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TODAY'S TIPS

- **HOCKEY:** An informational meeting will be held for all interested new Troy High School hockey players and parents at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the THS cafeteria. Contact Sharon Morgan at sharonggarden@aol.com for more information.
- **BENEFIT:** Mike Miller is a Bradford Board of Education member, Bradford Athletic Booster member, president of Youth Baseball and Softball — and most importantly, a Bradford community member. Miller recently became ill, and as a school district and a community, the Bradford School District will be holding a benefit for Miller on May 6 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Bradford Community Club. Adult dinners will be \$6 and children's dinners will be \$4. There also will be a 50/50 drawing and auctions. Make any donations to the Mike Miller Benefit, Attn: Dusty Yingst, 750 Railroad Ave., Bradford, OH 45308.
- **BASEBALL:** The Troy Post 43 baseball team is holding the 2012 Golf Scramble at Cliffside Golf Course in Tipp City on May 12. Check in starts at noon. A shot gun start will take place at 1 p.m. The fee is \$65 a person. Proceeds go to the support of Troy Post 43 baseball. To learn more, contact Frosty Brown at (937) 339-4383 or at (937) 474-9093. You can also contact Frosty via email at ibrown@woh.rr.com.
- **PHYSICALS:** The Newton Athletic Department has made plans to offer all student-athletes grades 6-11 the opportunity to receive their required annual physical for the 2012-2013 school year. Dr. Kent Booher will provide his services to conduct physicals beginning at 5:30 p.m. May 16 in the high school locker rooms. These physicals are good for the entire 2012-2013 school year. Please call 676-2002 to schedule an appointment and pick up the physical papers, which do require parental signature. The charge will be \$15, and checks may be made payable to the Newton Athletic Dept.

SPORTS CALENDAR

- TODAY**
- Baseball**
 Troy at Piqua (5 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Kenton Ridge (5 p.m.)
 Newton at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Miami East at Botkins (5 p.m.)
 Brookville at Bethel (5 p.m.)
 Troy Christian at Ponitz (5 p.m.)
 Bradford at Lehman (5 p.m.)
- Softball**
 Troy at Piqua (5 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Kenton Ridge (5 p.m.)
 Newton at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Bethel at Lehman (5 p.m.)
 Troy Christian at Emmanuel Christian (5 p.m.)
 Riverside at Bradford (5 p.m.)
- Tennis**
 Troy at Springfield (4:30 p.m.)
 Tippecanoe at Spr. Shawnee (4:30 p.m.)
 Northmont at Milton-Union (4:30 p.m.)
 Piqua at Greenville (4:30 p.m.)
 Lehman at Alter (4:30 p.m.)
- Track and Field**
 Bethel at Milton-Union quad (4:30 p.m.)

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Stewart, Edwards exit Richmond disappointed

Not even a meeting with NASCAR officials helped Carl Edwards understand why he was given a penalty at Richmond International Raceway.

"We had to just agree to disagree and that's the way it is," Edwards said.

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Dragons Lair

BELOIT, WI. — Adam Bryant's single through the middle with the bases loaded and no one out in the bottom of the ninth inning broke a 3-3 tie to lift the Beloit Snappers to a 4-3 victory over the Dayton Dragons Sunday.

Major League Baseball

He's enjoying the ride

Bruce hits game-winning HR as Reds top Astros, 6-5

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jay Bruce isn't analyzing his career-best hot streak. He's too busy enjoying it.

Bruce's fourth home run in four games lifted the Cincinnati Reds to a 6-5 comeback win over the Houston Astros on Sunday.

Bruce hit reliever Fernando Rodriguez's (0-3) first pitch 381 feet into the right field seats for his seventh homer of the season. Bruce has hit home runs in a career-high four consecutive games, one short of tying Cincinnati's club record.

"This is what you play for," said Bruce, who leads the Reds in homers. "This is a hard game. There are a lot of times when it's not too much fun."

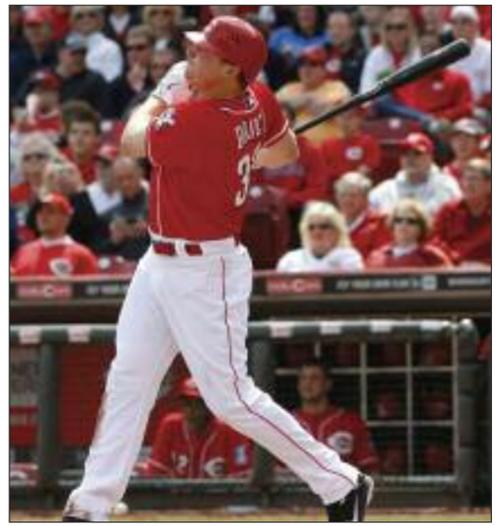
Joey Votto drove in four runs with a

home run and a double to help the Reds capture their third consecutive series and finish the month of April with a .500 record (11-11) after losing eight of their first 12.

"The way we started was really ugly," Votto said. "It was a shock to everybody. It was humbling, but I think it was a good thing, too. I'm a firm believer in that, while you don't want to start bad, it doesn't hurt. It makes you concentrate on fundamentals. I think a losing record early in the year can be a good thing."

Logan Ondrusek (1-0) pitched a perfect eighth to get the win. Sean Marshall earned his fifth save in six tries, capping what manager Dusty Baker described as a "great job" by a bullpen that went into the game ranked third in the league in earned-run average.

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AP PHOTO
 Cincinnati Reds' Jay Bruce hits a game-winning home run off Houston Astros relief pitcher Fernando Rodriguez during the ninth inning of a baseball game on Sunday in Cincinnati.

Baseball



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LEE WOOLERY/SPEEDSHOT PHOTO
 Troy center fielder Devon Blakely makes a diving catch to prevent a run from being scored during Sunday's game against Fairfield at Fifth Third Field in Dayton.

One that got away

Fairfield beats Troy 6-3; now focus turns to Piqua

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The Troy Trojans lost some of the momentum that they'd picked up heading into today's series opener against Piqua to decide the Greater Western Ohio Conference North championship.

DAYTON

Now they need to pick up something else.

A sudden case of amnesia.

"That's the thing about baseball. You need a short memory," Troy coach Ty Welker said. "We're going to forget about tonight and get ready for tomorrow."



Troy second baseman Thomas Harvey tags a Fairfield runner out on an attempted steal.

■ See TROJANS on 16

MLB

Indians roll past Angels

Low pitches gem in 4-0 victory

CLEVELAND (AP) — Derek Lowe never saw the key play that helped him and the Cleveland Indians win the game.

Lowe pitched three-hit ball into the eighth inning and the Indians scored three runs on errors to beat the Los Angeles Angels 4-0 Sunday. Two scored on an error by nine-time Gold Glove outfielder Torii Hunter.

"I've never played the outfield, but I probably would do that myself," Lowe said after Hunter lost a routine fly ball in the sun, allowing Cleveland to go ahead 2-0 in the fifth inning.

"The mighty sun was on our side today," manager Manny Acta said after Cleveland took two of three from the slumping Angels to claim sole possession of the AL Central lead.

Hunter accepted blame for Los Angeles' sixth loss in seven games.

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NBA

No letdown this time

Parker, Spurs hammer Jazz; win opener for 1st time in four years

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — This was not another early playoff letdown by the San Antonio Spurs. For the first time in four years, they won a series opener.

But more important to them was Tony Parker looking like his old postseason self.

Putting together his best playoff game since 2009, Parker scored 28 points and the top-seeded Spurs erased four years of putting themselves in 0-1 holes to start the playoffs, beating the Utah Jazz 106-91 in Game 1 of their first-round series Sunday.

It marked the 11th straight win for the Spurs dating to the regular season, and kept the Spurs from being hounded by the same doubts that emerged this time last year when they also entered the playoffs as the No. 1 seed, only to be ousted by Memphis.

"I think everybody knows what happened last year," Parker said. "Everybody's motivated this

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BUFFALO WILD WINGS' PLAYER OF THE WEEK

ASHLEY RECTOR

Led Troy girls track team to fifth place at Wayne Invitational.



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