

Dear Abby

# Workers must speak with one voice about disruptive woman

DEAR ABBY: I work in a call center with 35 other workers. Recently our supervisor hired a woman who is mentally ill. We acknowledge that she has a right to work and, for the most part, she appears to be capable.

The problem is she hears "voices" speaking to her and often responds to them. Other times she "hears" co-workers seated behind her plotting to kill her, which, of course, is not true. She disrupts those around her by constantly asking if they can hear what others are saying about her and what she should do about it.

We have spoken to our supervisor about our concerns. His answer is, "Just be quiet

and it will be OK." We don't dislike her — in fact, we're sympathetic — but we resent the position we have been placed in. None of us have been trained to deal with mental health issues. Have you any suggestions on how to handle this? — UNEASY IN OHIO

**DEAR UNEASY:** Your supervisor is mistaken. Just being quiet is not the answer because the voices the woman is hearing are in her head. She's acting this way because she has gone off her medication.

This may be a workplace safety issue. Therefore, you and your co-workers must insist that the supervisor take action to ensure that she's not



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posing a threat to all of you.

DEAR ABBY: Would it be inappropriate or tacky if I had a mother/daughter dance at my daughter's wedding? I know it's a father/daughter tradition, and my husband will obviously have his dance with her, but I'd like to have a shot at it, too.

My reason is purely selfish.

Having lost my son two years ago, I will never experience the mother/son dance we were supposed to share at his wedding the year he died.

Is this crazy? Horribly inappropriate? Am I being too selfish? — SENTIMENTAL IN YONKERS

**DEAR SENTIMENTAL:** Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your son. The mother/daughter dance is something you need to discuss with your daughter and her fiancé. What you have in mind is unusual. However, it would be selfish only if you were to pressure your daughter into it over her objections.

DEAR ABBY: I am extreme-

ly thin and have struggled for years with eating disorders and an unhealthy relationship with food. It's difficult for me to go out with family and friends because everyone watches me — from what I order to how much I consume — and comments on it. If they decide I haven't eaten enough, they make hurtful comments about my weight.

What I need people to understand is that it is just as hurtful to make fun of someone who is thin by calling him names such as "Stick" or "Bean Pole" as it is to mock a fat person.

Some of us are thin because we are ill, whether it is physically or emotionally. Making fun of us is tasteless, hurtful

and unhelpful. — ROBERT IN N.Y.C.

**DEAR ROBERT:** I'm glad you wrote, because your letter provides me with the opening to remind my readers that joking about someone's appearance isn't clever or funny. It's cruel. While the target may take those comments with apparent good humor, no one likes to be ridiculed. And frankly, when it happens, it demeans the speaker more than the person at which it is aimed.

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## Successful Bridal Affair



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The crowd watches as a model shows off one of the latest dresses from Winning Image, during A Bridal Affair on Main Street's runway show at Wayne Center for the Arts on Saturday. Sponsored by WQKT and The Daily Record, the event gave future brides, their grooms and families the opportunity to leisurely walk in and out of stores throughout downtown Wooster, in search of the perfect additions to their upcoming wedding celebrations.

## Meeting notes

### Orrville Lions Club

The Rev. Cordell Brown, also a Lion, and First Vice-District Governor Tom Calhoun, gave a presentation on Camp Echoing Hills in Warsaw, to members of Orrville Lions Club during their meeting on Oct. 13.

The next meeting of the Orrville Lions Club will be at 7:30 a.m. in the Community Room of Dunlap Community Hospital on Tuesday. The principal from the Opportunity School, Chuck Fleming, will be the guest speaker. For more information, contact Lion Kathi Bond at 330-683-1482.

### Wooster Duplicate Bridge

There were 27 boards played when Wooster Duplicate Bridge met Oct. 7 at Central Christian Church. Average was 54. Pairs above average were: Roger Buchholz and Gary Miller, 73; Gale Metsker and George Durrant, 65; Tid Besancon and Kathy Dianiska, 58 1/2; Kay Wagner and Gloria Scott, 57 1/2; and Dana and Virginia Brooks, 55.

When players met Oct. 9 at Wooster Community Center, 4 1/2 tables were in play. Average was 36.

Pairs above average were: Bucholtz and Miller, 48; Durrant and Metsker, 44; Alice Horn and Gloria Scott, 40 1/2; Olga Crawford and Kevin Phipps, 39 1/2; Wagner and Dana Brooks, 39; and Kathy Dianiska and Ann Baumgartner, 38 1/2.

There were 27 boards played when Wooster Duplicate Bridge met Oct. 14 at Central Christian Church. Average was 54. Pairs above average were: Steve Griffin and Richard Mills, 68.5; Pete Bowen and Don Westfall, 63.76; Metsker and Durrant, 61; Wilma Ziegman and Baumgartner, 60.74; Scott and Wagner, 60.13; Evelyn Smith and Mary Smith, 55.30.

When the club met Oct. 16 at Wooster Community Center, four tables were in play, averaging 42.

Pairs above average were: Bucholtz and Miller, 49 1/2;

Fran Beyer and Horn, 48 1/2; Judi and Roy Gingery, 48; Besancon and Baumgartner, 45; and Wagner and Dan Rider, 43 1/2.

### Wayne County Genealogical Society

Lisa Cygan was the speaker when Wayne County Genealogical Society met Oct. 3 at Wooster United Methodist Church. Cygan spoke on the Wayne County Children's Home/The Kinney Building. She had pictures of the Kinney Building and also of the orphans at the home. It opened in 1882, as a working farm where the children did many of the chores, etc. Paul Kinney and his wife took over as head of the home in 1942 for which the building is now named. The children's home was closed by 1978.

The annual luncheon buffet will be Nov. 7 at noon at the Amish Door, Wooster. There will be no meeting in December.

### Wooster UMW

Anita Greene presented the program when Wooster United Methodist Church Women met Oct. 7 at the church. Greene's program was on "Herbs of the Bible." The Holy Land is a relatively small area that has several microclimates which accounts for the wide variety of herbs. Some of them are garlic, leeks, cumin, mint, dill, anise, coriander and cilantro.

The 2010 officers were elected, and reading program certificates awarded to six members.

The rummage sale will be Nov. 6 and 7. Church Women United will meet Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. at Burbank Trinity Church. Those attending should take non-perishable foods for People to People.

The next meeting is Nov. 4

at 6 p.m. at Wooster United Methodist Church.

### NARFE

When the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Wayne County Chapter No. 2218, met on Oct. 8, Dave Menges, Vickie Menges and Helena Schloneger reported on the recent legislative session they attended in Columbus. The session was to train and learn about the tax equity legislation NARFE is trying to get written up and put into legislation. After attending a session informing them of the actions that have been taken, the attendees went to talk to their representatives. They met with Sen. Bob Gibbs' legislative aide and discussed the tax equity issue with her.

Speaker for the monthly meeting was Yvonne Cumberly of the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste District. She spoke to the members on Energy Conservation and Profiling.

The next meeting will be Nov. 12, when NARFE is hoping to have Rep. Bocieri as the speaker.

### Orrville Exchange Club

George Bixler, Exchange Club member and executive director of Orrville Retirement Community, performed various piano selections for members Oct. 9 at a meeting held at Oak Grove Mennonite Church.

Bixler gave part of a larger recital he performed a month ago at the church. The motivation behind the recital was his 2-year-old granddaughter who struggles with leukemia. The recital was to raise funds on her behalf.

A bag lunch prepared by Mary Olp was served. The remaining bag lunches were donated to the Salvation Army.

## Pays

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If we have a dream, if we want something bad enough, we should not give up. Sometimes that means moving in a new direction. Other times that means knocking on closed doors.

I guess the most important

thing is to know what exactly it is that you want in the first place and whether or not sticking it out will make that happen.

In the end, I hope I have a heart of persistence. Because sometimes, persistence pays off.

Just ask Sophia.

Join me Nov. 12 at the Millersburg Library or Nov. 13 at P. Graham Dunn as I share how you can "Simplify Christmas." For more information check out [www.Trish-Berg.com](http://www.Trish-Berg.com).

**Welcome LITTLE ONES**

**NEW MONTHLY PHOTO PAGE STARTING IN OCTOBER**

Once a month the Daily Record will publish a full color photo page welcoming all of our newborns to the community! Parents may submit their baby's photos with the following information: Baby's full name, birthdate, weight & length, parents names & hospital.

The photo page will publish the first week of the following month, which will allow us to receive photos through the last day of each month.

Cost is \$15.00. Please fill out form & mail or drop off with photo & payment to: 212 E. Liberty St., Wooster, Ohio 44691. (Include a self addressed, stamped envelope if you'd like your photo returned). You may also submit the information & photo via email to: [classified@the-daily-record.com](mailto:classified@the-daily-record.com).

Deadlines: 5 p.m. the 1<sup>st</sup> day of following month (ex. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> for all babies born in Oct.)

**BROOKE ROSE KLINE**

Birthdate: 01/25/09  
Weight & Length: 6 Lbs., 8 Oz.  
Parent's Names: Jen & Matt Kline  
Hospital: Wooster Community (SAMPLE)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Baby's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight & Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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