

Who's who in industries in Simcoe County

With the recent announcement by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Bernard Grandmaitre of a \$29,300 Community Planning Grant for the County of Simcoe, the County's Resource Development Office has already begun work on the production of an updated Industrial Directory for the entire County.

The "Who's Who of the Industrial sector in Simcoe County is only a small portion of the first stage of a four-tier, five-year industrial development/promotion plan that was given the seal of approval by county officials in February of this year.

Three main goals of this major undertaking at a county level, under the auspices of the County's Agriculture, Environment and Development Committee are: to develop a county-wide data base of information; prepare for further development and growth in the whole region; and better promote what attributes are already

being offered within the 33 municipalities.

In the primary stage of the overall plan, Data Collection and Analysis, county officials are hoping to see the completion of four separate data bases: Industrial listings, available Industrial Lands and Buildings, Municipal and County Profiles and Labour Profiles.

During the next few months, a three-person team will be working vigorously to complete the first phase of the program. By the fall, Resource Development Officer Ron Mills anticipates most of the data collected will be on line on his department's new computer system.

A major result of the project, headed up by Mills, will be an overall strategic plan for industrial growth for the entire county, with efforts in the final stages towards the implementation of a complete promotional program to entice further industrial growth within Simcoe County.



Psychic meets psychic

There were no less than four qualified psychics at the psychic fair in the Mountainview Mall last Wednesday to Saturday. Here,

psychic Brian Patrick poses with co-worker Maria Christina Lafontaine. Patrick has been

a student of supernatural phenomena for over 20 years.

Psychics serve supernatural market

The middle of the Mountainview Mall became a gateway to the supernatural last week.

Three psychics had set up in the mall to provide quick service for those wishing to see beyond the boundaries of everyday life.

While many people are skeptical of the whole field of palm reading, tarot cards and clairvoyance, a quick look at the list of paying customers attracted to the fair tells a different story.

While many are dead-set against this kind of thing, there are also many who (for a variety of reasons) love to partake.

Anyone who went to the psychic fair at the mall last week would be introduced to one of three psychics: Brian Patrick, "John" or Maria Christina Lafontaine.

Tourism is still on the rise, says Baker

According to the general manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, tourism is still on the rise.

From July 6 to 12, 1,809 visitors signed in at the two Chamber locations. This compares to 856 visitors in the same period last year.

Chamber GM Carol Baker says that the increase in tourists is certainly visible on King Street and most attractions are also reporting an increase in visitations.

As it happened, the psychics' promoter introduced Brian Patrick to the Times reporter. Patrick studied his craft at psychic institutes in London and also in other parts of Europe including England, France, Italy, Portugal and Spain.

Patrick picks up sensations quickly through palm reading. He uses a magnifying glass to pick up the details of the palm lines.

Most of the time, Patrick makes his living travelling from shopping mall to shopping mall, meeting all sorts of Canadians and experiencing the "psychic at-

mosphere" of different communities.

"Every town has its own energy," he says. "Midland is charged with energy but still tranquil. There are a lot of creative people here."

Despite the sometimes noisy atmosphere of the mall, Patrick says he can concentrate on his craft because "I operate on a higher level."

But he prefers to call himself a "psychic counsellor" rather than a "fortune teller."

"The future is still up to the individual," he said. "I believe we are responsible for ourselves, although

there are powers in our destiny."

He also believes in reincarnation, and says he can tell by a line on the hand whether you are an "old soul" or not.

But his basic philosophy of life is one that can be applied to anyone: "All life is connected somehow, and we should be gentle to each other and to the environment."

Board wants grant

The Simcoe County Board of Education wants the province to give it extra money because of the extension of full funding to the Roman Catholic high schools.

At the board's last meeting July 8, a motion was passed asking the Ministry of Education for a special grant "to offset

the adverse impact on their tax base."

Appointment

The vice-president of engineering and general manager of Ernst Leitz Canada Limited, Hans Witt, has been appointed to the board of governors of Georgian College.

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