

# EDITORIAL FEATURES

## GRANDPARENTS PLAY FAVORITES

**Q: My parents are clearly partial to my daughter -- their first grandchild -- over her little brother. He obviously notices but doesn't say much. How do we address it when Grandma and Grandpa play favorites?**

**Jim:** I'd suggest that your first priority is to affirm your son (the youngest child). Reassure him that you've seen the signs of favoritism, as well, and that it's not a reflection of his worth or identity. Avoid blaming the grandparents, but let your son know you're working on it.

Hopefully you can address this issue through a good-natured, non-defensive discussion with your parents. Start by emphasizing how much you appreciate their interest and involvement in your kids' lives. Highlight positive contributions they've made to the children's upbringing. Once you've set the right tone, explain your concerns. Communicate that while you're certain they've always acted from the best of intentions, some of their actions and words have been hurtful to your younger child. Ask them to help you find a way to counteract this (hopefully) unintended effect.

If they deny the charge of favoritism, just thank them for listening and let the matter drop. It's possible that after some sober reflection they'll see the sense of your words and quietly make the necessary changes.

However, if they react in anger there may be deeper boundary issues below the surface. If so, you may want to invite them to discuss the problem with you in the presence of an objective third party -- a good friend, a disinterested relative, a pastor or even a qualified family therapist.

Finally, in extreme cases where grandparents refuse to cooperate, it may be necessary to limit the amount of time they



**Jim Daly**

spend with your children -- at least until they begin to take some positive steps in the right direction.

If you'd like to discuss this situation with our counselors, call 855-771-HELP (4357).

**Q: I spend time with my kids, go to all their activities and make sure they're taken care of. I'm trying to be a good dad, but my wife says I'm not very loving in how I talk to them. How much do my words really affect my kids?**

Dr. Danny Huerta, Vice President, Parenting & Youth: Words can encourage or tear down, connect or divide. Think about the words you commonly use -- are they life-giving, or critical and damaging?

Ask yourself the following questions when considering how your words impact your children:

- Are they true? You need discernment to determine the truths that your child needs to hear. For instance, it may be accurate to tell a child they aren't good at a particular thing -- but what's your purpose in saying that? Also, be sure to follow up with something they do well to convey life-giving confidence. And if your child has heard destructive lies about their identity and value, bolster a proper perspective by communicating the truth about who they

are.

- Are they encouraging? Sometimes children just need to hear that things are going to be all right. They also need you to talk about good qualities they know or suspect they have -- or maybe didn't know they had.
- Are they loving? You don't want to look back with regret someday, wishing you had said "I love you" more.
- Are they helpful? Words of redirection and correction can teach important concepts about life, relationships, responsibility, work and finances.

Here are some great words that can build life in your child by modeling respect and love:

- Thank you.
- I love you.
- That was brave/kind/responsible.
- You are capable/trustworthy/smart/a leader.
- I missed you.
- That's probably not a good idea, a better choice would be...
- I enjoy spending time with you.
- I'm sorry.

For more practical tips and resources, visit [FocusOnTheFamily.com/Parenting](http://FocusOnTheFamily.com/Parenting). For more helpful tips, see [FocusOnTheFamily.com/parenting](http://FocusOnTheFamily.com/parenting). Jim Daly is a husband and father, an author, and president of Focus on the Family and host of the Focus on the Family radio program. Catch up with him at [www.jimdalyblog.com](http://www.jimdalyblog.com) or at [www.facebook.com/DalyFocus](http://www.facebook.com/DalyFocus).

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, STATE OF MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION**

**In Re the Estate of: STEVEN R. DIREEN, Deceased, KEVIN R. SPROUSE, Petitioner,**

**Case No. 21PU-PR00049**

**NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**

**To all persons interested in the estate of Steven R. Direen, decedent:**

On the 11th day of March, 2021, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, Kevin R. Sprouse was appointed the personal representative of the estate of Steven R. Direen, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri. The business address of the personal representative is 129 Sackett Street, Licking, Missouri 65542, and the personal representative's attorney is David M. Lowe, 117 N. Benton Street, Waynesville, Missouri, 65583.

The personal representative may administer the estate independently, without adjudication, order, or at the 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 §473-444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in §473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to §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 Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri.

Date of the decedent's death: January 1, 2021. Date of first publication: March 17, 2021.

Rachelle Beasley Circuit Clerk By: Shelly Comte Deputy Clerk #11-4tc

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, STATE OF MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION**

**In Re the Estate of: JANET M. DRISCOLL Deceased,**

**KAY M. YOUNG, Petitioner,**

Case Number: 21PU-PR00060

**NOTICE OF LETTERS OF TESTAMENTARY**

To all persons interested in the estate of Janet M. Driscoll, Decedent.

ON the 30th day of March, 2021, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, Kay M. Young was appointed the personal representative of the estate of Janet M. Driscoll, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri. The business address of the personal representative is 12075 Highway PP, Dixon, Missouri 65459, and the personal representative's attorney is David M. Lowe, 117 N. Benton Street, Waynesville, Missouri, 65583.

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 §473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in §473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to §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 Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri.

Date of the decedent's death was the 5th day of March, 2021.

Date of first publication is the 7th day of April, 2021.

Rachelle Beasley, Circuit Clerk By: Shelly Comte Deputy Clerk #14-4tc

**IN THE 25th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, PULASKI COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION**

**In the Estate of:**

**SHIGE NICHOLS, Deceased, Case No. 21PU-PR00058**

**Notice of Creditors (Small Estate)**

**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of SHIGE TOMINAGA NICHOLS, Decedent:** On March 31, 2021, a small estate affidavit was filed by the distributees for the decedent under Section 473.097, RSMo, with the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri.

All creditors of the decedent who died on February 16, 2021 are notified that Section 473.444, RSMo, sets a limitation period that would bar claims one year after the death of the decedent. A creditor may request that this estate be opened for administration.

Receipt of this notice should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient may possibly have a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, may possibly be determined from the affidavit on this estate filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri. Date of first publication is April 7, 2021.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, STATE OF MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION**

**In Re the Estate of: JANET M. DRISCOLL Deceased,**

**KAY M. YOUNG, Petitioner,**

Case Number: 21PU-PR00060

**NOTICE OF LETTERS OF TESTAMENTARY**

To all persons interested in the estate of Janet M. Driscoll, Decedent.

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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 §473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in §473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to §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 Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri.

Date of the decedent's death was the 6th day of March, 2021.

Date of first publication is the 7th day of April, 2021.

Rachelle Beasley, Circuit Clerk By: Shelly Comte Deputy Clerk #14-4tc

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**IN THE 25th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION**

**In the Estate of: MARGARET ANN O'CONNOR, Deceased, Case No. 21PU-PR00035**

**Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)**

**To All Persons Interested in the Estate of MARGARET ANN O'CONNOR, decedent:**

On February 25, 2021, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of MARGARET ANN O'CONNOR, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri.

The personal representative's business address and phone number is:

JOSHUA O'CONNOR, 16920 LENS MAN RD, ST. ROBERT, MO 65584

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is: EMILY WOODWARD, 901 NORTH PINE STREET,

ROLLA, MO 65401, (573) 341-2266

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: December 5, 2020.

Date of first publication: March 17, 2021.

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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.

**TRUSTEE'S SALE**

**IN RE: Chandra C. Ellis, a single person Trustee's Sale:**

For default in payment of debt and performance of obligation secured by Deed of Trust executed by Chandra C. Ellis, a single person dated April 26, 2004 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Pulaski County, Missouri as Document No. 2004-3058 and modified by Final Judgment entered in Case No. 20PU-CV00514 recorded February 10, 2021 as Instrument No. 202100830 the undersigned Successor Trustee, at the request of the legal holder of said Note will on Monday, April 12, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (at the specific time of 9:00 AM), at the South Front Door of the Court House, City of Waynesville, County of Pulaski, State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, described in said Deed of Trust, and situated in Pulaski County, State of Missouri, to wit:

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