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Anti-poverty Activist To Speak, Oct. 23 & 24

Some say a community legal center with different legal aid lawyers in Halifax, will be presenting a seminar from the Atlantic region in Antigonish this Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.

Fay will speak at St. F.X. University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. The title of her speech is "From Welfare to Social Justice: The Political Dimension of Social Justice." Her speech will focus on the political dimension of social justice, and how it relates to the work of the community legal center.

Dear editor
On October 13, Katherine Reid's letter to the editor invited candidates for the Antigonish Town and County Council to consider the situation of low-income people in this area. Specifically, she was concerned about housing, provincial and municipal social assistance, and the general "downsizing" of social services. I am writing to you to express my support for her concerns and to let you know that I am also a candidate for the Antigonish Town and County Council.

On October 23, Town Councillor Robert Gossel responded, but did not address the questions Reid raised. Instead he chose to raise his own questions about the Antigonish Women's Association.

I think Councillor Gossel has missed an opportunity. As a local citizen, I am concerned about the growing disparity of wealth throughout our society. I am concerned about the high rate of unemployment in this region, that continues a growing number of people in homelessness.

For our life-chances, I am aware that many of these citizens are women and youth and I commend the Antigonish Women's Association for giving voice to their concerns. I am also aware that full employment is, realistically, not going to happen in the foreseeable future. Given the technological "revolution" which is displacing workers and the globalization of production which is using cheaper labour in Third World countries, we, as the Maritimers, are entering an uncharted period of social change.

However, with this change there is also the opportunity of building a new, inclusive, compassionate society concerned about the well-being of all citizens. Many are suggesting that such a society can only be built from the "bottom up," beginning at the local level. While I know municipal governments have very real constraints, they can also play an extremely important role in helping facilitate discussion and planning for such a future. It is this opportunity for dialogue which, I feel, Councillor Gossel has missed. It is a dialogue that must include the many different voices which make up our community. I ask our elected municipal councillors to provide leadership in acknowledging our local problems, no matter how difficult, and to help us to move forward in building a community which shows greater compassion for all of its citizens.

Wif Sean
RAI Antigonish (1997)

coastal communities network project

We remember JOIN WITH US IN COMMEMORATION
Friday, December 5 - 7 p.m.
St. James United Church Parlor
We will remember the 14 women shot to death at Ecole Polytechnique along with all victims of violence against women.
All are welcome!
Info: 863-4221
Sponsored by Antigonish Women's Resource Centre

Public Meeting On Health Issues Set

As all too many of us know, there is a growing concern about the health of the people in Antigonish. The meeting is scheduled for September 23, 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Junior School.
Members of the Antigonish Community Health Planning group are the meeting will discuss what makes people healthy in Antigonish and the possible formation of an Antigonish's future health planning group.
Members of the community need to get together to talk about what is most needed and what is not, and what needs to be done. Members are "to" hope to have representation from Antigonish from all walks of life, young and old, at this meeting. We expect that you and your group have important ideas to share and important questions to raise.
Committee members include Sharon MacPherson, Lucille Harper, Colleen Cameron, Beth MacIntyre, Della Gossel, Gerry Hill, Marian MacLellan and Della Anderson.
For more information on the public meeting, call PATH (People Assessing Their Health) office at 863-4221.



MEMBERS OF THE Antigonish Community Health planning group invite the public to discuss the formation of a citizens' health planning group. Members of the ad hoc committee are Sharon MacPherson (front, left), Lucille Harper, Colleen Cameron, Beth MacIntyre, Della Gossel, Gerry Hill, Marian MacLellan and Della Anderson. The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Junior School.



WINNERS of the annual Mary MacLellan Bursary, offered by the Antigonish Women's Association, are Colleen Langille (left), Catherine MacLellan and Patricia Bellamy (right). Pictured with them are fund-raiser Joan Strachan (center) and AWA board member Brenda Silver.

women in community development project

Cook Book Subjects Interviewed

Lucille Harper, of the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, coordinated some 100 hours of interviews for five women and their families for the AWA's new book, "Cooking Our Time". The book by one resident, Lucille Harper, and co-edited by the AWA, is about the traditional stories of women who have made contributions to our community through their cooking. Lucille Harper is the author of the book.



INTERVIEWED on the Peter Gossel radio show on Boxing day were Lucille Harper, Sharon MacPherson, Mary MacLellan, Beth MacIntyre and Della Anderson. They spoke with the popular CFC radio host about the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre publication of the book.

PATH Project Discusses Plans

Members of the most recent meeting of the PATH Project, Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, discussed the plans for the PATH Project. The project is a community-based initiative to improve the health of the people in Antigonish. The project is a community-based initiative to improve the health of the people in Antigonish. The project is a community-based initiative to improve the health of the people in Antigonish.



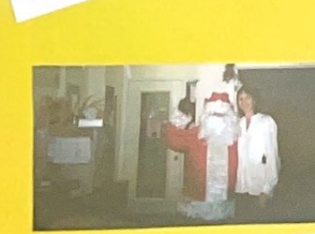
MEMBERS OF THE ANTIGONISH Women's Resource Centre, including Lucille Harper, Sharon MacPherson, Mary MacLellan, Beth MacIntyre, and Della Anderson, are pictured at the recent Antigonish Women's Resource Centre meeting to discuss the book.

young women: lives on the line



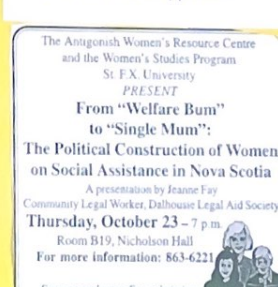
Participants in the PATH Project, Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, are pictured at the recent meeting to discuss the plans for the project.

mid-life transition program



Participants in the mid-life transition program are pictured at the recent meeting to discuss the plans for the program.

preventing sexual violence: a rural outreach approach



Participants in the preventing sexual violence program are pictured at the recent meeting to discuss the plans for the program.

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT MARCH
...an annual event to call public attention to the issues of violence against women
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Roomfield Centre, St. F.X.
863-4221

AWRC Offering Free Tax Preparation

The Antigonish Women's Resource Centre is offering free tax preparation for low-income women. The service is a community-based initiative to improve the health of the people in Antigonish. The service is a community-based initiative to improve the health of the people in Antigonish.

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THE NEWLY FORMED RAI for a change board of directors met for its first meeting on October 13, 1997. The board members are: Mary MacLellan, Lucille Harper, Colleen Cameron, Beth MacIntyre, Della Gossel, Gerry Hill, Marian MacLellan and Della Anderson. The board will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the RAI.