



Photo by Kayleen Preston

Although he had laryngitis, Bob Rae came to the Caper's Restaurant in downtown Belleville Sept. 27, to inform the citizens of Prince Edward-Hastings of the Liberal party's plans for this year. Rae spoke to the public, then answered questions that was a concern to citizens. His bubbly personality intrigued the crowd throughout the duration of his speech.

Justin Trudeau plans to announce candidacy today

Liberals try to get back in the game

*Interim Liberal leader
Bob Rae speaks
at Belleville forum*

By Julia McKay

With the impending announcement of Justin Trudeau for the candidacy of the

leadership of the federal Liberals today, rebuilding is the name of the game.

Interim leader Bob "the builder" Rae spoke to an enthusiastic crowd of supporters at the Prince Edward-Hastings Federal Liberal Association bridge forum series last Thursday at Capers Brasserie and Wine Bar in downtown Belleville.

"The last election was a surprising tough result; the worst result we've had

since Confederation," said Rae during a press conference before his speech. "We've had a lot of rebuilding to do and I'm glad to have played my part."

Boasting more than 25,000 new supporters joining the party, the fund-raising event was an opportunity for local Liberals, and those interested in the Liberal party, to come out and hear Rae speak about both his and the party's future. During the last federal

election, the Liberals lost 43 seats in the House of Commons and are now down to only 34 seats.

With Trudeau's announcement planned, Rae said he wasn't backing any particular candidate. "The party will choose its next leader," Rae said. "We're really trying to create a sense that we want the public to be involved."

When asked why he chose not to run for the next leadership, Rae said he was

just following the agreement that was set out when he was chosen as interim leader.

"I'm happy to give all my skills and whatever I've learned and hand over something stronger and better to the next leader."

Even though he will be stepping back, Rae will still remain involved with the Liberal party and as the Member of Parliament for Toronto Centre.

NHL game moved to next year

Hockeyville, even without the game, is still lots of fun

By James Wood and Samantha Pyear

STIRLING – Despite an overcast sky and the threat of rain, the Stirling Hockeyville celebrations this past Sunday went off without a hitch.

The town showed great enthusiasm as a huge parade wove its way down West Front Street, ending at the Stirling District Recreation Arena. The crowds cheered as floats of young hockey players and marching bands went past, and it seemed like the whole town made an appearance.

Nick Saunders and his three daughters, Rosie, Katie, and Angie, were all decked out in blue wigs and big fall jackets for the occasion.

"We couldn't wait for this to happen," Saunders said, watching the parade go by.

The town of Stirling has put a great deal of effort into Hockeyville, starting last year with the nomination process. The town was nominated after participating in the first step on the road to becoming Hockeyville: writing letters that showcased just how much the community embodies hockey culture and how the sport is a part of the community.

These essays were evaluated and used to pick 15 towns, which were then voted on. In 2012, 762 communities across Canada participated in the contest. After narrowing down the list, 15 finalists were selected and voted on in a three-day period. Out of all these towns, five lucky candidates were chosen. Yarmouth, N.S., Amos, Que., Duck Lake, Sask., West Kelowna, B.C., and of course, Stirling. Out of these five, the final vote was between West Kelowna and Stirling. After receiving almost four million votes, Stirling became Hockeyville 2012.

For all the uproar over the NHL lockout this past month, Hockeyville in Stirling was untroubled by the latest developments. Decorations were up across town, with mock tailgate parties and straw hockey players stuck on lawns with jerseys and sticks at the ready.

When asked about whether the NHL lockout would impact the day's celebrations, Hockeyville Chair Cindy Brandt had no worries. "The lockout has had no effect on our party today and the parade, look at the turn out. People didn't care if there was a hockey game, they came to see that Stanley Cup."

After winning Hockeyville, an NHL game between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Columbus Blue Jackets was scheduled to take place at the Yardmen Arena in Belleville. Due to the recent NHL lockout, the game will not take place until next fall. Brandt will be making an announcement when the lottery will open for game tickets later in the week.

At the end of the parade, the arena parking lot was set up. Stalls gave out free food, with long lines forming for hamburgers and nachos.

Awards were given to the organizing committee, led by Cindy Brandt. Later that night, a game between Team Stirling and Team Rawdon made up for the NHL game that had to be canceled because of the lockout. Team Rawdon won, seven to five.

With the Stirling Hockeyville done, it is now another community's turn to host the festivities and become Hockeyville 2013. Because no matter where you are in Canada, hockey truly lives here.



Photo by James Wood

Nick Saunders and his daughters Rosie, Katie and Angie were in the Hockeyville spirit this past Sunday, showing off their crazy hair.



Joe Payeur gets his chance at a female Mallard duck (hen) but misses his shot and the duck prevails. Payuer was using a back up shotgun when his Remington 20. Gauge was locked in his Jeep earlier that morning.

World comes alive for hunters

(Editors note: Evan Campbell is an avid duck hunter and wrote about his experience in the field with high school friends Matt Van't Slot and Joe Payeur.)

Photos and Story by Evan Campbell

When you get up before the sun does, you really get the chance to see the world come alive.

After an early morning 5:30 start time, Matthew Van't Slot, 20, and Joe Payeur, 17, make a quick run to Tim Hortons near Arnprior, Ont. for a coffee and bagel before heading to the blind for the morning hunt.

The morning starts off with a dark walk in to the riverside blind. If you don't have a flashlight, you can't see your own hand in front of your face. The walk lasts about 10 minutes while tripping over sticks and long grass, which battles with keeping your focus on being silent.

Once at the spot, the guys start to throw the decoys out into the water to give the ducks a feeling like there are other ducks around and that they can land. By the time the set up is all over and the guns are

loaded, the boys settle in for a long hunt.

The morning is just crisp enough that you can see your breath. It's almost silent in the bush other than the chickadees and other small birds awakening with the sun. As the sun starts to rise, it hasn't crested the horizon yet but you get enough light to start seeing the world around you.

Payeur waits for some geese to start cackling in the fields next to them to start calling with his duck call. You don't want to call too much or too loud or ducks won't fall for the tricks and land somewhere else.

When you see ducks flying overhead, you hit them with the call, but as they approach, you can't call them directly in their face or it will scare them and they might not come to you.

If you do get lucky and all the things that need to happen do happen, it's time to let it go and fire away. The sound of a shotgun booming through the forest is one like no other. It hits your ears with such force that it's like no other.

Once the trigger is pulled, it is all but in the cards whether or not the duck will fall or fly away, leaving the hunter with a feeling that can't be fixed until you get redemption and get your shot.

For most hunters, hunting isn't just about going out and killing animals, it's about getting out to wild, respecting game and enjoying what the sport has to offer. The rush that comes from a duck flying past your blind or a deer under your tree stand is hard to put into words.

It's almost like the world stops and it's just you against your prize, whether it is five seconds with a duck zooming past your blind or an hour-long battle with a whitetail that knows something isn't right in his territory.

If you do prevail and get your prize, the day is not over. Cleaning and preparing game for eating is a process itself. The ability to go out to the forest and come back for food and nutrition for your family and friends is very rewarding and gives you a sense of accomplishment.

Everyone should get out and try hunting. It's a very long road to get good at it and to meet the legal requirements, but once you do, it's something that sticks with you forever.

All you need is a weekend-long hunting and firearm safety course and fellow hunters to show you some tips and locations to hunt. Hunting is something that gets passed down from generation to generation and is enjoyed by many.



Joe Payeur and Matt Van't slot take a break from hunting to reload their shotguns. Payeur and Van't Slot were out for an early morning fall duck hunt. The boys only got one chance at one duck and it got away from two shots of Payeur's shotgun.



Matt Van't Slot gives the call a try in the field. Matt's friend Joe Payeur is the superior caller but there is always room to learn in the hunting world. The boys got out for one last duck hunt before deer hunting opens on the first of October for bow season.

Students and staff make beautiful music

Loyalist College
Community Choir
shares common interest
in songs and singing

By Kayleen Preston

Although the Loyalist College Community Choir may have taken some time to come together, the blended vocal group is excited to keep the group going in its second year.

The choir, which has grown from about 18 students and faculty to approximately 30, has a mix of students who are in courses ranging from health to media,

as well as a few of the faculty. Yet they put that all behind them to share the common interest of music and singing.

"I enjoy going every week because of the people who come just enjoy singing as much as I do. Its fun for me," explains Bruce Kerr, a choir member and a student of TV New Media.

It's not only the students who share this joy; the faculty do as well. Ali MacDonald, a part-time faculty Eng-

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Choir faculty advisor Pam Fairbank

lish teacher who describes herself as a "theatre nerd," explained that she can now enjoy the convenience of being able to be with people who enjoy music like she does, right here at the school.

"There's obviously something about this kind of a club, or the way that we're trying to cross-pollinate, that we're not just students, we're not just faculty, that seems to be attractive to people," explained Pam Fairbank, an arts and science teacher and the choir's faculty advisor.

"I get stopped in the hall by faculty that I don't really know that well and they'll say, 'Oh, are you on your way to choir practice?'"

Each Wednesday, the group meets at 5:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, with John McFarlane accompanying them, to sing a variety of songs. They are currently learning to sing Broadway songs like *Defying Gravity* from *Wicked*, as well as mainstream music like *Give a Little Bit* by Supertramp, and a few songs by Adele. Generally, McFarlane chooses the music that is best for the group, but he also takes suggestions to try songs like *Bad Romance* by Lady Gaga.

They are working on getting different kinds of music as well as sheet music for the songs they are singing. Currently, they

only have words to look at while singing. This causes difficulties for people who are looking at the song for the first time. With sheet music, they will be able to know what pitch to be at, even if they are looking at the music for the first time. Fairbank shared that they are also thinking about trying other cultures of music, such as African, but unsure when that will begin.

The group is planning on a few public appearances this year including the college open house, a coffee house in the Link Lounge on Nov. 15, the annual general meeting of the Alumni, as well as doing some events for Christmas.

"Our doors are open," explained Fairbank for new people who are interested. "If you decide that you want to come in now, or in a couple of weeks, whatever. Come in and check us out."

Battling obstacles of first year

By Julia McKay

As with many great military traditions, the Royal Military College first-year officer cadets completed their First-Year Orientation Period (FYOP) with a grueling 12-stage obstacle course during the 2012 Reunion Weekend Sept. 28 to 30.

Each flight, ranging from 12-16 first-year cadets, were expected to run, climb, crawl and carry each other through all the obstacle stages in 90 minutes.

The cadets learned during the obstacle course just how important it is to have a good team working together. Without each other, cadets wouldn't be able to scale the three-metre wooden wall on their own. If one falls down, they all fall down.

Dressed in squadron colours, their fellow second-year officer cadets run along

with their flight, cheering and offering encouragement through each obstacle.

At the end of 90 minutes, all 12 flights met back at the parade square to receive their points and to celebrate.

"When the entire obstacle course was finished, I felt so happy and accomplished. I never would have been able to finish something like that without the tough workouts from our staff and support of Warrior Flight," said Officer Cadet Sarah Kelly of 9 Squadron.

"The overall experience was like no other. I can't say I would do it all over again, but I am looking forward to a great year of meeting new people and enjoying life as a student at RMC."

The goal of the course is to instill team pride, camaraderie and working as a cohesive unit. These skills will be vital for their future in the military and life.



Photo by Sandra Kielback

Cadet Hugo Archibald Hazledine struggles to push one of his fellow 9 Squadron members up the 'Wall Challenge' during the RMC obstacle course Sept. 28.



Photo by Justin Chin

Cadets of 2 Squadron perform the obstacle at the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear defense casualty carry simulation, part of the RMC obstacle course at Royal Military College in Kingston. The obstacle course consists of 12 obstacles and first-year cadets competed on behalf of their squadron for points towards the Commandant's cup.



Photo by Sandra Kielback

Three members of 11 Squadron pull their last member up the 'Wall Challenge' at the RMC Obstacle course. This was the team's final obstacle before the end of the course.



Photo by Julia McKay

Officer Cadet Sarah Kelly, 20, struggled through the water, mud and fatigue with her fellow first-year cadets of 9 Squadron during the Royal Military College obstacle course.



Photo by Justin Chin

9 Squadron cheers before the Royal Military College obstacle course last weekend at Royal Military College, Kingston.