

Robertson screwdriver topic at Museum's Heritage Day

Heritage Day at the Halton Region Museum this Sunday, February 25 from 2-4p.m. will highlight the life and times of P.L. Robertson, inventor of the Robertson screwdriver. The museum is located in the Kelso Conservation Area just outside urban Milton at the base of Glen Eden ski hills.

Milton innovator P.L. Robertson (1879-1951) was the inventor of the socket head screwdriver known as the Robertson screwdriver in 1907. In 1908 he opened a factory in Milton to produce the screws and drivers. It became one of the Town's largest employers with over 600 people working there during peak periods.

Now the North American standard, Robertson screws

were safer, easier to use, and more cost-effective than the slot-headed screws in common use at the turn of the century. Robertson's invention was ranked Number 7 on the CBC show "The Greatest Canadian Inventions" which aired in January, 2007.

The Museum's celebration on February 25 will begin with a presentation at 2p.m. followed by an opportunity for visitors to view the Museum's new exhibits and tour the collection area which showcases some of the Museum's 35,000 artifacts.

Admission, parking and light refreshments will be provided free of charge.

"This is a great opportunity for Halton residents to

visit the Museum and join in on the Heritage Day festivities," said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. "Not only will people see some of Halton's impressive artifact collection, they'll also learn about one of Halton's most colourful historical figures."

Heritage Day was first established in 1973 by the Heritage Canada Foundation to encourage the preservation and promotion of Canada's nationally significant historic, architectural, natural and scenic heritage. During the week following Heritage Day, museums, historical societies, and other cultural organizations join together to celebrate Canada's past and those who strive to preserve it.



GROUNDBREAKING FOR BRUCE TRAIL CHILD CARE: Back row (l to r): Yaw Obeng, Halton District School Board; Gary Carr, Halton Regional Chair; Donna Danielli, School Trustee, Milton; Ted Chudleigh, MPP Halton; Collette Ruddock, Principal, Bruce Trail Public School; Tamara Amabile, MCRC; Heather Jackson, Executive Director, MCRC; Tiffany Stewart, MCRC; Gordon Krantz, Mayor of Milton. Front row (l to r) Campbell Wackerlin, Ethan Lear, Haylee Myers-Inrig, Julia Sinopoli and Mya Braithwaite. - Submitted photo

Start on new child care centre

Representatives from Halton Region, the Halton District School Board, Milton Community Resource Centre, the Province of Ontario and the Town of Milton participated in an official groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction of a new early learning and child care facility at Bruce Trail Public School in Milton. The facility will offer licensed child care for 64 children aged 18 months through senior kindergarten and will be operational by September, 2007.

Bruce Trail Early Learning and Child Care Centre will help to accommodate the needs of the growing Milton community and is the result of the provincial Best Start strategy (Ministry of Children and Youth Services/Ministry of Community and Social Services, as well as the Ministry of Education).

"As Halton continues to experience significant growth, so does our need for more supports for new families and more child care," says Regional Chair Gary Carr. "This is an excellent beginning, but I strongly urge the senior orders of government to fund growing communities like Halton based on their growing needs, so we can stabilize our child care system."

The contract to operate the child care facility was awarded to Milton Community Resource Centre (MCRC), which will also operate the Before and After School program at Bruce Trail Public School.

The location of the centre within Bruce Trail Public School follows the

Best Start vision of offering a seamless day of early learning and a network of services for families and children. The selection process for the Milton site was based on population growth, child care capacity and needs.

Bruce Trail is one of five Best Start child care sites in development, which will offer 200 new licensed child care spaces across Halton.

First announced in November 2004, the Best Start strategy is a 10-year plan designed to give Ontario's children the best start in life. It will help them achieve success in school by providing a comprehensive system of services that supports children aged 0 to 6 years and their families. In Halton, an extensive network of partners including the Our Kids Network, School Boards and Halton Region worked together to develop a plan of allocating Halton's Best Start funding to expand child care and hubs.

Milton man charged in death on 25

A 21-year-old Milton man has been charged with five offenses, including impaired driving causing death, in the traffic death of a former Acton post office worker, Michael McDonald of Orangeville.

McDonald was killed in a head-on crash on Highway 25, south of Campbellville Road on February 2. The accused suffered minor injuries.



World FACT:

THIS CELEBRATION OCCURS IN MANY PLACES AROUND THE WORLD, BUT THE MOST POPULAR NORTH AMERICAN LOCALE IS IN NEW ORLEANS.

ANSWER: MARDI GRAS

What's the Difference?

There are five things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



ANSWERS: 1. Missing black ribbon 2. Feather is spotted 3. Tongue is missing 4. Knife is gone 5. Shrimp moved from fork to plate

THIS DAY IN...



- 1844: THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC GAINED INDEPENDENCE FROM HAITI.
- 1951: THE 22ND AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION WAS RATIFIED, LIMITING THE PRESIDENT TO TWO TERMS.
- 1991: TROOPS LIBERATED KUWAIT IN THE GULF WAR.

new word

cajuns

nickname for Acadians, French-speaking people in Louisiana

How they SAY it in...

- English:** ICE
- Spanish:** HIELO
- Italian:** GHIACCIO
- French:** GLACE
- German:** EIS

Did You Know?

FAT TUESDAY IS A DAY OF INDULGENCE THAT OCCURS THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE CHRISTIAN LENTEN CELEBRATION.

get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is featured here?

ANSWER: CRAWFISH