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Monday, January 27, 2020

Philadelphia man charged after victim found with marks



James Gibson

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Former Parsons Elementary PTO President Indicted for Theft

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Mallory Parrish, the former president of the Parsons Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) in Decatur County. Investigators determined that Parrish stole at least \$2,193 from the PTO between January 1, 2016 and October 15, 2018, when she resigned as the PTO President. Parrish stole the money by making \$1,000 worth of undocumented cash withdrawals, making unauthorized

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GB man charged in domestic



Brian Dotson

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DUI follows speeding stop; also cited for pot and paraphernalia



William Brooks

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Tennessee State Parks Receives National Accreditation

Tennessee State Parks has been named one of only two state park systems in the country to receive accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). The announcement was made official at the

National Recreation and Park Association's annual conference in Indianapolis this week.

"Achieving this independent accreditation means Tennessee State Parks meets national standards of best practice," said Brock Hill, deputy

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Verse of the Day

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. — Psalm 84:11

Wazzup

It's officially SuperBowl Week! This game is gonna be fun to watch and there are lots of fun prop bets for your local parties as well! Who you got?

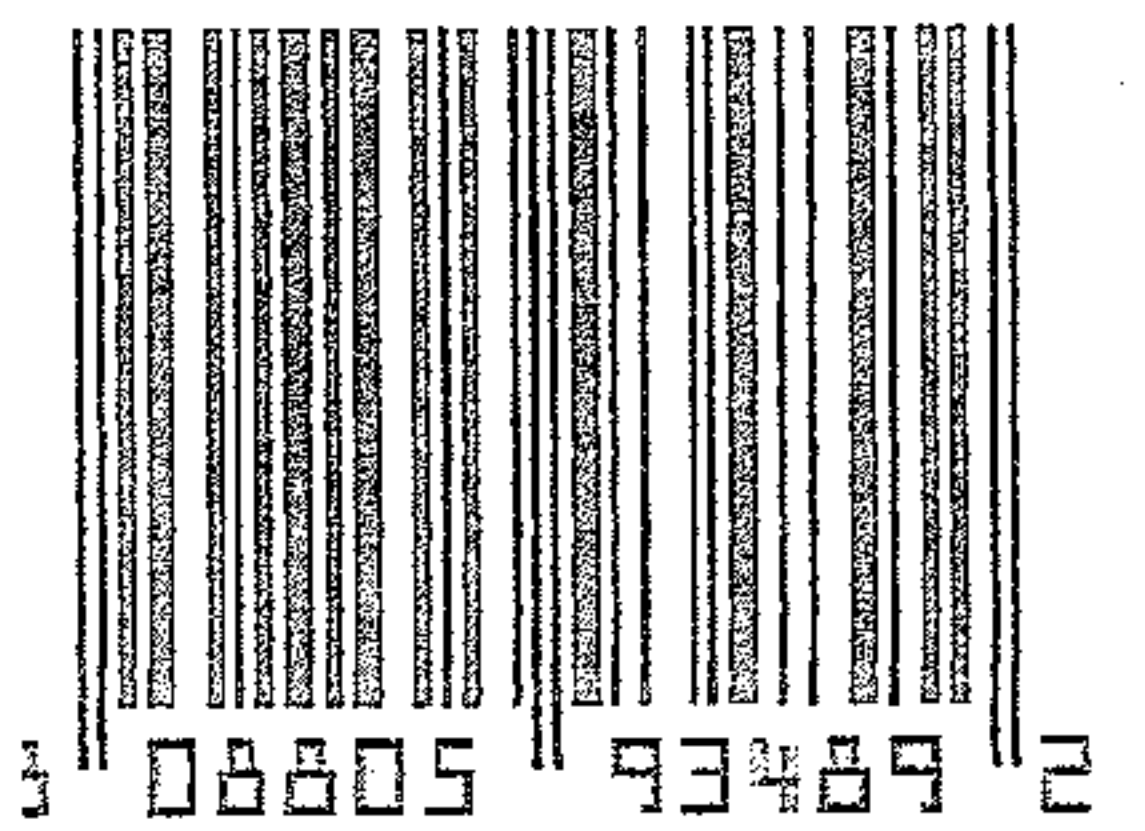
Weather

Today: Rain. High of 43F.
Tonight: Rain. Low of 37F
Tuesday: Cool. High of 43F.
Tuesday night: cold. Low of 34F.

Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/18
You might feel as if you're a lightning rod, attracting jolts of energy wherever you go. You are being cosmically empowered to set new intentions and change

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Philly

James Gibson, 39, Dry Valley Road Philadelphia, was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy L. Hawkins LCSO, was dispatched to Dry Valley Road in reference to a domestic. Upon arrival Deputy spoke with the victim who stated that her and James Gibson had been arguing over an unknown number in his cell

phone. Victim stated she took the phone and threw it on the floor, Gibson then grabbed victim and threw her onto the couch. Victim stated Gibson started throwing things around the room and then spit in her face and then walked outside. Victim then locked the door and Gibson tried to break back into the house. Gibson then left in their vehicle. Deputy ob-

served signs of a struggle and red marks on victim's arm. Officer Ward LPD, had Gibson traffic stopped. James Gibson was placed under arrest.

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DUI

William Brooks, 27, Cherokee Ave Clinton, was charged with Driving Under the Influence. Cpl. Z Frye LCSO, observed a gray vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Hwy 11. Deputy in car radar confirmed the vehicle to be traveling at 63 mph in a 50 mph zone. Upon traffic Deputy made contact with the driver William Brooks, who appeared very lethargic and Deputy could smell the odor of marijuana and an alcoholic beverage coming from his person and inside the vehicle. Brooks admitted to having marijuana

on his person along with a small bowl. Deputy did retrieve approx.. 4.15 grams of marijuana, and a bowl. Brooks admitted to drinking and smoking prior to operating the vehicle. Brooks did poorly on sobriety test and was placed under arrest. William Brooks was cited for speeding, Poss. Of Sch.VI, and Drug Para.

Theft

personal purchases totaling \$715 at Walmart, and failing to deposit \$478 in cash collected during a fundraising event. In October 2018, Parrish paid back \$1,000 to the PTO, leaving a total cash

shortage of \$1,193. Investigators also noted that Parrish forged the treasurer's signature on six reimbursement checks that she wrote to herself, and she used PTO funds for questionable purchases totaling an additional \$1,097.88.

In January 2020, Mallory Parrish was indicted by the Decatur County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$1,000 and two counts of forgery.

"Our investigators noted several internal control weaknesses that contributed to this theft," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "School support organizations, such as PTOs, are required to follow some common-sense

financial practices. These include requiring two signatures on checks, reviewing and reconciling bank statements, and retaining supporting documentation for purchases."

To view the investigative report, go to: <https://comptroller.tn.gov/office-functions/investigations/find.html>

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lenoir City Utilities Board conducts their monthly Board Meetings on the third Monday of every month at 4:00 p.m. The meetings are held in the Hamby-Smith Memorial Board Room of LCUB located at 7698 Creekwood Park Blvd., Lenoir City, Tennessee 37772. The schedule for 2020 is as follows:

- February 17, 2020 (Cancelled in Observance of President's Day)
- March 16, 2020
- April 20, 2020
- May 18, 2020
- June 15, 2020
- July 20, 2020
- August 17, 2020
- September 21, 2020
- October 19, 2020
- November 16, 2020
- December 21, 2020

Parks

commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. "It also acknowledges that visitors can expect the best in terms of recreation, programming and amenities when they visit any one of our 56 state parks."

CAPRA accreditation assures park visitors, policy makers, department staff and taxpayers that a parks system has the operational capacity to deliver high-quality programs, services and facilities. There are just over 160 accredited park and recreation agencies in the United States. Only one other parks system in Tennessee has received accreditation – the City of Germantown in Shelby County.

"To receive this accreditation is truly an honor," said Anne Marshall, senior advisor to Deputy Commissioner Hill. "It reflects the commitment and dedication of our parks' staff and the benefits available to visitors. We hope this accomplishment will set the bar for other state parks systems and encourage them to seek accreditation as well."

Scoring is based on the adoption of ef-

ficient and effective processes, such as having an environmental sustainability policy that includes protections for natural resources; soliciting employee and visitor feedback on park management plans; proper utilization of volunteers; and the availability of high-quality programming to all visitors, including historically underserved populations.

The accreditation process includes self-evaluation, a peer review and a site visit. The CAPRA standards were developed by a special committee initiated in 1989 by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association. For more information about CAPRA, visit <https://www.nrpa.org/certification/accreditation/capra/>.

TDEC Extends Precautionary Fish Consumption Advisory to Cherokee Reservoir
The Tennessee Department of Envi-

ronment and Conservation (TDEC) today announced the extension of the existing precautionary fish consumption advisory on the Holston River due to mercury to also include Cherokee Reservoir.

In August 2007, the department issued a precautionary advisory on the Holston River in East Tennessee which included the upper portion of Cherokee Reservoir, the John Sevier Detention Reservoir, and the Holston River. The advisory extended from the Poor Valley Creek Embayment on Cherokee Reservoir upstream to the confluence of the North Holston River near Kingsport. The advisory was due to mercury levels in various bass species that exceeded the new trigger point for mercury in fish tissue (0.3 mg/kg). In the press release announcing the advisory, the department acknowledged that mercury

levels in the remainder of Cherokee Reservoir did not currently exceed the trigger, but needed to be watched in the future.

The action, which is the result of additional studies by TDEC and the Tennessee Valley Authority, expands the advisory to the entirety of Cherokee Reservoir. The advisory on Cherokee Reservoir will include both black bass and catfish species. The advisory for the Holston River upstream of Cherokee Reservoir will continue to be for all fish species.

TDEC advises that pregnant or nursing mothers and children avoid eating the fish species included in the advisory and that all others limit consumption to one meal per month. Other recreational activities such as boating, swimming, wading, and catch and release fishing carry no risk.

"We provide these advisories so the community can make informed decisions about whether or not to consume the fish they catch," TDEC Deputy Commissioner Greg Young said. "Unlike 'do not consume' advisories that warn the general population to avoid eating fish from a particular body of water altogether, precautionary fish consumption advisories are specifically directed to sensitive populations such as children, pregnant women, nursing mothers and those who may eat fish frequently from the same body of water."

Both the department and TVA sampled fish at two locations: the lake forebay near the dam at river mile 55 and at U.S. Hwy 25E at mile 76. TVA collected fish in 2010, 2012, 2015, and 2018. The department collected additional fish in 2009.

These studies documented that in black bass species – which include smallmouth, largemouth and spotted bass – and in catfish, mercury levels were above the trigger currently used by the department. This trigger, 0.3 mg/kg (parts per million), was jointly recommended by both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

TDEC considers there to be two plausible sources of mercury in the Holston River and Cherokee Reservoir. According to the EPA, atmospheric deposition due to the

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global burning of coal is the most frequent reason for elevated levels of mercury in fish. Additionally, significant amounts of mercury were lost during the 1960s and 1970s at the Olin Chlor Alkali plant in Saltville, Va. This site discharged to the North Fork Holston River, a tributary to the Holston near Kingsport. TDEC will post warning signs at public access points and will work with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to communicate this information to the public.

*About Fish Consumption
Advisories*

The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act identifies the commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation as having the authority and responsibility to issue advisories for either water contact hazards like pathogens or excessive health risks due to the accumulation of contaminants in fish or shellfish. Tennessee's General Water Quality Criteria provide additional guidance regarding the conditions under which advisories may be warranted. There are two types of fish consumption advisories issued by TDEC based on the levels of contaminants present in fish tissue. "Do not consume" fishing advisories are issued when levels of contaminants in fish tissue would represent a threat to the general population. Precautionary advisories are issued when contami-

nant levels are lower, but would still pose a risk to sensitive populations such as children, pregnant women, nursing mothers and those who eat fish frequently from the same body of water.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, mercury is a naturally occurring element that can be found throughout the environment. Human activities have caused the amount of mercury in some areas to increase. The primary way people in the United States are exposed to mercury is by eating fish containing methylmercury, a toxic form of mercury that accumulates easily in organisms.

Where new advisories have been issued, TDEC will immediately begin the process of putting up signs at primary public access points. TDEC works in partnership with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to communicate information about fishing advisories.

For a complete listing of Tennessee's current fishing advisories plus additional information about the advisory issuance process, visit https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/environment/water/planning-and-standards/wr_wq_fish-advisories.pdf

An EPA website has additional information about mercury at <http://www2.epa.gov/fish-tech/epa-fda-advisory-mercury-fish-and-shellfish>.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR
LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

Regarding the Estate of:
FRANK WILLIAM FILMER, deceased
DKT# 6019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(As required by Chapter No 180, Public Acts of Tennessee 1809
As Amended by Public Chapter 806 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th DAY OF JANUARY 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of FRANK WILLIAM FILMER who died on the 19th day of December 2019 be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon 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 claim 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 first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
- (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 16th DAY OF JANUARY
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Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk
By Personal Representative(s)
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Notice to Creditors:
All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices/statements; in triplicate, with a fee of \$11.00 to Loudon County Probate Court, 12680 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37771
Run date: 01-20-19 & 01-27-19

Public Notice

The Loudon County Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020 in the Loudon County Courthouse Annex to receive public comments regarding amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, TN to rezone Parcels 024.02, 24.04 & 24.05, Loudon County Tax Map 068, located at Chatuga Drive in the 7th Legislative District from R-1, Suburban Residential District to R-1, Suburban Residential District with PUD/2.5 units per acres overlay, approximately 13.74 acres.

DV
 Brian Dotson, 23, Hwy 95 Greenback, was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy Luke Hawkins LCSO, was dispatched to Hwy 95 in reference to a verbal domestic. Deputy was notified that Brian Dotson was waiting at Greenback Memorial Baptist Church. Deputy came in contact with Dotson who stated he and the victim had been arguing since she returned home from Chattanooga earlier in the day. Dotson stated that the victim had broken a window during the argument. Deputy arrived on scene and spoke with the victim. The victim stated Dotson approached the victim with a metal rod and broke the window, then punched the door several times, with Dotson again and shoved the victim into the wall. The victim stated she was in fear for her safety. Deputy then spoke with Dotson again and he confirmed the victim story. Brian Dotson was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.


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