

Country music heard

By Chris Putnam

Tisdale was packed with music the weekend before Christmas thanks to Archerwill's Codie Prevost and other local performers.

Prevost, a rising star in the Canadian and American country music scene, returned home for Christmas

Saturday's informal show. Not so much a concert as a jam session, the afternoon event had performers and audience members flowing freely back and forth. When Codie Prevost arrived in the early afternoon, he was greeted as a friend.

The Harts have known Prevost since he was starting out in the music scene as

Tom. "He doesn't forget his friends. That's unusual, because when they get fairly high up in the music world, they have a tendency to not go back to their home and do little things like this. It makes a huge difference with young people to see that sort of commitment and dedication to his friends and family."

Saturday happened to be Prevost's birthday as well as the store's. As the show went on, it became a party to celebrate both.

The next afternoon was the North East Country Music Association's "Old-Fashioned Christmas" concert at the RECplex in support of the Salvation Army. The association held a similar concert in Nipawin last weekend, but the Tisdale show featured the noteworthy additions of Codie Prevost and Darlene Tuleta as co-hosts. The two artists played their own music as well as introducing such acts as the Hart family and Nipawin's Ashley St. Denis.

Salvation Army representatives thanked the NECMA and the modestly-sized



Olivia and Michelle Hart were among the performers at a country Christmas concert hosted by Codie Prevost and Darlene Tuleta at the Maurice Taylor Theatre on December 20.

to touch base with friends and family and to play a series of concerts around the northeast. On the list for Tisdale were two feature performances at the Tisdale Hotel and appearances at Hart Beat Music and the Maurice Taylor Performing Arts Theatre.

Saturday's show at Hart Beat Music was in celebration of the Main Street store's one-year anniversary. Tom Hart, who opened the business with his wife Michelle last winter, said the last year has been bumpy, but fulfilling.

"We've got so many things on the go, and so many good people coming in and jamming, visiting, and supporting the business. I'm really quite happy."

The friendly, close-knit nature of the store's customer base was reflected in

a teenager.



Codie Prevost caught up with old friends and handed out Christmas cards before playing at Hart Beat Music's first anniversary celebration on December 19.

"You don't find too many young people like him," said audience for their support.



Dumais back at appearance at U

By Ivy Wilson

The Christmas holiday was not filled with rest and relaxation for Tisdale Trojan Wilson Dumais, who was given the opportunity to represent Western Canada at the 2010 World Under 17 Hockey Challenge, played December 29 to January 4th in and around Timmins, Ontario.

"It was a good experience, I think it changed my attitude quite a bit," said Dumais, who tried out last year for the team, but got his first chance this year. "You try out when you are fifteen and then again when you are sixteen, but you don't really have a chance when you are fifteen."

Dumais laced up his skates with former Trojan teammate Tyler Borstmayer, and noted it was a great reunion for the two friends.

"We played together last year and like three years before that so I have been playing with him for quite awhile," he said. "I missed him and gave him a big hug when I saw him at the airport, it was fun getting to see him again."

The team's first game in the preliminary round was played in Kapuskasing, Ont., on December 29th, where Team West faced Team Quebec.

Quebec had taken a four nothing lead when Dumais scored the team's first goal of the tournament to put the West on the scoreboard. Dumais' team would end the game with a 4-2 loss to move on to their next game.

The West's next matchup was played with Sweden in Timmins, Ont. on New Year's

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