

Stores hires 72 for opening day

Giant Tiger will open its doors in Stouffville Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Major renovation work has wrapped up at the site, the home of the old A&P store in the Stouffville Plaza on Main Street. Giant Tiger has hired its staff, is hanging merchandise and stocking shelves in readiness for the grand opening, said David Thorpe, the company's marketing manager.

A total of 72 local residents have been hired to work at the store.

"We had 250 applicants to choose from," Mr. Thorpe said. "We have a lot of work to do over the next few days but we're right on track."

The front part of the old A&P has

been demolished, making way for the 21,000-square-foot store.

Jeff York, president of the Ottawa-based company, said Giant Tiger is "your all-Canadian family" discount store.

Giant Tiger offers current fashions and footwear for the entire family. The store also carries decorating items, health and beauty needs, cleaning supplies, groceries, frozen foods, dairy products and toys.

Giant Tiger was founded in Ottawa in 1961 and now has 117 stores throughout Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba. In the local area, Giant Tiger is in Sutton and in Ajax.

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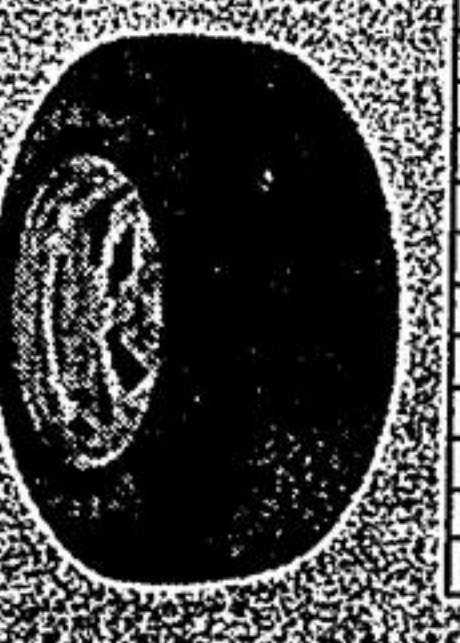
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