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Survey will be done in March

By Dave Chmara

Questionnaires sent to 430 business between Marathon and Schreiber by the North Shore Industrial Training Committee (NITC) have been received and passed along to the Educo Consulting firm.

Marilyn Murphy, coordinator of the committee, said 280 business responded to the survey, for a response rate of 65 per cent.

The deadline for the survey response was January 27 but Murphy followed this up by contacting businesses that hadn't responded to try to get a few more surveys in to Educo for analysis.

Murphy said Educo is now analyzing the results of the survey and should be finished their statistical analysis by the end of February. She said Educo will be making a presentation of its findings sometime in March.

Educo has performed this type of work before for some of the other 54 Community Industrial -Training Committees in the province.

The survey was done to determine what training programs are required by businesses in the area.

Five sectors of business were asked to respond to the survey: retail, tourism, light and heavy industrial, and the service sector.

Once the results are in, the NITC will be purchasing training from the federal government's Canadian Job Strategy program and / or the provincial government's Ontario Skills Development Office.

Training will be provided for skills shortages and for upgrading.

Murphy said the the NITC will try to hold the training programs in the centre which indicated the need for a particular type of training.

"We'll serve the communities the best we can," said Murphy.

She mentioned, for example, that if there is a general demand for



St. John's Anglican Church held its annual Pancake Breakfast and Supper Tuesday, Feb. 7. The meals are traditionally held to get rid of left-overs before Lent. The church has held the pancake meals for the past five years and its a day when the men do all the work. Above are, left, Wally Photo by Dave Chmara Richardson, and right, Norm Bottomley, working hard at making pancakes for all the hungry people who attended.

sector, then this training will probably be provided in every commu-

In Terrace Bay, a cooking program begins February 20 and will be taught until May 10. Ten students will be taking part in the course which is being taught, parttime, at the Terrace Bay High School's home economics lab.

The course will cover introductory cooking which will enable graduating students to work in hospital and restaurant settings.

"Everything is falling into place nicely," said Murphy.

She added that the NITC will try to offer the same course in Marathon and Manitouwadge should a demand for the course be indicated.

Another course has also been purchased by the NITC - a parts clerk training course which is being taught in Thunder Bay and began January 23.

Murphy said the survey was done, "to evaluate the training needed at the local level. A needs survey is the best way to determine this. In addition to this, we will be

training in the food and hospitality making every effort to bring the courses (to be taught) to the local level."

Murphy said once the survey is done the NITC can form a basis of what training is needed and advise the government from the survey results.

While the survey was being conducted, Murphy said some businesses contacted her with both general and specific comments regarding the survey.

Community Industrial Training Committees are funded through the federal government's Ministry of Skills Development and Canadian Employment and Immigration. Those working on the committees are volunteers from the industrial, employment and business sectors.

Murphy said this gives locals a chance to have a voice in what training should be provided.

CITC work with these groups to develop training strategies for communities.

Murphy is the only paid member of the NITC and works to bring training programs to the area as well as performing administrative work.

Catscan reaches fundraising goal

The Northwestern Ontario CAT Scan Fund had a 1.5 million dollar objective approximately one year

Today, this goal has been reached and many people should feel proud.

This sum has been raised in a short period of time because people got involved. They dedicated time, effort, and money and the result is modern diagnostic equipment called CAT SCAN, available local-

Ken Ridler, Chairman, says thanks sincerely. It was a great effort, and displays the caring attitude of Northwestern Ontario peo-

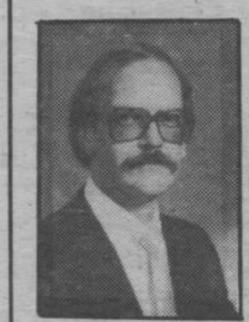
The objective has been reached, but many fund raising events are still in process by various organizations and it is hoped they will follow through to completion.

Additional funds for the Northwestern Ontario CAT Scan Fund will be deposited into a CAT Scan Trust Account and will be used exclusively for any updates or attachments which become avail-

able for the machine. The unit has performed well during this first year, but like any product is subject to technology changes or modifications. These funds would enable any modernization or update programmes to be instantly purchased should they become available.



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