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## TODAY'S TIPS

- **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.
- **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.
- **COACHING SEARCH:** Lehman High School has the following coaching vacancies: head boys basketball, head girls basketball and head cross country. Candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Athletic Director Richard Roll or email them to r.roll@lehman-catholic.com.
- **SOFTBALL:** Summer slow-pitch softball leagues to be played at Mote Park in Piqua are now forming. Games will be Thursdays for men's leagues and Fridays for co-ed leagues. Contact Dan Hathaway at (937) 418-8585 for more information.
- **SUBMIT-A-TIP:** To submit an item to the *Troy Daily News* sports section, please contact Josh Brown at jbrown@civitasmedia.com or Colin Foster at colinfoster@civitasmedia.com.

## SPORTS CALENDAR

**TODAY**  
**Baseball**  
 Northmont, CJ at Tippecanoe (10:30 a.m.)  
 Bethel at Milton-Union (DH) (2 p.m.)  
 Xenia Christian at Newton (DH) (11 a.m.)  
 Russia at Covington (DH) (1 p.m.)  
 Graham at Piqua (6 p.m.)  
 Mechanicsburg at Bradford (DH) (11 a.m.)  
**Softball**  
 Beavercreek, Houston at Tippecanoe (10 a.m.)  
 Milton-Union at Triad (1 p.m.)  
 Lehman at Bethel (DH) (11 a.m.)  
 Newton at Northwestern (DH) (11 a.m.)  
 Russia at Covington (DH) (1 p.m.)  
 Bradford at Mechanicsburg (DH) (11 a.m.)  
**Tennis**  
 Milton-Union, Lehman at Schroeder Invite (8 a.m.)  
**Track**  
 Bethel at Cedarville (9 a.m.)  
 Troy Christian, Lehman at Anna Invite (9 a.m.)

**SUNDAY**  
 No events scheduled

**MONDAY**  
**Baseball**  
 Troy at Sidney (5 p.m.)  
 Tippecanoe at Tecumseh (5 p.m.)  
 Northridge at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)  
 Troy Christian at Houston (5 p.m.)  
 Newton at National Trail (5 p.m.)  
 Minster at Covington (5 p.m.)  
 Trotwood at Piqua (5 p.m.)  
 Bradford at Tri-Village (5 p.m.)  
 Lehman at Dayton Christian (5 p.m.)  
**Softball**  
 Troy at Sidney (5 p.m.)  
 Tippecanoe at Tecumseh (5 p.m.)  
 Northridge at Milton-Union (5 p.m.)  
 Newton at National Trail (5 p.m.)  
 Trotwood at Piqua (5 p.m.)  
 Tri-Village at Bradford (5 p.m.)  
**Tennis**  
 Elida at Lehman (4:30 p.m.)

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## 14-year-old makes cut at Masters

Jason Day is out front midway through the Masters.  
 Fortunately for Guan Tianlang, the leader didn't sink one last putt Friday.  
 Guan, a 14-year-old from China, became the youngest player to make the cut in PGA Tour history, despite taking a one-stroke penalty on the 17th hole for slow play.  
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## Track and Field



PHOTOS COURTESY LEE WOOLERY/SPEEDSHOT PHOTO  
**Troy's Cristina Dennison grimaces as she lands in the cold water Friday night during the 2,000 steeplechase event at the Troy Invitational at Troy Memorial Stadium.**

# Troy seniors sweep

## Area's state returners show off at Troy Invite

BY JOSH BROWN  
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Friday's Troy Invitational was a chance for a large portion of the area's returning state qualifiers to warm up for another run at the big time.  
 Even if "warm up" is somewhat of a misnomer.

### TROY

On a night more befitting winter season than the spring, Troy's seniors ran in competition for the last time on their home course, with the girls running away with a victory and the boys coming through in the clutch late to win. Meanwhile, Tippecanoe's Sam Wharton — a state champion in cross country — faced off against a fellow state champ, Versailles' Sam Prakel in a 1,600 that lived up to the hype.

#### Senior's Night

It was a strange time to say goodbye to Troy Memorial Stadium, so early in the season. But it was also the right way. Troy's girls obliterated the

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Tippecanoe's Sam Wharton runs ahead of Versailles' Sam Prakel during the 1,600 Friday at the Troy Invitational.

## Baseball/Softball

# Trojans start hot, rout Pirates 10-3

Staff Reports

### MIAMI COUNTY

TROY — Troy coach Ty Welker couldn't have asked for a better start Friday night against West Carrollton.  
 The Trojans put up five runs in the opening inning on their way to a 10-3 victory over West Carrollton.  
 "Five runs in the first inning, it's nice to come out like that," Welker said. "We had six hits. We were hitting with power. We couldn't have asked for a better start to a game."  
 Troy threw four different pitchers in the game, with Cody

Fuller coming on in the third and getting the victory. Dylan Cascaden went 2 for 3 and scored two runs, Nick Sanders had two hits, a double and four RBIs and Ian Nadolny went 2 for 3 with a double and two RBIs. Collin Moeller added a 2 for 4 day with a homer and three RBIs in the win.  
 The Trojans (7-3) play at Sidney Monday, before playing the Yellow Jackets Tuesday at Fifth Third Field in Dayton.  
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Page, Hall (5) and Woss. Sanders, Fuller (3), Croft (5), Wood (7) and Nadolny. WP — Fuller. LP — Page. 2B — Sanders (T), Nadolny (T), Moeller (T), Sercu (WC). HR — Moeller (T). **Records:** Troy 7-3, West Carrollton 4-5.  
**Newton 2, Tri-County North 1**  
**PLEASANT HILL** — Friday was one of the biggest days the Newton baseball program has had in a while.  
 A hit by Gavin Alexander brought home Brian Schwartz in the bottom of the seventh inning as the Indians knocked off state-ranked Tri-County North by a score of 2-1.  
 "This is a big, big win, beating

the No. 8 team in the state," Newton coach Gregg Carnes said. "This is one of the top teams in our conference. I'm happy for our kids, happy for our program."  
 Pitcher Chase Courtney went the distance for Newton and gave up just two hits. He was assisted by his defense, which only had one error on the day.  
 "We've been playing better defense," Carnes said. "We have played well defensively all week, and that keeps you in games. The kids needed the confidence  
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## One hurdle after another



STAFF PHOTO/COLIN FOSTER  
**Covington's Troy Cron clears a hurdle Friday night during the Miami East Invitational in Casstown. Results were not made available at time of press. For more photos from the meet, turn to Page 18.**

## Golf

# A tourney like no other

BY JOEL WALKER  
*For The Troy Daily News*

Is it a championship or a tournament?  
 Whatever the Masters is, Jack Nicklaus has won it six times, and that's more than anyone else.  
 But Nicklaus has his own opinion about the event, being played here for the 77th time. As far as he is concerned, it's a tournament.  
 "This is a tournament," Nicklaus said. "The others are all championships. Bob Jones structured this to be a tournament. He didn't structure it to be a major championship."

### AUGUSTA

Since Nicklaus has won this tournament more than anyone else, he's in the media lineup that faces the golf writers early in the week. And as everyone has come to realize, Nicklaus has an opinion about everything.  
 "Bob Jones earned his record from major championships and formed a tournament that brought the major championship winners together to have it be the Masters," Nicklaus said. "So that was his expectations, and I honor those expectations as this being a tournament and the others are championships."  
 "But for most of the world, this is probably the most important tournament that there is. Financially, for the winner, this is probably the most important."  
 • **Faldo MIA**  
 Many former and older Masters champions still play in the tournament, but one guy you won't see in the field is three-time winner Nick Faldo.  
 He recently signed a long-

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