

Warrenton's Lektro to be sold to JBT Corp.

Lektro, one of Warrenton's largest employers, will be acquired by Chicago-based JBT Corporation, the local company announced Tuesday.

"We are excited to be part of JBT," said Eric Paulson, Lektro's owner. "Together our companies will provide customers a global sales and support presence, a much broader portfolio of products and services, and deeper en-

gineering capabilities for future product development."

The sale of Lektro comes after the aircraft tug manufacturer has seen a string of record sales years.

Lektro's family of all-electric towbarless vehicles is a great complement to JBT AeroTech's line-up of diesel tow tractors and other ground support equipment products that include de-icers, cargo

loaders, belt loaders, mobile stairs, preconditioned air carts, and ground-power units.

Lektro will become part of JBT AeroTech's ground support equipment unit.

"Lektro's reputation and corporate culture will mesh well with JBT's," Paulson said. "We both put the customer first and we both build great equipment."



A Lektro tug sits in front of a plane at Astoria-Warrenton Regional Airport in this photo from Lektro's Facebook page.

The leadership at Lektro will remain unchanged, the company said.

After the acquisition is final-

ized, Paulson will remain at the company's headquarters in Warrenton and serve as general manager.

The week ahead

Public Meetings

THURSDAY

• **Clatsop County Recreation Lands Planning Advisory Board**, 1 p.m., 800 Exchange St., Fourth Floor, Astoria.

Groups & Events

TUESDAY

• **Astoria-Warrenton Chamber Networking Breakfast**, 7:45 a.m., Astoria Brewing Company, 144 11th St., \$8.50 for breakfast. Speaker is Jim Knight, Port of Astoria.

Public safety calls

WARRANTS

• Warrant service, 8:09 p.m. Jan. 14, 1000 block King Salmon Street. Dennis James Wentz, 48, with no known address, was arrested on a detainer warrant from Clatsop County Parole and Probation.

THEFTS AND BURGLARIES

• Shoplifting, 10:15 p.m. Jan. 14, Walmart. Ethan Kenneth Adams, 30, of Astoria was cited for criminal second-degree theft and criminal mischief after he allegedly attempted to leave the store without paying for \$98 in toiletries.

• Shoplifting, 12:11 a.m. Jan. 15, Walmart. Katheryn Jean Streicher, 35, of Warrenton was cited for criminal third-degree theft after she allegedly attempted to leave the store without paying for \$46 in merchandise. She also was trespassed from the store.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/ DISTURBANCES

• Nuisance caused by feeding hundreds of gulls, crows and other birds, 12:13 p.m. Jan. 14, 600 block Northwest Ninth Street. The resident was cited for violating the city's ordinance prohibiting feeding of wildlife.

• Criminal mischief, 2:58 p.m. Jan. 14, Camp Kiwanilong.

• Found property, 8:06 a.m. Jan. 15, 600 block Southeast Marlin Avenue. A gray lock box was found.

• Assault, 5:15 p.m. Jan. 16, 100 block Northwest Fourth Street. Brandon Robert Gillette, 29, with no known address, was arrested on suspicion of fourth-degree assault. No further details were available.

VEHICLES

• Traffic stop, 3:59 p.m. Jan. 15, Harbor Drive at Pacific Street. Driver cited for driving while suspended.

• Traffic stop, 10:02 p.m. Jan. 15, Highway 101 at Harbor Drive. Driver cited for driving while suspended, having no valid insurance and failing to register a vehicle.

• Two-vehicle collision, no inju-

ries, 10:29 a.m. Jan. 15, Highway 101 north of Fort Stevens (Highway 104) turnoff.

• Two-vehicle collision, one injury, 3:51 p.m. Jan. 16, Harbor Drive at Skipanon River Bridge.

• Hit-and-run, 4:35 p.m. Jan. 16, Walmart parking lot.

• Vehicle off the road, one injury, 8:18 p.m. Jan. 17, Highway 101 at Ocean Crest.

• Single-vehicle into parked car, no injuries, 11:31 a.m. Jan. 18, 100 block Southwest Second Street.

FIRE AND SERVICE CALLS

• Provide mutual aid for a patio on fire, 12:08 p.m. Jan. 14, 721 14th St., Astoria.

• Provide mutual aid for smoke billowing from structure, 4:11 p.m. Jan. 14, 304 37th St., Astoria.

• Fire in storage trailer, 12:11 p.m. Jan. 15, 33200 block Sunset Beach Lane.

• Sparking transformer, 10:43 p.m. Jan. 18, 2300 block Southeast Dolphin Avenue.

MEDICAL CALLS

• Female with chest pain, 5:19 p.m. Jan. 14, 32500 block Turley Lane.

• Male with chest pain, 5:47 a.m. Jan. 16, Clatsop Behavioral Respite Center.

• Male with injured elbow, 12:52 p.m. Jan. 16, 400 block North Main Avenue.

• Welfare check on male sleeping on bench, 4:25 p.m. Jan. 16, 600 block South Highway 101.

• Male with difficulty breathing, 12:54 a.m. Jan. 17, 700 block Southwest Cedar Avenue.

• Female with nosebleed, 5:08 a.m. Jan. 17, 1100 block Northwest Warrenton Drive.

• Female with high blood pressure, 8:09 a.m. Jan. 17, 1400 block Southwest Alder Avenue.

• Female fall patient, 12:46 p.m. Jan. 17, 2000 block Southeast Azalea Avenue.

• Female who's not breathing, 3:45 p.m. Jan. 17, 900 block King Salmon Place.

• Incoherent female, 3:01 p.m. Jan. 18, 600 block South Main Avenue.

• Male with heroin overdose, 4:16 p.m. Jan. 18, 500 block Southwest First Place.

• Female with unknown medical problem, 4:31 p.m. Jan. 18, 1400 block Southwest Alder Avenue.

• Suicidal female, 5:14 p.m. Jan. 18, Clatsop Behavioral Respite Center.

• Female with difficulty breathing, 6:59 p.m. Jan. 18, 92200 block Whiskey Road.

• Female requesting transport, 10:43 a.m. Jan. 19, 200 block Southwest Second Street.

• Female with difficulty breathing, 3:50 p.m. Jan. 19, 300 block Lake Drive.

• Female with uncontrolled vomiting, 11:09 a.m. Jan. 20, Clatsop Behavioral Respite Center.

• Female with possible stroke, 10:54 p.m. Jan. 20, 90900 block Highway 101.

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