

**Celebration begins June 21**

**Pioneer days steams ahead**

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When Georgetown celebrates Pioneer Days and its 120th anniversary in June, it celebrates more than an anniversary. It will be celebrating a long social tradition.

In the past, people for miles around came to Georgetown and the surrounding hamlets not just for trade and commerce, but for dances, church functions, fall fair, political and fraternal meetings, and of course, the sociability of the various well known hotels.

Recreating the days of our ancestors, Pioneer Days, 1984 will feature a big Street Dance on Friday evening. Music for the dance will be provided by the popular Jeff Barry Band of Erin and Jeff himself, recalls being brought to Georgetown for a street dance when he was about 10 years old.

In the tradition of our grandparents, everybody has been invited to participate in the dance, including grandma and the grandkids.

Being observed on June 21, 22 and 23, Pioneer Days is held each year in downtown Georgetown with a variety of events that recall the days of yesteryear. A two-block section of Main Street is cordoned off and becomes an attractive Merchant's Mall, where dining, shopping and socializing is encouraged.

**HAMLET**

The hamlet of Stewarttown was another popular spot in earlier years. Georgetown Fair actually started in Stewarttown in 1848, later moving into downtown Georgetown and alternating each year with Acton.

Stewarttown Hall was known for its weekend dances, as well. In the early part of the century, farmers came from as far away as Streetsville and Erin and many a marriage,



Barrister David Page has acted as chairman of the Board of Management of the B.I.A., Georgetown Central Business Improvement Area since January, 1983. Committed to 'quality' small-town life, Page is active in the community and spearheads the large group of merchants,

while possibly not "made in heaven", more appropriately might be labelled "made in Stewarttown."

Being on Highway Seven, the main highway through the province, Georgetown was always a stopping place for the travelling shows. Pioneer families looked forward to the thrilling feats of the circus stars who stopped briefly to perform before moving on to the next town. Over the years various spots along the highway were chosen for the tents, both in Georgetown and Norval.

Recreating the days of the 1800's stunts, Pioneer Days will present high wire acrobats daily performing their daring deeds on a rope stretched high over the intersection of Main and Mill Streets. A large antique Band Organ will provide music for the event and the varied old-time program which will take place over the three days and nights.

Pioneer Days is marking the town's 120th anniversary, but in reality the town's history goes back much further than 1864 when it was first incorporated. Historians say the community was founded as early as 1820, when George Kennedy and his four brothers arrived to

establish their farms around the banks of Silver Creek.

According to records, the original name of Georgetown was Hungry Hollow, due to tough pioneering circumstances, but by 1864 it was Georgetown and it has stayed Georgetown throughout the years, despite regionalization in 1974, and the incorporation of the larger Town of Halton Hills.

In keeping with our social tradition, service clubs, athletes, pipers, merchants, local and out-of-town performers will all get together for community fun-and-frolic during Pioneer Days. Also included is a

Lions Club flapjack breakfast (Saturday morning), Horticultural Society flower show and strawberry social, beer garden, antique exhibits, a Thursday evening parade and program, and on Saturday, a sale of library books and a craft show is held on Church Street. Sponsored by the merchants and restaurateurs of the B.I.A., Georgetown Central Business Improvement Area, early fractional currency known as "shinplasters" will be used as local currency and issued on the fictional Bank of Georgetown.

The 25-cent notes will bear the town's incorporation date of 1864.

**Showing our true colors**

**Celebrating together**

Like a breath of spring air, the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce's BIG Celebration has opened up a meaningful way for townfolk to discover a part of its past.

BIG (Business in Georgetown) is a celebration of Ontario's bicentennial and Georgetown's 120th birthday.

Monday, members of the Chamber's promotions committee further unveiled plans for the three day event in June. Entertainment, booth displays, a souvenir coin and an extravagant birthday party have all been meticulously planned.

It shows what our Chamber is capable of when they work together to promote the town and the business community.

Halton Hills is rich with stories of long-time citizens who have seen the changes in the community. To the people and businesses who forged out a part of our past we owe a great debt.

Activities such as Pioneer Days in downtown Georgetown, Ciderfest in downtown Acton and now the BIG Celebration will all have bicentennial themes.

The Optimist Bang-O-Rama and the annual Fall Fairs in Georgetown and Acton provide other opportunities to remember our roots.

It is up to us now to search out and explore the events planned for Halton Hills.

Support the BIG and other events in town and make 1984 a meaningful year - a way to look backwards and appreciate the gains we've made over the years.

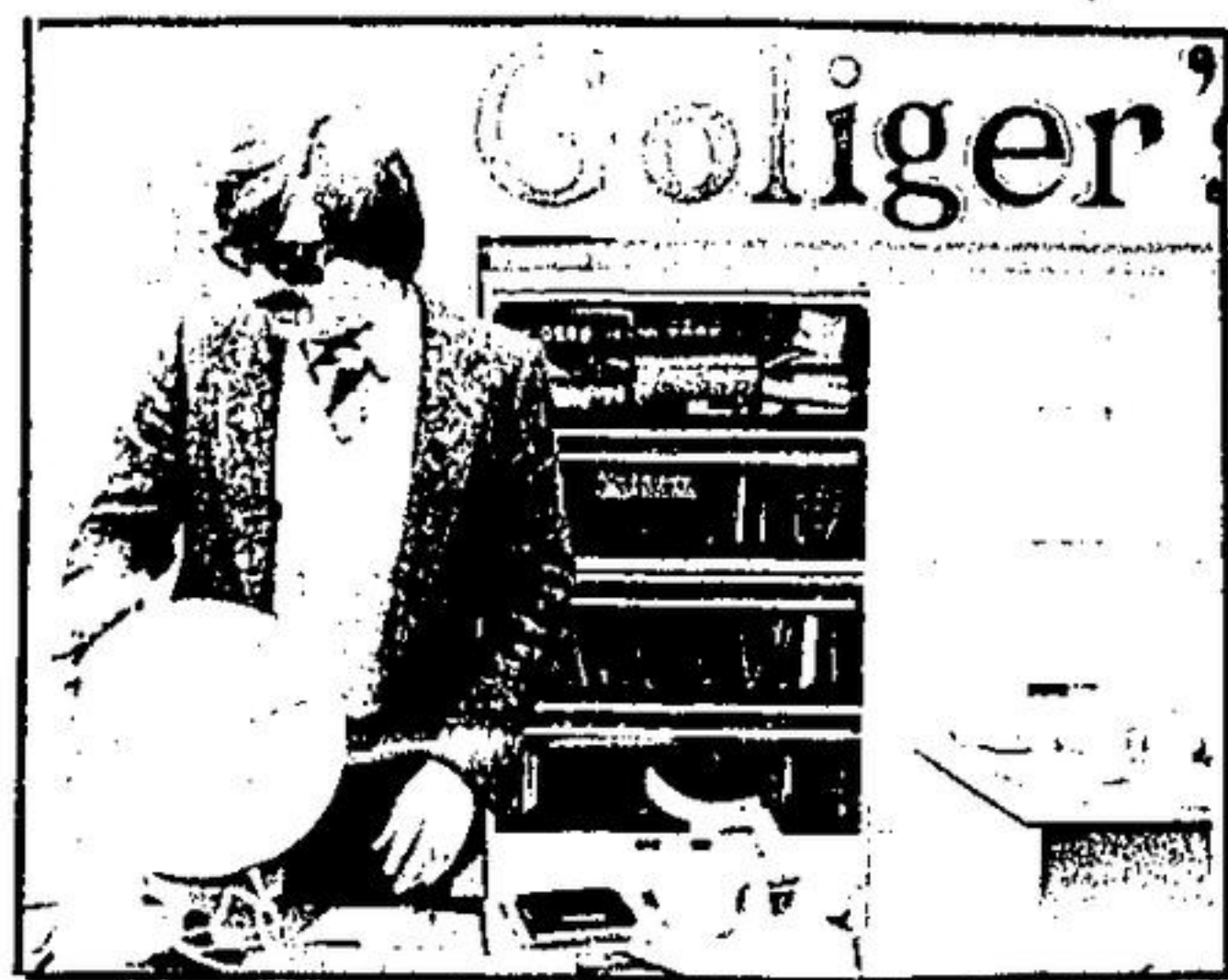


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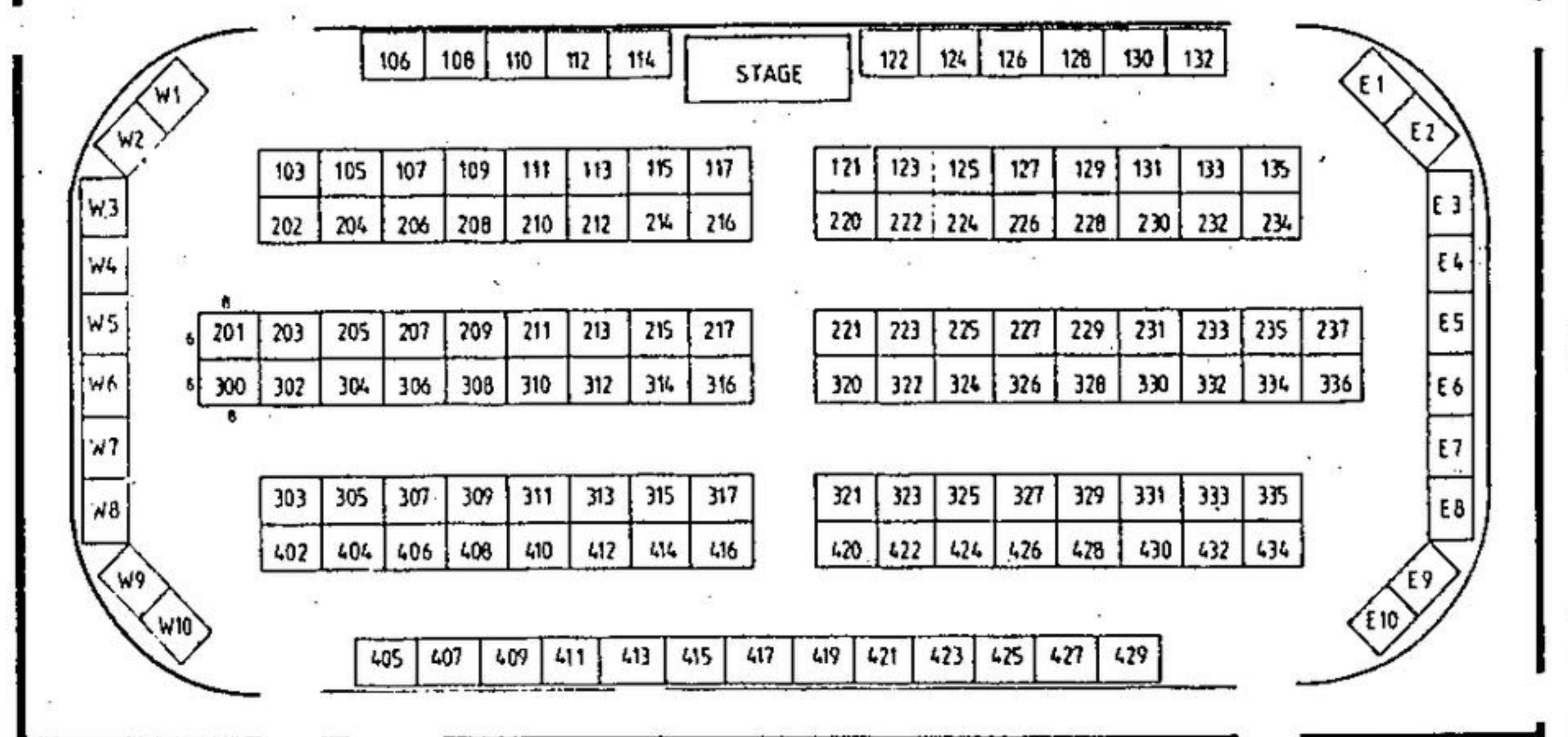
**B.I.G. CELEBRATION**  
JUNE 14, 15, 16 & 17, 1984  
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**Floor Plan of Participating Companies**

**Georgetown Central Business Improvement Area:**

Aladdin Lighting	W5	Barber's Jewellers	E5
Artcast Inc.	209/211/213	John Boughton Jewellers	237
Artisan Windows and Doors Ltd.	404	Cameron's Fashions	E3/E4
Bank of Montreal	228	Carol's Hair & Beauty Salon	E3/E4
Barclay's Haulage & Ex. Ltd.	Outdoor	Christiane Hairstyles Limited	335
Bathub King Refinishing	W7	Congresseur's Court	E6/E7/E8
Beaver Lumber	223/225/227/229	Crafters Shop	E6/E7/E8
Bell Canada	206/208	Erin Hearing Aid Centre	E6/E7/E8
Birch Way Farm	429	Flora's Fashions	E1/E2
Malcolm Black Equipment		Flora's Fashions	E6/E7/E8
Black Controls Ltd.		Goodlet's	230
Boehmers	308/310/312	Henry's	334
Bonsma Insurance Brokers Ltd.	204	Jeannette's Dutch Deli	336
Burger King	427	The Knitwear Nook	E6/E7/E8
C & S Printing	424	Mackenzie Bulldall	135
Caledon Laboratories Ltd.	123	Nails By Colombe	E3/E4
Canada Employment Centre	324	Oxbow Books	234
The Canada Trust Company	432	Pennlesworth Children's	
Canadian Tire	201/203/205/300/302/304	Consignment Shoppe	E9
Chiropractic Profession	107	The Independent	235
Clare's Sharpening Service	W3	Tellers Cage	E10
R.E. Cliphsham Limited	422	The Village Shoppe	E10
Co-op Farm & Home Center	327/329/426/428	Towels 'n' Things	434
Corrigan Instrumentation Ltd.	314	Whimsy's	333
Chalmer's Esso Fuel Oil	311/313/315	Georgetown & District	
Credit River Boat Co.	Outdoors	Memorial Hospital	112
Curwood Packaging (Canada) Ltd.	W9/W10	Georgetown Fabrics	130
Dental - Cosmetic Dentistry	114	Georgetown Optical	115
Diat Center	110	Georgetown Secretarial Service	103/105
DRG Stationery Company	321/420	Glyntor Equipment Ltd.	212
Empire Fence Ltd.	217	Goligers Travel	316
Energy-Wise 2000 Inc.	214	Grainboard Manufacturing Corporation	222
J.H. Fishback Photography	306	The Great Engraving Co.	330
Fortamix	409	H & H Furniture Ltd.	326/328
Four Winds Gallery	W6	H & H Video	305/307
G.S.S. Office Supplies	103/105	HLO Iron & Manufacturing	
Gallery House Sol	209/211/213	Halton County Milk Committee	127
Georgetown Bawl	126	Halton Furniture Refinishing and Used Furniture	331
Georgetown Charterd Accountants	111	Halton Hills Herald (Georgetown)	317
Georgetown Chrysler	Outdoors	Halton Hills Hydro	224
Georgetown Decorating Centre Ltd.		Halton Hills Independent Insurance Brokers	106/108
		Hammer Industries	326/328
		Hazen Sales & Service	406/408



InsulSearch/Protachpac Ltd.	233	Roos Travel Agency	322	The Cancer Society (West Insurance Brokers Ltd.)	309
Johnson & Associates	117	The Royal Bank	121	The Diabetic Association (Moore Instruments Ltd./L.Too.)	410
J.S. Jones and Son		Royal City Realty Ltd.	129	Georgetown Hospital Auxiliary (Georgetown Business Improvement Area)	332
Funeral Home Limited	232	Shoppers Drug Mart	131/133	The Kidney Foundation (Dominion Seed House)	423
J.V. Clothing	207	skyhawk Satellite Systems	325	Kiwanis Club (Tidy Car)	W4
The Kentners	221	Bill Smith Auto Parts Ltd.	216	MECCA - GDHS Marketing & Business GDHS Students (Georgetown Chamber of Commerce)	128
The Law Society of Upper Canada	109	Smith & Stone (1982) Inc.	405/407	John McDermid, M.P. Brampton-Georgetown (Studio III)	303
A.E. LePage Real Estate Services Ltd.	132	T D W Sales & Services Ltd.	122/124	Ontario Heart Foundation (Baltimore Air Coil)	W8
MacPherson's Esso Service	311/313	Tidy Car	W1/W2	upmsiwug HOUSE Committee (Standard Products (Canada) Ltd.)	425
	315	A.W. Trenton, Denture Therapist	113	Police Department (Georgetown Chamber of Commerce)	202
The Magic Pencil	424	The Toronto Dominion Bank	215	The Red Cross/North Halton Distress Centre (Twin Cae Limited)	413
Marsh Bait & Taxidermy	210	Urban Pest Control	402	The Rotary Club (Mr. Kenneth Faulkner & Mr. Bruce McIntyre)	323
McDonalds	220	Varian Canada Inc.	415/417/419/421		
Meadowglen Mushroom Growers Ltd.	320	Work That Body Fitness Programs Inc.	430		
Miracle Food Mart	226				
Mutual Life of Canada	416				
William Neilson Limited	412/414				
PKB Design Associates	424				
Par-a-Dice Charters	Outdoors				
Park Royal Mercury Sales Ltd.	Outdoors				
Regional Municipality of Halton Business Development	125				
Re/Max Suburban Realty Inc.	231				