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## Summerfest, Pioneer Days go together like ham and eggs

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald Staff Writer

They go together like beer and pretzels, ham and eggs, music and comedy.

With only a week and a half left, organizers of the Georgetown Business Improvement Area's Pioneer Days and the Halton Hills Arts Council's Summerfest are fitting the final pieces of a fun-filled weekend which, for many local residents, officially heralds summer.

Even to a greater degree than last year, the two events are closely linked, located barely a block away from each other.

Summerfest, which kicks off while Pioneer Days are already in full swing, has lined up arts and crafts displays, folk singing, children's activities, a special visit from young author Gordon Korman and many other interesting items for its Church Street, Georgetown, location.

Held last year in Cedarvale Park at the Main Street South - Maple Avenue intersection, this year's event is that much closer to the library-cultural centre which will open this fall. Next year, Summerfest activities will likely be focused inside the arts centre.

Summerfest will run between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. June 20, taking advantage of the open space afforded by having Church Street between Main and Market Streets closed to traffic.

But its most outstanding offering this year begins at 7 p.m. where, under the direction of Ron Hill and the chairmanship of Nornic Studio's Bev Nicholas, a group of amateur actors and singers have cooked up a gala dinner-show.



### Visits with Ma Bell

Bell Canada has decided to take part in Georgetown's Pioneer Days celebrations this year. The Bell building at the corner of James and Main Streets will be open for public tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will offer the curious a look-see at what goes into the familiar installation vans as well as the workings of one of the company's construction trucks. In addition, the public will be invited to tour the administrative offices and other rooms within the building.



Ward 2 Coun. John McDonald and Halton Hills Arts Council publicity co-ordinator Gail Finlayson figuratively toast the joint effort involving Summerfest and the local Business Improvement Area's Pioneer Days to come up with a fun-filled weekend starting next Thursday (June 17) evening. The mugs will be on sale throughout the Main Street area and keep an eye out for the hats, too.

end on Main Street after three days of fantastic shopping opportunities, great entertainment, fashion shows and mini-parades.

Pioneer Day events begin with the first street dance outside the McGibbon Hotel at 7 p.m. The Dolly Varden Revue, with an extensive repertoire of Burton Cummings and Guess Who tunes, will headline the dances Friday and Saturday nights as well.

**SALE FEVER**

As usual for this time of year shoppers can mull through all kinds of sales without being bothered by traffic - except from other bargain-seekers. The Georgetown Elkettes will launch Friday night's fun at 6:30, Marion's Country Band will follow about an hour later and the "Pine Valley Squares" will cap off the country-style entertainment for the evening before Dolly Varden hits the stage at 8:30 p.m.

The Elkettes will twirl in the noon hour Saturday followed by the Penniesworth-North Halton Sports bicycle parade for kids.

The Blue Valley Home-steaders with their brand of bluegrass and Marlon's Country Band will keep the country atmosphere fresh for all celebrants. At 2:30 p.m., the Oldest Pioneer Award, sponsored by the Halton Hills Herald, will be presented shortly before the annual pioneer fashion show.

More musical entertainment at 3:30 with the Metro Connection Quartette - four Scarborough barbershoppers who have twice swept barbershop awards in Salt Lake City.

Throughout the Pioneer Days - Summerfest weekend, participants can slake thirsts at the Hotel, enjoying (weather permitting) the sidewalk beer garden. And, keep an eye out for old-fashioned pioneer costumes.

While admission to most Summerfest and Pioneer Days activities is free, tickets for the Old Tyme Music Hall dinner and show can be purchased at \$10 each at Charis Pottery in Glen Williams, Moore Park Plaza, Georgetown Fabrics, The Country Cheese Shoppe on Mill Street and the GLT box office, through Greta Lee, 877-5407.



**STEREO SMOOCH**

John Sharples, North Halton's new District Scout Commissioner, joins outgoing commissioner Steve Thompson to buss Steve's wife, Lorna. A special salute to Mr. Thompson on his imminent departure was part of the district's awards night at St. George's Anglican Church in Georgetown Monday. For story and more photos, see page 4.

(Photo by Jean Layman)

## OMB ruling contravened - homeowners Auto shop plan draws concerns

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
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A tiny parcel of industrial land at the end of a quiet cul de sac in Norval is once again the focus of residents' concerns, planning board members learned Tuesday night.

About a dozen Draper Street homeowners said their lawyer attended a public meeting to discuss the proposal by Danny and Son auto reconditioning to change the land's zoning, allowing the business to operate a commercial paint and body shop.

Currently, Danny Italiano and his son, Joe, purchase used cars wholesale and refurbish them, making minor repairs and then selling them at auctions. The rezoning amendment they are seeking would permit them to use the industrially-zoned property for a commercial paint and body shop.

However, two previous attempts to change the zoning have failed, a planning department report points out, with the Ontario Municipal Board finally recommending that the property owners present their case before the town's committee of adjustment.

The committee approved Mr. Italiano's application in December, 1978, before he purchased the property. But when residents took the matter to the OMB, the Italianos declined to buy the property and a graphic company took over the building, located behind the Norval community centre.

A second application to the adjustment committee in April, 1980 after the Italianos had bought the land, was rejected and when Mr. Italiano and Georgetown solicitor Bert

Arnold appealed to the OMB the matter was steered to the planning board.

Although Mr. Arnold warned against allegations that the automotive reconditioning business was being operated unlawfully, residents' solicitor Craig Carter charged that the property's present use contravenes previous OMB rulings.

Residents at the meeting expressed concern that youngsters travelling to and from the nearby Montesorri Free School in the community centre might be endangered if old cars are left on the property.

Planning director Mario Venditti assured homeowners that part of the agreement changing the zoning bylaw would set down guidelines for fencing, landscaping and buffering the property from other residents.

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