



NOW OPEN: Acton's newest eatery, **Pizza Hub**, officially opened on Sunday morning, as proprietor Nick Hari (left) welcomed his first customer to the business at Main/Mill Streets. Co-owner Hari was joined, from left, by wife Ginni Hari, Gogy Hari, customer Shannon Furzer of Acton, and Sunny Hari. — *Denise Paulsen photo*

Knox Presbyterian Church



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**Sundays at
10:30 a.m.**

**In a world of change, come and worship
the unchanging God.**

Dec. 5: PREPARING FOR AND RECEIVING PEACE (Matthew 3:1-12)
Dec. 12: Advent Communion - THE GIFT OF JOY (Matthew 11:2-11)
Dec. 19: Sunday School Presentation
Dec. 24: 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Readings
Dec. 25: 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Communion
WHAT IS CHRISTMAS ALL ABOUT (Luke 2:1-7)
Dec. 26 WHY THE BELLS CHIMED (John 1:10-18)

Flour Mill noise investigated

Most mornings at 2:30 a.m., Victoria Avenue resident Peter Duncanson is jolted awake by noisy buckets scooping grain at the flourmill that operates in the midst of his residential neighbourhood. Sometimes, Duncanson can get back to sleep, but often the "ridiculous level" of noise makes him so mad that sleep is impossible.

The on-going excessive levels of noise from the mill, now owned by P&H Milling Group, prompted some neighbours to approach the Town, then Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott, and finally, the Ministry of Environment, which instructed the P & H Milling Group to conduct a noise audit and develop a plan to reduce the noise.

Duncanson said over the 20 years he's lived beside the mill it's gone from a "quaint" little operation to a giant industrial complex that creates noise over regulated decibel levels, even when the mill is idle.

"The noise is at its absolute worst during the day when the trucks are unloading. The trucks take

about 15 minutes to unload and when they are running at their peak there's a truck every 16 minutes," Duncanson said.

Acton Councillor Jon Hurst said when P&H bought the mill from Dover Industries, the upgrades and expansion was to reduce noise levels. "I think the expectation was that when they were done the expansion, that the mill would be quieter because it would be more closed in, but to their surprise, it's noisier than it was," Hurst said on Friday.

A noise audit will include a P&H plan to reduce noise levels to acceptable levels.

Hurst said both the company and long-suffering residents are being "reasonable," but the residents are understandably frustrated.

"First of all, they were under the impression, as we (the Town) were that it would be quieter, and it's noisier, so right off the bat, that's not a good sign," Hurst said.

In an e-mail Wednesday, Bruce MacIntyre, P&H vice-president of Ontario Region, said construction in the past 18 months caused "more noise and commotion" than the neighbourhood is used to, and they regret that cus-

tom-engineered solutions have taken time.

"Throughout this entire project, P&H Milling Group has obtained all necessary permits...and part of our planning for this capital project was to have a noise and dust analysis done by a qualified professional," MacIntyre wrote.

He noted the mill has been in the same location since the early 1800's, and stressed they will do their best to be a good corporate citizen. MacIntyre said through the recent economic recession P&H has made a large investment in the Acton community, employing approximately 35 workers.



ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

BY JULIE CONROY

The Acton Seniors Centre looks very festive with the tree and hall all decorated. We celebrated the decorating of the tree with goodies and coffee while listening to story teller Douglas Davie. He is head of the Georgetown Children's Library, and read four quite different stories, all with a Christmas theme. The first was about a mother taking her children to her local bank to ask for a loan to purchase gifts for children, and a very benevolent Santa in the bank told the children they could have everything they wished for. The second was a Sue Townsend book about the diaries of Adrian Mole, which was Christmas seen through the eyes of a 12-year-old child trying to finance buying gifts for his family. The third story was

by Ronald Dahl about a young boy receiving Maccano for Christmas, and the last, by Alan Maitland, reminisced about Christmas in Halifax in 1915, when his father enlisted and sailing off to war.

Nora Zylstra-Savage will be at the Centre on Tuesday, December 14 at 10 a.m. with a presentation about Life Stories. She will help you discover the fun and value of taking a walk down memory land.

On Wednesday, December 15 we will host our annual Light Tour. Everyone 55+ is invited. You don't have to be a member of the Centre. There is a sign up sheet at the front desk. If you can't make the Centre please call 519-853-5951 and the receptionist will be happy to add your name to the list. Don't forget to check

off where you wish to be picked up. We will have the usual pickup points at Elizabeth, Birchway, and Church Street Apartments and the Seniors Centre. After the tour, we will be serving treats and hot drinks. The Tyler bus drivers generously donate their time every year and check out the various locations prior to the tour.

For the movie buffs, the movie schedule has been changed and on December 7 at 1 p.m., you will see as old favourite White Christmas. The following week, there will be no movie due to conflicting presentations, and on Tuesday, December 21, the classic A Christmas Carol with Alistair Sim will be shown.

The 50/50 was not won this Friday at the weekly draw.

*For those who have suffered the loss of a loved one,
Christmas can be one of the most difficult times of the year.*

*You, your family and friends are invited
to join us for a multi-denominational*

Community Christmas Service of Hope

**Friday, December 3rd, 2010
7:30 p.m.**

**St. Alban-the-Martyr Anglican Church
19 St. Alban's Drive, Acton**

followed by refreshments

This service is being conducted
under the auspices of the
Acton Ministerial Association

If you would like to attend but need transportation please call

Margaret and Bob MacKinnon
MacKinnon Family
Funeral Home
55 Mill Street East, Acton

519-853-0350

Ian Pasmore
Blue Springs
Funeral Home
12 Church Street East, Acton

519-853-2399

COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICE

Sunday, November 28, 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the
Acton Ministerial Association
Hosted at Bethel Church
(365 Queen St., Acton)

"Prophet, Priest, King"

Join us for an evening of inspiration and song as
together we journey to Christmas.

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