

Wong looking toward 2014 Olympics



Pictured is Baddeck's Jessie Wong whose coach asked her and three other players from University of Minnesota Duluth's Bulldogs not to play for their countries at the Meco Cup in Germany this month.

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of the bony socket of the joint. It helps to provide stability to the joint by deepening the socket, yet unlike bone, it also allows flexibility and motion. She feels she acquired the injury in late August when she was in Ottawa at a

Hockey Canada training camp.

Getting daily therapy has helped but Jessie's dad says she is still not one hundred per cent. Her hope is that she will be fit and healthy and asked to play for Team Canada at the 2014 Olympics in Russia.

District #8

Realizing change does not happen overnight

by Johnny Buchanan

I hope all the constituents of District 8 had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I am glad to say that I have one year under my belt as a municipal councillor. It certainly has been a learning experience for me along the way. I have realized that time is an essence, and things just don't happen overnight.

This past year has been a busy one working with key individuals throughout the communities on various issues.

As 2011 drew to a close it brought a wish list for the new year, 2012.

There is a plan to have a playground

in Dingwall.

We are still working on cell service for the Bay St. Lawrence area as well as getting the Community Center in Cape North up and running while roads will always remain an issue.

These are just a few of the things we are hoping for this year. I wish there was a magic wand to wave so all would appear.

I will do my best to serve you as Councillor for District 8.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me or send an email: john.buchanan@countyvictoria.ns.ca

Seasons Greetings from Johnny, Cody, Janson and John Tristan.

District #2

We have won the lottery of places to live in the world

by Keith MacCuspic

As another year came rushing to an end, and as everyone reflects on the past twelve months, I like to think of the good things that have happened.

Audrey and I became proud brand-new grandparents to a baby boy on August 10th, Finn Charles MacCuspic. Everything else pales in comparison. However, that's just a proud grandfather talking: just ask me, I have pictures!

We live in a county with an aging population that suffers from out-migration, and the problems that go along with a dwindling population.

That's enough negative thoughts on Victoria County because we also live in a county where people will join forces to help out their neighbors when misfortune is calling.

We must remember that we live

here, whether being born here or choosing to move here, we have "Won the lottery of places to live in the world". So what if it takes an extra day to receive a parcel, on your doorstep. Just check the world news any day and you will see we live in a pretty good place.

As a municipality I believe we are open to everyone's opinion and you're always welcome to get on the Agenda if requested.

We have an "Active Living Strategy" underway that hopefully will get more people living a healthier life style and therefore a healthier population in Victoria County. I can bear witness to this: if you don't have your health you have nothing, and not much of anything else matters.

In closing I want to wish you a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Ski Cape Smokey ready for lots of snow



The Lodge at Ski Cape Smokey sports a repaired and reshingled roof thanks to the building's owner, the Province of Nova Scotia.

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some interior repairs will be completed next week.

With this situation under control, the Society has turned their efforts into readying the POMA lift for inspection.

"The POMA's electric motor was removed and refurbished in Sydney. We

now have the motor back on site and will be readying the lift for inspection in the following days. Once the lift inspection is completed we will be hoping that Mother Nature cooperates as she did in 2011, providing us the snow for another awesome ski season," Mr Dauphinee said.

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