

A photo salute to the past

By Gail Paquette

An iconic photograph of Pierre and Justin Trudeau in an intimate moment in Canadian history became a matter of the heart on Valentine's Day at Loyalist College.

The photograph, captured by UPI photographer Rod MacIvor, of Pierre Trudeau carrying baby Justin made front-page news in Aug. 1973 and won a National Newspaper award, included in a magazine feature called *10 Photographs that Changed Canada*.

On Thursday, it brought Justin, now 41, to tears as he was presented a copy of the photo by Belleville Constable Jeff Ling.

Hanging in the home of Ling and his wife, Danielle, is the original photograph of Pierre and Justin Trudeau and the saluting Mountie. The Mountie in the photo is Jeff Ling's father, RCMP Inspector Denis Ling, who was assigned to 24 Sussex and the prime minister and his family. Ling was sitting with Trudeau when Justin came into the world.

When Danielle Ling heard Justin would be stopping on his cross-country tour at Loyalist College on Valentine's Day, she knew it was the right time for the 'second generations' to come together. After Trudeau's speech in Alumni Hall, Constable Ling presented him with a framed copy of the photograph.

"Almost every single stop in this country, I am overwhelmed by people who come to me and tell me great stories about my father and great stories about my mother and so far I have been able to resist the tears that almost inevitably flow. Today I failed in that," he said.

"I am so touched and so honoured and so grateful to the men and women who have chosen to serve this country with their very lives. I am not a cry-baby but Valentine's Day and the kind of love I have been shown has just left me very emotional today."

"It would appear that family values are passed down from generation to generation and history can repeat itself and in that regard, we wish you nothing but success, good luck and I salute you," said Ling.

History repeated itself, as Constable Ling saluted Justin Trudeau, just like his father had in 1973. The salute sent cheers through the crowd and brought tears to Justin's eyes.

Ling is as important in the meaning of the photograph as the prime minister carrying his baby under his arm. MacIvor, the photographer of the original photograph, is adamant that Ling was the essence of the photo even though he was sometimes cropped out, focusing in on the prime minister and his 2-year-old son Justin.

During a garden party at Sussex Drive, wrapping up the Commonwealth Conference in 1973, MacIvor snapped the photo of the prime minister in a moment he has said depicted him as, "a family man with style and humour."

"Trudeau, realizing he had Justin under his 'saluting arm,' gave Inspector Ling a sly smile on the way by," said MacIvor.



Photo by Mandy Larade

Belleville Police Service Const. Jeff Ling salutes Justin Trudeau after presenting him with a photo of Justin as a toddler being carried by his late father, Pierre Trudeau. Ling's father Denis is the saluting mountie in the original photo (inset). Ling's family heard of Trudeau's Loyalist visit and offered to present a framed copy of the photo as a memento of Trudeau's visit to Belleville. The iconic photo was shot by Loyalist photojournalism advisory board member Rod MacIvor.

Justin time for Valentine's Day

By Gail Paquette

Liberal Leadership frontrunner Justin Trudeau said Thursday he was impressed with all of the media attention he received at Loyalist during a morning tour.

But he said he knew why students were taking tons of pictures and recording his every move.

"I know it was homework, but it was still very flattering."

The Liberal MP has visited several colleges and universities on his tour across Canada and his attention to youth in this country is apparent.

Arriving a bit early, he walked through the doors and was greeted by President Maureen Piercy.

"We are very excited to have this very special Valentine's Day guest," said Piercy. "We have some very excited media students."

Travelling from the main entrance to the media wing, Trudeau was surrounded on all sides by cameras and microphones capturing his every move and every word.

Said to have the same charisma of his father, many are wondering whether he will follow in his father's footsteps.

"I love this and I love him," said Denyse Mouck, president of Prince Edward-Hastings Provincial Liberal Association.

"He has had more education politically than any other person in Canada. He lived it and breathed it."

For 16 years, Pierre Trudeau was prime minister of Canada and Justin arrived three years into that leadership.

Now in the running to lead the Liberal party, Trudeau started hitting the campaign trail hard, four months ago.

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V-Day raises awareness for women's rights

By Myriam Lublink

One in three women on the planet will be raped or beaten in her lifetime.

It's a horrible thing to hear, but it's a reality as stated on the One Billion Rising website. The organizers of the event feel that it is time that statistics like these be addressed and dealt with.

Feb. 14, 2013, is the 15th anniversary of 'V-Day', a day to end violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sex slavery. 'V-Day' is a day to raise awareness for the cause. 'V-Day' is a day of victory.

One Billion Rising is a worldwide day where women stand up in countries around the world against this violence. The goal of the event was to have one billion women and those who love them walk, dance and rise up to the end the violence.

Christine Chomyn, a Trenton mother, organized the local One Billion Rising activity in Trenton with her daughter Danielle on Thursday morning. She had heard about the awareness campaign through a social media website and decided that she had to do something.

"I watched the mini film that was created for One Billion Rising and I was so moved. It was heartbreaking but empowering at the same time. When I saw what these women were going through, and what they overcame, I thought what courage and strength," explained Chomyn.

On Thursday, women in different countries and cities got together and sang, danced, walked or whatever they felt would bring the most awareness.

"When I saw the film I thought I



Photo by Myriam Lublink

Sarah Gagnon (left), her daughter Gabrielle and friend Colleen Patterson stand on the bridge in Trenton, Ont. holding signs and doing the international sign for One Billion Rising, an international awareness campaign to stop violence against women. The sign was created as a representation of overcoming and rising above violence.

can't sit back and do nothing, I need to do something to help raise awareness so I don't know why but a peace walk

came to mind," said Chomyn.

At 8 a.m. women, men and children came together with signs

in preparation for the peaceful walk around downtown Trenton.

Almost 20 people joined the walk.

Starting at the parking lot at the Metro in Trenton, they weaved their way up and down the streets to ensure lots of exposure. Many cars honked in support of the walk as the group stood on street corners despite the cold temperatures. To conclude the walk, the group stood on the bridge and did the international sign for One Billion Rising: one hand pointing towards the sky to represent overcoming and rising above violence against women.

With so many women exposed to violence every day, Chomyn said she feels that she has a responsibility to do what she can to bring awareness to the issue and hopefully one day end it.

"We are all equal. We are all souls, whether you are a man or a woman. I think it's just so wrong for one person to think they have enough power over others that they can harm another being.

Cindy Martin, one of the participants in the walk, said that it was great to be able to support Chomyn and great to be a part of the campaign to bring awareness to the issue of violence. Martin was walking with her mother Rita Joyce, and their dogs Girly and Poppy and plan on joining in the walk again next year if there is one.

Chomyn said that she was really happy with the turnout of the event. She joined One Billion Rising late and was worried that she would end up walking and singing with just her daughter.

"I am beyond thrilled that so many people came out. Without supporting each other, this kind of stuff just doesn't happen," said Chomyn.



Photo by Justin Tang

Father of the flag

John Matheson poses for a portrait at the Kingston, Ont. long-term care home where he resides on Wednesday. Under the direction of Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, Matheson, then an MP in the Ontario riding of Leeds, was a member of the committee that helped bring a new flag to Canada. Matheson is credited for establishing the concept and symbolism for the flag and as an ardent supporter of the eventual design. The new flag was unveiled on Feb. 15, 1965. National Flag Day of Canada is observed annually on Feb. 15. See qnetnews.ca for a full photo gallery.w

Trudeau makes passionate pitch for change

By Jeff Peters

The energy in Loyalist College’s Alumni Hall was nearly tangible as the son of one of Canada’s most beloved prime ministers spoke to a crowd of approximately 230 people. Justin Trudeau’s Valentine’s Day visit to Loyalist was met with applause, photo opportunities and excitement.

Trudeau said a government should be run for the common good of all and that the current Conservative government is based on divisiveness. “The greatest strength of this country is the fact that we are strong not in spite of the differences that define us from coast to coast to coast but because of those very differences we need to once again pull together on what de-

fines and unites us,” Trudeau told the audience. Patty Teal of Dunsville, Ont. in her first year of business administration and human resources, said the speech hit the nail on the head with his sentiment of unity and working toward common goals as a nation. “Everybody wants to be part of something bigger than they are. They

want to be able to be engaged in something that’s outside of themselves. To be a part of change and move forward be part of a success not just for themselves but for those around them,” said Teal. James Neilson, first-year paralegal student and retired provincial offenses officer didn’t echo the same sentiment as Teal.

“Mr. Trudeau spoke very well I thought, but he did mention how disappointed he was and trash talked the present government. I don’t believe in that myself I believe if we are going to have unity we present positive issues and not necessarily emphasize the negativity ... doesn’t really matter whether you’re Liberal or Conservative or Bloc Quebecois, they all divide and conquer,” said Neilson.

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During a brief Q& A in the Pioneer and QNet newsroom Trudeau was asked how his leadership tour had affected his family life. He assured everyone he was in constant contact, face-timing his children every morning. During his speech to students, faculty and members of the community in Alumni Hall, Trudeau spoke of his vision for Canada. “Canadians are tired of being forced to be cynical. They are tired of being forced to vote against things. Nobody is voting for anything, anymore. “We are better than that. “The challenges we face require us to continue to be better then that.” He told the crowd how even though the economy over the past 30 years in Canada has done extremely well, income has only risen by 13 per cent. For the first time in the history of this country, this generation suspects that perhaps the next generation may not have greater opportunities and that is very destabilizing. “The strong economy of this country relies on a thriving middle class.” The floor opened up to questions, part of Trudeau’s promise to do things differently, “This is the fun part,” he said. There was time for six questions and fittingly one was asked about his father. Belleville Intelligencer reporter and Loyalist Photojournalism grad Jerome Lessard approached the microphone, welcomed Trudeau in French and asked him, how his father has been his inspiration. “My father, I am incredibly proud of him... because of the values and the strength that he gave me and mostly the convictions that there is always a need to build into the very base of our politics a trust for Canadians. “I am very aware that I am not here to try and defend or stand up for policies of 40 years ago but the values and commitment to this country that he taught me are things that I carry forward with me as we try to look to solutions that will allow us to survive the 21st century,” he responded. Perhaps the most memorable moment of the day was when a tear rolled down his cheek while being presented with a photograph of his father from Belleville Police Const. Jeff Ling. “I am not a cry-baby but Valentine’s Day and the kind of love I have been shown has just left me very emotional today.” Rod MacIvor of United Press International took the photograph. “My father and your father spent a lot of time together,” Ling told Trudeau. “He even sat in the hospital where you were born on Christmas Eve.” Ling admitted to being a bit nervous. “That is the future leader of our country,” he said. “But to bring him to tears is heart-warming.”



Photo by Taylor Hermiston

Sonya Dronsfield, a photojournalism student from Loyalist College gives Justin Trudeau a rose for Valentine’s on Thursday. Justin Trudeau toured the media departments of the college and then was open for questions at a press conference at the college’s Alumni Hall.



Photo by Gail Paquette

Founder and spokesperson for Glass Office Tower Corporation, Veronica Hendrick-Lockyer and owner of DeJa Vu Boutique (left), and Kimberly MacDonald have partnered together to provide career clothing, shoes and accessories to woman who could not afford it, otherwise.

Women help others less fortunate with housing, mentorship and skills

By Gail Paquette

Being one of 'those women' is a huge motivator for Veronica Hendrick-Lockyer. "I am a woman who has been through it, not as bad as some but worse than others," she says. Founder and spokesperson of Glass Office Towers Corporation in 2010, Hendrick-Lockyer's goal is to help less fortunate women with housing, mentorship and life skills. Those were some of the things in her own life that were compromised when she became a single mother of four in 2004. Recently she partnered with long-time friend, Kimberly MacDonald owner of Kimberly's Déjà Vu Boutique in Belleville to provide one most basic necessity, clothing. The type of clothing they are looking for is what one would wear to a job in-

terview. Hendrick-Lockyer promises if they don't have it they will find it. Déjà vu Boutique is a consignment shop just north of the 401 on Hwy 62 in Belleville. The shop has been there eight years and MacDonald said she has helped women make thousands of dollars from clothes in their closets. The understanding for women taking their clothes into the boutique is that if the clothing doesn't sell it will be donated to charitable organizations. That is where Hendrick-Lockyer came in to bridge the gap. "I have known Kimberly for nine years and our friendship is ultimate. I asked her if I could have the clothes filtered though GTOC to help women who sometimes cannot afford it. Good quality work clothing is often overlooked if you cannot even afford a dol-

lar for a can of soup. It can be expensive." Veronica, along with new business partner and daughter Cassie, package the clothing into sizes and outfits. "I have a background in design and knew my talents could be utilized to put outfits together for women looking for and ultimately achieving jobs in various fields. Some women have never had a proper outfit." The packages contain a variety of styles and a photograph is provided of the contents. The ensembles cost nothing. GTOC is about giving her a hand up - not a hand out. "It is not for all women, it is for those who cannot afford it. Kimberly's shop is not that expensive and if women can afford to buy clothing there, they should." Henrick-Lockyer believes all of her ini-

tiatives will benefit the community and that the success of these projects depend on awareness and involvement. "If you are lucky enough to have been able to attend school and have the education to be in a really good career then what better way to give back and help other women achieve success then to open the doors of your closet. "Giving women the help they need to achieve economic independence will not only transform her life but those of her children. Each of us can help make a difference in a women's life and help end the cycle of poverty," said Hendrick-Lockyer. "I am in the business to make woman look and feel beautiful," said MacDonald. "I am thrilled to be a part of this." For more information Hendrick-Lockyer is available at 613-813-3956 or veronicagtoc@gmail.com.

Prom project helps those who need it

By Jennifer Robertson

As prom starts to draw closer for high school students, the second annual Prom Project has been launched. The Prom Project takes in donations of gently used formal wear for students who can't afford to buy an outfit for their upcoming prom event, as well as any other graduation events for younger students. The project's campaign was launched on Feb. 11. Six secondary schools in the Hastings and Prince Edward County areas are hosting Prom Project events to help get as many donations as possible. These schools are Bayside Secondary School, Moira Secondary School, North Hastings High, Prince Edward Collegiate Institute, Quinte Secondary School, and Trenton High School. Maribeth deSnoo, from the Education Centre in Belleville, said that not only is the Prom Project looking for dress donations, but also any men's wear donations, such as suits are greatly appreciated. "Certainly the focus is gently used formal wear including semi-formal and formal wear, but don't forget also the guy's wear. It's not just dresses. In fact, one of the biggest needs that we had over the past years has been dress pants and dress shirts in particular for the boys graduating from Grade 8," says deSnoo. The Prom Project's first year, which took place in 2012, was successful and deSnoo believes this year will be successful as well. "I think that we will equally successful, if not have more donations this year. Last year was our very first year, we had over 1,600 items donated." Donated items can be dropped off in several locations including the Quinte Mall.



Instagram pic of the week

Congratulations to Steph Crosier (username @stephanc2990), winner of this weeks Pioneer's student Instagram pic of the week contest, with her photo of her backyard during the last Fridays snow-storm. Be sure to follow us @LoyalistPioneer. To see all the Instagram submissions, search #Pioneerpics with your Instagram app. Deadline is each Tuesday by 5 p.m.

Bell launches campaign to talk about mental health issues

By Jennifer Robertson

Bell launched its Let's Talk campaign on Feb. 12 to raise money, awareness and to get people talking about mental health. Bell set up several ways for people to help raise money for their campaign. For each text message sent, Bell donated five

cents to help fund mental health initiatives across Canada. Long distance calls made, Twitter tweets and Facebook shares made more donations possible. Bell announced on Twitter on Tuesday night that over 80 million calls, tweets, and texts were made in Canada, setting a new record for the Bell Let's Talk day.

The campaign was extremely successful in raising funds for donations. According to the Canadian Institute of Health Research, one in five Canadians will experience a form of mental illness at some point in their lives. Forty-nine percent of Canadians said they would socialize with a friend who has a serious mental illness,

and twenty-seven percent of Canadians are afraid of being around people who suffer from serious mental illness. Bell posted several facts about mental health on its website for users to read and better understand Sandie Sidsworth, Hastings and Prince Edward Canadian Mental Health Association executive director, had lots of posi-

tive comments to make on Bell's choice to host a campaign on mental health. "This is such a great thing that Bell is doing," says Sidsworth, "It's also the anti-stigma campaign, it brings some dialogue into play where we can talk about mental illness."

Retreat offers support to people in need

By Benjamin Priebe

The Sexual Assault Centre of Quinte-Hastings County is opening a unique and innovative healing retreat on May 30, the first in Canada to provide therapy and support to both men and women affected by sexual violence. The residential healing centre, known as the RHC, is a specialized program designed to give men and women from across Ontario a safe place to heal from the wounds of sexual violence. Officials say it is critical to the health of our community and is making revolutionary new steps in the way survivors are supported. "The program is for survivors of sexual violence over the age of 16," says Gail Chipertzak, manager of the Sexual Assault Centre for Quinte District. "We are open to anyone in Ontario and we believe we are the only program in Canada who helps both men and women. We have received awards and grants from the Ministry of Health for innovation." Chipertzak and executive director Kim Charlebois are working to create a support and treatment network for Ontario's survivors based in Prince Edward County. The sexual assault centre has been running and developing the program for the past six years but has always used a rented temporary space. For the first time, they were able to purchase a property and expand. "We are a non-profit organization and charity. We get money from private donors, funding from the provincial government and money from the United Way," says Chipertzak. "In order to purchase the RHC property, we did fundraising last year spearheaded by Kim Charlebois. We



Photo by Benjamin Priebe

Clockwise, from back left; Kim Charlebois, Elise Hineman, Stacey Trubridge Jan Austin and Gail Chipertzak are some of the staff at the Sexual Assault Centre for the Quinte-Hastings area.

received \$975,000 just from this county." The program will take groups of 10 men or women to an isolated natural retreat and use group therapy, physical challenge and holistic methods to help them overcome past pain and unresolved issues stemming from sexual abuse. "We have done 13 retreats with 10 survivors per retreat," says Chipertzak. "We are moving to a phase in which we help 120 per year in monthly retreats. "Every day at the retreat focuses on 'the paths of courage' using group therapy, followed by a physical activity and then a workshop either education based or involving creative expression," says Chip-

ertzak. "Everything is done as a group so there is lots of moral support, trust and togetherness." The exact location of the RHC cannot be disclosed to protect privacy but it is a pleasant farmhouse on eight acres of land in Prince Edward County. "When survivors are at the retreat, they will feel surrounded by nature and alone to deal with their issues without the stresses of the world," says Chipertzak. The healing centre is located in a rural location chosen to give survivors feelings of privacy, comfort, safety, and closeness with nature. It has facilities used in therapeutic exercises such as a high rope

course, rock climbing wall, kayaks, and a system of hiking trails. "In the program, we spend a lot of time outside, in the woods and on the water," says Chipertzak. "We also bring in facilitators so the survivors can partake in meditation, yoga, chakra therapy and drumming." The objective of the program is that survivors can try out various methods of therapy to develop a healthy coping mechanism for their emotional pain. Charlebois explains that she hopes participants emerge with a happy and positive outlook on life and that they can move on and shed the scars given by abuse. "I compare our program to Outward Bound. We use physical challenge to increase confidence so that people can trust the group and deal with their emotional pain," says Chipertzak. "The group is involved through support and feedback. We facilitate a safe environment in which survivors can deal with their issues. It's fantastic." The sexual assault centre does follow-ups on attendees one month, three months and one year after the retreat is completed. This is to ensure survivors are progressing in a positive manner and to further improve the healing centre methodology. Attendees often form lifelong relationships with those they work with and will drop by the sexual assault centre on Octavia Street to visit and con-

nect. Before the healing centre was purchased, the office used to close for a week bi-annually during the retreat day but will now stay open because of extra staff and funding being acquired. "An exciting thing is that we are going to develop and offer workshops for survivors where they can all come in to our Belleville office and work on topics such as shame, forgiveness and healing," says Charlebois. "I see us offering a lot more services to the clients that visit." The sexual assault centre hopes to spread the word about its program and encourage survivors of sexual abuse from across Ontario to get in contact with them or a local service to set up a visit to the retreat. "If survivors are interested in going on the retreat or receiving help, they just have to phone and let us know. We will put them on a list and have them fill out a detailed application form," says Chipertzak. "We screen applicants to make sure that they are physically and emotionally ready as it is a painful process with great reward and we only wish to help." The Sexual Assault Centre of Quinte-Hastings County can be contacted for counseling services or a spot at the healing centre by phoning 613-967-6300 or by e-mail at sacqd@lks.net. Drop-ins are always welcome at the office at 41 Octavia St. in Belleville.

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Andrea Brennan-Doucette, shown in this Oct. 17 photo, plans on spending the 40 days of Lent committing random acts of kindness in her home, place of work and anywhere else she may.

Woman gives instead of giving up for Lent

By Myriam Lublink

Thousands of people give something up for Lent every year, however Andrea Brennan-Doucette plans on ‘giving’ in a different way for the next 40 days.

Lent is the 40-day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Lent was originally observed with a focus on self-examination in preparation for Easter. To demonstrate this, Christians of the fourth century would fast for the duration of Lent. Now, some do still fast, but the majority of people who observe Lent give something pleasurable up like chocolate, meat, coffee or something that they feel they ‘need’.

Tina Manuel, pastor at the Salvation Army Community Church in Trenton, says that many Christians use Lent as a period of time to sacrifice something important to them because of what Jesus did for them.

“Lent is a time when many Christians chose to deny themselves of something or fast, in remembrance of what Jesus did for us by sacrificing his own life,” said Manuel.

Manuel runs the Family Services at the Salvation Army during the week, and with her husband, Steve Manuel, does a church service on Sunday mornings.

“I think Lent is a great thing to remind us of the love that Jesus had for us,” said Manuel.

Brennan-Doucette, a Belleville mother, decided to try something new for Lent after realizing that, because of some

drastic changes in eating habits, she had nothing left to give up.

“On Wednesday, Lent begins, but I don’t have anything left to give up! I think I will commit random acts of kindness every day until Easter instead,” said Brennan-Doucette earlier this week.

Brennan-Doucette started this in 2012, as she couldn’t think of something to give up after she had spent the previous four years making the change to only healthy eating. Knowing that Lent is part of the Christian faith, Brennan-Doucette felt she still needed to do something from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

“I just thought it would be fun and that my deeds would probably inspire the recipients to follow suit and be kind to someone else. In that way, the love keeps spreading and my small act may benefit even more people. I thought it was more Christ-like than just saying no to coffee for a few weeks.”

Brennan-Doucette plans on random acts of kindness towards strangers, friends and family while keeping it all anonymous. She did the same thing during the 40 days of Lent in 2012 and felt that it was a great success.

“I did it last year and I never saw the reactions because all my kind deeds were anonymous. Things like paying for someone’s order at the drive through, leaving gift cards in mailboxes, flowers on a co-worker’s desk, cards with supportive messages, etc. It was so much fun to come up with ideas,” said Brennan-Doucette.

Pope says goodbye

By Jessica Nyznik

A resignation like this isn’t seen often. In fact, it’s been 719 years since the last one.

During a meeting of the Vatican cardinals on February 11, Pope Benedict XVI announced that he would be stepping down at the end of month.

“After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry,” Benedict told the cardinals.

Michael Swan, associate editor of The Catholic Register, said in a phone interview that while resigning from pontification is unusual, the idea has existed for a long time and Benedict had raised the possibility even before he was Pope.

Swan said he feels Benedict made a “courageous decision” to resign and he put the “interests of the church above his own”.

Father Richard Whalen, of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Belleville, agreed with Swan saying he thought it was an “act of humility”.

Whalen admits that Benedict’s resignation came as a surprise because the Catholic community is accustomed to popes staying on until the end, meaning that they serve until they die.

While Whalen said it is not common in the “ordinary world” to work up until such a late age (Benedict is 85) the church is seen as a life of service and a calling of God.

However, Whalen said that he does not see this as Benedict retiring, because he will continue to love and pray, but as “moving onto a different phase of service”.

There has been much speculation by the media that Cardinal Marc Ouellet from Quebec, who is currently the head of Congregation for Bishops and resides in Rome, is a frontrunner to take over for Benedict. Swan and Whalen agree that there is no way of knowing who will be elected.

Both men believe that Ouellet would be appealing because of reasons of continuity regarding his present-day position at the Vatican but that the selection of a new pope is a deeply mysterious and spiritual process.

If Ouellet was elected, Swan said he thinks having a Canadian pope could have an upsurge of interest of the papacy, an increase in seminary enrollment and an overall rising of interest in the Catholic Church for our country, as it did in Poland and Germany after having popes in power from those countries.

Becoming pope, however, may not be something Ouellet would want to be considered for. Published reports say that Ouellet has said that becoming pope “would be a nightmare”.

Swan spoke of a “room of tears” that the newly elected pope is ushered to immediately after beginning papacy, where he is fitted for his robe and inevitably sheds some tears.

“No sane person” would want to be responsible for a legacy of more than 2,000 years and one billion Catholic people, said Swan.

With the Vatican hoping to find a replacement for Benedict before Easter, there is no doubt that Benedict’s leadership will be missed.

Born Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger, Benedict was elected as the 265th pope in April 2005 at the age of 79.

“I love Pope Benedict. He has a tremendous sense of faith and brought peace to the church,” said Whalen.

Art plays significant role on tourism

Over nine million tourists enjoyed art-related activities while in Ontario

By Dayna Lefebvre

Local artists have mixed reactions to a recent report about arts and tourism, commissioned by the Ontario Arts Council and released in January.

The report states that the “economic impact of arts and culture tourism in Ontario is considerable.”

“People are coming from larger cities, wanting to see something different,” said Ricarda Forbes-Loth, a mixed media painter from Picton. “The Quinte region in general encapsulates what those people are looking for.”

The report determined that over 9.5 million tourists enjoyed arts-related activities while in Ontario – over 22 per cent of all Ontario’s overnight tourists.

The Hastings-Prince Edward County area in particular is brimming with arts and culture attractions, including the PEC Arts Trail, which includes over 30 studios and galleries. Another popular tourist destination is Sandbanks Provincial Park, which brings in thousands of visitors per year, according to its official website.

“With Sandbanks being a popular tourism destination, there’s always people coming and enjoying what the area has to offer,” Forbes-Loth said.

Another local painter, Amanda Latham from Belleville, feels that social media has a lot to do with the increasing numbers. “It seems that people are able to get more information about the arts in our area. Many people that aren’t from the area are very interested in meeting the artists.”

According to the report, of all Ontario tourists, 66 per cent were Canadian, 23 per cent were American, and 11 per cent

were from overseas.

“Artists are being recognized in a more positive way,” says Latham. “I believe tourism helps artists in many ways.”

The report determined that the average Ontario arts and culture tourist spends nearly twice as much per trip than a tourist who does not participate in arts-related activities. They also stay in Ontario up to 42 per cent longer than other tourists.

However, local artists say they believe more could be done to help promote them and their work.

“I’ve asked a few local businesses to hang my pieces so the public can see what I offer. The one business that will help advertise for me is owned by a good friend of mine, who also happens to be an artist,” said Latham.

Zoë Shane, an illustrator and photographer, feels there is not enough media coverage of the local art scene.

“All I hear about is music in the community, not any other form of art,” she said.

Forbes-Loth believes that artists are being covered and recognized, but it is a small group of older, established artists. “There’s a lot more for a specific group. People in their 20s wanting to experiment artistically hardly get coverage in the Quinte and Prince Edward County area.”

Forbes-Loth’s paintings are abstract pieces that are full of colour and pop vibrantly. “The people who visit are generally looking for something specific -- a picture of Sandbanks, a historical building,” she said. “My work doesn’t reflect that, so I sell in different ways.”

“Arts councils in our area need to take an interest in the current young, emerging artists that are all around,” said Forbes-Loth. “If a person shows promise, that person should be given the same opportunities and support, whether they are a member of a council or not.”



Ricarda Forbes-Loth displays original prints on her coffee table. Her home is lined with artwork by both her and her three-year-old son, Quin, who Forbes-Loth raises as a single mother.

Pancakes served up as guests enjoy Shrove Tuesday event

Day before the beginning of Lent includes feasting

By Adam Dietrich

It was an evening of friends, fun, community and of course pancakes at Eastminster United Church’s Shrove dinner held Tuesday.

The event marks the day before Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent in the Christian calendar, a time of penance for observers. The Shrove feast, colloquially called, “Pancake Tuesday,” is a day to celebrate before the start of Lent.

Organizer Garnet Thompson, said this year is right in line with previous years. He estimated at least 170 meals were served.

“We’ve been doing this for about 25 years” he said. “This year is definitely a good one.”

Thompson is part of an organization called, As One That Serves, which

organized the event. The organization is a United Church outreach program founded in 1925. Thompson, the national president eight years ago, said the purpose of the program is youth outreach.

On Tuesday though, their goal was the efficient distribution of pancakes.

“The biggest challenge we faced,” said Thompson, “would be finding all the volunteers we need.” About 25 people agreed to help, enough for the event.

For some church members, like 86-year old Jim Rapino, volunteering for something like this is an annual event. “I’ve done this for about 30 years now,” he said as he flipped a line of pancakes.

Thompson said part of the event and the purpose behind As One That Serves is to engage the community outside the church.

Peter Gray, a father of three who has lived here since 2005, said they decided to come even though they’re not church members. “I saw an ad for it in the paper and thought it would be a nice night.”



Jim Rapino, 86, pours pancake batter onto a skillet on Shrove Tuesday this week. Rapino has been volunteering to make pancakes at Eastminster United Church’s pancake Tuesday for the last 30 years.

Good deeds get recognition

By Laura Boudreau

Random Acts of Kindness week is encouraging students at Loyalist College recognize good deeds for fellow peers.

“It started about five or six years ago as a mentor appreciation day and then I realized, there are way more people to appreciate than just the tutors,” said Deiana Gonyea, assistant, aboriginal services. Gonyea has been at Loyalist for 12 years but has only been at aboriginal services since December 2012.

Gonyea said that the most important reason to recognize people for good deeds is to make the public more aware of being kind to others.

“Sometimes we forget to say thank you for those little things, we need to appreciate people.

“None of us can do things in isolation and they need a little pick-me-up just a helping hand can change the world,” said Gonyea.

To some people being kind comes naturally.

“It’s important to encourage people to care for each other. It is just a way of life, you do nice things for people it just makes sense,” said Annaliese Heissler, a television and new media second-year student who was nominated by her teacher for a certificate of kindness.

Many events took place on campus starting on Monday. Food for thought, kindness counts campaign, student appreciation day, a validation booth and wear red for heart day. With many draws for being nominated for doing nice things, and wearing red to show your awareness for both Valentine’s Day and heart health month.

Food for thought was an ongoing fundraiser to run all week. Students and staff donated a non-perishable food item for



Photo by Laura Boudreau

Random Acts of Kindness week is taking full swing at Loyalist College. Teachers nominated students worthy of a kindness certificate and this event was to celebrate that. Annaliese Heissler is enjoying her well earned cake and punch with fellow classmate Ernon Schneeberger.

the food bank and got their name into a draw w win a lunch for two from the cafeteria.

Wednesday was student appreciation day. Faculty and staff nominated students to receive a certificate from the di-

rector of student success for their portfolio, and free cake and punch to celebrate.

Also there was a possibility to win a basket of “Loyalist swag” for being nominated by a fellow student. There was also a chance to get your name in a draw for an eReader by getting your validation

card stamped at the booth in the Student Success Hub.

“For me it is just about recognition to the people who do so many things to help other people; little things that they don’t necessarily think are a big deal,” said Gonyea.

Market helps moms make money

By Lyndsay-Lee Quinn

Moms who want natural or local products for their kids are turning to handmade products made by other mothers in Belleville and surrounding areas.

There are many stay-at-home moms that spend the few hours they have to themselves, usually in the wee hours of the morning, making crafts to get just a few extra dollars. At The Mama Market, moms are able to make some money while helping out other mothers and fathers in the area with many unique products.



“There is a lot for mom’s to get together, but no one know’s about it,” said Bridget Legere, 27, and co-facilitator of The Mama Market.

Legere continues, “I go to the various different programs, I know about them, but they’re attended by the same 10 people. That’s the thing that surprised us about the last market, we’re like, “there’s people here we don’t know?!”

Products at The Mama Market may be slightly more expensive than going to your local big box store, but parents can take comfort in knowing they are helping out a local mother, and not contributing to anything like unfair wages, or child labour.

The Mama Market is part of a tight-knit community of mothers in the area, but would want nothing more than for other moms in the area to join them.

This past Mama Market, held at By The Moon, was the second market that was run more as a store format, rather than having all the vendors there, creating more room for product. With the success of the last market, they hope to run The Mama Market at least every other month.

Miniature horse gets temporary home at Quinte Humane Society shelter

By Laura Boudreau

The Quinte Humane Society took in a miniature horse on Wednesday, with the hopes of adoption.

Joey the miniature horse was dropped off at the shelter earlier this week. The owners could not keep him because of a few complications. The other horses did not get a long with him because he was a stud and there was a lack of hay, said Jenny Duffy, manager of the humane society.

“This time of year is a really hard time for hay, and without hay it would be hard to maintain a farm,” said Duffy.

“Joey is a miniature horse. He is around six years old and is well tempered. He was gelded Wednesday so the stud issue is no longer a problem,” said Duff.

The shelter has had horses in previous years. However, this is the first one that they have kept at the shel-

ter. The other horses that have been brought to the shelter have been put into foster homes because of the space issue, but because Joey is small, he is able to stay right at the shelter.

“He is a sweet little guy. After he recovers from his gelding he will be quite the little pet,” said Duffy.

Horses are not necessarily harder to find a home for than any other animal, said Duff.

“It really depends on the animal and its tempers. If the right person comes in and sees the right animal, it’s fate.”

“He will be ready to go, all cleaned up and gelded for \$400 by the end of the week,” said Duffy.

There is a nice stall at the shelter that Joey stays in. He has access to outside so he can run around and play.

“Minis are known for driving carts as well. I know Joey would make for a great cart driver when he’s all healed up.”

Love more important than money for Valentine’s Day shoppers

By Laura Boudreau

The love seems more important than the spending for Valentine’s Day shoppers.

According to some businesses, not as much money is being spent on gifts compared to past years.

“Generally people spend \$100-\$200 on their spouse in my shop, but it’s not as much as it used to be,” said Alicia VanLuven, who has been the manager at La Maison D’Eva Belleville, a fine lingerie store for three years.

“It’s not like 10 years ago when people came in and spent their life savings, now it’s only 15-20% higher than a regular business day,” said Sheryl Gommer, beauty boutique manager at a Shoppers Drug Mart in Kingston.

“It used to be 80-90% up in sales at this time.”

Shoppers are also not planning on spending a lot of money.

“You show your affection by spending the day with your loved one and maybe a nice dinner or date night and a small gift and a card,” said Ryan Young, an apprentice mechanic from Trenton. Young and his girlfriend have been together for two years and they feel Valentine’s Day is a very important day for couples.

“No more than \$100 because it’s about being together not showing off your wallet,” said Young.

Extra staff is needed depending on what is being sold. VanLuven said La Maison D’Eva doesn’t need the extra staff until after when the women spend their gift cards and need the help for fittings.

Promotions are also a big part of Valentine’s Day.

“We have a promotion for all of our male clients purchasing for their spouses.

“If they buy a gift card worth \$100 or more we will add an additional \$20 onto the certificate as more of an incentive to spend a little bit more,” said VanLuven.

Women are going out and getting the lingerie for themselves and their spouse for the special day together.



Photo by Laura Boudreau

Alicia VanLuven, manager of La Maison D’Eva, said Valentine’s Day is important because it is a time of love.

“It’s way more common now for the woman to come in and buy for Valentine’s Day. In the past couple years it has always

been the men getting gift cards and holding stuff for the spouse to try on,” said VanLuven.

“It’s all about the demonstration of affection to the one you love, that is all,” said Young.

Sports Wrestling cut from Olympics in 2020

IOC decides sport has higher risk of injury than any other in games

By Sofia Rojas

Wrestling has been a traditional sport in the Olympic Games since 1904. However, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced, as of Feb. 13, that the sport has been dropped from the 2020 Olympics.

Free-style wrestling dates back to ancient Greek mythology where the Gods battled it out against each other for the prize of universes and titles. Also, according to cave drawings from Mesopotamia located in Iraq, wrestling has been about for over 7,000 years.

The IOC has decided that the sport has a higher risk of injury than any other in the games and has been officially dropped from the 26 sports already involved. Over the last couple of years, 11 medals had been handed out among those competing. Canadians won half a dozen of those.

Canadian wrestler Daniel Igali won a gold medal in 2000 at the Sydney Games. Female wrestler Carol Huynh took gold in Beijing at the 2008 Olympics.

Now that the sport has been cut, what do the wrestlers who have been training and dreaming of representing their country do now? Student of Western Ontario University, competitive wrestler and Loyalist College general arts and science graduate, Alec Bauer had much to say about the issue.

“I think it is a negative call on the IOC,” said Bauer.

“Wrestling is one of the founding sports in the Olympics and arguably the most challenging. Wrestling is more than just a sport, it teaches individuals important values of life. You learn how to be independent, discipline, and work collectively as one unit. For example, Jordan Burroughs (Olympic gold medalist) posted today (Tuesday February 12) via social media a petition waver and within 2 hours it had received 11,000 signatures,” said Bauer.

The decision made wasn’t just an immediate one. Members of the IOC looked at more than three dozen elements to back up their choices starting with ticket sales and participation and ending with political and sentimental factors.

The sport will now be running up against baseball, softball, karate, squash, roller sports, climbing sports, wushu, and wake-boarding for a spot in the 2020 Games. A new sport will now be added to the Summer Olympics to replace.

“I hope the sport is re-entered into the Olympics because, as a wrestler, this is the ultimate goal for me. To put my nation on my back and represent my country would be the greatest success,” said Bauer.

Bulls beat Frontenacs

By Jason Prupas

The Belleville Bulls beat the Kingston Frontenacs for a big 4-1 victory Wednesday night at Yardmen Arena. It was the third consecutive win for the team. This moves them to the second spot in the division with 70 points.

Early in the first period the Bulls were behind the Frontenacs 0-1. Quickly they came back with a goal during a power play from Brampton native Tyler Graovac, to tie the game 1-1 by the end of the first period. Bulls goal tender Malcolm Subban registered 16 period saves for the Bulls.

The second period opened up with Bull left wing Michael Curtis in a brawl, followed shortly by Carter Sandlak duking it out with Ryan Haynes after a faceoff. Minutes later Graovac scored another goal, slipping the puck between the legs of the Frontenac goaltender.

With just 1:26 into the third period, Daniil Zharkov approached the Kingston net and wound up to shoot the puck, but at the last minute he changed his mind and passed to Alan Quine who sent the puck past the Kingston goaltender to score his first goal of the game and 15th of the season.

At 14:48 into the third period, Graovac out-maneuvered the Frontenac defence to score his third point of the game and his 30th of the season.

“Everyone was staying positive, we had some great fights out there that kept me going. A lot of the guys are contributing and were starting to play play-off hockey so things are going well,” said Graovac. “I think we need to work on our defensive end, we need to turn the puck over a lot more and keep it in the offensive end.”

The Bulls are off to Mississauga Friday to play the Steelheads, and then back to Yardmen Arena Saturday to battle it out against the Sudbury Wolves who have been climbing their way up the division, by beating the Steelheads 3-2 last Saturday. The Bulls will be playing at 7 p.m. Saturday.

On the street

We asked people at Loyalist College the following question:

How do you celebrate Valentine's Day?



Rhonda Shortt, 57, sales associate, Loyalist Bookstore, "We've been together for 30-something years so me and my husband just get each other cards and take-out. Valentine's Day is too expensive."



Cameron Ansell, 20, first-year television-new media, "I don't celebrate Valentine's Day because it's a capitalist consumer holiday, that and I don't have any money."



Jack Carver, 19, second-year journalism online-print-broadcast, "Usually I go on an elaborate date, but this is the first year that I have no plans."



Amanda Hein, 18, first-year journalism online-print-broadcast, "I usually hang out with friends and have an anti-Valentine's Day party!"



Amanda Davenport, 29, cashier, "I will be working on Valentine's Day and then coming home late to spend time with my kids."



Brad Scaletta, 32, community and justice service worker, "For Valentine's Day I just hang out with my family and spend the evening with my girlfriend making dinner."

Editorial

When did voluntary become mandatory?

Across Ontario, public schools have seen their regular daily routines shaken up by the fallout of the teachers' strike against Bill 115. This bill basically imposed a two-year contract on public school teachers which removed their right to negotiate, froze wages, reduced benefits and limited their right to strike. The legislation was repealed Jan. 23 but only after it was used. Since the Ontario Labour Relations Board ruled that protesting during school hours was illegal, because it's against the contact, the Ontario teachers and their union determined that boycotting any and all activities outside the classroom is their next step. So what has been affected? Anything outside classroom hours: supervising school clubs, coaching athletic teams, trips, after-school programs, prom and a host of other non-classroom activities. The time spent supervising and running these programs are primarily voluntary. According to the a study completed for the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario, on average, teachers spend an extra 2.7 hours per week on extra-curricular activities. The issue of who supervises extracurricular activities is very complicated and emotionally driven. There are many sides and more than just students are affected. At the moment, everyone is on the losing end. Teachers who volunteer: they don't get to spend their free time doing something they enjoy doing and working with their students. Parents and students: they don't get their fun, character-building, supervised clubs, teams, trips, prom, fundraising, after-school programs, etc. School boards: they don't get an effortlessly running system for further education. The government: they don't get happy teachers, students, parents and boards. While the teachers, unions, boards, and the governments try and figure out their next step, here are a few suggestions of how to change things for the future:

- Add 'extracurricular time' as an option to the teachers' contracts and pay them for the time.
- Hire coaches, retired teachers or trained community members to cover these activities.
- Generate a pool of parents, booster clubs and community volunteers, as well as teachers to run these programs.

It just seems like everyone involved is being volun-told what their place is in the big picture and it's their responsibility to step up and get the job done. No matter what you call it: extra curricular, volunteer or after-school program, it's an invaluable part of a young person's education. So let's figure this out. Because then, everyone wins.

Julia McKay

U.S. military finally accepts women in combat role

Historically the role of defending one's country and fighting in wars has been the realm of men. The exemptions have been few and far between of women in combat throughout history. The Russian military during the Second World War is a particularly interesting example of the women utilized in warfare and not just in an auxiliary or administrative role. Women served as machine gunners, tank crew members and pilots. A famous example of the latter would be the 588th Night Bomber Regiment. Threat regiment consisted of 40 female bomber pilots and crew. By the end of the war, the regiment would have flown 23, 000 sorties and dropped 3,000 tons of explosives. Twenty-three members of the unit were award the title "Heroes of the Soviet Union" and the decorated bomber unit would sustain 32 casualties by war's end. Flash forward 68 years. On Jan. 24, 2013, the U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta lifts the long-running ban that disallowed women from the combat trades of the U.S. military. The ban barred women from units or trades in the military whose primary mission was direct combat such as the infantry, armoured and combat engineers. Along with this limitation being horribly discriminatory, it is no longer relevant to the type of warfare experienced in the last 13 years in Iraq and Afghanistan, where the front line was never a set line. The traditional combat trades would at one time have been the ones most likely to actually engage the enemy. This is no longer the case, and this is evident with the changing face of the modern veteran. For example, consider Tammy Duckworth, the freshman Democratic congresswomen from Illinois, who became the first female double amputee of the Iraq war. Duckworth lost her right left below the hip and her left leg below the knee on Nov. 12, 2004 in Iraq. Duckworth sustained these injuries while co-piloting a Black Hawk helicopter that was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade. To add insult to injury, given the fact that women are just as vulnerable as men are to enemy fire, they will never be cited as serving in combat units, which is a huge detriment to those pursuing a long term career in the military. Combat deployments look good on a resume. On the flip side, the Canadian military has allowed women in combat roles arms since 1991. Canada lost its first woman in a combat role in Afghanistan. RMC graduate Captain Nichola Goddard died after suffering fatal wounds from an insurgent rocket-propelled grenade. Women have made sacrifices just as equally as men have over the past 20 years. So the news from the United States is good news, albeit old news. In this case, old news is good news.

Jeff Peters



Opinion

Scrutiny about Kathleen Wynne should be based on skills alone

By Benjamin Priebe

A new straight-talking Liberal MPP is on the rise and making a stir in Ontario. Kathleen Wynne is a Liberal Party MPP currently representing the riding of Don Valley West. She was appointed premier by Lieutenant-Governor David Onley on Feb. 11, upon the formal resignation of Dalton McGuinty, after which she will be the first female premier of Ontario. One more thing: Wynne is openly gay and lives with her partner Jane Rounthwaite; she will also become the first openly gay premier of Ontario. Now personally, this fact has little importance to me. I disregard the fact that she is female as much as I disregard her sexual orientation; her role in Ontario politics is directly correlated only to her position and work in politics. I am frustrated by the fact that wherever you hear Wynne's name, someone must

point out that she is a non-heterosexual female politician. For example, The Star's Martin Regg Cohn posted an article on Feb. 7 which opens with the line "First woman premier and, yes, first lesbian premier." Does whom she chooses to date and her gender really have any bearing on her political career? It's 2013, and if we were really as progressive and open-minded as we pretend to be as Canadians, then it would not even be a topic of discussion. If you will agree that it is wrong to discriminate against someone because of race, gender or orientation; is it not also wrong to advocate them for the very same reasons? The media seems to emphasize the facts of Wynne's home life in an attempt to create either shock or awe while they should be focusing on the extensive and important offices she has held. Wynne has three children and

two granddaughters and has lived in North Toronto for more than 25 years with the same person; that is stable in this day and age. Is it not the media's mandate to be fair, unbiased and to focus on the issue at hand? I thought that sleight-of-hand techniques and diversion were tools akin to mud-slinging utilized by party members. Wynne's sexuality does not deserve any mention in the media as it is not a factor in politics. Let's focus instead on her position as Minister of Education in 2006 where she supported full-day daycare and smaller class sizes, her swearing in as Minister of Transportation in 2010 and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Aboriginal Affairs in 2011. Whether Wynne turns out to be the best or worst MPP, whether she succeeds or fail, we should limit our judgment to her professional performance and not her private life.

Putting the brakes on poor parking lots

By Lyndsay-Lee Quinn

I paid exactly \$282.50 to park here at Loyalist College for my two-year education as a photojournalism student. Like most other media students, I park in the P10 parking lot. This parking lot is unpaved and poorly maintained. If you talk to students who park in that lot, you will get a wide range of responses including swearing and cursing. During the warmer months, dirt is kicked up making all the cars dirty. Students hardly have time to eat and sleep, let alone take the time to wash their cars every week. This parking lot is also unmarked, causing confusion among drivers – some people have

been seen parking sideways, or parking in the makeshift laneways. Not to mention the potholes that show up daily, which could cost us money in car repairs if they get deep enough. During the colder months, when there is snow and ice, it seems to always be the last parking lot to be plowed or sanded. When there are a few inches of ice in the parking lot, like there was this school year, sanding does absolutely nothing. Personally, I have fallen in the P10 parking lot, as well as skidded, almost crashing while I was trying to park my car. In my program, students can easily have \$5,000 or more worth of camera gear on them. Falling with that kind of gear could result in broken cameras and lenses. Paying for repairs

or replacing items is quite costly and could result in students not having the tools they need to complete assignments. I am certainly not impressed with the lack of care the school takes in the parking lot. So I ask, where does my money for parking go? I think it should go directly in to the maintenance of the parking lots. I should not have to park in another parking lot, further away from my classes just because it's better maintained. In February 2011, Hadas Parush wrote about the P10 parking lot. That article stated that dependant on funds, the lot could be paved by the summer of 2011. It's now two years since that article has been written, and what has been done?

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Trudeau-media



Justin Trudeau tells photographers not to stop shooting because they might never know what he'll do next. Photo by Jessica Nyznik



Justin Trudeau walks down a hallway at Loyalist College surrounded by media students. Trudeau took a tour of the facilities and then gave a speech to students. Photo by Emily Cumming



Danota Jagacalak passionately asks Justin Trudeau what he plans to do about poverty if elected the leader. Photo by Richard Barclay



Liberal leadership candidate Justin Trudeau hugs supporters as he leaves Alumni Hall. Photo by Marta Iwanek



Justin Trudeau was brought to tears when he was presented with an iconic photo of his father, Pierre, carrying him in front of an RCMP officer. Photo by Jessica Nyznik



Justin Trudeau, member of Parliament for the Montréal riding of Papineau and candidate for the leadership of the Liberal party, speaks with Loyalist College's media students as part of his leadership candidate tour. Photo by Justin Chin

By Myriam Lublink

Justin Trudeau stopped at Loyalist College on Valentine's Day as part of his tour. Media students from journalism online print and broadcast (JOPB), TV new media and photojournalism programs filled the Pioneer/QNet Newsroom and the hallway of the Media wing to see Trudeau. He proceeded to Alumni Hall to give a speech and then moved into a Q&A period with the students and Belleville and area residents.

At the end of the speech and Q&A, a framed copy of the famous 'Justin under Trudeau's arm' photograph was presented to Trudeau by Belleville Police Const. Jeff Ling, the son of the Mountie featured in the photo. Constable Ling handed Trudeau the photo and the crowd watched and cheered as history repeated itself when Ling saluted. The salute brought tears to Trudeau's eyes.