

# 4-H Public Speaking and Poster Competition



Victoria County 4H public speaking rally and poster competition was held April 2nd at Baddeck Forks Hall. The winners of the competition have advanced to the Cape Breton Regional public speaking rally taking place April 19th at Greenwood United Church, Baddeck. In the photo are (l-r): Mitchel MacKinnon - Junior Poster; Steven Maufort - Host; Gregor Messem - Junior Speaker; Alison Holmes - Senior Speaker; Chance Blackstone - Junior Introducer; John Holmes - Senior Demonstration; Catherine Messem - Intermediate Speaker; Donnelle MacKinnon - Senior Poster; Judges Chrissy Vandergiesen and Bill Smith. Missing from photo is Maggie Berk - Junior Thanker.

# Altered plans discussed in House of Assembly

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The crowd reacted with a collective gasp when Myers, working from a diagram on an overhead projector, began to cross out classrooms to be eliminated.

"I felt a physical reaction, watching her mark off all those classrooms," said parent Jennifer MacKay.

Victoria County Warden Bruce Morrison told the crowd he was "shocked at the level of downsizing of this school."

Student Council President Kendra MacCuspie told the crowd she was in grade three when the upgrades were announced.

"I was convinced I would graduate from a state of the art facility," she said. Instead, she and her fellow graduates are planning their prom around construction debris and the notion that

further upgrades may not come for the students who remain.

MLA Keith Bain asked Education Minister Ramona Jennex in the House of Assembly if the government is still committed to the renovations initially agreed to in its first plan?

Minister Jennex responded saying, "I would like to assure the member opposite that if the project was approved, that is the project that they are going to be receiving."

Suggestions from the parents were taken by the SAC and they will decide on the next steps to ensure Baddeck Academy students get the addition and renovations they deserve.

Baddeck Academy serves 324 students from a number of communities in southern Victoria County. Sections of the school were built in the 1950's and 1970's.

# RCMP Report

The Victoria County RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in solving a break, enter and theft from two summer residences in the Iona and Estmere area.

Sometime between March 26th and April 1st, 2011, suspects entered into the residences and a boat motor was stolen from one of the properties.

The RCMP are asking the public to contact them should they see any suspicious persons or vehicles around their community.

If anyone has any information on the above crimes they are asked to con-

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