

## You have to get up early to see the sun this summer!

I'm definitely not a morning person and tell people not to phone me before 10, but, wow, this morning (last Tuesday) I was up at 7:15 and, lo and behold, the sun was shining beautifully. It's such a rare happening these days I put a mark on the wall! In fact, I felt so good I dug out the old vacuum cleaner and did some housework and, with that done, thought, whoops, I'd better write my column for the Tanner.

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Glad to report the trip to Scott's is on for Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, but can do with more people to fill the bus. Deluxe doubles with private bath are available at \$600 (Cdn.) each person, but that's not bad when you consider it covers the bus,

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The Acton Golden Age Club is having its annual draw on Oct. 6 for money prizes — \$200, \$100 and \$50. Tickets are \$1 or three for \$2. Tickets are available from club members — so, if you're approached, take a gamble!

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I was just thinking that it is almost two years ago I was looking for an apartment as I was retiring, and my son and his family were living

in Georgetown and wanted me to be closer than Kingston where I was living. Looked in Georgetown and then was lucky enough to get an apartment in Acton — close enough to the family and yet far enough away.

And, boy, was I glad I settled in Acton! I can remember walking down, or is it up, town the first Monday I was here. Mind you, there weren't many stores open, which kinda boggled my mind, but the smiles and "good mornings" I received were something else again! Wow, what friendly people, and this has been reaffirmed as the years have gone by. Sure, my son wants me to move to Tottenham where he now lives, but, no way — I'm happy among the super-friendly Actonians. I can hear my grandson say, "Gross, real mush," but kids 9-years-old don't appreciate the overall feeling of contentment.

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Remember, a smile can be the shortest distance between two people. So keep smiling!

## Leathertown Festival Fun!



KEEP ON TRUCKIN'! Two-year-old Jennifer Ellis (left) and big sister Heather, 5, of Peel Street enjoy their time behind the wheel of the antique fire truck during Leathertown Festival celebrations at Prospect Park on Sunday. (Paul Nolan photo)

## Fire hall draws raves

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paratus floor, where the fire trucks are parked. In the old building, "backing these trucks in and out was a hazard," said Scully.

Another advantage is the station's location. At the corner of Churchill Road and Queen Street, it is now in a central location.

"Best location in all of Acton," said chief Bill Cunningham.

The location allows for better traffic flow, besides placing it in a central area for the potential new growth in Acton.

Everything has been improved on, right down to the shower area and washrooms. There was no shower area at the old station.

Three flights of stairs had to be covered at the old station in order to get to the washroom.

"This station facilitates everybody — both firefighters and the public," said Scully.

This new facility looks to service Acton well into the future. Aiding in this regard will be a new fire truck for the station. A combination of a tanker and pumper, the truck's uniqueness is that it is also a foam truck.

The grand opening for the station will not be until September or October, said Chief Cunningham.

Despite having everything firemen need, Scully noted that there is still something missing. Looking out from one of the garage doors, he said "a basketball hoop."

## New, safer buses

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proved features, but those companies looking to add buses to their fleet will notice the differences.

"Being the new kid on the block, we have to have something that's better and we think we've got something here," he says. "I'm really positive about this project."

Tyler has spent the last five years travelling and negotiating with the U.S. company, in his bid to become a distributor. He presently has five buses in stock ready for immediate sell. However, due to bureaucratic complications he missed the prime market season of February, March and April.

Tyler is the only distributor in Canada of the buses, and with enough of a market, he dreams of opening a satellite plant in Acton.

"With enough orders, hopefully we'll get to the point where Acton is noted for its school buses."

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BEAUTIFUL BUTTERCUP: David White, 9, of Rockwood brought his Welsh pony "Buttercup" to participate in the Leathertown Festival fun at the park on Sunday. (Paul Nolan photo)

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