

Warrenton father found drowned in Smith Lake

Young son expected to fully recover

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WARRENTON — A Warrenton man drowned Sunday when a canoe he and his young son were in capsized on Smith Lake, according to the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office.

Kyle Harkless, 27, and his son, Logan, 7, were boating on the lake in a 17-foot canoe that overturned sometime mid-afternoon. Rescuers determined the father was not wearing a personal flotation device.

Logan, who wore a life jacket, was rescued by several witnesses, including

Heather Wyland, a female witness who swam to the young boy's aid, despite the cold weather.

Logan and Wyland were treated at Columbia Memorial Hospital for possible hypothermia but are expected to make a full recovery, the sheriff's office said.

The Clatsop County Marine Patrol and Clatsop County Dive Team were able to locate the body of Kyle Harkless after 30 minutes of searching near where witnesses saw the canoe capsize.

"This horrible incident is just another reminder why people should use extreme caution when boating in inclement weather and always wear a personal flotation device, regardless of the conditions," the sheriff's office

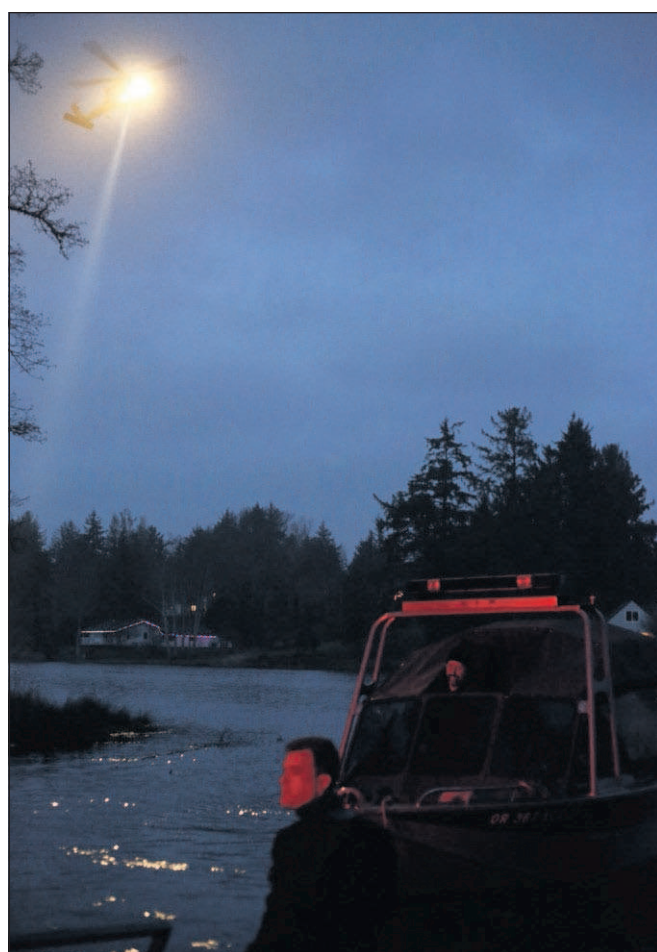


Joshua Bessex/The Daily Astorian
Authorities help search Smith Lake for Kyle Harkless after his canoe overturned in the lake.

said in a statement. "We extend our deepest condolences to the families affected by this tragic accident."

The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office, the Warrenton

Police Department, the Warrenton Fire Department and the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Astoria also arrived on scene to assist in rescue and recovery.



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Authorities searched for a missing father at Smith Lake Sunday. He was found drowned.

Coast Guard aviation history comes to Warrenton



Photo courtesy of Petty Officer 3rd Class Jonathan Klingenberg
A U.S. Coast Guard MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter with a yellow paint scheme lands at Air Station Astoria Friday. The helicopter is the first specially painted aircraft delivered during the centennial celebration of Coast Guard aviation, and will operate out of the Warrenton base for the next four years.

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WARRENTON — U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Astoria welcomed a yellow MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter Friday in celebration of 100 years of Coast Guard aviation.

The helicopter arrived from the Coast Guard's Aviation Logistics Center in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and will operate out of the Warrenton base for the next four years.

"We are honored to receive the first Jayhawk with

a historic paint scheme and look forward to using it to continue the watch that our aviators so valiantly stand," Capt. Daniel Travers, commander of Coast Guard's Sector Columbia River, said in a release. "This Jayhawk may look different than our orange and white ones, but its mission remains the same, to protect the mariners that call the Pacific Northwest home."

The Jayhawk is painted yellow to represent the paint scheme that Coast

Guard and Navy helicopters used in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Examples include the Sikorsky HO3S-1G used from 1946 to 1955 and the Sikorsky HO4S used from 1951 to 1966.

An MH-65 Dolphin helicopter is scheduled to be delivered to Air Station North Bend later this month.

These two aircraft are the first of the 16 centennial painted aircraft in the country. Altogether, three different Coast Guard air-

craft types, including the Jayhawk and Dolphin helicopters and the HC-144 Ocean Sentry airplane, are receiving historic paint schemes representing various eras of Coast Guard aviation.

Coast Guard aviation officially began April 1, 1916, when 3rd Lt. Elmer Stone reported to flight training in Pensacola, Florida.

The Coast Guard is celebrating the centennial of Coast Guard aviation throughout this year.

Top tier for Warrenton robotics team

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WARRENTON — The F1shSt1ckz, Warrenton Grade School's Lego robotics team, won first place for their project at the FIRST Lego League state championship tournament Jan. 10.

The team won the Google Data Center Research Award, which recognizes a team that utilizes diverse resources to formulate an in-depth and comprehensive understanding of the problem they have identified.

The first Lego League challenges students to tackle a different real-world problem each year, using both Lego robotics and teamwork. About 60 teams from around the state competed Jan. 10 at Liberty High School in Hillsboro.

F1shSt1ckz is comprised of students from the fourth through seventh grades, including Dwayne Wallace, Levi Cabalona-Qualin, Evan Lakey, Connor Moha, Evan Augustin, Nikia Farrow, Zander Moha, Annie Heyen and Marlie Annat.



Submitted Photo

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This year's challenge, Trash Trek, tasked teams with how to reduce trash in the school cafeteria. In finding a solution, F1shSt1ckz members talked with school employees, Recology Western Oregon and local farmers, assessing the needs, costs, procedures and viability of the various solutions.



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Connor Moha, left, and Nikia Farrow of Warrenton Grade School's F1shSt1ckz program a Lego Mindstorms robot during the Oregon First Lego League state championships at Liberty High School in Hillsboro.

The next challenge was to share their solution. Annat wrote a play, "The Adventures of Compost Man and Recycle Guy," that the team performed for first graders to explain recycling and composting food waste.

Along with their project, F1shSt1ckz was judged on the amount of pre-programmed tasks they were able to complete with their EV3 Lego Mindstorms robot, along with the team's core values.

"Our team learned about building techniques, like how the gears move in the sorter," Moha, a fourth-grader, said. "I learned how to connect major gear contraptions."

Annie Heyen, a member of last year's F1shSt1ckz that won the project portion last year with their "Germ Madness" play and presentation on how to improve the way kindergartners wash their hands, said the team balanced the three parts of the competition by teaching new team members how to program the robot.

The F1shSt1ckz team is supported by the Warrenton-Hammond School District, along with a \$500 donation last year from the Cannery Pier Hotel to buy a second Lego robot.

Coast Guard rescues mariners near Grays Harbor

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GRAYS HARBOR, Wash. — A U.S. Coast Guard air crew hoisted two mariners from a 52-foot Canadian-flagged sailing vessel 5 miles west of Grays Harbor, Washington, Saturday.

Sector Columbia River watchstanders received a call from the vessel's operator Saturday morning while they were trying to cross the bar into Grays Harbor. They had been underway for 10 days but unable to return to port because of severe weather and mechanical problems, including a rudder tangled in crab pot lines and a ruptured fuel tank.

The Coast Guard keeps two 47-foot Motor lifeboats in Westport, Washington, ready to escort vessels in case of emergencies, but the bar was restricted to recreational traffic and too dangerous for the sailboat to cross. The mariners anchored their vessel and donned survival suits. The crew of an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter dispatched from Air Station Astoria

hoisted them to safety and took them to Station Grays Harbor.

"There are currently gale warnings, high surf advisories and small craft advisories for wind, rough bar and hazardous seas in affect along the Oregon and Washington coasts, with more weather systems predicted to arrive early next week," said Petty Officer 1st Class Starr Franklin, operations unit controller for Sector Columbia River, in a release Saturday. "We strongly urge checking the weather prior to getting underway and highly caution against going out in adverse weather."

Local lawyer to run for Circuit Court judge

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Clatsop County lawyer Dawn McIntosh has filed to run for Circuit Court judge in the May election to replace Judge Philip Nelson, who will retire this year.

McIntosh, who works for McIntosh and Long in Gearhart, primarily handles domestic relations, juvenile and criminal cases in Clatsop and Tillamook counties.

She moved to Clatsop County in 1998, when District Attorney Josh Marquis hired her as chief deputy district attorney. She supervised all child abuse and major sex crimes prosecutions in Clatsop County from 1998 to 2003. She chaired the county multidisciplinary team for investigation of child abuse cases.

In 1999, she was named the Oregon District Attorneys

Association's Child Abuse Prosecutor of the Year.

In 2001, she received an FBI award for her outstanding record in the prosecution of offenders. In addition, she was a founding member of Clatsop County's Lighthouse for Kids, an assessment center for abused children.

McIntosh taught lawyers at the National District Attorneys Association National Advocacy Center in 2001 on rural domestic violence issues and trial advocacy. As an instructor at Clatsop Community College, she received the college's Meritorious Service Award.

McIntosh graduated from Lewis and Clark Law School in 1992. She interned at the Multnomah County District



Dawn McIntosh

Attorney's Office throughout law school and was hired as an assistant district attorney upon graduation. She worked in the juvenile and child abuse units and received a citation for her work on the Multnomah County District Attorney's child abuse team.

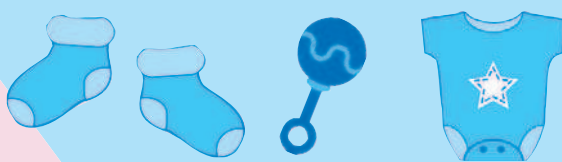
McIntosh is married and

has one child, one stepchild, and two grandchildren. She served on the Cannon Beach PTA, and she is a former coach and sponsor of Seaside Kids and Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association.

David Goldthorpe, a Clatsop County prosecutor for the past six years, announced his campaign to replace Nelson in October.

The election will be held May 17.

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