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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Margaret Blanton Patton, late of Hardin County, Tennessee Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2023, Letters Testamentary in respect to the Estate of Margaret Blanton Patton, deceased, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Hardin County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against her Estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk & Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 7th day of February, 2023

/s/ Thomas Blanton, Co-Executor

/s/ Jo Ann Blanton, Co-Executor /s/ Ross Mitchell, Attorney

/s/ Martha S. Smith, Clerk and Master

(2162tp)

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR HARDIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE IN THE MATTER OF: KAYDENCE MARTIN, DOB: 10/02/2010 AMANDA RUSSELL,

Petitioner, and

MARIANNA MARTIN, Co-Petitioner,

Vs.

NO. 14-JV-1378

THOMAS BRIAN VANDIVER. Respondent.

IN THIS CAUSE, it appearing from the Order of Publication, that the Defendants' residence is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, it is ordered that publication be made for four successive weeks, as required by law, in the Savannah Courier, a newspaper published in Savannah, Tennessee, notifying Defendant, Thomas Brian Vandiver, to file an answer with this court and a copy to Petitioner's attorney, Joe L. Brown, whose address is 419 Main Street, Savannah, Tennessee 38372, within 30 days from the last date of publication, exclusive of the last date of publication, or a judgment by default may be entered and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to said Defendant(s). If there is no answer, a hearing on Plaintiffs' motion for default judgment shall be heard on April 3, 2023. Failure to answer or appear may result in a default judgment.

This 2nd day of February 2023. /s/ JUDGE DANIEL L. SMITH

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MICHAEL STEPHENS

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of February, 2023, Letters Testamentary (or of administration as the case may be) in respect to the estate of Michael Stephens, who died October 14, 2022, was issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hardin County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 9th day of February, 2023

/s/ Loretta Stephens, Administrator /s/ Joe L. Brown, Attorney for the Estate

/s/ Martha S. Smith. Clerk and Master

On the Record week of Feb. 23

Savannah Police Dept.

The following items are derived directly from official Savannah Police Department reports and spokesmen. Feb. 14

Jermaine Fralix, 25 Hunter Hill Drive, said his son's bike valued at \$120 which was chained behind their residence using a combination lock had been stolen.

Gloria Porter, 58, 165 Graham St., was arrested on a charge of driving on a revoked license after running a red light at the intersection of Water Street and Pickwick Street.

Feb. 15

An arrest was made for public intoxication.

Kelly R. Bazzy, 42, 186 Monty Drive, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault.The report says Bazzy threw a glass coffee pot at her husband in an incident at their residence. The glass

shattered and caused a large cut to his arm.

Tammy Rattler, 215 High St., saidachrome grill was stolen off her 1999 Chevy Tahoe parked in her driveway.

Sandra L. Gaden, Water View Loop, said a generator valued at \$1,300 was stolen from the bed of her truck while it was at Elvis' Garage, 690 Florence Road.

Mary G. Plunkett, 50, 125 Lake Circle, was cited on a charge of driving on a suspended license after being pulled over on Cochran Street because the license tag of the vehicle she was operating was not lit after dark.

Keirstan M. Crain, 21, 35 Gallaher St., failed to come to a complete stop at a stop sign on Gallaher Drive and was cited on a charge of driving on a suspended license. Feb. 16

Police were dispatched to 85 Harrison St. regarding a single vehicle crash. Laura J. Walker, 46, 7035 Old Stage Road. Adamsville, was arrested on charges of DUI, possession of open alcohol and violation of the implied

consent law. Kyle M. Lindsay, 30, 12240 U.S. 64, was pulled over on Florence Road for erratic driving and arrested on an active capias and charged with driving on a suspended license.

Johnny Perry, 32, Waynesboro, was pulled over on Wayne Road for no headlights after dark and cited on a charge of driving on a suspended license. Perry said the headlights did not work because he hit a deer. Feb. 18

Louis E. Lucas Ir., 61, 980 Damron Loop, Counce, was pulled over on Wayne Road for changing lanes without signaling and cited on a charge of driving on a revoked license.

Janice L. Stevens, 52, 905 Bark Drive, was arrested at Family Dollar on charges of shoplifting laundry detergent and public intoxication.

Lavoris L. Whisnant, 38, Jackson, Tennessee, was arrested on charges of DUI, violation of the implied consent law and speeding 65 mph in a 35 mph zone on Wayne Road. Feb. 19

Susan L. Russell, 230 Ryan St., said a window at her residence was shattered by a rock in a vandalism incident. Feb. 20

Hallie R. White, 28, 165 Jones Road, was cited on a charge of driving on a suspended license. White was pulled over on Wayne Road because the officer knew her license was invalid. Feb. 21

Police were dispatched to Clifton Road regarding a domestic assault. Bridget Wingo, 32, 300 Bounce Drive, was arrested on a charge of

Farmers can apply to USDA for funds to adopt 'climate smart' practices

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Tennessee announced a March 23 soft deadline for Tennessee agricultural producers and forest landowners to submit applications to participate in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Conservation Stewardship Program to adopt "climate smart practices" through the Inflation Reduction Act.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Inflation Reduction Act represents the single largest investment in climate and clean energy solutions in American history and is estimated to help hundreds

and ranchers gain access to conservation assistance and apply conservation to millions of acres of land.

"This is a once-in-a-generation investment in climate-smart practices that create value and economic opportunities for Tennessee producers," said NRCS Tennessee State Conservationist Sheldon Hightower. "Agriculture plays a critical role in Tennessee's effort to address climate change and we're using this funding to bolster our existing programs, maximize climate benefits, and foster other environmental benefits across the landscape."

The Inflation Reduction of thousands of farmers Act provides increased fund-

ing levels over five years to support USDA's conservation programs that yield climate Act or Conservation Stew-

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tal Quality Incentives Program - Inflation Reduction ardship Program – Inflation Reduction Act should apply ered for funding in the current cycle.

However, Tennessee applications for its voluntary conservation programs year-round.

USDA said funding is provided through a competitive process and will include an opportunity to address •\$3.25 billion for the the unmet demand from producers who have previously sought funding for climate-smart conservation activities.

> For more information, contact your local NRCS office at 731-412-3104.

Tennessee Gov. Lee proposes \$100M for anti-abortion centers

Kimberiee Kruesi and Jonathan Mattise **Associated Press**

NASHVILLE - Brushing aside calls to tweak one of the strictest abortion bans in the United States, Tennessee Gov. BillLee on Feb. 6 unveiled plans to funnel tens of millions of taxpayer dollars to anti-abortion centers as he declared the state had a "moral obligation" to support families.

Lee, a Republican, said he wants to create a \$100 million grant program for nonprofits commonly known as "crisis pregnancy centers." If approved, Tennessee would become one of the top spending states on such organizations known for dissuading people from getting an abortion.

However, now that Roe v. Wade has been overturned, many Republicans have gone on the defensive about their abortion bans, including by offering to expand government programsaimedatwomenand families. Lee, for example, is focusing on pregnant mothers and parents on Medicaid and state employees who have newborns.

The crisis pregnancy centers Lee is banking on, meanwhile, have shifted to touting that they offer pre-natal prenatal and post-birth classes.

The governor made the announcement during his annual State of the State address in front of the Republican-dominated Legislature. The speech outlined his top priorities over the upcoming months, ranging from spending an additional \$125 million on teacher pay raises, improving the state's transportation system and efforts to clean up toxic waste on industrial sites.

ret, Lee dedicated a signilicant amount of time explaining how and why he would support families after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to abortion. Lee has stoodfirm against inserting exceptions to Tennessee's abortion ban. But the issue has split even top-level Republicans, with House Speaker Cameron Sexton saying the law needs to change.

"Pro-life is much more than defending the lives of the unborn," Lee said as protesters shouted above him about health care in the gallery."This is not a matter of politics. This is about human dignity."

Amid the shouts, Lee quipped "civility is not weakness," in a nod to his inauguration speech from two weeks prior where he criticized those 'who thrive on toxic incivility and divisiveness." The line prompted the loudest standing ovation from Republican lawmakers, cabinet members and other leaders inside the Tennessee House chamber.

"We can have a healthy debate about the policy specifics, but we can also agree that America is rooted in a commitment to human dignity,"Lee later said. "There was a significant shift in this country last year when it comes to protecting the lives of the unborn. We now all have an opportunity and a moral obligation to support strong Tennessee families."

Lee's comments sparked ire from Democratic lawmakers, who argued the governor was ignoring the concerns of

full time customer. Position is unpaid.

women who no longer have access to abortion services in Tennessee.

"It's embarrassing that Gov. Bill Lee made a smart (aleck) comment during the state of the state directed at women upset that they no longer are considered equal in this state," Democratic Rep. Gloria Johnson said in a tweet. "Dissent is not incivility."

Along with creating a \$100 million grant fund for crisis pregnancy centers, Lee also proposed expanding paid parentalleave for state employees and widening the Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women and parents. His administration also plans to ask the federal government to cover the cost of diapers for Medicaid recipients for two years.

"Ifapproved, Tennessee will be the first Medicaid program in the nation to implement this kind of support. That's pro-life. That's pro-family," Lee said.

The governor's speech did not include specific details about the paid parental leave proposal for state employee. Lee initially pitched a similar proposal in 2020, but eventually abandoned the idea after facing skepticism from Republicanleaders as the coronavirus outbreak began to hit the state.

This year, Lee's second pitch at expanding paid family leave was met with some enthusiasm but his pitch for \$100 million for crisis pregnancy centers received much more applause.

In 2021, Tennessee lawmakers allocated money for

PUBLIC NOTICE

sioner opening. Interested parties must submit a resume to

PO Box 36, Saltillo, TN 38370 by March 15, 2023. Must be a

The Saltillo Public Utility District has a utility commis-

several ultrasound machines to be placed in pregnancy centers. The website of one center includes a disclaimer stating that any information provided "is an educational service and should not be relied on as a substitute for professional and/or medical

An Associated Press tally based on state budget figures reveals that nearly \$89 million was allocated to such centers across about a dozen states during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. A decade ago, the annual funding for the programs hovered around \$17 million in about eight states.

Lee is also on the advisory board for the Hope Clinic for Women, a crisis pregnancy center in Tennessee.

NOTICE TO FURNISHERS OF LABOR AND MATERIALS TO Delta Contracting Company, LLC PROJECT NO.: 36010-3223-14 CONTRACT NO.: CNU314

COUNTY: Hardin The Tennessee Department of Transporta-tion is about to make final settlement with he contractor for construction of the above numbered project. All persons wishing to file claims pursuant to Section 54-5-122 C.A. must file same with the Director o Construction, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Suite 700 James K. Polk Bldg., Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0326 on or before 4/15/2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whom it may concern am filing for a new title for a 1986 White Dodge D10 VIN#: 1B7FD04T289042591

Anyone with proof of claim should contact **Jerry Horton** P.O. Box 51

Crump, TN 38327 by certified mail, return receipt requested within 10 business days from this publication.

change mitigation benefits, beginning in fiscal year 2023 and rapidly building over by March 23 to be considfour years. More producers will have access to conservation assistance through several NRCS conservation NRCS accepts producer programs, including: •\$8.45 billion for the En-

vironmental Quality Incen-•\$4.95 billion for the Re-

Conservation Stewardship

•\$1.4 billion for the Agricultural Conservation Ease-

Producers interested in assistance for Environmen-

PUBLIC NOTICE The City Commission will meet as follows: Study Session - Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Regular Monthly Meeting - Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7 p.m. All meetings are held at Savannah City Hall, 140 Main Street, Savannah, TN 38372.

Any person with a disability needing special accommodations should call (731) 925-3300 prior to the above-mentioned time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The contents of the following storage units will be sold at a PRIVATE sale after March 3rd, 2023, unless accounts are cleared.

> **Robbie Nance • Gina Brantley** Larry Vickery • Elizabeth Keeton **Brian Beam**

Clement's Warehouses

(731) 925-8268

BID NOTICE

Hardin County High School will be taking bids from qualified vendors to purchase the following items: 34 Ton Crew Cab 4x4 with tow package, 31 feet Max lift electric scissor lift, 7X16 Enclosed trailer. For more information or Specs on equipment Hardin County High School Plans to purchase, contact The Hardin County Vocational Building at 731-925-9491. Sealed bids will be accepted at Hardin County High School, 1170 Pickwick Street, Savannah, TN 38372 until Friday, March 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Place Attention: Vocational Equipment Bid on the outside of the envelope. Hardin County High School reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

BID NOTICE

The Hardin County Fire Department will be accepting sealed bids to purchase (1) one fire department training tower and burn building. The tower will be a minimum of 30 ft. in height and 1,400 square feet of training area. Interested bidders may pick up a copy of the detailed specifications at the Hardin County Fire Department office at the Hardin County Court-

Bids will be opened March 7 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hardin County Courthouse in the office of the Fire Chief, 465 Main Street, Savannah, TN 38372. Bids must be sealed and mailed to or dropped off in the Hardin County Fire Department Office, 465 Main Street, Savannah, TN 38372. "Fire Training tower bid" must be written on the outside of the envelope.

Hardin County Fire Department reserves the right to accept and or reject any or all bids and to negotiate the terms and conditions of any bid awarded to any successful bidder.