



# Lances Up

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## District honor for Debate/Forensics



Each school year the National Speech and Debate Association selects one school in each district to receive the Leading Chapter Award. On April 15, Southeast coach Gary Leiker was presented with the award at the opening assembly of the Southeast Kansas NFL district tournament. This is the first year Southeast has earned the honor. Since 1999, Southeast Debate/Forensics has had more than 30 national qualifiers, including 3 this year; the team has had 2 state champions, one of whom was last school year; and, in 2013-14 the team was named among the top 10% of schools nationwide.

"This award is in honor of all my students, both past and present," Mr. Leiker said. "So to all my debate/forensics kids (you will always be my kids), thank you for helping us make history. This award belongs to all of you!"

Seniors Will Chrysler, Ashleigh Fleck and Sara Goins will represent SE at the Nationals competition in Salt Lake on June 13-17.



Fourth grader Kassidy Fox was one of several Southeast students who took part in the PPRD Mini Mudder on April 16 at the PSU Baja Course. Immediately after finishing, Fox said "I want to do it again."

## Southeast Summer Programs

Southeast will be providing several summer programs once again this year, including the STEM Final Destination Summer camp for new 6th through 12th grade students. The STEM camp takes several field trips throughout the summer and this year is planning a trip to Arrowhead Stadium. To learn more about the K-12 summer programs available at Southeast visit [www.usd247.com/summer](http://www.usd247.com/summer)

## Turning lane to be closed at SHS

The Kansas Department of Transportation is scheduled to close the north lane of Highway 400 that runs along Southeast High School starting Monday April 18. This is the lane that turns into SHS from westbound traffic. This lane is expected to be closed for a month.

## SE takes 3rd at Great Gorilla Games



The Southeast SkillsUSA and TSA chapters were represented by only 28 students, but took 3rd place overall at the April 12 Great Gorilla Games at Pittsburg State, with four 3rd place finishes, three 2nd place finishes, and six 1st place finishes.

Caleb Thompson, Caleb Fenimore, Colton Paasch and Austin Hunt (pictured above) teamed up to win 1st place in the highly coveted Amazing Gorilla race, a series of creative thinking and technology contests; John Jameson took 1st in CO2 Car; Joey Friemel, John Jameson, Eric Underwood and Jake Wyckoff teamed up to take 1st in Manufacturing (and were featured in a Pittsburg Morning Sun article); Jake Burns and Ryan Gath took 1st in Remote control Robotics; Ryan Gath took 1st in Search & Rescue Robotics; and, Zach Jones, Kegan Leftwich, Chad Lewis and Eli Newport took 1st in Skyscrapers Tower. See full list of Southeast placements at [www.usd247.com](http://www.usd247.com)

## Free sports physicals

Girard Medical Center is providing free physicals BY APPOINTMENT ONLY from May 2nd through June 17th (Monday-Friday only) at all Girard Medical Center clinics. No day will be set aside this year.

## Spring Music Programs At Southeast High School:

Thurs. Apr. 21, 6:30 p.m.  
Preschool-4th Grades

## Lancers representing Southeast well

- Sophomores Caitlin Low and Sydney Nippoldt qualified for this year's Future Health Professionals (HOSA) National competition in Nashville, Tennessee on June 22-25. The two qualified for nationals by competing at the March 21-23 State HOSA competition at Pittsburg State. Low competes in Behavior Health; and, Nippoldt competes in Healthcare Issues Exam. This is the first year of the HOSA chapter at Southeast. Low & Nippoldt are just 2 of the 22 Lancers who've qualified for Nationals.
- By scoring I's at the KSHSAA Regional Solo & Small Ensemble Festival held at Pittsburg State on April 9, SHS junior Madison Westervelt and freshman Brody Newswander have qualified to compete at the KSHSAA State Music Festival on April 23 in Salina. Westervelt received a I for Treble Vocal and Newswander received a I for euphonium.
- SHS freshman Megan Colvin threw 17 strikeouts in the Varsity Softball game against Columbus on Friday April 15. Southeast won 8 to 7 in 9 innings, with Colvin getting the winning RBI.
- All SJHS performers scored I's at the Junior High Mid America Music Festival at Pittsburg State on April 16: Lillian Chrysler, Mattie Haynes, Haley Jarvis, Gracie Martin, Kylie Myers, Shawnelle Smith, Karlana Spahn & Emily Wycough.
- The Class of 2016 members taking part in this year's Senior Trip to Memphis handled an unexpected layover in Thayer, Missouri very well, even after they had to be rescued from their rescue bus. Thanks to the Harp's Food Store, McDonalds/ Subway and Walmart in Thayer for their hospitality.

## FREE Community Breakfast

A Thank You from the  
Southeast Athletic Department

Sat. Apr. 30, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
(or until food runs out)  
At Southeast High School

# Calendar of Events

(Subject to change)

## Tuesday April 19

SE SkillsUSA at State in Hutchinson  
11:30a-1:00p Come & Dine Lunch served at Osage Church of Brethren near McCune  
3:30p SHS Varsity Track & Field at Columbus  
6:30p Riders Meeting at Cherokee American Legion

## Wednesday April 20

SE SkillsUSA at State in Hutchinson  
12:30p-3:30p Chicopee Card Game Club at Chicopee Community Center

## Thursday April 21

11:30a-1:00p Senior citizens lunch at Cherokee Community Center  
4:30p SHS Varsity Baseball & Softball at Riverton  
2:00p SJHS Track & Field at Northeast (Arma)  
5:00p-7:00p Meat & Greet protein food pantry at First Baptist Church of Cherokee  
6:30p Spring Music Program for SES (PreK-4th) at Southeast High School

## Friday April 22

SE Elementary School Career Day  
SE FFA at Coffeyville CC Aggie Days  
3:30p SHS Track & Field at Fredonia Relays  
4:30p SHS JV Baseball hosts Riverton

## Saturday April 23

KSHSAA State Music Festival in Salina  
7:30a Breakfast at Cherokee American Legion  
6:00p SE FFA Chapter Banquet

## Sunday April 24

4:00p Cherokee American Legion joint meeting

## Monday April 25

State Entrepreneurship Challenge Competition  
1:00p SJHS Track & Field at Columbus (rescheduled from April 18)  
4:30p SHS Varsity Baseball & Softball hosts Colgan

## Tuesday April 26

11:30a-1:00p Come & Dine Lunch served at Osage Church of Brethren near McCune  
2:00p SJHS Track & Field at Conference in Columbus  
3:30p SHS JV Track & Field at Baxter Springs  
4:30p SHS JV Baseball at Colgan  
5:30p-6:30p Cherokee Ruritan Bingo at Cooky's Diner in Cherokee

## Wednesday April 27

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

## Thursday April 28

4-State High School Honor Band at Pittsburg State University—Performance time TBA  
Last day of SES after school program  
3:30p SHS Track & Field at Neodesha Relays  
4:30p SHS Varsity Baseball & Softball at Girard  
6:30p 8th grade parent meeting/pre-enrollment for SHS incoming freshmen

## Friday April 29

4:30p SHS JV Baseball hosts Girard  
4:30p SHS Varsity/JV Softball hosts Liberal

## Saturday April 30

State Forensics at TBA  
7:30-9:30a (or until food runs out) FREE Breakfast for the public—District Appreciation—at Southeast High School  
4:30p SHS Varsity/JV Baseball hosts Jayhawk-Linn (rescheduled from April 18)  
7:00p Aloha Dance at SJHS (for 6th-8th graders)

## Sunday May 1

Kansas FFA State Contest  
3:00p Auxiliary Meeting at Cherokee American Legion

## Monday May 2

Kansas FFA State Contest  
4:30p SHS Varsity Baseball & Softball at Frontenac  
6:00p USD 247 Board of Education monthly meeting (moved up due to May 9 SJHS Promotion Ceremony)

## Tuesday May 3

Kansas FFA State Contest  
11:30a-1:00p Come & Dine Lunch served at Osage Church of Brethren near McCune  
3:30p SHS Track & Field at Baxter Springs  
4:30p SHS JV Baseball hosts Frontenac  
6:00p Southeast Elementary PTO monthly meeting

## Wednesday May 4

11:00a-1:00p Senior citizens lunch at Weir Community Center  
12:30p-3:30p Chicopee Card Game Club at Chicopee Community Center

## Thursday May 5

3:30p SHS Track & Field at Northeast (Arma)  
4:30p SHS Varsity Baseball & Softball hosts Baxter Springs

## Friday May 6

SHS Yearbook orders due  
4:00p SHS Varsity Baseball & Softball hosts Columbus (originally scheduled for 4/11)  
4:30p SHS JV Baseball at Baxter Springs

## Saturday May 7

7:30a Breakfast at Cherokee American Legion  
2:00p SHS Senior Graduation in east gym of SHS

## Sunday May 8

4:00p Cherokee American Legion joint meeting  
6:30p Sons of the American Legion Meeting (Cherokee)

## Monday May 9

4:30p SHS Varsity Baseball & Softball hosts Neodesha  
6:30p SJHS 8th Grade Promotion at SHS

## Tuesday May 10

Awards Assemblies & Field Day at Southeast Elementary School (Make up date is 5/12)  
11:30a-1:00p Come & Dine Lunch served at Osage Church of Brethren near McCune  
5:30p SJHS Proud Lancer Parent meeting  
5:30p Cherokee Ruritan Bingo at Cooky's Diner in Cherokee  
7:00p West Mineral City Council Meeting

## Wednesday May 11

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

## Thursday May 12

Last day of SHS after school program  
3:30p SHS at CNC Track & Field meet in Frontenac  
Saturday May 14  
McCune City Wide Garage Sale

## Monday May 16

Last day of school  
Regional Baseball at Galena High School  
Regional Softball at Erie High School

## Tuesday May 17

Regional Baseball at Galena High School  
Regional Softball at Erie High School  
Teacher work day  
11:30a-1:00p Come & Dine Lunch served at Osage Church of Brethren near McCune  
6:30p Riders Meeting at Cherokee American Legion

## Wednesday May 18

12:30p-3:30p Chicopee Card Game Club at Chicopee Community Center  
Regional Baseball at Galena High School

## Thursday May 19

Regional Baseball at Galena High School

## Thursday May 19

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

## Friday May 20

SHS at Track & Field Regionals—TBA

## Mark Your Calendar May

- 23-July 1—Outback Survivor Camp & 4th grade summer programs for new K-5th graders (Mondays through Fridays)
- 23—Summer weights & conditioning begins (Mondays through Fridays, 7a-9a)
- 25-June 29—Kindergarten Jump Start at SES
- 31-June 3—Kansas FFA State Convention in Manhattan, KS
- 31-June 3—SJHS & Youth Volleyball Camps
- 31-July 22—STEM Summer Camp at SHS for new 6th-12th graders (Mondays through Fridays)

## June

- 12-17—Debate & Forensics Nationals in Salt Lake City, UT
- 21-25—HOSA Nationals in Nashville, TN
- 28-July 2—TSA Nationals in Nashville, TN
- 29-July 2—FBLA Nationals in Atlanta, GA

## July

- 3-7 FCCLA Nationals in San Diego, CA
- 11 SHS hosting volleyball tournament 9a-6:30p
- 11-15 SHS football camp (incoming 9th-12th)
- 13-14 SHS volleyball camp (incoming 9th-12th)
- 30 Lancer Night Lift-A-Thon at SHS

