

EDITORIAL FEATURES

BEING OPEN, HONEST WITH ADOPTED KIDS

Q: We've always been open with our teenage son about the fact that we adopted him at birth. But recently he's become almost obsessed with the topic - and especially his birth parents. If he gets upset, he shouts that we aren't his "real" mom and dad. This is devastating to us; we love him so much and want him to know we ARE his family. How can we help him?

Jim: This is actually a common scenario for adoptive families. All teenagers struggle with identity issues, and that's definitely compounded when the various facets of adoption get thrown in the mix ("my biological parents didn't want me," etc.) So counselors suggest that parents not become hurt, discouraged or threatened when the adopted child expresses a desire for information about, or contact with, their birth parents.

Of course, much depends upon your own situation and the circumstances of the adoption. But in general, the adoption should not be an "off-limits" topic with your son. Allow him to ask questions, and answer to the best of your ability. If you know anything about his birth parents, tell him what you can. If there's a possibility for contact at some point, prayerfully consider how you might help facilitate that.

Again, one of the most helpful things parents can do for adopted kids is to be open, honest and forthcoming. Whatever the circumstances of his birth, it doesn't negate the fact that he is your son and a member of your family.

And make sure to emphasize this: With all else said, his birth mother/parents loved him enough to choose to give him life and a chance for a future through adoption.



Jim Daly

If you'd like additional help navigating these waters, please call our counseling team for a free consultation. The number is 855-771-HELP (4357).

Q: After such a contentious political year, we thought we'd be able to move on from partisan debates. But extended family and friends with views across the spectrum just keep harping on these issues. Our children are confused; how do we handle this with them?

Danny Huerta, Vice President, Parenting & Youth: Many of our beliefs, for good or bad, are framed as political matters. As parents we get to help our kids develop their belief system.

These five disciplines are helpful for belief development and political discussions. Teach your children:

-- To be humble. Humility helps us see political conversations as invitations to learn about others -- what they think and why they believe what they believe. Parents can model listening as a way of seeing the other person's point of view. It's not about sharing the other person's beliefs, but showing respect.

-- To discern. Your children must learn discernment when it comes to interpreting media and

popular thought. Teach them early that beliefs drive how we think and act. Discuss the beliefs and values of your home and why they are important.

-- To reflect. At an age-appropriate level, discuss social issues and why they are important. Have respectful conversations about the actual issues and why people may feel strongly about certain ones.

-- To respond. Political issues can quickly divide people. Reacting doesn't help, but responding with questions such as, "Help me understand why you believe that?" can break down barriers.

-- To stand. What does your family stand for? What are your firm convictions and beliefs, and why? Teach your children to know what they believe and why their beliefs are worth standing up for.

There will always be disagreements over political issues. But if children learn to have these discussions with humility, discernment and a good understanding of their core beliefs, they can uphold what matters most.

You can find additional parenting tips at FocusOnTheFamily.com/parenting.

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LEGAL NOTICES

The names of all parties for said Petition to Determine Father Child Relationship, Order of Child Custody, Order of Child Support and stated in the caption above hereof and the name and address of the attorney for the Petitioners is: Mark C. Prugh, Attorney at Law, 328 Historic Route 66 E, Waynesville, Missouri 65583.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or should otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid PETITION TO DETERMINE FATHER CHILD RELATIONSHIP, ORDER OF CHILD CUSTODY, ORDER OF CHILD SUPPORT within forty-five (45) days from the 16th day of December, 2020 that a judgment by default will be rendered against you.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Dixon Pilot newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Pulaski in the State of Missouri.

Rachelle Beasley
Circuit Clerk
By: Shelly Comte
Deputy Clerk
#51-4tc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, MISSOURI JUVENILE DIVISION

In Re the Matter of: JESSEN CHARLES WALL, DOB: 10/30/2016

Minor, JOSHUA SHELTON and JENNIFER SHELTON, Petitioners,

Case No. 20PU-PR00178

NOTICE ON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to natural father, name unknown:

You are hereby notified that an action for *Guardianship of a Minor Child has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri, by Petition*, the object and general nature of which is to obtain guardianship of the minor child, Jessen Charles Wall, by Joshua and Jennifer Shelton, Petitioners.

The names of all parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioners is Kimberly F. Lowe, L.L.C., 107 North Benton Street, Waynesville, Missouri 65583.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within forty-five days after the 16th day of December, 2020, judgment by default will be rendered against you and an appointment of guardianship rendered in accordance with the Petition filed herein.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in The Dixon Pilot, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Pulaski, State of Missouri.

A true copy of record. WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court, Probate Division, this 14th day of December, 2020.

Rachelle Beasley
Circuit Clerk
By: Shelly Comte
Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, MISSOURI

Richard E. Jeter and Ronni Jeter, husband and wife
31377 Hidden Hills Road
Richland, Missouri 65556
Plaintiffs

Carolyn S. Moore, if living and the unknown spouse of each of the above named persons;

and if any one or more of the aforesaid defendants be dead, then the unknown consorts, former consorts, heirs, devisees, donees, alienees, suc-

cessors and immediate, mesne, remote, voluntary and involuntary grantees, executors, administrators, personal representatives and assignees of each of such deceased persons;

Defendants,

ACTION TO QUIET TITLE

Case No. 20PU-CV01762 ORDER OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

THE STATE OF MISSOURI to all of the defendants in the caption hereof:

You and each of you are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you and each of you, in the Circuit Court of County of Pulaski, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to quiet the title to, and which affects the following described real estate lying, being and situated in the County of Pulaski, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of Lot Three (3) in Block Two (2); and all of Lot Four (4) in Block Two (2). SAVE AND EXCEPT that part of Lot Four in Block Two conveyed in Document NO. 2011-8530; ALL in WARREN ADDITION to the City of Richland, Pulaski County, Missouri. Subject to any easements of record.

The names of all the parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff are: Bruce B. Warren, Attorney at Law, PO Box 163, Waynesville, MO 65583.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition herein, within 45 days after the 16th day of December, 2020, judgment by default will be rendered against you and each of you.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Dixon Pilot, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Pulaski, State of Missouri.

A true copy from the record. Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 3rd day December, 2020.

First Ins. December 16, 2020
Last Ins. January 6, 2021
Rachelle Beasley
Circuit Clerk
By: Mack Wilkerson
Deputy Circuit Clerk
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IN THE 25th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, PULASKI COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of: CHARITY BAKER, Deceased,

Case No. 20PU-PR00175

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of CHARITY BAKER, Decedent:

On December 02, 2020, the following individuals was appointed the personal representative of the estate of CHARITY BAKER, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address and phone number is: DON W. BAKER, 11599 CASTLE LANE, DIXON, MO 65459

The personal representative may administer the estate independently without adjudication, order, or direction of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the court.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: BRUCE WARREN, 315 NORTH STREET, WAYNESVILLE, MO 65583, 573-774-2212.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the

date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: September 18, 2020
Date of first publication is: DECEMBER 16, 2020.

Rachelle Beasley
Circuit Clerk
By: Shelly Comte
Deputy Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

#51-4tc IN THE 25th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, PULASKI COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of: JOHN DOUGLAS MORTEN JR, Deceased,

Case No. 20PU-PR00180

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of JOHN DOUGLAS MORTEN JR, Decedent:

On December 21, 2020, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of JOHN DOUGLAS MORTEN, JR, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address and phone number is: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, PULASKI COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 301 HISTORIC ROUTE 66 E., SUITE, WAYNESVILLE, MO 65583, 573-774-4741.

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: RALPH WILLIAM MUXLOW II, P.O. BOX 37, RICHLAND, MO 65556-0037. All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo.

Date of the decedent's death: November 25, 2020
Date of first publication is: DECEMBER 30, 2020.

Rachelle Beasley
Circuit Clerk
By: Shelly Comte
Deputy Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In Re the Estate of: KENNETH DONALD OBERMILLER, Deceased,

ROBBIE ALAN OBERMILLER, Petitioner,

Estate No. 20PU-PR00177

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Kenneth Donald Obermiller, decedent:

On the 11th day of December, 2020, Petitioner, Robbie Alan Obermiller, was appointed the personal representative of the estate of Kenneth Donald Obermiller, decedent, by the probate division of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri. The business address of the personal representative is 1002 Marrow Avenue, Malvern, Iowa 51551, and the personal representative's attorney is Kimberly F. Lowe, 107 North Benton, Waynesville, Missouri 65583.

The personal representative may administer the estate independently, without adjudication, order, or direction of the probate division of the Circuit

Court, unless a petition for supervised administration is made to and granted by the Court.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to file claims in Court within six months from the date of first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to you, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in section 473.033, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to section 537.021, RSMo.

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court of Pulaski

County, Missouri.

Date of the decedent's death was October 23, 2020.

Date of first publication is the 16th day of December, 2020.

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Circuit Clerk
By: Shelly Comte
Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, MISSOURI

In re The Matter of: Tyson Carson, DOB: January 11, 2008

Derek Carson SSN: xxx-xx-7661 Individually, and

Tyson Carson born (01/11/08), by his Next Friend Derek Carson PETITIONERS

vs.

Bibi Khargie SSN: xxx-xx-UNKNOWN RESPONDENT,

Case No. 20PU-CV01816

NOTICE UPON ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSOURI to all of the above-named Respondents in the caption hereof:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a AFFIDAVIT AND PETITION TO DETERMINE FATHER-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, ORDER OF CHILD CUSTODY, ORDER OF CHILD SUPPORT has been filed and that an action has been commenced in the Family Court of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to establish jurisdiction over a minor child, redefine the parental relationship with the natural Father, and appoint the legal and physical custody of the minor child to the Father.

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