

Owners of stolen boat plea for it's return

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Editor

A plea to the public regarding a very important boat. On Monday, the *Daily Leader* reported the theft of a 12-foot, wooden-hand-made boat that belonged to Karl and Debi Weinert of Big Sandy, Tenn.

The Weinerts were vendors in the Arts and Crafts tent on Main Street during the Wings Over the Prairie Festival. The Tennessee Boat Shop Company, the Weinert's personal business, displayed three boats during the festival, one of which was stolen off the trailer while they were at the Holiday Inn Express located at 708 W. Michigan in Stuttgart.

"We promote our boats as two-day boats even though the one that is missing took us six days to present," Debi Weinert said. "It was used in a showcase on The Today Show with Katie Couric"

The boat has a pointed bow and one of its unique qualities is its bronze ore locks, according to Weinert.

"We're hoping someone would drop it off at the paper or at the chamber since we've agreed to file no charges," Weinert said. "We just want the boat back so we can promote our business. As it is now, we have no boat to show."

The Tennessee Boat Shop is

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scheduled to hold its first boat making classes on Dec. 29 and 30.

"We were going to put it in the Camden, Tenn., parade on

Dec. 6," Weinert said.

The boat is valued at \$1,500 and anyone with any information should call the Stuttgart Police Department or bring the boat to Main Street.



Submitted photo

Pictured above is the missing hand-made wooden boat, made by Karl and Debi Weinert of Big Sandy, Tenn.