

# Plant worker falls into vat of oil from Disney, dies

The happiest place on Earth couldn't work its magic Aug. 15 when a worker at nearby Harvest Power fell into a vat of oil and grease from Walt Disney World. The plant in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., recycles the resort's food waste, then converts it into renewable energy and fertilizer.

John Korody, 61, and another worker were emptying the contents of a semitruck into a vat when Korody slipped on a grate and fell into the vat. His co-worker tried to pull him out, but the fumes overtook them both, and Korody slid farther in, according to *The Washington Post*. The Reedy Creek Fire Department responded, but Korody was pronounced dead at the scene.

## SMOOTH REACTION

Debbie L. McCulley, 57, of

Salem, Va., has been banned from all future Floyd County High School sporting events but, on the bright side, her indecent exposure case may eventually be dropped, following an incident area lawyers are calling "moon over Floyd." McCulley's husband, Mark, is the JV softball coach for Glenvar High School, and the charges resulted from Debbie's unusual reaction to her husband's team's loss to Floyd County in May.

She "stood on or close to the pitcher's mound and pulled down her pants with her right hand to expose her right butt cheek," according to Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy G.H. Scott. But Debbie told the officer her husband had confronted the opposing coach after the game, and she was afraid he would be "attacked," so she was trying to divert atten-

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tion from the two men. The Roanoke Times reported Debbie wrote a letter of apology and will be performing community service. Chris Robinson of the Virginia High School League noted crowd behavior at games is "probably leaning a little bit in the wrong direction."

## WEIRD SCIENCE

United Press International reported a 42-year-old British woman saw her eye doctor after experiencing swelling and drooping of her eyelid earlier this year. After performing an MRI, doctors discovered a cyst and performed surgery, during which they found a hard contact lens embedded in the eyelid. It turns out that the patient had suffered a

blow to the eye 28 years ago and had assumed the lens fell out. She experienced no symptoms until the recent discomfort.

## ANNOYING

A pothole in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, got a new life as a vegetable garden this summer after area residents grew weary of waiting for the city to repair it. The hole, which is several feet deep, had been expanding for months, neighbors said. So they filled it with tomato plants, which are now ripening and getting so tall they require wire cages for support. Now, "It's sort of, like, become the community garden," resident Bryan Link told CBC Radio. Finally, Mayor John Tory has agreed

to not only fill the pothole, but to move the tomato plants to a community garden.

## UNEXPECTED HAZARD

An unnamed Irish teenager's hiking outing became fodder for any number of bad punsters after the boy was hit by a falling sheep while walking in Northern Ireland's Mourne Mountains. The sheep fell from a crag Aug. 17 and landed on the boy, who was treated for potential injuries to his head, neck, back, abdomen and leg. "It is believed the sheep was uninjured and left the scene unaided," reported Metro News. Punny comments on a social media post made by the Mourne Mountain Rescue Team included: "Mutton been looking where he was going, I bet he's feeling a little sheepish now"

and "Ewe want to be careful on the mountains!!"

## SUPERPOWERS

Phoenix teenager Josiah Wiedman, 13, was walking home through a park in early August with a friend when he was struck by lightning, "sending me 9 feet into the air, making me bounce on my head and then flip over to my back," he told ABC News. Afterward, doctors put Josiah into a medically induced coma for three days, and when he came to, he made a speedy recovery.

His mother, who didn't expect her son to survive, dubbed him "Superman" -- and indeed, Josiah said he's waiting for his special powers to kick in. "I haven't felt my powers yet, but I will soon," he said.

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## Jail expansion

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Upland Design architect Allen Hill outlined the situation for committee members.

"Unfortunately, the project did bid over the money," Hill said. "The certified capacity was expected to be about 145 additional beds. We checked earlier today, there are 315 inmates in the jail now, 240 men and 75 women."

The jail's current capacity is 251 inmates.

Hill, as he did with the county Financial Management Committee last week, stated there are fixed costs associated with the jail expansion and those would remain

unchanged regardless of how many beds are removed to reduce costs.

"If we remove half of the beds, the cost of the project will not be cut in half," said Hill. "For example, we have to build a new control room area. There's a certain cost to that whether we add one bed or 100 beds or 200 beds."

Hill described the project as "very bare bones" and not much can be cut due to it being only "bare concrete floor, painted concrete block walls, and a painted concrete ceiling."

The \$8.3 million bid, said Hill, is the best value for the county and he urged accepting that bid.

"Our recommendation would be to accept that bid, if at all possible. We understand it's over budget, but we have some concerns that if the project is rebid the cost may go up. That would be one reason we recommend that bid be accepted. We understand that might not be possible in a short timeframe."

The bid from Merit Construction is only good for 14 days, which ended Aug. 24. If the Warren County Commission approves the suggested \$9 million and the company can't hold its \$8.3 bid due to increased expenses, the county will have to rebid.

Hill says that scenario could happen.

"We get mailings from trade organizations about cost estimating," said Hill. "I got one today that was listing a 4 percent cost on subcontractor labor from June 1 to July 1. A 4 percent increase in 30 days. That's a national average. I mention that to say we are seeing a tremendous inflation in construction cost in this timeframe. If you can find the money and they can't honor their bid, we will have no option but to rebid."

The measure will be sent to the county's Financial Management Committee for its consideration. That meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 3:30 p.m.

## Cuddly Chloe



Lisa Hobbs photo

She's light gray in color, adorable and ready for adoption. Chloe is 4 months old. Her adoption fee is \$77, which includes the cost for spay and rabies vaccination. Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center is located at 169 Paws Trail. Serious inquires only may call 507-3647.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, county meetings are held at the Warren County Administrative Building located at 201 Locust Street and city meetings are held at City Hall located at 101 E. Main Street.

### MONDAY, AUG. 27

Warren County's 24 recently elected county commissioners will be sworn into office at 5 p.m. An oath of office will be administered by Judge Bart Stanley.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 28

The county Financial Management Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. Several items of business will be considered: 1) RFP for VOIP phone system for Warren County Schools; 2) Warren County Jail addition; 3) Used tractor and boom mower for Warren County Highway Department; 4) Budget amendments and transfers, if any; 5) Surplus property approval and disposal, if any.

The city Building and Grounds Committee will meet at 6 p.m. to discuss a request to deed the Blue Building to the Tourism Development Board.

The city Water and Sewer Committee will meet at 6:20 p.m. Three items of business will be under consideration: 1) discuss awarding a contract for asbestos abatement for 202 Bell Street renovations; 2) discuss 2018-19 Community Development Block Grant Water System Grant eligibility; 3) discuss/award small mini-excavator purchase and disposal of tractor.

A public hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m. to listen to comments regarding the 2018-19 proposed fiscal year budget for the city of McMinnville.

McMinnville Board of Mayor and Aldermen will hold its regular session at 7 p.m. One item of business is the agenda, an ordinance to adopt the proposed fiscal year budget for 2018-19.

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