

Taft Tigers IQ TEST

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Our city council is getting along like the baseball team ..see below

Taft's Arce-Torres races to 400-meter win at Prefontaine

by JIM FOSSUM



Taft High senior sprinter Gabe Arce-Torres captured the 400-meter run in 50:44 Saturday at the 32-team Prefontaine Rotary Invitational at Marshfield High School. Arce-Torres placed second in the 200 and fourth in the 100 in the prestigious annual track and field meet in Coos Bay that honors legendary 1972 U.S. Olympic distance runner and American record-holder Steve Prefontaine. "We come looking for PRs and to watch State champions going through their routines and rituals so we may learn and emulate those techniques for ourselves," Taft coach Joey Arce-Torres said. Taft sophomore Ella Knott was second in the javelin

and tied for seventh in the 200-meter dash. Senior distance runner Preston Nightingale was sixth in the 800-meter run. Upperclassmen Arce-Torres and fellow senior Micah McLeish were joined by Brie LeBoeuf, JJ French and Jacob Mayoral with personal-best results for the Tigers. "The three are confident and eager, the perfect recipe for success," Arce-Torres said. "They posted some great improvements and are just beginning. I expect much more from these three over the next four weeks." Taft's boys team finished 9th behind team champion Crook County. Taft girls placed 19th behind winner Laguna Beach.

STEAM Expo a first for Taft

by JUSTIN WERNER

Science, technology, engineering, art and math will collide in Lincoln City this Wednesday in the Taft High Commons in the first-ever STEAM Expo. The Taft Science Department made it a goal this year to create a venue for exhibiting student innovation and communicating with the community, so from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday April 18, it will do just that. There will be an array of projects in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). A.P. Physics will have a huge Foucault pendulum hanging from the rafters with display boards. The Robotic Operated Vehicle (ROV) team will show off its new design. There will also be a "Pi Wall," which is a wall of TVs connected by Raspberry Pi computer chips. Dr. Bruce Menge, a marine ecologist from Oregon State University, will speak as a special guest. **April 18 4-6 p.m. Full coverage on our website**

Change in the air at council

by JUSTIN WERNER

I sat in on the Lincoln City Council meeting Monday and noticed a change in the way the Council members and staff are treating one another. As the three-hour meeting progressed, it was obvious — at least in my view — that the Council is more efficient and, in general, more content. Council members appeared more cordial and friendly to each other. They thanked one another publicly and seemed genuinely collegial in their discussions. They have been this way for about a month or so. We should like what we see. Working for the City Council, or serving on the Budget Committee, pays an annual salary of zero dollars. Our elected officials are doing the job for free. How many jobs would you work at where the pay is nothing and the drama is higher than average? Council meetings are very informative. If you have something to say to your elected officials, there is a forum to do so. Just be aware they are people, too.

Taft boys golf posts 2nd place

by JIM FOSSUM

The Taft High boys golf team overcame wet playing conditions that included casual water on some fairways, greens and bunkers to place second Monday in an 18-hole West Valley League match near Lebanon. Blanchet Catholic claimed its fourth straight league win without a defeat at 362, followed by Taft at 382 and La Pine at 386. Santiam Christian, Salem Academy, La Pine and host by East Linn Christian Academy also participated in the Class 3A tournament at Mallard Creek Golf Club. Taft's DeVon Lindquist, competing in his second straight varsity match as a pre-tournament qualifier, capitalized on playing knowledge attained through his growing relationship with fellow juniors Logan Merry and William Brooks to go out in 50, then matched it on the back to finish at 100. Merry, playing from the No. 1 position for the Tigers under mostly cloudy skies and chilly, windy weather, shot 43-44 — 87 in the 18-hole event.



Stamp Out Hunger

The largest one-day food drive in Oregon and the nation is Saturday, May 12, 2018



Best Beaches

Roads End, D-River, and Taft Bay made our list. Full story on our website.



Ready, set, thrive

Samaritan event showcasing resources for parenthood. May 8, 3-6 p.m. @hospital

Russell Baldwin for Judge

by Vikki Bartels

I am endorsing Russ Baldwin, attorney for Lincoln County Judge this May 15th! In the 35 years that I have known Russ Baldwin personally, he has always been polite and respectful towards me. Those are great attributes for a judge to have. As my family's lawyer he maintains a very professional demeanor, has

strong work ethics as he honors the rule of Law and will go the distance to resolve legal matters. We need a judge capable of resolving complex civil disputes and has the mind that can effectively bring forth fair and just rulings.

FULL LETTER ON OUR WEBSITE

Made Me Smile

by MARY JO KERLIN

"Excellent work! I enjoyed reading it. Good descriptions, good vocabulary, and the conclusion was perfect! Made me smile today." - Comment left on: Trip to the store

Garage Sale Maps

by Lori Arce-Torres

"Print copies of the Great Oregon Coast Garage Sale map are available at the Chamber office." - Facebook Page

Funny

by SUSAN

"Funny, we are a long ways from being a VRD owner!" - comment left on: The Lincoln City Local test

Sports coverage

by RICHARD KING

Great coverage of a very good baseball team. Keep up the good work. Also good coverage of the softball. - Comment left on: Stempel, Knott, King lift Tigers to win

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Indoor kite flying soars



Northwest Coastal Housing and My Sister's Place partnered Saturday to bring indoor kites back to Lincoln City. Connor Doran, from Dare to Dream and America's Got Talent, flew a stacked indoor kite at the "Soaring for Solutions" event at Taft High 7-12.

Soaring for Solutions 2018 Indoor event

by JUSTIN WERNER

For various reasons, Lincoln City indoor kiting events have not been held recently, disappointing the kite-flying community. But that all changed when the Lincoln City Community Days Committee reached out in an effort to increase engagement by attracting additional nonprofits to build awareness of their services.



The effort caught the attention of Northwest Coastal Housing Executive Director Sheila Stiley, whose

company is one of nine community development corporations in the state. She had the idea to have people and kids come to Taft with kites.

Stiley contacted several professional fliers with the help of her daughter, who knew Doran personally, and 14 immediately jumped on board. The event was put together on short notice, but that didn't deter four Grand National champions of the American Kitefliers Association (AKA) from recognizing Lincoln City's longstanding reputation as a kite-flying mecca.

"The Kite Pit Party was a great opportunity to have the public meet professional kite fliers and get autographs," Stiley said.

Tables were set up where kids of all ages built and decorated their own Tyvek kites. A raffle was held to raise funds for Northwest Coastal Housing and My Sister's Place. "Face painting, wild hair coloring, styling, magnetic crafts and a coloring table were a hit with kids," she said. "A photo backdrop of kites that were colored by the kids was amazing." The "Fly with the Masters" portion of the event allowed everybody to learn to fly kites with the pros, she said. "Kids ran around with kites and professionals mingled with them to bring out the love of kite flying," she said. "Professional Scott Weider was there and put on a beautiful show. His big black kite with the long tail soared with the effortless precision of a true master kite flier." Connor Doran began his indoor career in 2007 when his mother, Amy, a five-time AKA Grand National titleholder, taught him how to fly. Connor picked up the art of flying kites with no wind quickly, and after practicing all summer, competed in his first indoor event with the Northwest Sport Kite League, where he won the Intermediate championship. (cont. page 4)

DOGgone good time

by JUSTIN WERNER



The Lincoln City Cultural Center hosted DOGgone Crazy Day, part of Lincoln City Community Days, to benefit the Beach Bark Fund. For almost a decade, Beach Bark Fund has provided funds for emergency veterinary care for animals in need. VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

Tigers roll to seventh straight win

All hail Taft

by JIM FOSSUM

Considering his status as lead-off hitter and team captain, who better to set the stage for the Taft High baseball team's undeniable success than senior shortstop Josh Salsbery?

"Everyone is swinging the bat well, guys are playing their positions to their full potential, and it's showing," Salsbery said Monday after the No. 1-ranked Tigers overcame a hailstorm and blustery weather to roll to a 13-1 West Valley League home victory over Willamina in five innings.

Left fielder Tyee Fisher drove home two runs on three extra-base hits, and fellow juniors Kam Kessler and Bleiz Kimbrough combined on a one-hitter as first-place Taft won its seventh straight game to improve to 13-2 overall and 5-0 in league play.

The Tigers, who have outscored their opponents 43-2 in the last four games, scored like the cloudburst that interrupted play with four runs in the first, five in the second, three in the third and one in the fourth behind nine hits, including two

each from senior first baseman Jack Stempel and sophomore catcher Eli DeMello.

"Sometimes it can be challenging to get in the right mindset going into the day unsure if the game will be played," Taft coach Matt Hilgers said. "We jumped on them early again in the first inning. We made some mental mistakes that we were fortunate didn't cost us. Pitching and defense has continued to carry us."

Stempel and DeMello joined Fisher with two RBIs, while Stempel and Salsbery — team tri-captains with senior center-fielder Caleb King — scored three runs each for Taft.



Lucas Hindman also scored for the Tigers.

Kessler had the other hit and joined Knott and Salsbery with an RBI each the Tigers.

Kaleb Ried had the only hit for the Bulldogs, who fell to 2-11, 0-5 with their seventh straight defeat.



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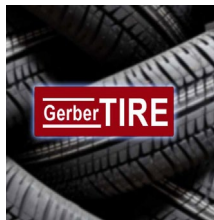
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"I just took advantage of the pitcher leaving one out over the plate and went the other way with it." - Senior Josh Salbery

Taft 13, Willamina 1

TAFT	AB	R	H	BI
Josh Salsbery	2	3	1	1
Eli DeMello	4	2	2	2
Caleb King	2	1	0	0
Jack Stempel	2	3	2	2
Cody Knott	3	1	0	1
Kam Kessler	3	1	1	1
Tyee Fisher	3	0	3	2
Caleb Jones	2	0	0	0
Trenton Fisher	2	1	0	0
Lucas Hindman	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	23	13	9	9

TAFT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Kam Kessler (W)	1.0	1	1	1	2	4	0
Bleiz Kimbrough	2.00	0	0	0	0	2	0



Whether kicking, shooting or hitting a ball, it doesn't require a search-and-rescue team to hunt down Taft High's Naomi Rini on any given weekday.

If not confined to a classroom or her mentoring and governing duties, you'll find her on the field, court or diamond excelling on the Tigers' athletic teams.

Look no further than soccer coach Joey Arce-Torres for the skinny on the industrious senior sports star.

"Naomi is a tough one for me, probably the most polarizing athlete I have ever coached," he said.

Taft softball coach Sandy Stuart agrees.

"I have seen her at her best and her worst, and I can say that she is a very hard-working athlete," said Stuart, who has coached the assiduous 17-year-old multisport performer for three seasons. With desires of becoming a small-town high school

Taft's Naomi Rini nets career goal

by JIM FOSSUM

history teacher, Rini has signed a letter of intent to play soccer at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, where she also hopes to make the Timberwolves' softball team. She currently plans to attend Eastern Oregon University in La Grande upon earning her two-year degree.

"Her strong personality and lightheartedness will be a great gift to her new friends as she moves into college next year," Rini's best friend and senior class co-president Maya Hatton said. "Naomi is a strong leader, and people follow her in her opinion, which is a strong trait of hers."

"On the field, she is a leader," said Stuart of her starting third baseman, who has helped the Tigers to the state's No. 1 Class 3A ranking. "When we asked the players to nominate a team captain, they almost all nominated her because they

felt like she was a great listener. She is a loud voice on the team."

A first-team all-league

soccer player last fall, Rini was a second-team all-conference choice her freshman and junior years, and honorable mention as a sophomore. She was honorable mention in basketball her junior and senior seasons, and second-team last year in softball.

"I have enjoyed making varsity every year for every sport and having to work for a spot every single year, always fighting with another talented athlete for a starting spot, even though I didn't always win," she said. "I've seen myself improve throughout my high school years."

Credit Rini's conscientiousness and desire for her ascension to a college scholarship. "She is in the cages voluntarily all through the school year," Stuart said. "Even though she is a three-sport athlete, she was committed to making herself

NAOMI RINI



Naomi Rini and father Marc



Naomi Rini

become a better softball player. She dedicated a lot of time in the offseason to work on that."

Stuart said the industrious Rini wears her emotions on her sleeve.

"I have witnessed her play an emotional game with twists and turns and ups and downs, but she works hard until the final run is scored," she said.

Rini's mom, Theresa Smith, is a bookkeeper at Kulla-Ronna Scwab and Chambers, while her dad, Marc Rini, is a bellman at the Inn at Spanish Head. Adopted in Portland at age 1 1/2, she has twin brothers, Tristan and Tyler, who are 16-year-old freshmen at Career Tech, and a sister, Sarah, a 21-year-old Taft High grad.

A powerful shooter up close and from long range, Rini helped lead the Tigers to the verge of the State soccer tournament. Taft fell 2-1 to Western Menonite/Perrydale in a Special District 3 play-in game.

"The kid can dominate a match with her physical play," Arce-Torres said. "She isn't blessed with rocket speed, but can hold the ball and thwart off defenders long enough to create a window of opportunity. Naomi can rally teammates when she sees the moment to exploit an opposing defense. At those moments, she looks like an adult playing with children."

Arce-Torres said field awareness helped Rini succeed in soccer and is likely to shadow her on

the field in her community college career.

"She has good knowledge of anticipating empty space and positioning herself for weak-side strikes," he said. "She has the ability to play multiple positions and could shut down an offense when we had the lead."

"Because of that, she has the ability to contribute at a higher rate than most, mainly because soccer is a game of angles, momentum and patience. She wastes little energy because she sees plays develop beforehand and can anticipate where she needs to be."

While Rini has separated herself on the pitch for the Tigers, her favorite sport appears to be the one in season.

"I've never really had a favorite sport, but on the softball team I definitely receive and give the most support from and to my teammates, and that makes the game so much more fun," she said.

Partial to playing second base, Rini is starting at third this season, putting team over self after shaking off a minor knee injury and manning the middle of the diamond as an underclassman.

"I wasn't a super-strong athlete, but I had the technical abilities to be an infielder," she said.

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Great Oregon Coast Garage

by JUSTIN WERNER

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Over a hundred garage sales will be open for business and you might find the deal of a lifetime. Lincoln City is home to many antique collectors, and the median age in Lincoln City is 21% higher than the rest of Oregon.



Taft Girls Golf

by JIM FOSSUM

Four players represented the Tigers in the tournament with the team's annual home event scheduled Thursday, April 19, at Chinook Winds Golf Resort.

Taft High senior Maya Hatton placed second and the Lady Tigers third Monday in the North Marion Invitational girls golf tournament. Coach Heather Hatton said Noa Stoll and Jocelyn Arguello gained valuable experience Monday for a possible varsity position at Districts. Full article on website



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Indoor kite flying soars -continued



Desiring to be on America's Got Talent, Connor and his mother drove to Portland, where he successfully auditioned and was told he had advanced to Las Vegas.

Connor was eliminated from the Las Vegas competition and sent home. But three months later, a producer from the show said judge and comic Howie Mandel wanted to bring him back.

Connor became a wildcard, and suddenly in the top 48 for the popular television talent show. He performed with two kites this time, called "stacked" kites, and stole the show. He moved on to the top 24 semifinals, and finished just one vote shy of making the top 10 in Los Angeles.

The Doran duo travels around the country spreading awareness for epilepsy and bullying with the Dare to Dream program, which inspires people of all ages to try the impossible and never listen to the word "no." Connor has epilepsy, but he doesn't allow it to get in the way of his passion for kite flying. Dare to Dream will be headed to Italy for

a first-time trip "over the pond" next year.

Mandel came to Lincoln City in 2012 for a standup comedy performance that Amy and Connor attended, sitting in the front row. At the end of the performance, Mandel looked down at Connor and said, "You were on America's Got Talent! Did you see this kid? Do you have your kites here?" Amy told the comedian "the ceiling's too low for a big kite, but I have this one." She reached under her seat and pulled out a small kite that Mandel, a known germophobe, reached out and grabbed and flew on stage. Mandel took the kite home with him.

Plans are already being made for an indoor kite-flying event next year in Lincoln City.

Sponsors and donors who made the Soaring for Solutions event possible:

The Kite Shoppe, Phantom Star Kite, Ultrasonic Events for lighting, Dare to Dream with Amy and Connor Doran, Captain Cook Inn and Motel 6 for lodging, Taft High 7-12, Annette Garcia-Garcia, who volunteered to do hair coloring, and the Lincoln City Visitors Convention Bureau for providing sandwich boards.