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MAD HATTERS: Marjory Chase and Nettie Field donned a pair of fine summer hats for the annual Seniors' Picnic in the Park Thursday. The ladies made them for fun, deciding to get them ready in time for the picnic. (Wendy Long photo)

Still hope for Hide House

BY PAUL NOLAN

The Acton Tanner

One week after the closing of the olde Hide House rocked this community, there exists a faint glimmer of hope that the doors may open again.

The key appears to be held by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, along with the olde Hide House's creditors — both secured and unsecured.

While company president Steve Dawkins cautioned Monday that "everything is still very much up in the air" and "there is nothing new to report," shareholders, employees and supporters are finding solace in the simple fact that management has not admitted defeat. A restructuring proposal is being prepared and may be ready to present to the bank and credi-

tors in a few days.

A year ago this maneuvering would not have been possible. Last November bankruptcy laws were amended in Ontario so that a corporation is now able to file an intent to restructure its financial status in an attempt to avoid bankruptcy.

Operations were effectively shut down at Acton's famous leather store last Tuesday. Jack Tanner's Table, Flight-Line and Leathertown West Wearhouse also were casualties of what Dawkins described as "the continuing economic malaise" which has reduced demand for discretionary goods and services.

While somewhat shaken by the week's events, Dawkins was characteristically upbeat and stalwart.

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Caldarelli will miss community

BY WENDY LONG

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Acton High School principal Ozzie Caldarelli is heading south.

To Burlington, that is, to be principal of Lester B. Pearson High School.

"I have mixed emotions," Caldarelli says of the transfer. "I would have liked another two years in Acton."

Halton principals are rotated on a four to six-year cycle. Caldarelli has been principal of Acton High for four years.

"Holes had to be filled," says Caldarelli. "It was neither a promotion nor a demotion. What I can do now is take all the good things I've learned here and bring them to the next school, and then

pick up all the good things at the next school too."

The student body officially bade him goodbye in an assembly last Tuesday morning. A choked-up Caldarelli gave an emotional farewell speech and was presented with a leather attaché case as a parting gift.

"We all have our strengths," Caldarelli says. "My focus was outdoor education and teaching (Grade 9) math, getting kids ready for the transition years. It was a treat for me; in a smaller school it was a pleasure for me to do that."

This year Caldarelli was

awarded a rare and prestigious Award for Creativity in Education from the Halton Board, for initiating Acton High's unique outdoor education program.

"The award honours those that go above and beyond the call of duty," says Board communications officer Brian Woodland. Caldarelli was one of nine recipients in February to receive the accolade. He received a \$1,000 professional

development grant.

"I was pleased to create spirit by doing something different," Caldarelli says. "In a small school

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OZZIE CALDARELLI

OMB hearing starts Monday

The Ontario Municipal Board hearing that will clear up many of the Acton development issues will begin Monday at the Halton Hills Civic Centre.

The hearing is estimated to last as long as two months, and will address many of the developers' concerns for residential and commercial growth on their respective Acton properties. If all the developers involved settle their grievances, it will mean the addition of 500 to 600 homes in Acton.

Also on the table is the proposed Coscan commercial shop-

ping plaza in Acton East.

Several special council meetings have been called in recent weeks to continue to work on development details and design disputes. Water supply has been Acton's largest obstacle to development.

Town planning director Ian Keith expects the hearing to clean up all of the Acton development issues forwarded to the OMB.

The hearing will begin Monday at 10 am in the council chambers and will proceed from Monday to Friday for weeks.

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