:** Gabrielle Hannusch and Tyler Rissanen
- **Speed skating:** Claire Kachur

Denita Minoletti, the treasurer and event coordinator for Special Olympics Thunder Bay, said having the city host the event gave the athletes immense inspiration to earn their chance to compete.

"Our athletes have trained really hard to be where they are and we're so proud of each and every one of them," Minoletti said, adding this is the largest group of Thunder Bay athletes to be competing in

the national games.

"It gives our community the opportunity to watch our athletes compete at that national level, which is very different than competing at regional and provincial levels. Being part of Team Ontario, you have to step your game up."

Six of the eight sports will have Thunder Bay athletes in the mix, which Minoletti considers a significant achievement with many of the winter sports only having been offered locally within the last five years.

Julia Luck, Steven Mau and Joshua Tomagatick will be joined by two Kenora athletes in five-pin bowling, which will make its debut in the Canada Winter Games. Cizmar will be joined on the slopes by Carson Smith, while Justin Campbell and Noah Filice will compete in Nordic skiing. Snowshoeing will feature Gabrielle Hannusch and Tyler Rissanen. Claire Kachur will be in the speed skating field.

Pauselli, who was wearing his provincial gold medal, will now get a chance to add national hardware to his collection.

"I can try," he said. "Can only try."

Chill keep playoffs alive with win over St. Louis

SOCCER
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The boys in black are back. Buoyed by MVP Sullivan Silva's first two goals of the season – and not stung by a pair of other goals called back as offside – the Thunder Bay Chill grabbed their second win of the Canada Day weekend on Monday night, eliminating the St. Louis Lions (3-6-1) from Heartland Division playoff contention with a 2-1 win at Fort William Stadium.

The goals were a long time coming

said Silva, the 2012 Premier Development League top player, who has battled injuries for much of the past half a decade.

"Definitely, it was something I wanted since the beginning. I had the opportunities in the past, but I wasn't able to finish. Today was lucky. The opportunities were there and I was able to score the goals," said Silva, who arrived in Thunder Bay from Brazil, but now calls the Lakehead his year-round home.

He didn't wait long to give the Chill their first lead of the night, scoring in

the third minute.

"The first one I made a run between the two defenders and it was a very good pass from Francesco (Bruneti) through the defenders," Silva said.

The second goal came on a free kick in the 30th minute from about 25 yards out, Silva having been hauled down by a Lions defender.

Silva, the oldest player on the team, joked he rarely even practices free kicks anymore, preferring to let a younger leg make the attempt.

But it felt right, he said, so he asked to take it.

It proved to be the right call.

"Even the last session the guys were laughing because I was just watching. But I said I wanted to take it and I was lucky to have that shot," he said.

The Chill's latest victory ensured they'll hit next Saturday's home finale against second-place Kaw Valley FC still in complete control of their postseason destiny. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

"We just gave ourselves the chance to have a playoff (type) game on Saturday," Petraglia said, his team improving to 5-3-2.

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sports NEWS

Gardner ends lengthy title drought

GOLF
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Chris Gardner's been waiting 13 long years to win an individual title.

He really wanted to hoist this year's Keg District Open trophy.

So too did Barry Caland, who had to be convinced to tee it up this weekend, less than three weeks after his 81-year-old father died unexpectedly.

With two holes to go on Sunday at Fort William Country Club, the two golfers were tied, the 49-year-old Caland having made up the two strokes by which he trailed after an opening round, four-over 76 shot Saturday at Whitewater Golf Club.

The 17th proved to be his downfall.

Caland fired his tee shot to the right, found trouble in the trees, hit what he thought was a miraculous recovery only to watch it deflect off the bank in front of the green and keep rolling, up and over the back of the putting surface



LONG WAIT: Whitewater's Chris Gardner won his first Keg District Open title on Sunday.

and into a thicket of trees and shrubs.

Gardner, 31, couldn't have been more perfect with his first two shots, stripping

his tee shot down the middle and his approach about 20 feet left of the pin.

The Whitewater assistant pro two-

putted for par, while Caland needed two shots to get out of the jungle, leading to a double-bogey six.

Gardner, who parred the final hole, went on to a two-shot victory, firing an identical two-over 74 to match his opening round total.

"It's been a little too long," Gardner said, his voice breaking ever so slightly. "This means the world to me. I haven't won an individual tournament since I was 18 years old, a junior, and I'm in my early 30s now. That was a long time coming."

Gardner, who works extensively with local junior golfers, held his two shot advantage through 13 holes, but a costly three-putt, combined with Caland birdying from the front fringe, erased the lead on the 14th, setting up a duel down the stretch.

"I didn't let it rattle me. I just stuck to myself, stuck to my game and just stayed patient for two days - mostly today as well," Gardner said. "I was extra patient."

Gardner needed to hit a clutch seven-footer on the 15th to maintain a share of the lead, saving par after leaving his approach in the right rough.

Caland, seeking his first District Open title since 2008, his third overall and his 14th local major, said he tried to play it safe on the 17th. He teed off with a five-wood that normally would find the fairway, but instead went astray.

"I really hit what I thought was a fantastic shot for my second and it just never stopped running," Caland said.

"When I saw it release through the green and go over the hill, I just couldn't believe it. That's just a bad break with the game ... It happens."

Needing birdie on 18 for any shot at a playoff, his second fell short of the ridge and rolled back, leaving him a two-putt par for a two-day, six-over 150 total.

Jeremy Kirk, last year's winner, started the day eight back, but a scintillating three-under 69 earned him third place, three off Gardner's lead.

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