

Alleged drunk steals ambulance to get home

Wait times at emergency rooms are notoriously long, and Danny Konieczny's experience was no different March 6 at The Villages Hospital in The Villages, Fla. The Lady Lake resident, 61, was at home earlier in the day when a neighbor called 911 to report Konieczny was drunk and suicidal. According to WOFL TV, first responders took him to the hospital, where he waited for two hours to see a doctor before getting exasperated and stealing an ambulance to drive home. Konieczny parked the ambulance in the driveway of the neighbor he thought had called the police about him, and when Lake County Sheriff's investigators tracked him down, they found Konieczny curled up in the trunk of his own car in his garage. Konieczny was put on no-bond status because he is still on probation from a 2017 drunk driving charge.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

AWESOME!

Environmentalists decry all the debris washing up on beaches around the world, but a discovery in January near Perth, Australia, has historians thrilled. The Washington Post reported that Tonya Illman and a friend were walking along the beach when she spotted "a lovely old bottle." Inside was a damp note, tied with string. "We took it home and dried it out ... and it was a printed form, in German, with very faint German handwriting on it," she said. Experts at the Western Australia Museum have determined the note was 132 years old -- 24 years older than the previous record for a message in a bottle. The note was dated June 12, 1886, from a ship named Paula.

Further study revealed a German Naval Observatory pro-

gram was analyzing global ocean currents in the area between 1864 and 1933, and an entry in the Paula's captain's journal made note of the bottle being tossed overboard. Thousands of other bottles were released into the sea as part of the program, and only 662 have been returned. The last one discovered was in January 1934.

THE STUFF OF NIGHTMARES

Kayaker Sue Spector, 77, was out for a leisurely paddle on the Braden River in Florida with her husband and friends on March 4 when someone remarked, "Oh look, there's an otter." No sooner had the words been spoken than the mammal with a playful reputation jumped onto Spector in her kayak and began clawing and scratching her arms, nose

and ear. "He wouldn't let go and I kept screaming. I kept beating him with a paddle," Spector told FOX13 News. She later required stitches, antibiotics and rabies treatment. It was the second otter attack in two days, and Florida Fish and Wildlife has now posted signs about the "aggressive otter" near the area.

OOPS!

The Carelse family of Lakewood, Colo., picked up some groceries at the Walmart in Littleton on March 5, including a box of Quaker 100 Percent Natural Granola with oats, honey and raisins. When they sat down for breakfast the next morning, they told KMGH TV, Anthea Carelse noticed that the "best by" date on the box was Feb. 22, 1997 -- more than 21 years ago. Her husband, Josiah, ate his full bowl and didn't suffer any unpleasant consequences, but Anthea stopped after two

bites. Josiah planned to return the box to Walmart.

LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINAL

On March 12 in Northumberland, England, a car thief making a getaway in a Mini Cooper S discovered the small car was not small enough to navigate a narrow stone staircase in Carlisle Park. Northumbria police were called to the park around 11:30 p.m. where they found the car and its unnamed 31-year-old driver both wedged tightly between the staircase walls. Area residents speculated to Metro News that the driver might have been trying to re-enact a scene from "The Italian Job," a 1969 movie. "I'm sure the older Minis would have got down no problem," said Chris Stoker.

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Machine technology could be expanding to WCHS



Lisa Hobbs photo

A partnership is under consideration between Warren County High School and Tennessee College of Applied Technology. It would provide a machine technology class for high school students and dual enrollment at the college. Pictured is Ethan Cartwright, a TCAT student enrolled in the class.

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A partnership between Warren County High School and Tennessee College of Applied Technology could expand with the inclusion of a machine technology class.

The two partnered in the past to provide high school students with a welding class. While WCHS supplied the space, TCAT supplied the instructor. Grants are sought to purchase the necessary equipment or the two share that cost. Students taking the class have the opportunity for dual enrollment.

Director of Schools Bobby Cox informed Warren County School Board members about the offer from TCAT for a machine technology class partnership.

"They would provide the teacher and the equipment for the program, if we supply the space," he said. "We are looking to see if that works. If it does, we'll bring the information back to the

board. I'm willing to partner, if the facility works out."

Space is an issue.

"We are running out of room," said Cox, who looked over the school with WCHS executive principal Jimmy Walker and found one available spot. "We do have one bay area in the CTE hall that's not being used right now. We are looking at that to see if we can possibly use that."

Machine Tool Technology is designed to develop basic skills in machine tool

operation and provide the student experience on a variety of machine tools similar to those which he or she will operate after graduation, including computerized numerical controlled machines. Instruction is given in related blueprint reading, mathematics, precision measuring, and basic metallurgy and basic CAM software (Gibbs CAM, Solidworks, Feature CAM).

If a partnership can be formed, TCAT will apply for grants to purchase the necessary equipment for the class.

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