



**WITH A BAT** in his hand, Caleb Hileman (above) hit the ball during little league practice. Drew Juenemann (below) went to throw the ball back to the catcher.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

# Kids practice ball skills to prepare for the season

As the temperatures heat up, kids of all ages can be seen at the baseball diamond getting ready for the season to start.

Teams have been chosen and coaches have set practices with many starting last week. While some might be a little rusty at catching, hitting and throwing the ball, they have a few days before the

season actually starts.

The first game for the Pony league is Friday, while all others won't play until next week.

The Pony league's games all start at 6:30 p.m. and each is a double hitter. The Decatur County's clerk's office shows 18 players are signed up.

Little League has its first games

starting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. There are 38 signed up with four teams.

T-Ball has 35 players and four teams and also starts games at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Bantam Softball has 17 players out and games start at 7 p.m. Thursday. All games are double headers.



**KYLE BRETH** (above) hit some balls into the outfield during practice Tuesday morning. Tyler Bruggeman (right) pitched to a batter on the little league team which he and Channing Fortin coach.

