



op of the trailer holding the trebuchet he made with his dad. "After doing weird how it actually works," Taylor said. "Actually being able to see it how it drags." (photo courtesy of Kent Taylor)

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ntly as- Bretz built the trebuchet with his dad's help.
 a credit "So my dad builds stuff," Bretz said. "He has a lot
 of machines and stuff and I learned how to use a lot.
 I learned a lot of skills."
 machine He spent about two days over the weekend building
 fare. and testing his machine. He followed a template
 d a tre- he found online and dealt with some technical issues,
 here it but managed to launch a rock the correct distance
 r where when he presented to Klinger.
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 He remained positive throughout the process,
 however.
 upt this "It wasn't easy," Bretz said. "There was a lot of
 with the failed attempts ... but it was fun."
 gement Taylor also worked with his dad, analyzing photos
 a little and videos of how trebuchets work to figure out how
 ce they to put his together.
 ke this "After doing the project and seeing how everything
 help," worked, it's weird how it actually works," Taylor said.
 v could "Like actually being able to see it throw over and see
 the counterweight active and see how it drags."
 ild the He worked on the trebuchet for about four days
 Grant and had to make adjustments for it to work correctly.
 "The day before we went out and tested it, it didn't
 really work the best so we added more weight and
 some- that helped," Taylor said. "When we saw it actually
 rily do went really far it kind of surprised me."
 So, it's Klinger was impressed by both of their projects
 g with and hopes to continue this assignment.
 onding "It was just amazing to see them because they
 rents were both throwing well over 100 feet and doing it
 consistently which is impressive," Klinger said.



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Thunberg not fit for award

Time recently announced their Person of the Year as Greta Thunberg because "she demands action."
 Another nominee for the prestigious award was a body of students in who've been protesting for the autonomy of Hong Kong, a democratic city within China.
 Thunberg and the protesters both represent change, but what they've sacrificed for their cause is much different.
 Let's start with the basics- Greta is a 16-year-old girl from Sweden who diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, OCD and selective mutism at age eight. She is now being projected onto the stressful national stage.
 For Time magazine, "Greta is an image of all of this generation," and thats why she is Person of the Year as opposed to Hong Kong protesters.
 But what has she done for her cause?
 The answer: not a whole lot. She is best known for her emotional speech in front of the United Nations. While this undoubtedly is a big achievement, there are people just as concerned about the environment that have done much more than give a speech.
 What Greta is doing is beneficial- don't get me wrong; climate change is a concern that needs to be addressed. But how the protesters in Hong Kong are fighting deserves more recognition than Greta's advocating. For instance Elon Musk, founder of Tesla, a completely electric car company.
 The truth is that these protests are fighting (literally fighting) for everyone, including Greta, to have the ability to voice their own opinion.
 No problem can be solved without democratic values. Without the right to voice opinions and without protection of our liberties. Without protection from government censorship true change is impossible.
 Only with free press, free opinions, free thought, and free speech, are problems going to get addressed.
 That's why these protests are so important, and that's why they need to be recognized by publications such as Time.
 Greta is a 16-year-old girl traveling the world, voicing her opinion, inspiring and sharing science to people who need to hear it.
 What a privilege it is that she has the ability to do that.
 Meanwhile, protesters in Hong Kong the same age are marching in the streets, and dying for that ability.
 Fighting a government which used to prohibit having two children.
 A government which currently detains Muslims in vast numbers.
 A government which massacred its students in Tienanmen square and to this day censors it.
 A government where there is no freedom of speech, like Greta's.
 So in the wake of Thunberg's accomplishment, I beg you to remember what made that possible for her.
 The freedom she has to voice her opinion despite her disabilities is a freedom others across the world are dying for.
 I will certainly remember that freedom as a journalist.
 Don't take your freedom for granted; celebrate it, fight for it and take physical action for what you believe in, just like the protesters. Because without freedom, the ability make the world better disappears.