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Fall Fair well-attended



Just one of the dancers striking a pose during one of the many performances during the Terrace Bay Fall Fair. Now in its 8th year, the Fall Fair keeps attracting large crowds.
Photo by Paul Marcon

By Dave Chmara

The 8th Annual Terrace Bay Fall Fair was a success this year with 61 exhibitors from Thunder Bay, Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Marathon, Wawa, Longlac, Manitowadge and Goulet River taking part.

Recreation Department Co-ordinator Dean Main said the feature attraction, brought in by the Terrace Bay Lake Superior Multi Cultural Association, were from Thunder Bay.

These dancers represented various nationalities including: Ukrainian, Mexican, Native, Portuguese and Afro-Caribbean. They gave performances throughout the afternoon for 20 minutes every hour.

Main said, "it was a good turnout - super." He mentioned a lot of people are already booking booths for next year's fair.

"We're usually about half booked by June and that's before we've done any advertising for it. After that we start to organize and promote the fair," said Main.

He noted the quality of the crafts improve every year and the exhibitors displays are also improving.

"Many bring their own backdrops and they do a really good job displaying their crafts."

This year's winner for the best decorated booth was Peggy Campbell.

The second place winner was Al and Shirley Robinson from Goulet River. The Robinsons run Country Carvings and Crafts.

In third place was the Terrace Bay Horticultural Society.

In addition to dancing and crafts, food booths were set up as well and ambulance attendants were there to take free blood pressure readings.

Some local organizations also took advantage of the fair to hold registrations for the coming year. The Boy Scouts, Figure Skating, Minor Hockey and Ringette all saw members sign on for another winter.

CFNO radio, sponsored by local businesses, was also on hand for live remotes throughout the afternoon.

Main said some ideas are in the works for next year to increase participation and to offer a wider variety of things to do during the fair.

Free Trade Agreement will undermine social programs - Belair

Cochrane-Superior M.P., Reginald Belair, has reacted to the Council of Canadians report, which outlines the impact of the Free-Trade Agreement (FTA) on the Canadian economy from its implementation on Jan. 1, 1989.

According to the report, the FTA has yet to show any benefits to the Canadian economy. Belair stated, "the trade surplus, which had been reduced from \$1.1 billion for the month of January to \$129 million in June shows a clear indication that trade between the two countries (Canada-U.S.) is not working due to severe American protection-

ism. Free-Trade was to favor increased commercial activities between the two countries, not curb them."

Other statistics from the Conference of Canada's report indicates that 57,000 workers have been laid-off since January. The Labor Congress has estimated that 33,000 of those jobs lost can be attributed to the Free Trade Agreement. Approximately, 125 companies have decided to relocate in the United States due to the lower wages and reduced fringe benefits

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