



Pine Island residents, from left to right, Nikki Gushulak, Mark Murch, and Cindy Murch have fun at the fundraiser singing along with the Royal-T band. Band members from left to right are Bill Rapp, Jackie Olson, Paul Mattson (hidden), Mike Young, Adam Young, Jon Brandt, and Eric Mattson.

Royal-T concert raises \$1,200 for PIAHS

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PINE ISLAND – The band Royal-T performed at the Pine Island American Legion on Saturday, March 8, as a fundraiser for Pine Island Area Home Services (PIAHS) that was sponsored by Turkey Run Hostas (Gerry and Jean Meyer of Pine Island). Over \$1,200 was raised to benefit PIAHS. This was the second an-

nual PIAHS fundraiser event to feature the Royal-T band. A third fundraiser is in the works for next year.

Royal-T members work or have worked for IBM at the Rochester lab and have been playing together for more than ten years. They play rock, oldies, country, and some blues. What makes the band unique is their interaction with the crowd.

Described as “live karaoke,” Royal-T encourages audience participation and requests. Along with audience microphones, the band also hands out instruments to the crowd to keep the fun going.

Royal-T has a play list of over 150 cover songs along with a handful of originals including the crowd favorite, “I Can’t Go On.” The band consists of Bill “Bronco”

Rapp on lead guitar, harmonica, and vocals; Mike “Bergie” Young on guitar and lead vocals; Sarah Egge on lead vocals; Paul Mattson on the drums; Jon Brandt on the bass guitar; Adam Young on the guitar; Erik Jones on bass/guitar; Jackie Olson on the flute; and Steve “Scoobs” Skiba providing backup vocals.