

Bullying at any age

TO THE EDITOR

Welcome to my world! I am a senior of sound mind (according to me), fair health and living in low income housing. There are seniors, physically disabled and social and mental disabled in our complex.

There is a lot of gossiping going on, rumors abound and bullying. As far as I know there isn't any physical abuse, but verbal, mental and emotional abuse can be the norm rather than the exception.

Some residents are asked to not sit in the lobby because it upsets other residents. Conversations are censored. If a person walks through hallways, they are accused of listening at doors. This is to the point that others believe it, even though no person has ever been seen doing it. They are paranoid, thinking others are talking about them, when it is their voices that echo the hallways talking about others.

The worst is the accusations that are screamed out to the point of harassment. They make you feel unclean, bring one to tears, or make you physically ill. They are angry and it causes more anger. They have a mob mentality. Rather than have a thought of their own, they join in with a leader and cause another life to be destroyed. Bullying is rampant at all ages. It's not just for kids anymore.

I have been warned there will be adverse consequences for writing this, but nothing bad should come from the truth.

Editor's note: *The author wrote the above portion in 2014, but never sent it in. The portion below is from 2017.*

I wrote this in 2014 but it hasn't changed and has gotten worse in 2017.

When kids complain their brother or sister are looking at them, do you move the furniture out?

Well, here at senior housing a few people complained they were being looked at when entering or leaving the building; the executive director moved furniture out of the lobby so people can't visit. Board of directors was brought in. Last I heard, a policy to limit visiting in the lobby to one hour a day. Who will be hired to be the lobby police?

With all the tragedies going on in the United States, we are worried we're being looked at? The board meeting became chaotic, screaming, etc. etc. Completely out of order. It seemed inappropriate and underhanded.

Patricia Phillips
Hudson

Media is a powerful tool to reach the community

TO THE EDITOR

We are writing to express our appreciation to RiverTown Multimedia for working with Healthier Together – Pierce County and St. Croix County to raise awareness about the key health issues in our communities. RiverTown Multimedia publishes four newspapers that span a two-county area and have a long history of running stories about health issues in the community. This past year, RiverTown reached out to Healthier Together – Pierce County and St. Croix County with a wonderful idea for a series of advertisements and stories to spark a community conversation about the three health priorities identified in the recent 2017 – 2019 Community Needs Assessment: Alcohol Abuse, Mental Health, and Overweight/Obesity.

The campaign kicked off in March 2017 with a "Let's Talk" full page ad at no cost and in a location that could not be missed, appearing on the outside back page of the news section of each of the four area RiverTown papers. Following the initial advertisement, a "Let's Talk" advertisement appeared in the RiverTown papers for each of the health priority topics at approximately two-week intervals. The plans for the entire series of in-depth stories spanned through Fall 2017 and was created in collaboration with Healthier Together Coalition Action Teams. The series not only showed repeated coverage of the role of prevention, but it clearly demonstrated a deep desire to understand the issues and create a greater awareness in the community.

Media is a powerful tool with the ability to reach our community in a way that simply would not be possible without the commitment of RiverTown Multimedia. In recognition of this commitment, RiverTown Multimedia received the 2017 Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) Media Award.

Thank you RiverTown Multimedia. We look forward to your continued partnership.
Healthier Together – Pierce County and St. Croix County

To Hudson City Council

TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Wisconsin LGBT Chamber to ask you to support the resolution that has been introduced to endorse and implement an inclusion statement and plan within the city limits of the City of Hudson.

The Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce, which represents more

than 500 LGBT-owned and allied businesses and organizations from around the state, works every day to ensure we are building a business community that is fully-inclusive of all people.

According to recent studies by the Williams Institute at UCLA, consumers – both LGBT and allied – are seeking to support businesses that share a common value set and will go out of their way to search for those businesses and organizations. The same can be said when it comes to LGBT and allied individuals searching for communities to live in, raise a family, and own a business.

This simple statement by the Hudson City Council is an important step forward that helps position Hudson as a welcoming and inclusive community that will support all its people. In a global economy where people can go anywhere for a job, we should be working day and night to build communities that people want to live in and work.

On behalf of all of our business members, ranging from large multinational companies to ma-and-pa and pa-and-pa shops, we urge you to quickly adopt this resolution and join us in building a statewide community that values and welcomes all. Only then can we really grow Wisconsin's business community. We hope that Hudson will join us on the forefront of this. We hope that other Hudson area businesses will join us in calling for adoption of this resolution.

Jason Rae
President & CEO
Wisconsin LGBT Chamber

Protesting too much

TO THE EDITOR

Shakespeare wrote: The lady doth protest too much, methinks. Those words came to mind while reading a recent letter to the editor. What was the writer protesting too much, methinks?

Open government, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion and Constitutional rights. Why would someone be against open government and open records as provided by Wisconsin State Statutes 19.31-19.39, unless they didn't want something made public?

In one of the open records documents, a leader of the inclusion resolution group encouraged parents to bring their teenagers to the Hudson Common Council meeting where the inclusion resolution (aka Exclusion Resolution) would be discussed. He stated: "...This will be the best civics lesson for a young mind to

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