

EDITORIAL FEATURES

HABITS IRRITATE SPOUSE

Q: My spouse has a few irritating habits that haven't bothered me too much in the past. But this past year, being shut up together so much... I'm about ready to snap. Help!

Jim: Nobody can change someone else -- the only person you can change is yourself. This doesn't mean that there are no limits to what's appropriate in a marriage: You don't need to accept abusive behavior, and physical aggression is NEVER to be tolerated.

But in the case of smaller, less harmful habits, it may be worth addressing the issue if you think the change would truly benefit everyone and put your relationship on a stronger footing. If you do, keep these things in mind:

-- Tackle the problem honestly. Say something like, "Honey, it bothers me when you burp at the table. It teaches the kids a bad habit and it's rude to guests."

-- Explain the benefit of the change. For example, "Meals will be more pleasant for all of us and you'll be a good example to our kids."

-- Don't demand change. Instead, request it. Your spouse will likely respond more favorably.

-- Don't attack your mate. Confront the problem; don't belittle the person.

-- Discuss ways to bring about the desired result. Change is hard for all of us. Work together to find ways to alter bad habits.

-- Encourage growth. Acknowledge positive progress and express appreciation for your mate's efforts.

-- Remember: Change takes time. Be patient and reinforce that you're in this together for the long haul.

-- Look for the good in your



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mate. Focus on your spouse's good habits, not just the irritating ones.

-- Seek to change the habit, not the person. Trying to alter your spouse's personality or temperament is a losing battle that will end in frustration for both of you.

Our staff counselors are happy to help you unpack these ideas; call 855-771-HELP (4357).

Q: I'm a woman in my early 20s just starting my career. I think I'm in love with a guy at work, but I'm not certain about his feelings for me. Do you have advice about romantic relationships between co-workers?

Dr. Greg Smalley, Vice President, Marriage & Family Formation: I'd suggest you tread carefully. Many office romances end in disaster. A typical scenario: A couple begins dating, the relationship doesn't work out and they break up. If there are hard feelings, the working environment can become a nightmare -- not only for the ex-couple but also co-workers who may feel pressured to choose sides. That's why some companies have "non-fraternization" policies.

On the other hand, some office romances work out fine, especially when they involve two mature and thoughtful individuals. Generally

speaking, it's inadvisable to date a supervisor or a subordinate. The best case is when two people work in separate departments; if the relationship sours, there's not the awkwardness of interacting with each other every day.

I would be wary of jumping to conclusions. Don't read too much into the fact that you've had some good conversations with this guy or feel a sense of chemistry. Guard your heart and avoid building up a romantic fantasy in your mind. You'll know soon enough if his feelings for you are "more than friendly." Use the time to get to know him before allowing your emotions to run away with you. Watch him on the job; get input from people who have known him for a while. See how he interacts with fellow employees -- especially other women. Then ask yourself if he displays the character that you want in a dating and marriage partner.

Finally, I'd encourage you to grab a copy of a great book, *The Dating Manifesto*, written by my colleague Lisa Anderson of the excellent website Boundless.org.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, COUNTY OF PULASKI STATE OF MISSOURI

In Re the Marriage of: CHARLES THOMAS BACON and BRENDA LEE BACON

CHARLES THOMAS BACON

Petitioner,

BRENDA LEE BACON

Respondent,

Case No. 21PU-CV00396

ORDER OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

The State of Missouri to Respondent, Brenda Lee Bacon:

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court for the County of Pulaski, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is Dissolution of Marriage, and which affects the following described property: Marital Property and Debts.

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 Petitioner is: James L. Thomas, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 261, Dixon, MO 65459.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the 14 day of April, 2021, judgment by default will be rendered against 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 12 day of April, 2021.

Rachelle Beasley,
Circuit Clerk
By: Sharon Swenson,
Deputy Clerk
#15-4tc

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

In the Estate of: ELDA JEAN KRAFT, Deceased,

Case No. 21PU-PR00043

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ELDA JEAN KRAFT, Decedent:

On April 5, 2021, the following individuals was appointed the personal representative of the estate of ELDA JEAN KRAFT, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri. The personal representative business address and phone number is:

RUDY KRAFT, 252 FAIRVIEW ROAD, IBERIA, MO 65486

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 ST., P.O. BOX 163, 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: October 16, 2020

Date of first publication: April 14, 2021

Rachelle Beasley
Circuit Clerk
By: Shelly Comte
Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, MISSOURI

In re the Interest of: Josiah Noel Bruington, By his Next Friend, Cassandra Vonessa Bruington, and Cassandra Vonessa Bruington, Individually

Petitioner,

Theartis Neal Jr.,

Respondent,

Case No. 21PU-CV00034

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

The State of Missouri to: Theartis Neal Jr.,

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri by Petition, the object and general nature of which is to establish paternity and to determine custody, visitation and support of minor child Josiah Noel Bruington.

The names of all parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the attorney for Petitioner is: Kenneth J. Leiser, Managing Attorney, Legal Services of Southern Missouri, 1000 North Pine Street, Suite B, Rolla, Phelps County, Missouri, 65401.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you file an answer or other pleadings, or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the 26th day of May, 2021, judgment by default will be rendered against you.

IT IS SO 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.

Dated at Waynesville, Missouri, the 14th day of April, 2021.

Judge Michael V. Headrick
#16-4tc

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

In the Estate of: VALERIE GAIL MCDAVID, Deceased,

Case No. 21PU-PR00052

Notice of Letters of Administration Granted (Independent Administration - Non-Resident Fiduciary)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of VALERIE GAIL MCDAVID, Decedent:

On April 8, 2021, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of VALERIE GAIL MCDAVID, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address and phone number is:

JAMES P MUNSON, 705 MONTGOMERY STREET, STAUNTON, IL 62088.

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:

BURKART/BURKART LAW OFFICE, PO BOX 447, 130 WEST STATE STREET, HAMEL, IL 62046, 618-633-2631

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: April 27, 2020

Date of first publication is April 21, 2021.

Rachelle Beasley
Circuit Clerk
By: Shelly Comte
Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, MISSOURI

In re: Zodie Love Flemings-Thompson

Petitioner,

Case No. 21PU-CV00614

Request for Publication after Judgment of Change of Name for Adult Individual

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Circuit Court of the County of Pulaski County, Missouri, Division No. 25th, Case No. 21PU-CV00614 made entered on the record of April 23, 2021.

The name of Petitioner is changed as follows: From Zodie Love Flemings-Thompson to Zodie Love Flemings.

Notice of the change of name shall be published at least once each week for three consecutive weeks in the following newspaper The Dixon Pilot, a newspaper of general circulation published in Pulaski County, Missouri.

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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.

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.

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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
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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

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