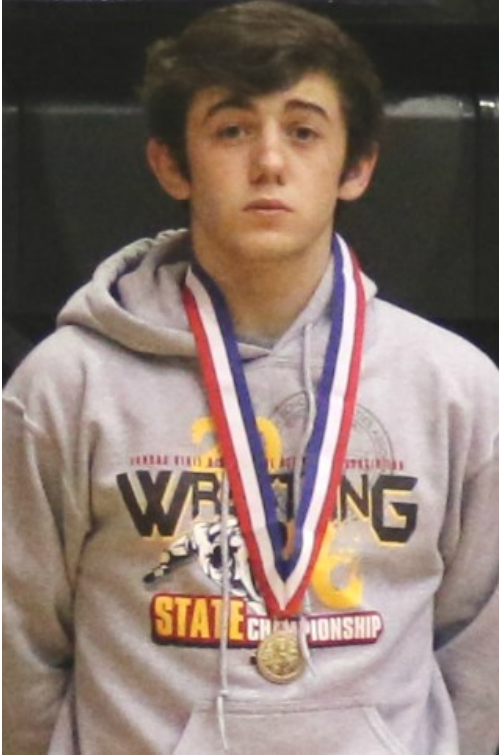




Spring Break is Friday March 11 through Sunday March 20

## Kester takes 4th at State to make Lancer history



Tyler Kester is the first Southeast Lancer to both qualify for and medal at the KSHSAA State Wrestling Tournament. At the State Tournament held in Hays on February 26-27, Kester, a junior at Southeast High School, took 4th place in the 120 pound weight class, finishing his season, 32-2.

"It was great to see all of the support from back home and the young wrestlers that were supporting him on Facebook since they couldn't be here," SHS Head Wrestling Coach Jason Wilderman said while at the tournament. "He's somebody that they look up to as a veteran wrestler and hopefully he continues to realize that."

"The school hasn't experienced a lot of success at the State level so having an athlete go to state and place is a huge accomplishment for that athlete and Southeast High School," said SHS Wrestling Assistant Coach Joey Ross, a 1995 SHS graduate. "That sends a message to future Lancers that there is hope and they do have something to strive for. As for Tyler, while I understand he feels that an opportunity was ripped from his hands, I would like him to remember that this is one of the highest athletic accomplishments in school history. Also, he is a junior and has one more year to settle unfinished business at State next year, which I fully see him doing and becoming a state champion. With a regular season of 29-0—an undefeated regular season—and with teammates, coaches, boosters, alumni, students and faculty that care for him, he had an excellent season."

## Southeast team wins Entrepreneurship Challenge

In only its second year, the Entrepreneurship Challenge was once again won by a Southeast High School team. Last year, a team of freshmen at the time, Sarah Clausen, Wyntr Jacobs and Caitlin Low, took 1st place with their "Snowflakes Bundt Cakes" business presentation. This year, it was seniors Katey Freeman and Camrin Sellers who walked away with 1st Place.

Freeman and Sellers "Waffles on Wheels" pitch won them \$1,500 and an opportunity to compete in the state competition in Manhattan, Kansas on April 25.

This year's Entrepreneurship Challenge was held in Columbus on February 25. Other Southeast students who walked away with winnings were the team of Clausen, Jacobs and Low for 5th Place and \$300; and, freshman Peyton Simpson for 6th place and \$200.

## Faculty still undefeated against 8th grade



Southeast gifted teacher Brad "The Hammer" Johnson keeps Bryce Petersen from getting an easy layup in the annual Faculty vs 8th grade basketball game held on February 19 at SJHS. The Faculty continued their winning ways with a 45 to 28 victory, thanks to the assistance of officials Olivia Powell, a 2015 Southeast graduate, and Coach Frank Pittman, the Southeast Lancers Athletic Director.

## After Prom fundraiser

The Southeast After Prom Committee is hosting Bingo on Sunday March 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Weir Civic Center. Cards are \$5. Prizes will be awarded. This is a fundraiser to support this year's After Prom festivities.

## Lancer Basketball season comes to a close

The Boys & Girls Southeast Lancers basketball seasons came to an end on February 29 following losses to Fredonia in the first round of Sub-State.

The Southeast Girls lost at Fredonia 71 to 35, to finish their season 2-19. It was a tough year for the small squad of two seniors, one junior and five freshmen, two of whom had their seasons cut short by knee injuries, plus a sophomore manager who suited and played the last few games due to injuries and illnesses. Coach Derek Sanders said he was very proud of the team for giving their best effort all season regardless of what the score was.

"This group is very competitive and pushes each other," Coach Sanders said. "Those who have been in the program for the last three years are great examples of how we do things and the younger girls quickly adjusted to that."

The Southeast Boys lost at Fredonia 82 to 46, to finish their season 6-15. Coach Tim Simpson said his proudest moment of the season came on February 9th in Riverton, when the Lancers lost to the heavily favored Rams team 42 to 39.

"Our boys came out and played with unbelievable heart," Coach Simpson said. "Even though we lost that game by three, our Lancers never gave up and fought all the way to the end."

It was a game that Coach Simpson has said returning players can look back on and use as a motivator this off season to prepare for next season.

## FCCLA Fundraiser

The Southeast FCCLA chapter is selling various food and home items through an online catalog. The FCCLA gets a portion of the sales. The website is [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) - Be sure to provide the School Code: 4316345. Orders are due by March 9.

## SE Relay for Life team

Southeast is assembling a team for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on April 23 at Carnie Smith Stadium in Pittsburg. This year's theme is board games and the Southeast team's board game is "KerPlunk". If you're interested in donating or becoming a team member please contact Kaci Coots at [kcoots@usd247.com](mailto:kcoots@usd247.com) or leave a message for her at SHS by calling 620-457-8389.

# Area Calendar

(Subject to change)

## Tuesday March 1

11:30a-1:00p Come & Dine Lunch at Osage Church of Brethren near McCune  
5:00p-9:00p [SJHS PTO fundraiser at Freddy’s Frozen Custard in Pittsburg \(Say for “Southeast Junior High” and 15% of sales goes to SJHS\)](#)  
5:30p Cherokee Ruritan Bingo at Cooky’s Diner in Cherokee  
6:30p Riders Meeting at Cherokee American Legion

## Wednesday March 2

[Deadline to order SES/SJHS Yearbooks](#)  
SHS FBLA at NEO Business & Technology Contest  
12:00p-2:00p Senior citizens lunch at Weir Community Center  
12:30p-3:30p Chicopee Card Game Club at Chicopee Community Center

## Thursday March 3

6:00p McCune Library Board Meeting

## Friday March 4

[Forensics at Southeast High School](#)  
6:00p Fish Fry at St Bridget’s Parish Hall in Scammon

## Saturday March 5

[Forensics at Southeast High School](#)  
10:00a Upward Basketball Tournament at Southeast Junior High  
6:00p Upward Basketball End of Season Celebration at First Baptist Church of Cherokee

## Sunday March 6

[2:00p-4:00p Bingo at Weir Civic Center, fundraiser for SHS After Prom](#)

## Monday March 7

[Parent Teacher Conferences](#)  
6:00p USD 247 Board of Education Monthly Meeting (NOTE: a week earlier than normal due to scheduling conflict)  
6:30p Weir Civic Club Meeting

## Tuesday March 8

[Parent Teacher Conferences](#)  
Southeast FFA at competitions for Ag Salees, Dairy Cattle Judging & Poultry Judging in Iola  
Southeast Forensics in Fort Scott for NFL CD  
Vision & Hearing tests for SHS students  
11:30a-1:00p Come & Dine Lunch served at Osage Church of Brethren  
5:30p [SJHS Proud Lancer Parent Meeting at SJHS](#)  
7:00p West Mineral City Council Meeting

## Wednesday March 9

Vision & Hearing tests for SHS students  
12:30p-3:30p Chicopee Card Game Club at Chicopee Community Center

## Thursday March 10

Southeast Forensics in Cherryvale for NFL CD  
Vision & Hearing tests for SHS students  
6:30p Cherokee City Council Meeting at Cherokee City Hall  
7:00p FCA Fun Night at SHS

## Friday March 11

## No School—Spring Break Begins

6:00p Fish Fry at St Bridget’s Parish Hall in Scammon

## Saturday March 12

Spring Break  
7:30a Breakfast at Cherokee American Legion  
9:00a-3:00p Cherokee Little League & Southeast Girls Softball Association player registration at Labette Bank in Cherokee

## Sunday March 13

[Daylight Savings Time Begins \(set your clock forward an hour at 2 a.m.\)](#)  
Spring Break  
4:00p Cherokee American Legion Meeting  
6:30p Sons of the American Legion Meeting in Cherokee

## Monday March 14

Spring Break  
7:00p McCune City Council Meeting  
7:00p Weir City Council Meeting

## Tuesday March 15

Spring Break  
11:30a-1:00p Come & Dine Lunch at Osage Church of Brethren near McCune  
5:30p Cherokee Ruritan Bingo at Cooky’s Diner in Cherokee  
6:30p Riders Meeting at Cherokee American Legion

## Wednesday March 16

Spring Break  
12:30p-3:30p Chicopee Card Game Club at Chicopee Community Center

## Thursday March 17

Spring Break  
11:30a-1:00p Senior citizens lunch at Cherokee Community Center  
5:00p-7:00– Meat & Greet protein food pantry at First Baptist Church of Cherokee

## Friday March 18

Spring Break  
6:00p Fish Fry at St Bridget’s Parish Hall in Scammon

## Saturday March 19

Spring Break

## Sunday March 20

Spring Break

## Monday March 21

HOSA State Competition at PSU

## Tuesday March 22

HOSA State Competition at PSU  
[Southeast Elementary Kindergarten Roundup \(Schedule appointment at 620-396-8211\)](#)  
11:30a-1:00p Come & Dine Lunch served at Osage Church of Brethren near McCune  
6:00p [Lancers Winter Sports Recognition Ceremony at Southeast High School](#)

## Wednesday March 23

FFA Vet Science contest in Independence  
HOSA State Competition at PSU  
[Southeast Elementary Kindergarten Roundup \(Schedule appointment at 620-396-8211\)](#)

12:30p-3:30p Chicopee Card Game Club at Chicopee Community Center  
6:15p-7:15p Cherokee Ruritan Club meeting at Cooky’s Diner in Cherokee

## Thursday March 24

TSA State competition & conference

## Friday March 25

Good Friday (No School)  
TSA State competition & conference

## Saturday March 26

7:30a Breakfast at Cherokee American Legion

## Sunday March 27

Easter

## Monday March 28

Easter Monday (No school)

## Tuesday March 29

Forensics at Caney  
[PSU Teddy Bear Clinic at Southeast Elementary School \(Be sure to have your elementary student bring a stuffed animal!\)](#)  
11:30a-1:00p Come & Dine Lunch served at Osage Church of Brethren near McCune  
3:30p [SHS Track & Field Relays hosted at Southeast High School](#)  
4:30p SHS Baseball at Fort Scott (1 JV/1 C )  
5:30p-6:30p Cherokee Ruritan Bingo at Cooky’s Diner in Cherokee

## Wednesday March 30

12:30p-3:30p Chicopee Card Game Club at Chicopee Community Center

## Thursday March 31

[Southeast Elementary Pre-Kindergarten Roundup \(Schedule appointment at 620-396-8211\)](#)  
4:30p SHS Softball at Cherryvale (2 V)

## Friday April 1

SHS FFA at Fort Scott Community College  
Aggie Days  
SHS Forensics at LD/PF/DUO at Parsons

## Saturday April 2

SHS Forensics at LD/PF/DUO at Parsons  
[7:00p Southeast Junior-Senior Prom at Southeast High School \(After Prom follows\)](#)

## Mark Your Calendar

### April

- 4-5—FBLA State Conference
- 5—SHS JV Track & Field Relays
- 12—PSU Gorilla Games
- 23—Inaugural Southeast 5K Walk/Run hosted by NHS

### May

- 7—SHS Senior Graduation
- 9—SJHS 8th Grade Promotion
- 10—SES Awards Ceremony & Field Day (5/12 make up if needed)
- 10—SHS Debate/Forensics Showcase
- 16—Last day of school (pending weather changes)

