



RAINY RIVER
DISTRICT NOTES

Sponsors needed for families

BY RON WOLF

THE Salvation Army of Fort Frances received a sponsor for a needy family from an unexpected source this year thanks to the grades 2 and 3 pupils at Robert Moore School.

Students earn money by doing home chores, and then donating the money on a weekly basis to the family.

The 19 students have accomplished their goal of \$150.

The contributors agreed that additional funds for the Adopt-an-Angel program through Family & Children Services in Fort Frances will receive additional funds when their Adopt-a-Family (AAF) goal is reached.

Only 35 of the 200 area families in need of sponsorship have been assisted to date, says the Salvation Army and Family & Children Services.

Those who contribute to the Salvation Army's AAF and Sponsor-a-Family will receive a tax receipt.

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Emo's annual Holy Daze festival has been declared a success. Once again the parade started on Front Street from Donald Young School and finished at the Golden Age Manor. The hot tub float seemed to be a crowd pleaser as those aboard it soaked their cold bones in warm water, waving to the excited crowd.

Calvary Baptist Church showed the film *The Nativity Story* to more than 70 movie-goers.

Also during Holy Daze, Santa made his annual appearance and for only \$2 or a donation to the food bank, people had their picture taken with the old elf.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church raised about \$1,400 by selling coffee, tea, sandwiches and other treats, and tickets for the penny auction table.

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In the first few months of 2010, Rainy River District Regional Abattoir (RRDRA) Inc. is expected to be up and running after years of planning. The plant is at 26 Byng St. in Emo and comes with a \$2-million price tag.

Even though the 3,600-square-foot plant will have monetary assistance from FedNor, the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corp. and the Ontario Cattlemen's Association, the RRDRA board still needs help to pay for the mortgage.

A total of 40 animals will be slaughtered two days a week. Beef, pork, bison, elk, sheep and goats will go to the dinner table via the abattoir. The RRDRA will operate as a not-for-profit business and government inspectors will be paying visits.

With an interest and a \$500 payment, one can still become a member of the RRDRA.

Ron Wolf's column appears every other week.