

## Southwest students begin school

By Caden Hacker

On the first day of school at Southwest some students were having fun while others were thinking it was just another boring day back at school. For Brady Bothwell it was, “boring because all the teachers did was talk and give us papers to sign.”

One thing that caught many students eye is the new Smart Boards Southwest has now. Even the teachers get a kick out of them. Mrs. Dawkins, Special Education aid said, “They are awesome! We are excited about all the new learning possibilities.” Mr. Wever, new high school history teacher, said “I love it! There are so many possibilities; I can’t wait to learn more.”

From fifth grade all the way up to seniors the students are very happy with the smart boards. Most the students thought it was easier to learn with the boards.

Brady Bothwell, a Southwest seventh grader, said “They are pretty cool and make math easier.” Allie Hansel, a sixth grader said, “I think the smart boards are great. They are really fun!”

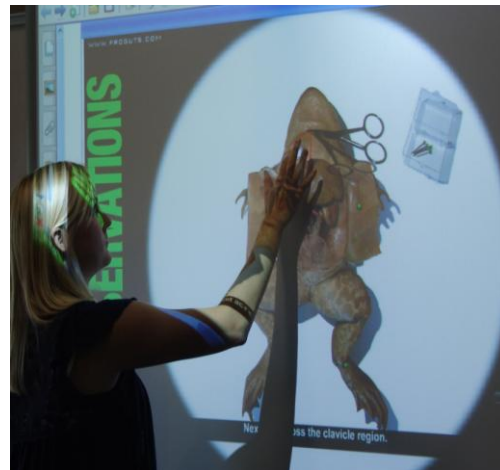
According to a survey taken from students and teachers at Southwest, the favorite part of the day for the students was seeing friends and going to lunch. Mr. Wever saw it differently. He said, “Finally having the experience (of teaching) after so much schooling.” This is also Mr. Wever’s first year of teaching.

In the survey another question was asked as well. It asked, “What was the first day like for you?” For most students they said that it was good but it

was school so not so exciting. However, some students said that they were nervous at first but it got better.



**Coach Anderson and Secretary Carrie Gilliland watch and wave as Carrie’s grandson, Hagen Stedem, goes to pre-school for the first time.**



**Fifth grade teacher, Amanda Bagely, dissects a frog on her smart board. Photo by Caden Hacker**

The second grade had an interesting first day as well. At the start of the day they had to take a test about the teacher. Then recess came around. As the second graders came back in from recess some of the students were complaining about their hands. They hadn’t played on the

monkey bars for so long they had blisters forming on their palms!

The first day of school was exciting for some teachers and students and for others it was just another day.



Photo by Marj Locker

**Katie Wohlgemuth keeps up with information on her phone while Courtney Owens discusses her schedule prior to the first class on the opening day of school at Southwest.**

## **Volunteers needed**

From tutoring to putting up bulletin boards volunteers are needed to help keep Southwest running smoothly.

If you have a couple of hours here and there maybe you could help out! If interested contact Principal Barbara Kugler at 660-738-4433.

## **JH football evens record at 1-1, competes well in contests**



**The Wildcat defense gangs up on the Norborne ball carrier during the first quarter on September 13 at home.**

The junior Wildcat football team opened their season with back to back games on Monday and Tuesday of Homecoming week, which was also the CLAA softball tournament. It was certainly an action packed week, and the Junior Cats helped add to the excitement.

The first game paired Southwest with Hardin-Central, who dominated the contest to win 40-8. The following day Norborne traveled to Wildcat Country and was sent home with a defeat at the hands of Southwest, 14-6.

The junior high squad has 13 players on its roster this year after adding five players from Breckenridge in a coop.

Southwest players include Ridge Barron, Levi Ireland, Lake Crowe, Remington Cox, Logan Sampsel, Austin Johnson, Austin King, and Braxton Austin. From Breckenridge are Chad Walker, Charlie Hendersor, Riley Showalter, Colby Reed and Wesley Pratt.

## Southwest football team wins season opener

By Preston Adams

On August 19<sup>th</sup> the Southwest varsity football team traveled to Hardin-Central for the Jamboree where they scrimmaged three teams.

Although no scores are kept in a jamboree, Coach Anderson stated that the Southwest boys were fairly even with Hardin-Central and beat Norborne and Chilhowee.

The following Friday after the Jamboree the Wildcats played their first regular season game at home against South Nodaway. The Wildcats won with a lop-sided score of 70-6.

The Wildcats offense put up 290 passing yards with 14 completions and 274 rushing yards as they continuously smashed South Nodaway's defense. Southwest's defense had 48 tackles and five sacks limiting South Nodaway's offense from putting up any big numbers. Coach Anderson stated he was very pleased with the score but as a coach he would have preferred if it was 70-0. Coach Anderson said he was overall most impressed by the tough performance of his defensive line. Southwest is prepared to play Hardin-Central on Friday Sep. 9<sup>th</sup>. Coach Anderson stated "After we get punched in the mouth a few times we seem to come alive."

### Southwest falls at HC in overtime

Southwest lost a player and the game on Friday, Sep. 9<sup>th</sup> at Hardin-Central with a final score of 34-40.

pretty evenly matched. At halftime the score was tied 14-14.



Receiver Gage Vincent makes a diving catch just inches from the end zone against South Nodaway on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Anthony Allred ran in a TD on the following play.

### Southwest dismantles Norborne for a 68-6 Homecoming triumph

Friday September, 16<sup>th</sup> the Southwest football team put on a show for their large homecoming crowd with a colossal win over Norborne.

At half time the Wildcats were ahead with an extensive lead of 46-0. The Wildcats had a solid offense all night constantly putting up strong numbers. With only 78 rushing yards as a team, passing was their forte. Quarterback Ethan Crowe passed for 306 yards. Scoring leaders were Justin Lewis with four, Ethan Crowe with 3, and Michael Rounkles and Gage Vinson both with one.

Although the Wildcats offense was so enduring, Southwest's victory was statistically credited to their vigorous defense. With 24 tackles, seven sacks and six interceptions the Southwest Wildcats powered their way to a monumental victory.



Photo by M. Locker

**Homecoming game against Norborne QB Ethan Crowe scrambling in for a TD.**



Photo by Sydnee Rounkles

**Wildcats vs South Nodaway. A Broken play resulted as a TD when pass was tipped by Mason Mehrhoff over defender and caught by receiver Justin Lewis.**

## **Homecoming game followed by crowning**

Homecoming took place at Southwest High School against Norborne. Leading up to the game and dance the students participated in spirit week. Monday was western day, Tuesday was twin day, and Wednesday the students competed in a color war! Thursday was the traditional blue and white day.

With homecoming being in the same week of the CLAA Softball tournament there was a lot of pressure put on the five cheerleaders who play softball. Having to practice both sports and organizing the homecoming festivities.

The week was a week full of spirit and pride and most of the students helped support the Southwest Wildcat football players.

The three southwest queen candidates Maresa Sykes, Caitlin Cramer, and Stephanie Thomas, were all anxious to find out who was going to be crowned homecoming queen of 2011. The king candidates were Michael Rounkles, Lustin Lewis, and, Kole Anderson.

### **Queen Candidate Maresa Sykes.**

"I LOVE Football! And I played two years, I enjoyed every minute of it so much!" Maresa has attended Southwest for 13 years. She has participated in softball, basketball, football, and track. She is the daughter of Mark and Teresa Sykes. Maresa says the title of queen needs to go to, "Someone who enjoys football and the Southwest football team is important to them."

### **Queen Candidate Caitlin Cramer.**

“I love the school, the students, and the faculty, and I feel I represent the school and all that it stands for.” Caitlin has attended Southwest for 13 years, over the years she has participated in softball, basketball, and track. She is the daughter of John and Janet Cramer. She also enjoys spending time with her friends taking pictures, and “making a million memories.”

### **Queen Candidate Stephanie Thomas**

“I should be Homecoming Queen because I want people to look up to me and encourage younger girls to have school spirit.” Stephanie has attended Southwest for 13 years. She has participated in softball, and dance. She is the daughter of Steve and Dana Thomas. Stephanie enjoys “being with friends and having a good time.”

### **Roukles and Thomas crowned king and queen!**

After an exciting week full of cowboys, cowgirls, twins, and a war of color. Friday night had come. It was a night overflowing with anticipation. As the king and queen candidates stood on the field. You could see the hope on all of the candidate’s faces, when Mr. Schottel announced the name of the Southwest 2011 Homecoming king, “Michael Roukles”. The crowd was extremely ecstatic, and even more so when Stephanie Thomas was crowned queen.



**The crowd reacts to Michael Roukles being announced king.**



**Gage Vinson and Mason Mehrhoff on Twin day.**



**Homecoming queen Stephanie Thomas and king Michael Roukles.**

## **Welcome to Our Library**

From Mrs. Sackrey

Welcome, my name is Mrs. Sackrey. I love seeing a child engaged in reading a book. Recently I found out that we have many voracious readers in our school; they are always hungry for a new book!! I have been working hard to add hundreds of donated books to our library this year and get everything in order so that the students can easily find the books they are looking for. I have had many helpers this year including Wanda Ausmus, Heather, Hunter, and Remington Woodcock who donated hundreds of new/gently used books to our library this year. Thank you for your donations and continued support of our school library. Great big thanks to Steven Warren, Katelynn McCaffery, and Brad Sackrey for helping get new books labeled and shelving returned books. Robert Purdy modified a wooden container to make a secure book drop; thanks Robert. The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our library the end of October through the beginning of November; watch for more information and exact dates in your child's backpack soon. Thanks again to everyone for their help and support. "Children are made readers on the laps of their parents"  
~Emilie Buchwald

## **Welcome to Preschool**

Hi, my name is Mrs. Sackrey and I love teaching preschool. This year our preschool class has 9 students consisting of 8 girls and 1 boy. We have been learning a lot about letters, numbers, shapes, and our new friends. This class loves to play group games and learn new songs. Our SMART board has been a great asset to student learning this year; we use it daily for letter recognition and

other learning activities. I would like to say thank you to all of my classroom parents for supporting their child and the classroom as they begin their journey in our awesome school. A community of parents, students, and teachers working together ensure that each child will reach his/her potential. Keep up the great work. GO WILDCATS!!!

Thanks to Wanda Ausmus  
For donating books to our  
library in memory of Kristen  
Marie Ausmus.

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Remington For donating  
books to our library\_\_\_\_\_

## **Welcome to Kindergarten**

From Ms. Perry

This year's kindergarten class is made up of seven girls and six boys. I have truly enjoyed getting to know each of their different personalities! We have been very busy during this first month of kindergarten. We start each day with our morning meeting, in which we discuss the weather, calendar activities, shapes and colors. This is also when we select and interview our student of the day.

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to see the kindergartners come to school every morning excited to find out what we will be learning that day. We have a fun year of learning ahead of us!

## **First Grade Newsletter**

Mrs. Gardner

Hi! My name is Debbie Gardner, and I am the first grade teacher. I have a B.S. in Elementary Education from NWMSU at Maryville and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Missouri.

As an educator of many years, it is still exciting to start a new year with students coming to school with their new supplies, clothes, and shoes, and parents taking pictures of that first day of school to record that event in their child's life. To some parents sending their child off to school was a tearful occasion, and I must confess to tears myself. This would not be the first time, but the first day of the last year for my twins to attend school for their primary and secondary education. Hard to believe the boys are eighteen and graduating and what might be more tearful is this might be their mom's first day of her last year of teaching.

With this in mind, I was very glad to welcome fourteen first graders to my room. There are eleven girls and three boys. For the first few weeks we have reviewed letters of the alphabet, sounds, handwriting, and kindergarten vocabulary, and getting established with rules and the routine for first grade. Our reading series is packed with activities and assignments to further their progress in becoming a fluent reader and a confident writer. Everyday students are introduced to the reading lesson with a morning message, word wall recognition, and phonemic awareness activities.

Our weekly reading lessons follow this schedule: Monday, we work on phonics activities; Tuesday, we work on sight words with the "get set" story; Wednesday, we read our main story with introducing new vocabulary and comprehension strategies; and finally Thursday and Friday, we read leveled reading sets and use new vocabulary and comprehension strategies introduced that week. We also have booklets from our phonics library to read and practice. Writing is modeled by doing classroom stories.

Each week students will have a writing assignment. Last week they wrote about Mac the Cat. In math we have reviewed several concepts: counting, positional words (left, right, in, out, first, second, third, last, middle), comparing groups (most, fewest, smallest, largest), sorting and sorting rules, and shapes (circle, square, triangle). New concepts we are working on are: identifying "some, some more" (addition) and "some, some went away" (subtraction) story problems. They learn to read and identify information, draw a picture for the problem, and then will write a number sentence to solve the problem. We will also start our number facts with the doubles. We do the "doubles rap" which makes it fun and really easy to learn our first number facts. In science we have started our chapters on life science. We have identified living and nonliving things, what a plant needs, and are now on a chapter on how plants grow and change. Students can identify the parts of a plant and what they do for the plant and the life cycle of a plant.

We have made a great start to our year. Success in school is a combined effort of student, parents, teachers, and administrators working together. I

appreciate everyone's help and cooperation. GREAT JOB !!! GO WILDCATS !

## **Second Grade Stories**

by Mrs. Fischer

Second grade is off and running with a new class of ten girls and four boys. This year started off like every other year with the beginning of the year blisters. Second grade is a huge milestone for elementary students because it means you are finally big enough for the tall monkey bars. There are usually many hoots and hollers as they find out that they can finally play on them. Along with this new adventure come the cries of many, "Mrs. Fischer, I have blisters in my hands!" As in years past, the hands have healed and the newness has worn off.

When students first arrive in the classroom, I usually have them in alphabetical order. One thing I always tell them is that I get tired of looking at the same seating arrangement and change it often. So far this year we have moved probably six times. I keep them on their toes because sometimes I move them after they have gone home for the day and when they come in the next morning; they have to look for their desks.

This year we have already had one assembly and a pep rally. Our assembly was given by the Greenhills Community Action Agency. They came in and talked to the students about "Going Green". I think their favorite part was receiving coloring books at the end and talking about riding their bicycles to conserve natural resources. If you would like to see a picture of the classes at this assembly, go to their website at

[www.putalittlegreeninyourlife.com](http://www.putalittlegreeninyourlife.com) and click on the gallery.

We have already learned many new things this year and have taken several tests. We are reviewing right now to take our first big theme test in reading and I expect them to do great. We learned about plants in science and have already moved on to classifying animals. This week we made butterfly life cycles out of clay. This is always a fun project and there are usually many beautiful and colorful butterflies. We are using our Smart board as much as we possibly can and the students love it. Our rule is if you want to be called on to come work on it, students must be paying attention and following the rules. So in addition to a great teaching tool, it is a great management tool. This is only a handful of things going on in second grade, but we are looking forward to the many fun, educational, and exciting things to come.

## **Third Grade News**

There are 12 students in third grade, 10 boys and 2 girls. We are busy learning everyday! We have been reading adventure stories in our reading book and this week we will take the theme 1 reading test. Our next set of stories will be about celebrating traditions. In math, we have measured the length and width of a rectangle, identified missing addends, and learned the commutative property of addition. We will continue to practice counting money, telling time, and learning addition and subtraction facts all year. We are learning about communities in social studies. We are studying plant and animal life cycles in science. The third graders planted green beans this week in the classroom. We do experiments in science and different

kinds of activities that go along with our lesson. It's fun!!!!

Our Partner in Education is Dr. Link at the Chillicothe Animal Hospital. Dr. Link will be visiting our classroom in October. We are very lucky to have her as our P.I.E.!!! We will visit with you next time in the Wildcat Express!

## Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

From: Mrs. Bagley

This year the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class has 12 students who are learning new and exciting things. We celebrated Ellaena Rademacher's Birthday on September the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Greenhill's Action Agency came to present a lesson on recycling to us, and how to be green. For Homecoming we enjoyed watching the pep assembly put on by the high school cheerleaders. The fifth graders teamed up and each wrote about what we have done in class so far. I would like to share with you what the fabulous fifth graders wrote.

English By: Nate Reith and Kaitlynn Schick

We are about to take a test in English. We've filled out a study guide for our test. So far in English we have completed eight lessons. Our lessons have included conjunctions, complete predicates, complete subjects, and everything else about a complete sentence. We learned that conjunctions have different meanings. The conjunction but means compare and contrast. The conjunction or gives you a choice.

Social Studies By: Wyatt Maddux and Meredith Oesch

Lesson 1 in social studies was about the Ice Age and when people began to come to America from Asia. Lesson 2 was about the Mound Builders

that lived long ago. Lesson 3 was about the Aztecs that built a city in the valley of Mexico.

Science By: Ellaena Rademacher and Kevin Spainhour

We have been learning about cells in plants and animals. We have also been studying how living organisms reproduce in two different ways. We are also studying the needs of plants, and how plants stay alive.

Spelling By: Hannah Bowyer and London Means

We have participated in spelling games, such as sparkle, hangman, and around the world (spelling version). We have also completed some spelling pages in our reading workbook. 5<sup>th</sup> grade has a spelling pre-test every Monday followed by our real test on Friday.

Math By: Garrett Cramer and Levi Myers

In 5<sup>th</sup> grade we have covered 12 lessons in math so far. We use the SMART Board lessons, and sometimes we do activate. We use a Power-Up workbook and a math textbook. Our favorite lesson was on lines which was lesson 12. We used our arms to demonstrate the three different types of lines such as horizontal, oblique, and vertical.

Reading By: Brodie Baker and Logan Myers

In class we have learned about comparisons after reading *Earthquake Terror*, *Chasing Thunderstorms*, and *Volcanoes*. All of our stories have been about nature. We have done workbook pages. We even get to listen to the stories sometimes by CD on the CD player.

## Sixth Grade

The sixth grade of 2018 welcomes you to a sneak peak on what we have been doing so far this year. Our teacher Ms. Angie Shiflett is the best teacher ever and she is very fun, but one thing to remember is you never know what she is going to do. In September we lost Sonora, she is going to school in Cameron. She will be missed. We now only have ten students in our class. The one and only Samantha the Great had a birthday in September. The Sixth Grade class is great!!!

Written by: Colee Webb, Kortlyn Rounkles, Samantha Jeffers, and Cole Wolf

And now the rest of the story by Ms. Shiflett: Sixth grade this year started out with eleven students, but we lost one in September. We have seven girls and only three boys. We are getting settled in to our routines of being back to school.

We have studied plant and animal cells. In social studies, we will be studying about ancient civilizations such as: Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. In math, we are working on mainly review lessons to help get us back into the swing of things. In reading, we are working on our reading skills by improving reading strategies to help us become better readers. We are looking for details, making inferences, making predictions, and making judgments. In language, we just finished with kinds of sentences and now we are working on nouns.

We are working very hard and we are learning that it is our responsibility to get our work done. We are also learning that in sixth grade, we have a lot of work to do, but if we use our time wisely we can get it done at school.

## Math

By: Mrs. Young

I am very excited about the new year we have started. The Junior High and High school students were welcomed this year by new technology within the math, english, history, and science classrooms. Southwest Livingston School received a very nice grant from eMINTS. The acronym eMINTS stands for enhancing Missouri's Instructional Networked Teaching Strategies. The eMINTS program will allow students to become familiar with technology and prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It will also provide teachers new strategies to use within the classroom and with the smartboard. You can find more information about this program on the website [www.emints.org](http://www.emints.org). The classrooms involved in this program (math, science, english, and history) have all received a smartboard and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will soon receive their own laptop. These laptops will be kept at school for their use during classes. We are very excited!

In math we have used the smartboard a great deal. We have explored the different tools to help us visualize certain math problems. My favorite is the interactive compass. The kids enjoy the shape maker which allows you to free hand draw any shape and the board corrects your drawing by making it a perfect circle, triangle, square or whatever you drew. Now I don't have to worry about drawing perfect circles or straight lines because it automatically makes them. We are off to a great start and learning many things. Parents please continue to help monitor your child's homework. SIS parent portal is a great tool to help parents see if their student has completed their work on

time and keep track of grades. Have a great year!

## **Power Up! Self Defense Class for Women and Young Women**

Southwest School will be hosting *Power Up! Self Defense for Women and Young Women* in November for girls ages 12 and up and for women of all ages. This is a wonderful class, especially for young women who will be going off to college this fall! Several of us at the school and in our community have taken this class and can tell you that it is a very empowering class that teaches defense skills, builds self-confidence, and can be a very life changing experience.

**This a two day class, on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 9pm, and Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 5pm.** The cost for the class is \$35, which includes a T-Shirt and pepper spray. This class is limited to 20 people, so make your reservation now! Call Jennifer at the school at 738-4433 with any questions or to make your reservation!

**Some Statistics to Think About:**  
**1 in 4 women in college today have been the victim of rape, and nearly 90% of them knew their rapist. Every 9 seconds in the United States a woman is assaulted or beaten. Nearly 1 in 5 teenage girls who have been in a relationship said a boyfriend threatened violence or self-harm if presented with a breakup. Everyday in the United States, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends.**

## **Perry receives Farm Bureau grant, will visit dairy**

Each year, dozens of elementary school teachers receive a helping hand in telling agriculture's story. This help comes in the form of mini-grants provided by the Missouri Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture. The \$250 maximum stipend allows teachers to purchase books and supplies so they can accurately teach about our sources of food and fiber. One of the teachers receiving mini-grants this year is Lindsey Perry, kindergarten teacher at Southwest.



**Ms. Perry, Southwest's kindergarten teacher has received a grant that will allow her to visit a dairy with her class of 13.**

Perry has taught kindergarten for five years at Southwest. Through the unit *Down on The Farm*, Perry plans to provide a unique opportunity to connect students to agriculture with plans to add books and videos to the classroom to make learning about agriculture fun and exciting for the students. With the grant funds the kindergartners will also enjoy a field trip to Shatto Dairy to provide a hands-on learning experience after the conclusion of the unit. The funds will be presented by Sherry Jones, Livingston County Farm Bureau President Sherry Jones.

## Lucky number for Kindergarten is 13

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## Southwest girl's softball wins opener at Hardin-Central

By Stephan Sturgeon

The Southwest softball girl's had a very nervous three innings in their season opener August 24<sup>th</sup> at Hardin-Central, but won 10-1 after they settled down in the fourth inning. Two of the girls that caught the coach's eye were Cori Locker and Briana Lewis.

Cori Locker was named the offensive player of the game with two runs, slamming two hits, and having five put outs. Briana Lewis was named the defensive player of the game with three put outs. Coach Locker said "Briana had a really strong defensive night."

There was not much going offensively for Southwest in the first three innings of the game. But they held on with their relentless defense and came around in the fourth and delivered a crushing seven runs.

After all the effort, the Southwest girls came away with the W.



**Briana Lewis played third base in the season opener at Hardin-Central on JV.** Photo by Brandon Bothwell

## Southwest vs. Meadville

The softball girls had yet another game but this one ended in defeat 1-6 August 29<sup>th</sup> at Meadville. They battled hard on defense but wasn't there on offense. The two girls that got the offensive and defensive awards were Cori Locker and Cortney Roberts.

Locker was the offensive player of the game with one hit, one run, and four put outs. Roberts was the defensive player of the game with two put outs and one an outstanding knee sliding catch and throw.

The Southwest offense appeared only in the first inning with all their runs scored were all in the first. After the first inning the girls were very strong defensively but lacked offensively with only two hits.

The Southwest softball girls had a tough second outing of the season versus Meadville. Locker took the loss on the pitcher's plate.



**Stephanie Thomas swings against Meadville in conference tournament.**

Photo by Cole Upton.

## Southwest vs. TA

The third game of the season was finally a home game August 30<sup>th</sup> versus Tina-Avalon. "It was all around good game," said Coach Locker. The players earning game awards were Briana Lewis and Cortney Roberts.

Briana was the offensive player of the game with two hits, two runs, two put outs and was also being aggressive on calls on defense. Cortney got the defensive player of the game with four put outs.

The game was a land slide victory. Their bats were alive with ten hits in the game and pulling off a 10-2 victory over T.A. Coach Locker said the girls were relaxed and that was the key to their success. Cori Locker pitched the win.

Sounds like things are looking up for the girls this season with a record 2-1 in the CLAA.



**Senior Courtney Roberts steals second against Tina-Avalon August 30<sup>th</sup> at home.**

Photo by Brittany Twyman

## Southwest vs. Hale

Southwest had a huge win over Hale on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The girls went to play and their efforts really showed winning 15-2. There were quite a few girls winning game awards this week.

The offensive players of the game were Sydnee Rounkles, Cori Locker, Stephanie Thomas, and Maritza Chavez they were really moving the ball

with 13 hits. The defensive player of the game was Cori Locker with four put outs.

This game was won off of sheer will power. The girls just played an all around strong game with 13 hits and 7 put outs all game.

The girls earned a well deserved win at Hale winning 15-2.

## **Polo Tournament**

The Polo Tournament was a lengthy one playing three games in one day on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Southwest girls took third place and fought tooth and nail for it. The defensive and offensive tournament awards went to Cortney Roberts and Sydnee Rounkles.

The defensive player was Cortney Roberts with eight put outs in the tournament. The offensive player was Sydnee Rounkles with three hits three runs and one put out.

The first game was at 8 a.m. and the girls didn't have a good start for the day. Losing to Norborne 0-10 the early game made for a disappointing loss. The second game was against Stewartville at 9:30 a.m. which ended up being an interesting game. The girls ended up in overtime, and using the international tie breaker won 5-4. Polo was the last game of the day playing 12:30 p.m. and had the biggest deficit. Southwest won 6-3 and took third place in the Polo tournament.

The tournament was a good, well fought third place finish for Southwest.

## **Third place at CLAA Conference Tournament**

The Southwest softball girls won 16-6 against Stet on September 12<sup>th</sup>. There was an injury before the game even started but no set back to the team.

The award winners of the game were Sydnee Rounkles and Maritza Chavez.

The offensive player of the game was Sydnee Rounkles with two runs and 1 put out. The Defensive player of the game was Martiza Chavez with one put out.

Cori Locker was hurt before the game with a shoulder injury. There was a mishap warming up and Cori got hit with a ball. Courtney Roberts started as pitcher and did a very good job with three hits, two runs, and three put outs.

The game went very well even though there was a minor set back.

The next game of the tournament was against Meadville on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The girls lost 5-7 but still had a good game. The offensive and defensive players of the game were Cortney Roberts, Maresa Sykes and Dakotah Drew.

The offensive player of the game was Courtney Roberts with one run, two hits, five put outs. The defensive players of the game were Maresa Sykes with a very nice catch on the fence in let field. Dakotah Drew was also a defensive award winner because of the way she played first base and held the Eagles to just one run.

This was a devastating lose because Southwest had already lost to Meadville this year on August 29<sup>th</sup> 1-6. Then this game losing 5-7, Meadville has shown they have no fear to go head to head with the Southwest girls. The girls did have a leg down in this game there starting pitcher didn't start. Sydnie Shirley started the as the pitcher then Cori Locker came in, in the third inning.

Over all the girls are doing great this year but have had a challenge defeating Meadville, who will be a district foe the first week of October.

The last game of the tournament was played on September 15<sup>th</sup> against Northwestern. The girls won 8-5 and took third place in the CLAA tournament. The players of the game were Kaitlin Hightower, Cori Locker, and Briana Lewis.

The offensive players of the game were Kaitlin Hightower who had two hits and two runs and Cori Locker with one hit, one run, and three put outs . The defensive player of the game was Briana Lewis with two put outs and was a great back-up at 1<sup>st</sup> base on an overthrow for a tag out.

The Southwest girls picked up a third place finish in the CLAA tournament on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The girls played a good offensive game but let Northwestern stay in the game with a number of errors.

The girls won over Stet and Northwestern but lost to Meadville in the second game.

## Norborne Tournament

The tournament was held on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The Girls lost the majority of their games.

The three teams that Southwest played against were Richmond, Lone Jack, and Northwestern. The only game that the Southwest girl pulled out was against Northwestern winning 4-2. The game against Richmond wasn't as pretty losing 1-10 and also losing to Lonejack but by a lesser deficit losing 4-10.

Form the tournament the girls that got awarded an offensive were Cori Locker and Sydnee Rounkles. The Defensive award winners were Kaley Thomas, Maritza Chavez, Maresa Sykes, Dakotah Drew, and Sydnee Rounkles.



**Cori Locker pitching at the Norborne Tournament.** Photo by Sydnie Shirly

## Softball Senior Night

Four seniors end careers

Four Southwest senior Lady Wildcat softball players ended their careers on Thursday September 29 during a home game against Norborne.

Although the squad dropped the game to the Pirates 3-11, it was a well played game and the senior foursome will leave some large shoes to fill.

The seniors included pitcher Cori Locker who is the daughter of John and Marj Locker, left fielder Maresa Sykes the daughter of Mark and Teresa Sykes, third baseman Stephanie Thomas who is the daughter of Steve and Dana Thomas and short stop Cortney Roberts, the daughter of Todd and Shelley Roberts and Shelly Rineheart.

The seniors have been a part of teams over the last four years who have amassed a 48-19 record, one state appearance and last year were runner's up in the district tournament. Cori Locker has been named to the all conference, all district and all region teams and Cortney Roberts has been named to the all conference and all district teams.



**Seniors Cortney Roberts, Stephanie Thomas, Cori Locker and Maresa Sykes after their senior night game against Norborne.**

After dropping an important CLAA contest to Northwestern 4-5 on Tuesday the Lady Wildcats came into the senior night game determined to perform well against a very strong Norborne team.

The first inning saw Norborne score five runs on three hits and an error, but then Southwest settled down behind pitcher Cori Locker to bounce back for a run in the first inning following a single by catcher Sydney Rounkles who scored after Maritza Chavez grounded an RBI.



**Third baseman Stephanie Thomas grabs the throw and looks around to make a tag on a sliding Pirate while Roberts (#1) and Locker look on.**  
Photo by Justin Jones

The Wildcats were held scoreless until the fifth inning when with two outs Dakota Drew poked a single short to right field, Rounkles hustled to first and Locker drove Drew home with single. Rounkles scored when Roberts hit hard to the right side and drew an error by the first baseman. The final score was 3-11.

Some very nice defensive plays were accomplished by the Wildcats, in particular from third baseman Stephanie Thomas who snagged four grounders for outs and center fielder Chavez who made several speedy catches.

"I thought the girls improved their batting and did a good job putting the ball into play," said Coach Locker. She added, "I'm looking forward to the district tournament week her at home."