

# Hide House back on 'solid ground'

From Front Page

an intensive marketing campaign mid-August with print, radio and three TV campaigns advertising a pre-season coat sale.

The West Wearhouse and Flight Line satellite stores will not reopen but Dawkins hopes some type of tourist-related business will open at the former Wool Combing location at the corner of Hwy. 25 and Church Street.

Fred Dawkins, uncle of the Hide House president, opened The Wool Combing of Acton last fall, but that retail business will not reopen as planned. The same building formerly housed West Wearhouse.

Steve Dawkins said it has been an "interesting" year as the company restructured.

"We all are very pleased to see that we are heading into this fall on very solid ground in every respect, both in the results of the financial restructuring as well as the opportunities for near-term success as an anchor for Acton's tourism industry."

Dawkins said they will reopen with a leaner operation.

"We won't short-change our front-line sales staff but we will have to make do with less support services, just like every other enterprise."

"Unfortunately in a small community, for the most part, the people you work with are friends and neighbours and sometimes hard decisions have to be made; it's not fun but you can't always put things back the way they were because it no longer makes sense from an economic point of view," Dawkins said.

Dawkins said he wants to thank the citizens of Acton for being supportive while the restructuring

occurred.

"We never cease to be awed by the support that the community

has expressed and shown with good wishes. It always has been much appreciated."



**IN THE HOLE?** Acton's Frances Hogenbirk lines up a putt during the Halton District 21 golf tourney at Acton Meadows last Monday. She and 37 others were vying to attend August's Ontario Senior Games in Sudbury. (Doug Harrison photo)

## NEWS SHORTS

### Hot dog at rural home

Acton volunteer firefighters were called to a rural home on Friday at 3:27 in the afternoon after a dog house caught fire.

Halton Hills Fire Department officials suspect the fire was started by youngsters playing with a cigarette lighter at the home, located at Hwy. 25 and 15 Sideroad. There was no damage reported.

### Shoplifting charges laid

A 34-year-old Acton woman was charged with theft under \$1,000 after she reportedly walked out of Acton Foodland without paying for items she had placed in her handbag on Monday afternoon.

Total value of the goods was approximately \$20. The Churchill Road South woman will appear in court on Aug. 22.

### Brush fire west of town

At 14 minutes past midnight yesterday (Tuesday) Acton volunteer firefighters were called to a brush fire on 30 Sideroad, west of the Guelph Line.

By the time the local brigade arrived on the scene, Milton firefighters had already extinguished the blaze.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Acton has small-time users. There aren't heroin addicts hanging around on the street, but there are addicts in Acton."

— Bob Waller, Halton Regional Police, Page 4

### DID YOU KNOW?

A cave man's life span was only 18 years.

## Shoe outlet comes to town this Saturday

"They'll be providing Acton residents with a service we don't have here in town — that's why we're bringing in the shoe outlet."

That's how *Action for Acton* Trunk Sale organizer Jack Carpenter explains the anticipated appearance of Kitchener's Factory Shoe van at this Saturday's Trunk Sale.

The van will feature a selection of summer shoes, "and the price will be right."

"This Saturday will be our 10th sale, and it's gotten bigger and

better every week," enthuses the Acton resident. "Acton people — young and old — are coming out Saturday mornings to meet each other, have a hot dog and participate in the best community garage sale ever!"

Children's pony rides were introduced last week, and Carpenter says a new supply of attractive white Stetson hats (called "Actons") will now be available.

The Trunk Sale runs every Saturday morning from 9 to 1 at the Hide House parking lot.

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