Travellers are sticking close to home this summer

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

Local residents are staying close to home this summer, says a spokesperson for the Milton Chamber of Commerce information centre.

"People are sticking around Ontario," says Cassandra Thompson, senior tourism counsellor at the Martin Street centre. "They don't have the money to be going all over the place."

So far this summer, about 3,000 travellers have contacted the popular tourist centre — either in person or by phone — for information.

The number of inquiries are in line with last year's summer figures, but are still down from 1990. They were accumulated from May 13 to Aug. 1.

The bottom line is that less people are taking vacations, but more Ontarians are travelling within their home province, says Ms Thompson, a 22- year-old summer employee.

The information they are seeking is off course as well, she says. While last year local travellers often asked about accommodations and resort vacations, the emphasis is on camping and weekend get-aways.

People from all over the world have visited the centre this summer, adds Ms Thompson. She has served travellers from Europe, the United States, and other Canadian provinces, especially Quebec.

Many see the information centre sign on Highway 401 and decide to stop. Out-of-towners want to know more about Kelso Conservation Area, Ontario Agricultural Museum, and Rattlesnake Point, she says.

Local residents take advantage of the centre as well, says Ms Thompson. They don't hesitate to call when they need some advice on their vacaction destinations.

Operated by the Milton Chamber of Commerce, the information centre is open seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., during the peak season from mid-June to the end of August. Normally, it's open five days a week.

Chamber looking for business award votes

Nominations for the top local businesses and businesspeople of the year, and for the firm that has provided the most civic improvement, are now being accepted by the Milton Chamber of Commerce.

Nominations will be judged by the business' success as well as community involvement. The company voted tops for civic improvment will likely have made some kind of upgrade to its property. The nomination deadline is September 18.

Nominations should be about a paragraph long and dropped off or sent to the Chamber's information centre at Martin Street and Steeles Avenue, P.O. Box 52, L9T 2Y3, or they may be faxed to 878-4972.

If neither is possible, nominations will be accepted over the phone. Call 878-0581.

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