

Chamber's business is business

By Dave Chmara

The Agwasabon Chamber of Commerce (ACC) is keeping busy preparing for the fall Trade Show but it's not the only item on their agenda.

President of the ACC, Ken Randle, said although preparations for the trade show are progressing, "we're looking for people to sit on the committee."

He added people with previous experience working on trade shows would be especially wel-

come.

Prices for the booths have been set at \$125 for booths on the inner area of the arena, while booths on the outer edge of the rink surface will go for \$140. Jeannie Randle, chairperson of the Trade Show Committee, said electricity will be available for an additional \$20 for those booths on the outer edge of the rink surface.

There will be 59 booths on the inner area of the rink and an



undetermined number on the outer edge of the rink surface.

Jeannie Randle said ACC members will have one week's advance booking after which bookings will be opened up to all other businesses.

She said the chamber has received a lot of inquiries about the trade show and registration packages will be going out shortly.

Ken Randle said they hope to have food booths with an

Oktoberfest theme and atmosphere.

He said, "we're planning to make this an annual event if it goes over well."

Jeannie said the ACC will be at the Fall Fair the week before the trade show to do some promoting.

The dates set for the Trade Show to be held at the Terrace Bay Arena are Sept. 15 from 12

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Travel counsellors sell area to tourists

By Dave Chmara

The warm weather will see most of the areas Tourist Information Centres opening up full-time within the next week.

Until now, information centres have been open only on weekends.

Once open, information centres will be able to provide information about everything from most scenic to shortest driving routes.

Information centres will remain open full-time until the Labor Day Weekend.

In preparing for the onslaught of tourists, local travel counsellors attended a one day workshop to learn what is expected of them.

North Of Superior Tourist Association (NOSTA) tourism development officer Laura Harnett came from Thunder Bay June 16 to give the course to travel counsellors who will be working in Longlac, Terrace Bay, Nipigon, Marathon, Nakina and Geraldton.

"Their job is to sell their area and entice visitors to spend an extra day in the area," said Harnett.

Counsellors must know directions, regulations concerning hunting and fishing, campgrounds and what hook-ups are available, local events and attractions, how to read, open (and last but not least) how to close a map.

They must also know something about the other areas of

Ontario as many people passing through this area are enroute to Southern Ontario.

Counsellors have a wide assortment of brochures and pamphlets at their disposal to help tourists.

During the training session, counsellors watched a video that outlined five common problems they are likely to encounter and how to deal with them.

Harnett said, "one thing counsellors must have is patience. They must be good listeners and be able to explain themselves clearly."

"The ones here (at the workshop) were eager to get out to the information centres and use what they learned right away," said Harnett.

One thing they might not be looking forward to is the ever present possibility of a boss coming in to check-up on how the centres look and how the counsellors handle themselves.

Harnett explained that throughout the summer, members of NOSTA will be keeping tabs on the centres by acting like visitors to the area.

She said most of the counsellors were born and raised in Northern Ontario so they know about the attractions that are here.

"Tourism is an industry that's very important. Everybody is affected by it," concluded Harnett.



Twelve teams took part in Schreiber's All Night Ball Tournament held last weekend. The night of fun began at 5:30 p.m. with a home run derby. Teams took to the field until 9 p.m. when a Tug O' War was held - the winners being the Thunder Birds. Games continued until 8 a.m. the following morning.

Photo by Dave Chmara

Hearings to be held on religious education

The Ministerial Inquiry on religious education in Ontario public elementary schools will hold a series of 17 public meetings across the province this fall, chairperson Glenn Watson has announced.

"We want to give as many groups and individuals as possible an opportunity to make their views known on this important educational issue," Watson said.

In Northwestern Ontario, the meeting will be conducted in Thunder Bay on September 13 and 14, 1989.

Those wishing to make presentations to the inquiry are asked to contact Watson's office at least three weeks prior to the meeting date.

The office is located at 1200 Bay St., 11th floor, Toronto, Ontario M5R 2A5 - tel. (416)

963-3356.

Location and time of each public meeting will be released later.

The inquiry into religious education in public elementary schools was announced by Education Minister Chris Ward on January 12, 1989. Results of the inquiry are expected to be available early in 1990.



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