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Nothin' but the big time Alysha hits #18 on US Country Charts

By ANN KORNUA

The Campbellville cowgirl has been busy since her debut CD; *Nothin' but a Chevy* came out last November. Currently, Alysha holds the number 18 position in the American Country charts. With her summer tour booked and ready to go, this homegrown country gal is ready to break loose and seize the reins to her musical dreams.

"The exciting news is the charts," Alysha said. "We are number 18 in the top 50 in America. The song is played all over Italy and Australia and Europe and it is going good." Alysha recently has been hard at work getting her summer tour together while still making time for her family and friends. When the news came to her and her family, it stunned the eighteen-year-old performer. "I did not even expect to make it into the top 50. I was in shock for a while and it took a while for it to sink in. It is getting bigger and it is very exciting," Alysha said.

Her single, *Nothin' but a Chevy*, is reaching Canadian airwaves right now. Alysha plans to work on her new CD, an upbeat rocking country album. In the meantime, she still finds time around her community by volunteering as one of the judges for the Campbellville Battle of the Bands taking place June 11th at the Mohawk Inn. When asked regarding plans to travel to America, Alysha said, "I want to hit Nashville and I have been looking into getting down there. I am not holding my breath but it would be exciting."

Alysha has been asked to release a new single for American airplay, *This Time* from her debut CD. To follow the young and talented Alysha, stop by her website at www.alysha.ca



PHOTO BY ANN KORNUA
Avoiding a light spring shower, Alysha takes a quick break from singing/song writing to smell the flowers.

J. Joyce Scott, distinguished toastmaster

Joyce Scott, recent recipient of the Milton Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award has been honoured once again.

On April 24 at the Spring Conference 2004 of District 60 Toastmasters, the International President of Toastmasters, Ted Corcoran of Dublin, Ireland, presented Joyce with her Distinguished Toastmaster Award.

Distinguished Toastmaster is the highest recognition a member may receive from Toastmasters International. To earn such a prestigious honour, a member must have completed the Communication and Leadership Program manual, the Advanced Toastmaster Bronze, Silver and Gold, the Advanced Leader manual, and Toastmasters International Leadership Excellence in the High Performance Program. Earning this award is a great accomplishment. Not every toastmaster has the drive and dedication necessary to achieve this award.

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- vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

The Mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

Since her arrival in Milton in September of 1978, Joyce, with 5 other Directors, started and promoted the now successful Milton United Way, an organization that helps fund many non-profit organizations in Milton for the benefit of us all. She then co-ordinated and promoted the "Milton Business Women's Breakfast" an opportunity for women in business to network, now in its twenty-first year with over 40 active members.

Eight years ago, Joyce spearheaded Deborah's Home, named after Joyce's daughter. It's a residential home for physically disabled young adults who can now direct their own care. In her spare moments, Joyce instigated the "Women's Investment Club".

Georgetown Children's Chorus heads to Netherlands

By ANN KORNUA

The Georgetown Children's Chorus will travel to Europe for their "Grateful Thanks" tour, taking place May 4th to 8th. The Georgetown choir will represent Canada at the Veterans' celebration events taking place in the Netherlands. Sixty children and teenagers along with thirty adults and a number of veterans from Acton and Georgetown will be going. They will be performing selections for the Remembrance Day services on May 4th, the services at the Canadian War Cemetery in Holten, and the Liberation of the Netherlands Celebration on May 5th.

Their trip could not have been possible without donations from the Veterans Affairs of Canada who donated over \$5000. Georgetown's Citizen of the Year, Tom Schenk was a proud organizer of this tour, and was grateful for the request made by MP Michael Chong to the Veterans Affairs Canada and for the resulting donation. "It's an important gesture from Veterans Affairs Canada to recognize and support the efforts of the Georgetown Children's Chorus who will be honouring our country and veterans with performances at several major events taking place in the Netherlands," MP Michael Chong said.

On May 1st, the Georgetown Children's Chorus hosted their farewell concert at Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton. MP Michael Chong attended the concert to wish them well as they embarked their tour.

Oklahoma!

A REVIEW BY ELAINE THOMAS

The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *Oklahoma!* comes to life at the John Elliott Theatre, performed by the talented Georgetown Globe Productions.

The story takes place just after the turn of the twentieth century, in a Western Indian territory.

The main characters, farm girl Laurey and cowboy Curly fall in love against the colourful background of the cowboy/farmer rivalry. Laurey and Curly's bumpy road of romance leaves us inspired and entertained, as the Georgetown Globe does another professional job with their latest project.

Brilliantly directed by Michael MacLennan, teamed with the musical direction of Charles Demuynck, and produced by Maureen Walker and Ann Lawlor, *Oklahoma!* is a show not to be missed.

Strong stage presence was evident in the role of the male lead Curly, played by Cory Doran, and the beautiful voice of female star Laurey (portrayed by Molly Sante) captured the audience. The star of the show, however was undoubtedly, the multi talented Lisa Tass, in her role as Ado Annie Carnes, whose scene-stealing abilities captivated the audience for the entire performance. The orchestra, under the direction of Demuynck added a professional feel to the production, and once again everyone who was involved with the making of this show should be proud.

The show continues at the John Elliott Theatre with performances May 5th, 6th and 7th at 8:00 pm. Call the box office at 905 877-3700 to reserve your tickets.

Sahara

When Dirk Pitt sets out in search of treasure, the ride of his life takes him to some of the most dangerous regions of West Africa. Paired up with his friend from college and the Navy, Dirk and Al now work for a former admiral traveling around the world salvaging treasures from the ocean with the National Underwater and Marine Agency (NUMA). As a hobby on the side, Dirk becomes obsessed with the Texan mystery of a sunken battleship that disappeared from Virginia during a Civil War battle and turned up in Africa. Searching for the infamous "Ship of Death" which supposedly protects a secret cargo, Pitt and his sidekick end up helping Dr. Eva Rojas when they realize the ship may be linked to some mysterious deaths in the area.

Reminiscent of films such as *Indiana Jones* and *Tomb Raider*; *Sahara* fits the bill of a generic treasure hunter storyline. With the added humour of Pitt's sidekick Al

film review

BY LAURA COOK

(Steve Zahn), the two amigos find themselves in some unbelievable situations that take away from any ounce of credibility that might have accompanied the film. Despite its absurdity, this film is mainly lighthearted but smart enough to keep the humor and action from becoming stagnant.

With stars like Matthew McConaughey, and Penelope Cruz, the film functions mainly as eye candy for the average viewer looking for entertainment and not an intellectually stimulating storyline. *Sahara* has a running time of one hundred and twenty minutes and an MPAA rating of PG 13 because of some action violence so it is not recommended for younger audiences.

Top 10 Rentals

THE MAGIC OF THE MOVIES AT HOME

This week's Top Ten Movie Rentals brought to you by



1. National Treasure
2. Phantom of the Opera
3. Meet the Fockers
4. Lemony Snicket's
5. Blade: Trinity
6. Ocean's 12
7. Spanglish
8. Hotel Rwanda
9. Sideways
10. Darkness

New Releases

National Treasure

Nicolas Cage, Sean Bean

Ever since he was a boy, Gates has been obsessed with finding the legendary Knights Templar Treasure, the greatest fortune known to man. As Benjamin Franklin Gates (Nicolas Cage) tries to find and decipher ancient riddles that will lead him to it, he's dogged by a ruthless enemy (Sean Bean) who wants the riches for himself. Now in a race against time, Gates must steal one of America's most sacred and guarded documents - the Declaration of independence - or let it, and a key clue to the mystery, fall into a dangerous hands. Heart-pounding chases, close calls and th FBI turn Gates' quest into a high-stakes crime caper and the most exciting treasure hunt you've ever experienced.