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Dick Anderson running for Mayor of Lincoln City

by JUSTIN WERNER



Lincoln City Councilor Dick Anderson announced today that he will seek the position of Lincoln City Mayor on the November ballot. He has decided to announce his candidacy at this time so others have time to decide and file for his City Council seat.

"I looked at all the options to serve the community and decided that at this time I could use my skills and experience best as Mayor," Stated Anderson. "The City needs help in areas I have expertise to assist moving forward including housing and economic development."

While serving as Mayor,

Anderson was known for having regular, advertised coffees out in the community in all areas of town to make himself available for citizens to have one on one time to discuss their concerns. He plans on implementing this program again if elected Mayor and will start the coffees during his campaign.

Dick is an avid golfer, interested in cultural events and youth events including high school sports. Dick was instrumental in creating a junior golf program that ran for 8 years where Lincoln City kids had summer golf lessons.

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Employees honored

by MARY JO KERLIN

Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital staff took a mid-afternoon break on Tuesday, May 8, to recognize four dozen co-workers who reached employment milestones.

At the 2018 Service Awards Celebration, held in the hospital cafeteria, CEO Dr. Lesley Ogden praised the employees' dedication to serving the community through their work at the hospital and medical clinics.

During the ceremony, HR Director Heather Arce-Torres presented highlights from the years that employees were hired, while Dr. Ogden presented awards. In addition, the supervisors for the top three longest serving employees spoke about their employee, with heartfelt gratitude and a few humorous stories.

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Biosolids near the Siletz

by KIERA MORGAN

At this weeks county commission meeting, commissioners heard from a group concerned about biosolids that are being applied within 50-feet of the Siletz River. This is the treated sludge that comes from the city's waste treatment plants.

According to County Commissioner Bill Hall "this sludge can be used for exclusive farm use and according to DEQ rules, it can't be spread within 50-feet of any ditch, channel, pond, waterway or within 200-feet of a domestic water source or well."

The group also expressed concerns that the land where this is being applied is used to grow hay, and that there is cattle close by. Animals eating the plants and hay will be ingesting the toxins. Rain can also cause toxins to flow into the river affecting fish. This is why the group pointed out that the 200-foot buffer needs to be followed. After hearing public comment, Commission President Doug Hunt said they will further investigate the matter and will contact State Representatives.

Deputy saves overdoser

by SHERIFF DEPT.

On May 17, 2018 at approximately 4:00 p.m., Deputy Shawn Carter stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation near SE East Devils Lake Rd and SE Oar Street in Lincoln City. During the traffic stop Deputy Carter recognized the rear passenger in the vehicle was exhibiting signs of a drug overdose.

While in the presence of deputies, the male passenger age 33 from Newport went unconscious. Deputy Zachary Akin recognized signs and symptoms of a narcotic overdose and administered Narcan to the male via a nasal spray.

The male became coherent and was transported to Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital where he was further treated for the overdose.

Submitted by,

Sgt. Karl Vertner

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11	BLANCHET CATHOLIC GLIDE		
10	AMITY CASCADE CHRISTIAN		
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Tiger Softball seeded ninth

by JIM FOSSUM

The Taft softball team was seeded ninth by the OSAA and will travel to Stanfield/Echo (19-6, 9-3 Old Oregon) for a first-round game at 3 p.m.

"The five-hour road trip will be a long one, but we have some amazing athletes on this team, and I do believe that they want to be successful," Taft coach Sandy Stuart said. "I am excited and ready to help them reach their goals."



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THE EPIC STORY OF TRI-CAPTAINS

Like brothers who have shared life's pleasures and pitfalls; like sons to the men they have played for and aspire to emulate; to the people they have touched and who have moved them, Taft High baseball stars Caleb King, Josh Salsbery and Jack Stempel are like family.

"I love all three of these kids as if they were my own, and nothing makes me happier than to watch them have the success they so deserve," their former coach, Dustin Hankins, said.

As scripted in what has amounted to a storybook season, Taft's triumvirate of senior team captains has led the No. 1-ranked Tigers on an improbable run to the final chapter of Oregon small-school baseball lore.

"I can't say that one means more to the team than another," coach Matt Hilgers said. "They are what we strive for in our program."

Only this time, it could be the last.

"People in our community who have watched us grow up have always believed that our program would be at its strongest once Jack, Josh and I were seniors, so we're looking to prove them right," King said.

Regardless of the outcome in the loser-go-home State tournament that concludes Friday, June 1, at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer, the trio of lifelong youth sports stars understands that without one there would be no other.

"Sports have really been the spark to our relationship because we've spent so much time playing together," Stempel said.

As a group, the tandem is virtually inseparable, their bond undeniable, their friendship unbreakable.

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It's All in the Family for Taft Baseball Stars

by JIM FOSSUM

"My best memories are growing up with my teammates over the years," King said. "Spending the last four years with them has been the best time of my life."

As individuals, their accomplishments this season are astonishing. As a team, they are unprecedented.

The West Valley League champions have marched into the State playoffs in triumphant fashion, outscoring opponents by an unseemly margin of 156-8 in the regular season with 12 victories without a defeat.

Whether further history is in the making remains to be seen, but there can be no denying that these Tigers are unlikely to be forgotten anytime soon, regardless of what happens.

"The group of guys we have now feels like we've put Taft baseball on the map, almost like we've re-branded the program," King said.

Taft set the standard last season with a postseason showing under Hankins that marked the first time in school history that its baseball program had reached the second round of the State playoffs in 49 years. Going one better, this year's league title under Hilgers is the school's first conference crown in 34 seasons.

"Obviously, a State championship is every team's dream, but we like to focus on one goal at a time," said King, whose team will host games Wednesday, May 23; Friday, May 25; and Tuesday, May 29, or as long as it wins. "We like to say, 'This is our house,' so winning out at home is our goal."

After finishing third twice and fourth once in league play as underclassmen, King, Salsbery and Stempel are united in their belief that the stage has been set for the Tigers to move onward. "Our goals come in stages — to win each game, one game at a time, and to make the most out of every opportunity we have," Salsbery said.

To do that, Hilgers said his senior stars must continue to contribute their leadership — not only as players, but coaches — on the diamond

and in the dugout.

"Without their knowledge and assistance helping with the younger kids, this season would not be what it is," he said. "They have all had their ups and downs, but they have been there to pick each other up when needed. Each of them took it in stride and made sure the rest of the team followed."

That has been the framework for success ever since the trio of toddlers began taking turns hitting balls off a rubber batting tee.

"All three of us have grown up in Lincoln City from a very young age," Stempel said. "We went to kindergarten together, and, for the most part, have been in the same classes all the way up until high school. Starting in All-Stars, we would spend many weekends together, and not much has changed since then. We still spend weekends together just hanging out. Caleb, Josh and I will be brothers forever."

Caleb King, 17

Centerfielder/pitcher (5-10, 160)

.494 average (.568 league), 38 hits, 35 runs, 42 RBIs

7-0, 1.94 ERA, 45 strikeouts, 36.3 innings

Baseball — First-team all-league outfielder 2015; Honorable mention all-state outfielder 2015. First-team all-league utility player 2016; First-team all-state outfield 2016. First-team all-league pitcher 2017; First-team all-state pitcher 2017.

PERSONAL — Caleb is a lifelong Lincoln City resident. His father, Jason, owns K2 Electric and is Taft's assistant baseball coach. His mother, Krystal, works at Under Armour at Lincoln City Outlets. King has two sisters, Jayden, 13, a seventh-grader at Taft High 7-12, and Jorden, 12, a sixth-grader at Taft Elementary.

Caleb's hobbies include hanging out with friends, watching the Portland Trail Blazers, Boston Red Sox, New Orleans Saints, Villanova basketball and anything Oregon State. A

sports fanatic, he is uncertain of what he wants to pursue after high school, but said he hopes it will involve athletics.

TRIBUTE — "My parents have to be the most influential people in my life. I love them to death, and everything I do is for them. My dad can be hard on me, being a coach and all, but I know it's because he knows what I'm capable of, and it drives me to work harder."

Perhaps the most remarkable thing not known among fans about this affable team player is that he's really never wanted to pitch. Despite the many accolades heaped upon him as a flame-throwing right-hander, King prefers roaming the outfield for the Tigers.

Josh Salsbery, 18

Shortstop (5-6, 145)

.482 average (.465 league); 40 hits, 44 runs, 18 steals

Football — First-team all-league defensive back 2017; Second-team all-league wide receiver 2017; Honorable mention all-state defensive back 2017.

Basketball — Honorable mention all-league guard 2017-18.

Baseball — First-team all-league infielder 2016. Second-team all-state infielder 2016. Second-team all-league infielder 2017.

PERSONAL — Josh was born in Corvallis, but has lived in Lincoln City his whole life. His father, James, is a logger at Melcher Logging. His mother, Lisa, is a waitress. He has an older brother, 19-year-old Joseph, a former star Taft athlete; and a younger brother, Tyson, 3. His 16-year-old sister, Lilly, also competes in sports for the Tigers.

Josh plays baseball, basketball and football, and also wrestled for nine years until high school. He hopes to play baseball at Chemeketa Community College in Salem and become a police officer.

"I like to learn things about law and focus on writing skills," he said. "They help with communication skills in life." He enjoys watching "Cops" on TV. His favorite movie is "Napoleon Dynamite."

TRIBUTE — "I would not have gotten through the early stages of teenage life and grown into the young adult I am today without the guidance and knowledge of my mother and father; older brother, Joe; Jason and Lisa King; and Heidi and Kevin Newman. They let me experience things for myself, let me make my mistakes, and helped me understand the meaning of those mistakes."

Jack Stempel, 18
First baseman/pitcher (6-0, 190)
.459 average (.526 league); 34 hits, 35 runs, 30 RBIs
7-1, 0.74 ERA, 45 strikeouts, 47 innings

All in the Family (Continued)

Football — Second-team all-league linebacker 2016; Honorable mention all-league quarterback 2016

Basketball — Second-team all-league guard 2018.

PERSONAL — Jack was born and raised in Lincoln City. His dad, Bill, is head of maintenance for Salishan Leaseholders. His mom, Tara, is a secretary at Taft Elementary. He has a 21-year-old sister, BillyAnn, a former Taft High student leader and star athlete who attends Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

An outdoor enthusiast whose favorite subjects are science and math, Jack spends most of his free time hunting, hiking and camping. He plans on attending Oregon State

and entering in the Degree Partnership Program through Linn-Benton Community

College and earn a degree in Forestry. His favorite movie is "Rocky."

TRIBUTE — "My family, as a whole, has been the most influential on my life — whether that's my father for teaching me how to be a respectful young man, or my mother for showing me how to be kind and loving. My entire family is always there for me no matter what the situation is, and I will be forever grateful for that."



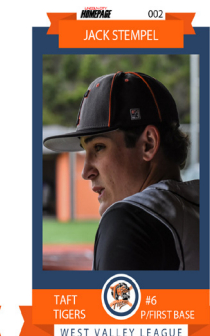
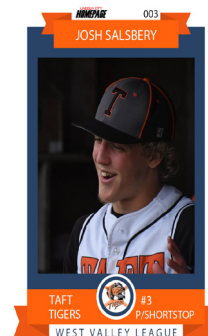
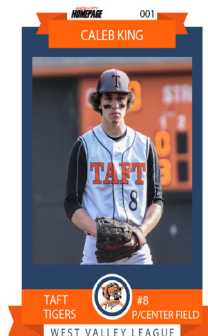
THREE TIGERS FOR THE AGES



From left, Jack Stempel, Josh Salsbery and Caleb King



The Trio



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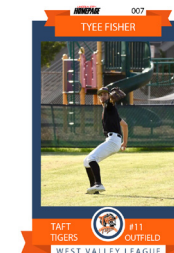
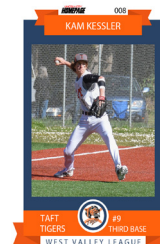
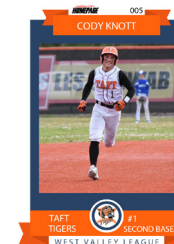
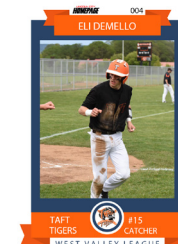
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The No.-1 ranked Taft High baseball team posted some gaudy numbers this season — the most important, of course, being 12-0, the team's perfect record in winning the West Valley League regular-season championship.

But to amass a 22-2 overall mark by outscoring the opposition by almost 200 runs, it took some outstanding individual performances at the plate and on the mound for the Tigers — winners of 16 straight games.

Not surprisingly, it was the indomitable senior trio of Caleb King, Josh Salsbery and Jack Stempel who led the way. But don't discount the undeniable contributions of players such as catcher Eli DeMello, designated hitter Caleb Jones, second baseman Cody Knott, third baseman Kam Kessler, left fielder Tye Fisher, right fielder Trenton Fisher and reliever Bleiz Kimbrough for making this a team in every sense of the word.

While some stat nerds might argue that the Tigers' astounding 156-8 scoring edge in league play (more than 13 runs per game) is the most eye-popping figure, it took innumerable intangibles such as unwavering unselfishness and overt camaraderie on top of talent to make Taft the best small-school baseball team in the state.