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The St. Andrews Community Channel, CHCT - soon to be channel 26 - hosted an open house and fund raiser Saturday to raise money for the purchase of transmission equipment. About \$5000 was raised at the event and helping out were volunteers (from left to right) Kevin Pond, Rinnie Plomp and Patrick Watt.

CHCT open house raises \$5,000

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ST. ANDREWS - The St. Andrews Community Channel, CHCT, raised about \$5,000 with their open house and dinner Saturday held at the W.C. O'Neill Arena and the funds raised will go towards the purchase of transmission equipment.

Brian Dickson, a volunteer with the community channel, said the event was very successful with live entertainment during the afternoon into the

evening, which included two or three walk-in performers who asked if they could play.

There were three different big screen televisions, provided by Cox's, broadcasting around the arena and the event was also sent out live on the community channel.

In the evening the Snug and Oyster Bar prepared the dinner which, said Dickson, was well attended and the volunteer kitchen staff did a fantastic job.

The Red Whale Bar and Grill set up coffee in the silent auction area so peo-

ple had a chance to put in some last minute bids and he said this also proved to be an excellent fund raiser.

"We probably raised around \$5,000 from the day. It was very successful. The merchants and organizations donated items for the auction and a lot of people also gave money."

Even though Saturday was a busy day for the volunteers at the community channel, Dickson said they took the time in the morning to cover the ALS run prior to going to work at the arena.