



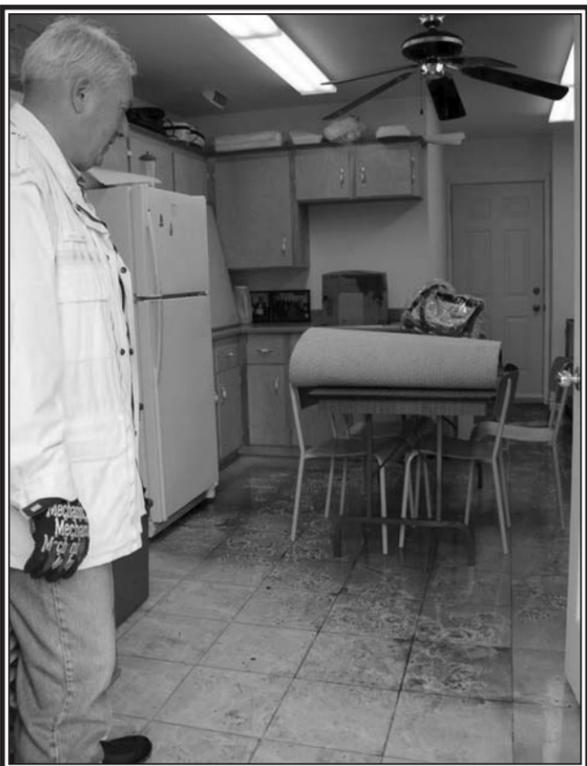
A large tank continues to leak propane as it is carried away by flood waters. (submitted)



Several feet of water is roaring across Highway #2 in Great Village. (submitted)



There was plenty to cleanup in Wilson's Gas Bar after the waters receded.



Robert Patriquin checks over damage inside the fire hall after the flood waters receded.

Elizabeth Bishop House Survives Flood

By Sandra Barry

The EB House was in the direct path of this wall of turbulent water and was surrounded. It looked dire. As the water left, what revealed was a great deal of erosion around the foundation of the house. The front step had been taken off and the driveway, from the road to the verandah steps, had been gouged out, along with the shoulder of the road from the EB House to the bridge. Another peculiar thing was that a great quantity (a ton, literally) of earth had been deposited in the backyard of the EB House, a testament to how quickly the water ebbed: that is, it simply dropped large rocks, gravel and mud, as though from a dump truck.

I want to say clearly, in spite of the rather awful looking driveway and yard, the Elizabeth Bishop House itself is fine. I attribute this fact to Norman Bowers, who bought the house from Bishop's maternal family in 1932 (after Bishop's grandparents had died). One of the things not commonly known about the EB House is that the basement is an amazing place. It has three- and four-foot-thick concrete walls and floor - it looks like Fort Knox.

The northeast corner of the floor is open earth because, since it was put on that site, the basement has taken in water from the spring runoff. The water goes in and the water goes out. Additionally, Norman Bowers knew the historic high water mark (the house was surrounded by water during the Great Saxby Gale of 1866, and perhaps once or twice since then - one time in the early 1930s, for example). Nothing has ever been stored there. The furnace is elevated nearly to the ceiling. The well pump and hot water heater are also elevated.

I measured the high water mark from this flood: 35 inches. Extreme as that is, the basement took it without much trouble at all. The basement walls go down beyond the external erosion, which means, it was not compromised. The front porch foundation is not part of the main foundation and it will require some work (and a new step), but all in all, the house is secure.

The lovely yard, which is the most visible element, is a mess (besides the gravel, lots of debris floated into it). The clean up of it will begin in

earnest as soon as the N.S. Department of Transportation in-fills the shoulder of the road at the beginning of the driveway, a task which needs to be done quickly, because as those who have stayed there know, the corner on which the EB House sits is a busy one.

We are withdrawing the house from market temporarily, but I am writing this post partly to state publicly that the Bishop House is fine and to thank the community for

its caring and concern. There was damage done to other properties and I want to express my heartfelt sympathy to those people and say that I hope the damage is minimal, as it was at the EB House. And I want to thank Norman Bowers, wherever he is in the spheres, for his incredible foresight and action to ensure the EB House is on solid ground (or concrete, as the case may be).

Read Sandra's entire post at <http://www.elizabethbishopcentenary.blogspot.ca/>

October Church Schedule

By Christine Urquhart

Church services during October will be held at our three Churches, rotating between each building at 10am.

October 5th - Masstown, October 12th - Debert, October 19th - Glenholme and October 26th Masstown.

Sunday school starts up again on October 12th so bring your children to Church with you! All those who attend our

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Sunday school love it! October 5th is World Wide Communion which will be celebrated at our service in Masstown. If you have any questions about our Churches or our services contact our minister Rev. Carol Gillard 902-662-2617.

Cumberland Senior Clubs Meet in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

The Cumberland County Council of Senior Citizens met for their second meeting of the year hosted by the Wentworth Pioneer Club at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. As club members entered the Centre, they were given tickets for the raffle of a mystery basket organized by Jan Smith, a member of the host club.

President Judy Schultz introduced the guest speaker, Margaret MacDonald, Care Coordinator from the Cumberland Health Authority Continuing Care. MacDonald gave an informative and interesting talk, saying that the vision of Continuing Care was to support people of all ages to live safely and independently for as long as possible in their homes. Only after all options have been explored will other living choices be considered. A Continuing Care Coordinator works with a client and family to determine what supports are needed for the unique needs of each person and family. The case management approach supports independence and safety in the home while providing the needed services. The assessment is completed in the client's home with those whom the client wishes to be present. An assessment is required to determine needs and eligibility for most services.

Such services include

nursing, home support, palliative care, bed loan program, home oxygen, respite care, caregiver benefit, self managed care, personal alert or medication dispenser, and supportive care. Continuing Care can connect to a variety of other resources in the community such as falls prevention, occupational therapy, and meals. When clients are eligible, some services can be purchased for them in order to support remaining at home, such as home maintenance, transportation, meal delivery, and snow removal. When a person needs hospital services, Home First will focus on preparing the person to return safely back in their home, and this is achieved by increased mobilization, advance discharge planning, and enhanced services at discharge from hospital (including Emergency Room discharge).

Only when living at home is no longer an option, long term homes are available for eligible individuals, and two types of homes are available in Cumberland County depending on the level of care needed: residential care facilities and nursing homes.

After her excellent talk, MacDonald took many questions from those present. To contact Continuing Care District Office phone 1-800-225-7225, 7 days a week, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

After grace was said by Rev. Brian DeLong, a tasty

meal was served by the Wentworth Pioneer Club and gave a chance for people to chat and get to know one another better as Cumberland County covers a large territory. A basket was passed around at the meal and members each donated \$5 to help cover costs.

At 1 pm President Schultz called the business meeting to order. The other current executive of the Cumberland County Council are Secretary Betty Curry, Treasurer Gertie Hollis and Zone Representative Sharon Rector. Important aspects of the business meeting were the announcement of a New Horizons Grant, the request for updated club history of each club, a report of the 40th Convention of the Federation of Senior Citizens and Pensioners of Nova Scotia, reports from each of the clubs present, and two important future meetings.

The Summer Picnic of the Cumberland County senior clubs was held at the Wallace Community Hall on August 13. It was a fun-filled afternoon of entertainment followed by a potluck supper. Each person was asked to bring a food item for the supper.

The third Council meeting of the year, which includes all clubs will be held on September 17 at the Shinimicas Seniors Centre and hosted by the Sunrise Senior Citizens Northport.



Dawn Lewis representing the Springhill Club sang for songs at the summer picnic held in Wallace by the Cumberland Senior Clubs. (Hope Bridgewater photo)



Jennifer Gogan dressed in the Correctional Services Tartan and representing the Wallace Club, played six tunes on the bagpipes Cumberland Senior Clubs summer picnic in Wallace. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

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