

Lektro sells its 5,400th electric aircraft tug to German-based Airbus

Warrenton-based Lektro, which specializes in the design and manufacture of electric vehicles, sold its 5,400th electric aircraft tug to Airbus in Hamburg, Germany, this month.

It's a milestone that breaks Lektro's previous record as the world's No. 1 producer of electric towbarless aircraft tugs.

"It is an honor to provide ground handling solutions to Airbus in Hamburg," said Leo Bartosch, president of Bartosch Airport Supply Services, which brokered the deal. "We look forward to supporting Airbus whenever the need arises."

The Lektro tug model is the Warrenton company's second largest pushback offering, capable of handling all single-aisle Airbus aircraft.



Courtesy Lektro

One of the company's towbarless tow vehicles at work.

Lektro was founded in 1945 by Wilt Paulson, who invented the first towbarless tow vehicle in 1967, revolutionizing aircraft towing.

Paulson's son, Eric, now

runs the company, which is based at the Astoria-Warrenton Regional Airport.

The company has produced a variety of electric vehicles over its 73-year history, including

the first electric feeder for minks and the first electric golf cart, as well as forklifts and warehouse vehicles.

"We are very pleased and impressed with the quality of Lektro's products," Airbus' Oliver Voss. "We appreciate

Lektro's willingness to create a tractor that meets our needs and we look forward to many years of reliable and efficient service."

Lektro's vehicles are in use in 93 countries around the world.

Good Things from the Warrenton Police Department

- Police officers **volunteered** to read to children, in partnership with the Warrenton Community Library.
- With **community support**, Warrenton Police Department (WPD), purchased a **narcotics-trained K-9**, placed and certified the K-9 with an officer, and has assisted in **multiple drug seizures** for WPD and other Clatsop County agencies.
- WPD participated in 2 Drug Take-Back in-station **events** collecting over **400 lbs. of meds**, and also has maintained a year-round in-station med Drop Box, collecting about **500 lbs.** of not-needed meds to be destroyed.
- Officer **volunteers** visited with the **pre-school class** at Warrenton Grade School.
- WPD participated in Safety Events at: Costco, Home Depot, Warrenton High School, Warrenton CERT, the Providence Health Event at Lum's Auto, and US Coast Guard Holiday Stand-Down Event.
- WPD deployed the **life-saving drug Naloxone** kits in all patrol vehicles.
- Served the public interest by posting on Facebook **alerts and public information on cases, scam alerts, and community events**; participated in the Warrenton Business Association **Concert in the Park**, the Regatta **Movie in the Park**, the **Memorial Day Ceremony** at the Post Office, and VFW statue/monument dedication ceremony.
- **Officer Fontana** retired after over **26 yrs. with the WPD**, but will continue to work with and for us until a replacement is found.



More details of their good work at www.ci.warrenton.or.us

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Warrior girls wrestling team makes history

By Nic Pior

For The Columbia Press

It may not have appeared to be a big deal - not a lot of teams showed up -- but on Dec. 7, the Warriors hosted Clatsop County's first all-girls wrestling tournament.

Warrenton, Ilwaco and Knappa competed in the historic first.

Sahanna Rodriquez placed second, wrestling at 105 pounds; Anna Schenbeck took first at 135; Marley Annat was second at 145; Noel O'Bryan was first at 190; Libby Renhert was second at 190; and Jade Freniere was first at 235.

The tournament was followed the next day by an all-wrestlers tournament.

Sahanna Rodriquez placed fifth at 106; Austin Atwood was second at 126; Jordan Martinez was third at 126; Armin Rodriquez was third at 132; Nic Pior tied for third



Warrenton's Elejandra Lopez outscored Knappa's Lacoda Schaeffer 18-14 at Warrenton High School's first girls tournament. It was Elejandra's first win as a wrestler.

Photo by Nic Pior

with Luke Goozee at 138; Josh Neihouser was third at 145; Gio Martinez was second at 160; Alex Tapia placed fifth at 210; and Triston Scott placed fifth at 285.

In total, Warrenton's team had 11 who placed.

We had a successful day with all of our wrestlers fighting hard and not giving up many

points as a team. Warriors took the first place trophy for the first time in 11 years. Yahoo!

To everyone who showed up from our home town: thank you for supporting us!

We still have things to work on, but we are proud and happy to represent such a wonderful community.