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ON FILM: Local country recording artist Alysha Brooke films her first music video Sunday at Hod Rods, with local line dancers taking part as extras. The song being filmed is called I Don't Drink (But I'm Gonna Get Drunk Tonight), and is the first released single from her latest CD, I Talk Country. Line dancers for the video were chosen at a recent CD release party held at Hot Rods.

Aberdeen Ball at Glen Cairn Golf Club is big fundraiser for St. Paul's church

Men from the St. Paul's United Church choir will don their kilts for a worthy cause next Friday.

St. Paul's United Church will hold its Aberdeen Ball at Glen Cairn Golf Club on Regional Road 25 starting at 6 p.m.

The evening, sponsored by Gallinger Ford Lincoln, will include a gourmet dinner, dancing and auctions, with music provided by Don Singular and his Memory Lane Orchestra.

Tickets cost \$100 each.

Money raised will go toward the century-old church's 'Raise the Roof, Feed the Folk' campaign, which aims to replace the church roof — its slate tiles are crumbling — and give the kitchen a facelift after dozens of ham, fish and turkey suppers.

"It's an ambitious undertaking to raise \$200,000 for this renovation, but the generosity of our congregation and business community is a testament to Milton's faith in this Main Street landmark," said Doug Walker,

Aberdeen Ball chairman.

"Many would be surprised at the hustle and bustle of the church as it hosts many community groups and concerts throughout the week."

Live and silent auctions throughout the evening will feature artwork, jewelry and holiday get-aways up for bid.

To reserve a ticket or table of eight, call Walker at (905) 469-0594.

Tax receipts will be issued.

Unique art auction for Cherry's Home

By Stephanie Thiessen
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Drop into the Starbucks location on Market Drive, and you'll find more than just coffee to brighten your day.

You'll also find an opportunity to help bring some relief to terminally ill children and their tired, worn out families through a new fundraising initiative — a sealed bid art auction to benefit Rose Cherry's Home for Kids.

Each month, patrons will find a new framed print — or occasionally an original painting — on an easel, along with a minimum bid and a box in which to place a bid. Nobody knows how much the other participants have bid.

After about a month, the person with the highest bid will be contacted, and a new painting will appear.

Net proceeds from the sale of the paintings will go to Rose Cherry's Home on No. 15 Sideroad, a children's hospice respite centre.

The auction, dreamed up by Miltonian Bill Hunt, was launched at the Milton Starbucks October 6 by dignitaries including Mayor Gord Krantz and Councillor Mark Curtis, and Kelly MacIntyre, who has kindly painted an original piece for the first auction.

"I love her work," Hunt said.

MacIntyre's painting fittingly features a cup of coffee next to a cheery bunch of sunflowers. The final date for bidding is November 3.

Hunt has big plans for the fundraiser, which has already stretched beyond Milton. This month, easels were also set up in Hamilton, Burlington, Oakville, Guelph and Mississauga. So far, all the locations are Starbucks, except the one in Guelph, but Hunt said future locations will vary.

"My goal is to have 100 locations and then see where to go from there," he said.

The Mississauga auction also features an original painting by MacIntyre, while the others feature prints of mostly local artists, Hunt said.

"If I can, I want to pick local artists as much as possible on a monthly basis," he said.

Hunt said he came up with the idea after deciding he wanted to do something to help Rose Cherry's Home, which he lives beside.

The success of the auction so far is due largely in part to Betty Gilbert, the manager of the local Starbucks, who lent her contacts and enthusiasm to the project, Hunt said.

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Rock concert at church

Southside Community Church will rock next weekend when a handful of local bands put on a concert to raise money for a trip to Ukraine.

Miltonians are invited to attend the show, which will take place October 28 at Southside, 2850 Derry Rd. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Admission costs \$5 with a canned good or \$7 without.

The bands playing at the all ages event are The Shadows Valley — whose members are among the people traveling to Ukraine — as well as Oceans, A Satellite Connecticut, Skylight Drama, Our Time/The Harlot, and A Moment's Embrace.

Fifteen Milton residents ranging in

age from 15 to 25 will travel to Ukraine from November 17 to 26. The group will put on multi-media performances to challenge kids to make positive choices in life, said Steve Miller, a member of The Shadows Valley.

"At the end of the week, we throw a party/concert for all the kids at the school and the numbers range from 5,000 to 6,000 kids," Miller said.

"At this party/concert, we once again challenge the kids to make positive choices and connect them with local support groups."

The Shadows Valley will provide the music for the trip.

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