

LEGAL NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Friday, September 1, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DOUGLAS County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:

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CAMARGO, IL 61919
Dated this 1 day of September, 2023.
Judi Pollock
County Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Villa Grove will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m., within the City Council Chambers at 612 East Front Street for consideration of the following:
Special Use Permit requested by David Rollings for a motorcycle repair shop located at 105 S. Richman Street
MIKE CLINE, CHAIRMAN
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS DOUGLAS COUNTY, TUSCOLA, ILLINOIS IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DAVID JOHN CLODFELDER, 2023PR14 DECEASED. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of DAVID JOHN CLODFELDER of Villa Grove, Illinois, who died November 28, 2022. Letters of Office were issued on August 18, 2023, to MELINDA HALE CLODFELDER, 402 West Vine, Villa Grove, IL 61956, whose attorney is F. JAMES ROYTEK, III of ROYTEK, LTD., 921 Broadway Ave., P.O. Box 746, Mattoon, IL 61938-0746. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Douglas County Courthouse, 401 S. Center, Tuscola, IL 61953, or with the Administrator or both, on or before March 1, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Administrator is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated: August 18, 2023. MELINDA HALE CLODFELDER, Administrator of the Estate of DAVID JOHN CLODFELDER, Deceased
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Police respond to gunshot death in Tuscola

Local officials responded to a report of a female gunshot victim shortly after 9 a.m. Sunday morning, Sept. 3, on Justice Street in Tuscola.

Tuscola Chief Craig Hastings said the death investigation was handed over to

the Illinois State Police (ISP) Zone 5 because the home is owned by a state trooper.

ISP said an autopsy is scheduled for Sept. 5 and that the department is investigating but that there is no public safety concern.

Douglas County Sheriff

Nathan Chaplin said his department was not involved beyond helping to secure the scene.

Tuscola Fire Chief Brian Moody said he had no other information beyond the time of the call.

— Dominik Stallings

Addiction

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cob, Josh, Jordan "Petey" and Hannah, was similar to many others. They traveled to numerous sports events and family gatherings. Summers were spent joyfully at the lake in the boat and later, the more convenient swimming pool. Even as such a large family, they hosted a foreign exchange student from Brazil for a year.

"I would say we were pretty involved parents. I know I did the best that I could," said Linda.

Linda was in Chicago with her daughter, Hannah, for a travel volleyball tournament. On the last day, when traveling back, her other daughter, Elizabeth, messaged her and said that Petey died and Douglas County was looking for her. Linda couldn't believe it at first, she just spoke with him recently.

She was soon on the phone with the late Joe Victor, Douglas County coroner, at the time, and after 10 minutes of waiting for a callback, she heard from Victor, who went to her doorstep to deliver the news. But the news had to be delivered to her over the phone.

"My heart had been ripped right out of my chest, stomped on, and set on fire," said Linda.

"I couldn't imagine life without ever being able to see or talk to Pete again! He was only 20 years old!"

Linda said the next week was a blur. She couldn't sleep and so many people briefly came in and out of her life to mourn Petey's death. Everything felt different and surreal for her, like a new reality kicked in.

Only five months later, she had to organize and plan the wedding of her daughter, Elizabeth. Only after the wedding, did Linda feel like she

was starting to participate in life again, but as a changed person.

Five years later, Linda lost her son, Jacob, to an overdose. She said that while she was at work, she received a call from her 9-year-old granddaughter Makenna, who in a panic, said that she couldn't wake up her father when she woke up next to him.

Linda felt the same panic, just as with Petey again. She stayed as calm as she could and kept on the phone with Makenna for the entire 40-minute ride home.

At the time, she felt guilty, like she failed once more.

"It's hard to fathom another reality," said Linda.

She noticed that after each death, people started treating her differently. She said she felt isolated; people looked at her with pity or even disgust. "For the past four years, I have been doing my best to get up every morning and put one foot in front of the other and to put on a face that doesn't show the numbness that remains," said Linda.

"This is just a slight peek of what substance abuse, addiction, and an overdose of a loved one can do to a person. I'm not asking for pity, just some understanding, hope, and support for others. If you ever see me out and about, please don't be afraid to mention my boys that have gone ahead of me, in the same conversation about my family here. The same goes for anyone else you know in a similar situation. That is one of the most healing things you can do. I know I am not alone."

Makenna, now 13 years old, said she was upset when her father passed away. The tears didn't stop for quite a while. She remembers feeling angry when people asked her if she understood what was happening. It made her feel like she was being treated like a young child when she

tried not to think about it too much.

When she started grieving her father, she felt angry. To her, it felt like he didn't fight when he could have.

"The main things I remember about each addiction I watch take the lives of my loved ones are just how disappointed, upset, and honestly just angry all of their loved ones are after losing them. And I don't want anyone to feel like that about something that could have been stopped. But more importantly, I don't want anyone to lose the drug battle because drug addiction and abuse is very consuming, just like the vine," said Makenna.

For a while afterward, she didn't want anyone to know how she really felt.

"I tried my best to deal with grief and feelings on my own. I just didn't want anyone in my family to know, especially my little cousins and siblings," said Makenna. "I didn't want to burden them."

Now, Makenna speaks more freely about the subject. She said it took a while for her friends at school to realize that they could mention her father without feeling awkward.

"You can only move forward and try to help other people," said Makenna. "I try to use my experience to help others when I can."

Makenna said she hopes to continue speaking out about substance use and plans to become a teacher once she's older.

Adam Scribner, Linda's oldest son, wanted to show people the perspective of a recovering addict and insights from the way an active addict thinks. He has told his story many times in 12-step program groups, but this was the first time he spoke in public in front of a crowd of people.

His journey to sobriety was not an easy one. There

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wasn't a wake-up call or a moment of clarity for him. He was just tired of the lifestyle.

"Being a drug addict is exhausting. The constant lies, constant stories. It's an everyday hustle, everyday struggle," said Adam.

Coincidentally, Adam started sobriety on the day his brother Jake died, May 28, 2019.

Before then, he and his brothers didn't think they were hurting anyone with their drug and alcohol use.

"None of us were stealing little old lady's purses or beating people up for money. It's easy to think, 'I'm not hurting anyone; where's the damage?'"

Adam said that his habits hurt his family, and never played a priority.

"It's a selfish disease," said Adam. "When you are in active addiction, there are two people around you. People who get in the way, or those who feed the addiction."

Now that he has a son of his own, Landon Scribner, Adam is starting to understand what his parents felt when he and his brothers were dealing with addiction. Adam said he feels helpless when Landon is in pain or feeling bad. He imagines that feeling must be magnified 1,000 times over when it's something like drug addiction or overdose.

"I could never imagine my life without substance when I was drinking and drugging. It was hard to fathom a life without those things in it. But I realize life is so good. I have such a good life, I still have problems. Just because you get clean and sober, not every day is sunshine and rainbows... I wish other people in the grips of alcohol and drug addiction, that your life could be so much better. Not devoid of problems, but it's so much more fulfilling and productive. There's so much more to life than chasing that high or that drink," said Adam.

While Adam talked about his experiences in front of the Douglas County Courthouse, his son, Landon, cheerfully walked across the stage to explore and get his father's attention.

"That's another reason," said Adam.

Adam, Makenna and Linda all share a goal. They want to reduce the stigma of drug addiction and help people recover from substance use disorder.

Linda's non-profit, Be BRAVE, (Be Brilliant, Responsible And Vastly Educated) hosts "A Pace for Petey," a 5K race/walk on Sept. 30 in memory of Jordan "Petey" Scribner. This year, she is organizing a new race in memory of Jacob Scribner, "Jake's Jog," a lap around the Tuscola High School track. A Pace for Petey will start at 9 a.m. at Tuscola High School, and Jake's Jog will start at 10 a.m.

Linda said the proceeds from previous events have gone to scholarships for Tuscola High School students. She said she is working on a new project to help people get into recovery. The project is still in the works at this time.

Peace Meal Menu

Monday, September 11 - Swedish Meatballs, Battered Potato Bites, Broccoli, Fresh Fruit, Bread

Tuesday, September 12 - Cheesy Ham and Potatoes, Beets and Pineapple, Asparagus, Bread

Wednesday, September 13 - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll

Thursday, September 14 - Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo, Tarragon Carrots, Hot Greens, Fruit Salad

Friday, September 15 - Chef Salad with Ham, Turkey, Lettuce, Cheese, Egg and Veggies, Fruit Cup, Bread and Croutons, Dessert

Call 800-543-1770 for reservation information. Skim milk and desserts with no sugar added are available in many locations. Ask the site supervisor for information. Sometimes we need to substitute on our menus. We still guarantee a nutritious meal. The Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program suggests a donation of \$3.50 for each congregant and home delivered meal. No older person shall be denied a meal because of their failure to contribute all or part of the cost of the meal. We accept the Illinois Link Card.

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Camargo, IL 61919
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Office Hours:
Tuesday and Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Pastor - Lenny Summar
Traditional Worship - 9:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship 10:30
"Come just as you are to worship"
Open Communion first Sunday
of each month
Prayer Group - Meets after
Sunday Service.

First Baptist Church
300 E Daggy, Tuscola
Pastor: Mike Wilder
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
217-417-6842

First Christian Church
(Non-Denominational)
"Come Rejoice With Us"
701 N. Sycamore St.
Villa Grove, Illinois
Phone(217)832-5231
Fax (217)832-9348
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Minister- Mike Zylstra
E-mail: fccvgmin@frontier.com
Open communion observed weekly
Morning Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (all ages) 10:45 a.m.
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
1st & 3rd Sundays 6:00 p.m.

First Christian Church
100 E. Church St., Tuscola
253-2394
Sunday Worship services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:15 a.m.
Youth Group 7th-12th @ 6:33 Sundays
After school program
5th-6th girls, Wednesdays
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Tuscola United Methodist Church
901 N. Prairie Ave.
253-4232
Sunday Worship Services:
10:00 a.m.

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Church 832-7071 • Residence 832-8577
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Worship Service—10:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelistic Service—6:30 p.m.
Monday, 1st one of each month
Ladies Auxiliary, 7:00 p.m.
Monday—Friday
Ladies Prayer Group—9:00 a.m.
Tuesday Youth Service—7:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study—7:30 p.m.
Free Home Bible Study
We welcome you to worship
with us in all of our services

Forty Martyrs Catholic Church
201 E. Van Allen St
Tuscola, IL 61953
Pastor: Rev. Angel Sierra
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Saturdays 5:00 pm
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Friday
Weekend Masses:
5:30 pm Saturday
8:00 am Sunday

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Tuscola, IL 61953
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Sunday 9:00 am

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Sunday @ St. Michaels in Hume
8:00am
PSR:
Sunday 9:00-9:45 am