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The company was founded by his father, Wilt, as Wilamette Aircraft and Engine Co. in Beaverton in 1945.

The company moved into a converted airplane hangar at the Astoria Regional

Airport in Warrenton in 1948. It has grown from manufacturing a variety of electric vehicles to specializing in electric, towbarless airplane tugs used in more than 90 countries.

"Lektro's reputation and corporate culture will

mesh well with JBT's," Paulson said in the release. "We both put the customer first and we both build great equipment. With the leadership at Lektro remaining unchanged, our focus on offering great products and great service

will continue under JBT ownership."

JBT Corp. is a publicly traded company manufacturing food processing and aviation support equipment. Lektro is expected to add annual revenue of approximately \$35 million.

Shutdown: 'This is about supporting our community'

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The partial shutdown, now in its 33rd day, has affected a number of Clatsop County residents, including the large contingent of Coast Guard personnel who live in Astoria and Warrenton. A food pantry that opened up over the weekend at the Astoria Masonic Lodge served more than 1,300 federal employees and their families.

The community support has been overwhelming, government workers say.

Others in the community have hosted their own food

drives, while restaurants and other businesses have offered discounts or deals.

The Astoria Parks, Recreation and Community Foundation and the Parks Department is offering scholarships to federal employees for family fitness passes, swim lessons and other recreational programs. The passes will be available on a month-to-month basis during the shutdown.

"This is about supporting our community," said newly hired Parks Director Tim Williams.

"Part of our mission is to

provide ways to inspire and bring neighbors and visitors together. This is the right thing to do for those that serve our community and our country by allowing them to de-stress in a healthy way, and provide opportunities to enjoy recreational activities with their family during such a difficult time."

Federal employees interested in receiving a scholarship can talk with staff at the Astoria Recreation Center or at the Astoria Aquatic Center. They must fill out an application and show proof of employment.

An estimated 9,600 federal employees in Oregon are furloughed or working without pay. Shutdowns have happened before, but this one marks the longest in U.S. history.

Brown: Sees education as a central goal of his office

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Brown, a self-described introvert and lover of small-town life, intends to keep his focus local.

"I'm interested in national issues, but I'm not really interested in getting myself involved with them on a national level," Brown said. "It's just not my character."

But the public will see continuity. Brown, for example, plans to continue the office's commitment to prosecuting long-term sex abuse cases involving children.

While outside the limelight, Brown hopes to continue the office's legacy of supporting the death penalty and mandatory minimum sentences, issues he will be monitoring as changes will likely be discussed in Salem.

In a lot of ways, Brown boils his job down to being "the county hard-ass."

"We always have to look at it from the most conservative position ... and we're not necessarily going to stay with the most conservative position," he said. "We don't have to try to get the death penalty on everyone who is charged with an offense that may qualify for the death penalty ... But we have to take a law enforcement approach to things."

Brown also sees education as a central goal of his office. He hopes to invest more in prevention

education, whether that means talking to high school students about the consequences of sexting, making mental health resources better known, or informing people about the signs of a possible predator.

One issue Brown believes needs more attention is the large number of car crashes in the county. A recent report in The Oregonian found that Clatsop County had the most drunken-driving crashes per capita in Oregon from 2013 to 2017.

Brown believes the cause is a mixture of high alcohol abuse rates, narcolepsy and winding coastal roads and overall impatience by drivers. One of his goals is to create a major crash team, similar to the county's major crime team, that would help investigate and respond to crashes that involve multiple drivers and shut down the highway.

At 64 years old, Brown doesn't expect an extended stay as district attorney. But he hopes to make things better while he's in charge.

"One term in this office may do me just fine depending on my health and just how well the voters like having me be DA," he said. "I'm not trying to create any kind of big thing here of my own ... (I) just want to improve upon what we already have here."

"Goodwill embraced me from Day One. They took a chance on me. Goodwill gave me Bridgeway."



Linda Sutton
Administration Medical Assistant,
Bridgeway Recovery Services

KKK: 'Racism is still alive and well in America'

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Eric Halverson, deputy chief of the Astoria Police Department, said police are trying to figure out who posted the messages. But he said that the only crime committed so far is a violation of a city ordinance requiring property owner permission to post flyers.

Police spoke with the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office about possible first- or second-degree intimidation charges related to a hate crime, but the flyers don't meet the standard, Halverson said.

"It's one of these things that can be a freedom of speech issue, depending on what it leads to," he said.

David McAfee, co-owner of A Gypsy's Whimsy Herbal Apothecary, found one of the flyers posted on his storefront. A child of the 1960s, the flyer reminded McAfee of the racism he witnessed growing up.

"It's obvious that it's still alive," he said. "Racism is still alive and well in America."

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