



**REACHING FIRST BASE**, Peyton O'Toole (above) had just made a hit for his team, R & M Service Center, during the first game of the Little League season on Monday. Later, Jacob Gee, (right) who played for Crossroads Express in the game, prepared to swing the bat.

— Herald staff photos by Sarah Marcuson



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# Sports

## Softball season starts

The Fortins and Fredrickson Dental led the adult co-ed softball league after the first night of play on Sunday.

Fredrickson knocked off Ward Drug 20-5 and beat the Purple Pack 25-7 while the Fortins overcame Ward Drug 15-12 and downed the Pack 22-10.

Play will resume tonight as Countryside Vet meets Edgerton Auto at 6:30 p.m. and Creative Dimensions at 7:30 p.m. The Juniors will play Edgerton at 8:30 p.m. and Creative Dimensions at 9:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Ward Drug will play the Pack at 5 p.m. and Fredrickson at 6 p.m. The Fortins play the Pack at 7 p.m. and Fredrickson at 8 p.m.

Next Wednesday, the Juniors take on Countryside Vet at 6:30 p.m. and Edgerton at 7:30 p.m. Creative Dimensions plays Edgerton at 8:30 p.m. and Countryside at 9:30 p.m.

## Summer baseball teams taking the field this week

The summer baseball season got underway Monday with Little League play as R&M Service Center met Crossroads Express at 6:30 p.m. and Decatur County Feed Yard was to meet Raye's Grocery at 7:30 p.m.

T-Ball action was to start on Tuesday, when Stanley Hardware was to meet Addleman's at 6:30 p.m. and Custom Trophy was to play Pauls at 7:30 p.m.

The Bantam League also was to begin on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. with

the two teams playing a double header.

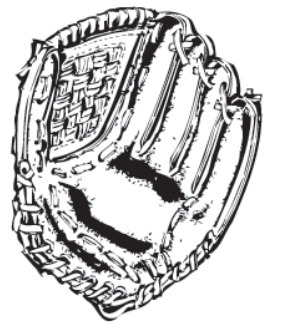
The Pony League will start up tonight, with the two teams playing a double header at 6 p.m.

Little League play will resume on Monday with Raye's taking on

Crossroads at 6:30 p.m. and R & M meeting Decatur County Feed at 7:30 p.m.

T-Ball will pick up on Tuesday with The Bank playing Pauls at 6:30 p.m. and Addleman's meeting Custom Trophy at 7:30 p.m.

The two Pony League teams will play a double header at 6 p.m. each Wednesday and the two Bantam League teams will play a double header at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in June.



## Carolina rig great for catching big mouth bass

Now that we are in the thick of large-mouth bass fishing, one of the best ways to catch "Ol' Bucket-mouth," is with a Carolina plastic worm rig.

For us old-school bass fishermen who grew up in the 1960s, a Carolina rig is what we called a "split shot rig" or a "swivel worm rig."

The Carolina rig is one of the best ways to fool those bad-attitude big boys.

This rig is set up separating the hook and plastic worm from the lead with a leader.

Setting up the rig is easy, just slip a bullet sinker, then slide a plastic red or bright orange bead on the line, attach a barrel swivel and tie off the rig with palmor knot.

Now tie your leader line to the opposite end of the barrel swivel.



**The Jayhawker**  
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You may have to experiment with the length of your leader to find the best length for your situation.

The sinker should vary in weight from a 1/8-ounce to one-ounce lead sinker. If you don't have a bullet sinker, you can use an egg-slip sinker.

The rule of thumb is the larger the sinker, the longer the leader. Leader

length can be from under a foot to as much as six-feet.

Gravel points and bushes are the best places to fish the rig. I try to insert the hook into the plastic worm so it will not get hung up fishing in weeds.

Flip the rig into the brush pile and let the sinker hit bottom, the plastic worm or lizard will follow,

be prepared for the bass to strike on the fall.

One thing that is good about the rig is that you can cover a lot of ground in a short time.

I personally "cut the pie," or cast as if I were cutting a pie at 45-degree angles, taking four cuts of the pie in each area that I fish.

If the fish are finicky, I change colors, but I never spend more than 20-30 minutes in an area if they aren't biting.

You can also vary your presentation by using a floating worm rig using a Styrofoam floating sinker in front of the worm.

This method drives bass nuts and it is also one of the cheapest rigs that a fisherman can make.

Good luck and tight lines.



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June 12-15  
32nd annual festival, celebrating great music, art and family fun.  
Oakdale Park, Salina (785) 309-5770  
[www.riverfestival.com](http://www.riverfestival.com)

**Father's Day Car Show**  
June 15  
Antique, classic, original & restored cars, trucks & motorcycles. Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure, Salina (785) 827-9488, [www.rollinghillswildlife.com](http://www.rollinghillswildlife.com)

**Midsummer's Day Festival**  
June 21  
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**Hiawatha Summerfest 2008**  
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