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TODAY'S TIPS

- BASEBALL:** Troy Post 43 American Legion baseball will be sponsoring its monthly All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner Saturday. The dinner is at the Post 43 Legion Hall, 622 S. Market St. and runs from 3-7 p.m. It features all the spaghetti you can eat, plus a fresh salad bar, bread, soft drinks, coffee and desert. The cost for adults is \$6.75 and for children under 12 is \$4.
- SOCCER:** For all students in grades 8-11 who are interested in playing soccer at Troy High School next fall, Meet the Coaches night is at 6:30 p.m. April 10 in the Troy High School Cafeteria. For those interested in trying out for soccer, each student and a parent must attend this meeting. For more information, send an e-mail to cjc7@woh.rr.com or call 570-3685.
- GOLF:** The Miami Shores 18-hole Golf League is holding its opening meeting at 9 a.m. April 23. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Miami Shores Golf Course at (937) 335-4457.
- HALL OF FAME:** The Trojan Athletics Hall of Fame is still accepting nominations for its 2013 inaugural class. Induction will be held in the fall. Entrance to the selection process is through public nomination. The deadline for nominations is today. Nomination forms are available at all home events or at the athletics office at Troy High School.
- HALL OF FAME:** The Miami East athletic boosters will hold their annual dinner and auction on April 6. Social hour will begin at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30. The Athletic Department will induct three new members into the Hall of Fame beginning at 6:30. New members will be Jim Martin, Barry Coomes and Jamie Long Coleman.
- BASEBALL:** Spots are still available for the Locos Express Super Power Slam 13U, 14U, 15U baseball tournament June 14-16 in Lima. There is a four-game guarantee. Contact locosexpress@gmail.com for additional information.

SPORTS CALENDAR

- TODAY**
- Baseball**
 Tippecanoe vs. Wayne (at Fifth Third Field) (7:30 p.m.)
 Carlisle at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)
 Versailles at Piqua (5 p.m.)
 Bradford at Fairlawn (5 p.m.)
- Softball**
Tippecanoe KO Cancer Tournament At Kyle Park
 Troy at McAuley (6 p.m.)
 Milton-Union at Tippecanoe (8 p.m.)
- Regular Season**
 Newton at TBA (at Florida) (TBA)
 Covington at New Bremen (5 p.m.)
 Bradford at Lima Perry (5 p.m.)
- SATURDAY**
- Baseball**
 Tippecanoe, Miamisburg at Troy (10:30 a.m.)
 Milton-Union at Xenia (DH) (9 a.m.)
 Dixie at Newton (DH) (11 a.m.)
 Covington at Lehman (DH) (11 a.m.)
 Tecumseh at Piqua (noon)
 Bradford at Marion Local (DH) (11 a.m.)
- Softball**
Tippecanoe KO Cancer Tournament
 Troy vs. Newton (9 a.m.)
 Tippecanoe vs. Milford (9 a.m.)
 Troy vs. Milford (11 a.m.)
 Tippecanoe vs. Newton (11 a.m.)
 Piqua vs. Madison (11 a.m.)
 Piqua vs. Versailles (1 p.m.)
- Regular Season**
 Miami East at Milton-Union (DH) (11 a.m.)
 Centerville at Covington (DH) (11 a.m.)
 Lehman at Bradford (DH) (11 a.m.)
- Track**
 Troy, Piqua at Northmont Invite (10 a.m.)
 Milton-Union, Miami East, Covington girls, Lehman at Tippecanoe Invitational (10 a.m.)
 Newton, Covington, Bradford at Versailles Invite (boys only) (9 a.m.)
- SUNDAY**
 No events scheduled

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Fans vote on best of March Madness

It doesn't matter what the final vote totals say, there will be more than one greatest moment and one greatest team. There will even be more than the 15 greatest players. College basketball fans will still have their own favorites in each category as they look back on 75 years of March Madness. See Page 16.

Baseball/Softball

Troy pulls away early, beats Beavercreek

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TROY — Dylan Cascaden and Nick Sanders started the day off right for Troy. And though the finish wasn't what coach Ty Welker would have liked to see, the result is all the same — a win. Troy scored two in the first inning and eventually took an eight-run lead Thursday against

visiting Beavercreek, and even though the Beavers finally put some runs on the board in the final inning, it was too late in an 8-3 Trojan victory at Market Street Field.

Cascaden tripled to lead off the first inning and Sanders immediately doubled him home,

then Kevin McGraw brought in Sanders with a sac fly to make it 2-0 — and that lead grew to 5-0 after a three-run third inning.

And in that third inning, the Trojans had the bases loaded with two outs when Alex Magoteaux hit a clutch two-run single.

"Anders is their ace, and he had 16 strikeouts in his first start and just dominated

Fairborn," Welker said. "I was glad to see us get to him early. And we only struck out three times in the game. We put the ball in play."

Magoteaux was 2 for 2 with two RBIs and a run in the game as the Trojans spread out their hitting.

Zach Kendall threw six strong

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Tennis



Troy's Matt Alexander serves during Thursday's win over Springfield.

STAFF PHOTOS/ANTHONY WEBER

Passing a test

Trojans edge Wildcats in tight match

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TROY — Last season, Troy was tested immediately with a match that was decided by one spot.

In the Trojans' second match of this season, they were put to the test again.

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And this time, the Trojans came out on the winning side of a 3-2 score, playing two three-setters and tough matches at nearly every court to hold off Springfield in their home opener in Troy Thursday.

"It was a tight match that

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Troy's Luke Oaks hits a forehand during a win at first singles Thursday against Springfield.

Major League Baseball

Reds top Angels, 5-4

CINCINNATI (AP) — Joey Votto? One single in 10 at-bats. Jay Bruce? One double in 13 at-bats with seven strikeouts.

Cincinnati's top run producers barely got the bat on the ball, yet the Reds managed to win the major leagues' first interleague series to open a season. Credit those other guys who don't normally do the heavy lifting.

Shin-Soo Choo homered on Joe Blanton's first pitch of the game Thursday, the first of

Cincinnati's three homers off the right-hander, and the Reds won 5-4 over the Los Angeles Angels.

Not too bad considering the big hitters' struggles.

"It means somebody else picked us up," manager Dusty Baker said. "We had excellent pitching. Some of their players didn't get uncaged, either. That was an exciting series. Every game was a great game that

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Cincinnati Reds relief pitcher Aroldis Chapman throws against the Los Angeles Angels Thursday in Cincinnati.

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MLB



AP PHOTO

Cleveland Indians' Matt Albers returns to the dugout after giving up a run to the Toronto Blue Jays during the eighth inning in Toronto on Thursday.

Blue Jays bash Indians

Hit 5 HRs in win

TORONTO (AP) — J.P. Arencibia hit two solo homers, Edwin Encarnacion added a three-run shot and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Cleveland Indians 10-8 on Thursday night, avoiding their first 0-3 start since 2004.

Jose Bautista hit a two-run homer and Colby Rasmus also connected as the Blue Jays went deep five times.

Arencibia had three hits with two RBIs. He had a second-deck drive to center in the second and a tiebreaking shot to left in the sixth, his seventh career multi-homer game.

Carlos Santana and Mark Reynolds replied with solo homers for the Indians, who were trying to start a season with three straight road wins for the first time since 1998.

Steve Delabar (1-0) got two outs for the win and Casey Janssen finished in the ninth for his first save.

Consecutive doubles by Jason Kipnis and Nick Swisher gave the Indians a 1-0 lead in the first, but Toronto answered in the bottom half when Bautista drilled a two-run homer to left, his second in two days.

Arencibia's leadoff drive in the second put Toronto up 3-1, but the Indians tied it in the fourth on back-to-back homers by Santana and Reynolds, whose 11th inning blast decided Wednesday's 3-2 win for the Indians.

Encarnacion lined a three-run shot that just cleared the left field wall in the fifth, putting the Blue Jays up 6-3, but Cleveland answered again in the sixth. Santana hit an RBI double and Lonnie Chisenhall chased Mark Buehrle with a two-run double to left, tying it at 6-all.

Buehrle allowed six runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings. He

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