

# Hall clean up almost done

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Acton's Scout Hall stands a good chance of being open for business again by the time fall registration rolls around.

1<sup>st</sup>. Acton Scouts treasurer Jan Inns says a couple of vol-

unteers from Royal Canadian Legion Br. 197 have come forward to solve their wiring problem; one will get supplies for them, the other will do the work to fix their emergency lighting system.

Other volunteers, including fellow group committee member George Henderson, Eileen

Dix of Acton Food Share and another Scout leader and some of his members' parents turned out with Inns and her family to tackle some of the necessary de-cluttering.

Inns says the cardboard is gone, most of the piled up wood - from firewood to junkie plywood - will go this week and an Acton merchant has offered to take any remaining bulky items for the next special garbage pickup.

Inns has also contacted Blue Springs Scout Camp staff to see about removing still more items.

"Like a large quantity of nails," Inns says. "I don't know why we've got boxes of nails, but they're there. I'm also sure they're no use to us but they might well be useful to the leaders at the Scout Camp so I've got a call in to them."

They also sorted through a pile of tents to separate the functional and repairable ones from those that should go.

Inns is questioning whether low public response to her appeal may be related to the holiday season and the number of vacationing families. Regardless, she estimates the remaining cleaning up can be done in



**BLOCKS OF FUN:** As many as 7,000 thronged through downtown Acton on Sunday - enjoying great weather, good food and lots of fun - during the 9th annual Acton BIA Leathertown Festival. Organizers said this year's event was the best ever in terms of the crowd and the number of vendors.

two or three hours and expects the hall to be back in operation next month when the new season begins.

The hall was closed on the instructions of an inspector from the real estate office of Scouts Canada.



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**SIDEWALK SHOPPERS:** This group of friends from southeast England shopped up and down Mill Street during Sunday's Leathertown Festival. The girls head home today (Thursday) after attending the 6th annual Polish Scouting World Jamboree.

## Lots of wheat but the quality is poor

Weather has seriously damaged Ontario's wheat crops, once again reducing the income of farmers who grow it.

Perry Hunter, an employee of local cash cropper Fred Anthony, says while yields appear to be average, the quality just isn't there for most wheat producers.

To begin with, wet weather has delayed the start of the harvest. That is also causing the kernels to sprout and forcing producers to dry their grain before either storing or selling it.

Then there's the matter of mold throughout the crop. That removes it from the usual market as feed for hogs. If the mold growth is extensive enough - and it appears possible it will be - then it won't be fit for human consumption either. That will drop it strictly to the lower priced "feed" grade.

Hunter says some fields are producing better than others, but it's difficult to tell whether the difference lies in the soil quality or the farm's location.

"We're pretty typical of what's happening for farmers across the province," he says. "No area is faring much different from another."

The fact a fair amount of last year's wheat crop remains for this season means there won't be much shift in the price of wheat at the flour mill until that get used up, he says.

Translation? Neither bread, cereal, meat nor poultry prices should be greatly impacted by the farmer's dilemma, at least in the short term.

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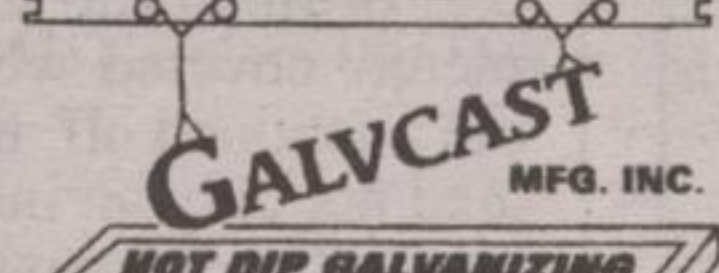
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