

Town warms up for folk festival

Event to be held in August

BY RON WOLF

LOCAL residents were belting out some legendary songs as well as some homegrown numbers written by the artists who attended a coffeehouse fundraiser.

The event was hosted by The Fort Frances Museum in support of this year's Fort Frances Folk Festival, scheduled for August.

Larissa and Jessica Desrosiers, a mother and daughter duo, unlighted the audience of about 20. One of the highlights of the evening was when Larissa, 14, gave her young lungs a workout when she sang a song she wrote herself.

Dave Fagerdahl, multi-skilled in guitar and bongos, flew over the bongos like a seasoned pro as he transformed the room into a Jamaican paradise of sorts.

Eight artists, some who learned about the museum's fundraiser the day of the event, attended. Even though some were unprepared for the event, claiming that they haven't practiced for awhile, they made the evening a worthwhile event.

If last year's Fort Frances Folk Festival, which was held at Little Beaver Snow Park Lodge, is any indication of what is to come for this year's event, it should be a real thrill for all ages.

About 60 tickets were sold in advance last year and another 250 were sold at the door. Last year 25 acts performed through the afternoon and into the evening.

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In my last column on May 19, some readers had a hard time grasping the fact that the Fort Frances



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Lookout Tower was originally built as part of a radar detection system — the Pine Tree Line — in the early days of the Cold War. Those who require more information are asked to visit www.pinetreeline.org.

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The Fort Frances Salvation Army Red Shield Campaign is counting on your donations more than ever. This year's goal is \$15,000, and \$1,200 has been raised so far.

About 8,000 information letters were sent out in the community in a bid for donations.

Times are hard. The Salvation Army has helped 156 families since January. They include 214 adults and 105 children who were in need of food, clothing, furniture, medications and hygiene products.

Even though donations are gratefully accepted throughout the year, the Army needs your help today.

Donations can be sent via the letter sent in the mail, delivered personally to the Salvation Army Citadel or by calling 807-274-3871. All monetary donations are income tax friendly.

Ron Wolf's column appears every other Tuesday.