



SOUTHEAST OF SALINE



USD 306
Southeast of Saline
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Gypsum, KS 67448

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Student Shout-outs



Freshman Choir and Concert Choir both recieved 1's at KSHSAA State Large Group Music Festival!



The USD 306 Board of Education & Administration
cordially invites you to a Retirement Reception honoring

Mr. Todd Baird, Social Studies Teacher
Mr. Wade Caselman, Physical Education Teacher
Mr. Mitch Gebhardt, Physical Education
Mr. Roger Stumpf, Superintendent of Schools

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Short Program 3:30 pm
Come & Go Refreshments 3:30-5:00 pm
Southeast of Saline High School Commons (enter east doors)
5056 East K-4 Highway, Gypsum, Kansas

This Past Month in Pictures



Mrs. Westoff's class had the most students attend the McDonald's Night fundraiser and raised the most money during the Love Chloe Foundation fundraiser.



Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders were treated to snow cones for their hard work and accomplishments on last year's Kansas State Assessments! Thank you to the Fox family and helpers for making this possible.



We welcomed our incoming Kindergarteners to the building to meet staff at Bright Beginnings.



League Forensics Results:

Juliana Owen 6th place extemporaneous speaking
Isabella Owen 6th place poetry
Suzu Kimizuka 4th place poetry
Isabella Owen 3rd place impromptu
Isabella Owen informative LEAGUE CHAMPION



Bella Owen finished in 2nd place at State FBLA in Impromptu Speaking



3rd and 4th grade concerts continue to please the crowd. The 3rd grade vocal concert was a big hit! The 4th graders wowed the audience with an awesome recorder concert.

Upcoming Events

Elementary Events in Purple

- May 1: 10:00 - HS Track @ Beloit Relay
6:30 - FCCLA Family Night @ Martinelli's
- May 2: 7:00am - SES Track Club - Track Meet
- May 3 - 5 FFA State Contest @ Manhattan
- May 5: Golf @ Marion Tournament
8:00 School Physicals
3:00 HS track @ Minneapolis
3:00 JH Track @ Ellsworth
4:00 Baseball @ Ellsworth
4:00 Softball @ Ellsworth
- May 6: **2:45 6th Grade DARE Graduation**
2:45 Athletic Signing Day
7:00 Senior Awards Night
- May 7: 1:00 Golf Invitational @ Rolling Meadows
4:00 Baseball @ Lyons
4:00 Softball @ Lyons
- May 8: JH Band @ May Day in McPherson
3:30 HS Track @ SES
7:00 HS Band and Vocal Spring Fling
- May 9: 1:00 Senior Class Parade
- May 11: FFA Greenhand Ag Mech
6:30 Regular Board Meeting
7:00 Spring Sing JH/HS Concert & Awards
- May 12: 1:00 JH NCAA Track @ Republic County
1:00 Golf Tournament @ Salina Municipal
- May 13: Baseball Quarter Finals
3:30 SES Retirement Reception
6:30 Baccalaureate at ALC
- May 14: HS NCAA Track Meet @ Ellsworth
- May 15: **Elementary Play Day**
8:30 Senior Activities
HS Band and Jazz Band Spring Fling
- May 17: 2:30 Commencement Ceremony**
- May 18: **Play Day- Make up Day if Rained Out**
8:00 Sub-state Golf @ Salina Municipal
7:00 8th Grade Academic Celebration
- May 19: Baseball Regionals
Softball Regionals
6:00 Kindergarten Promotion
- May 20: **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
11:30 Dismissal
- May 21-22: HS Track Regionals
- May 26-29 State FFA Convention
- May 26-27 State Golf
- May 29-30 State Track



Class of
2026

SENIOR CLASS CAR PARADE!
Cruising through Assaria and Gypsum

MAY 9TH, 2026
1:00 P.M.

Meet at Assaria City Building
148 EAST MAIN STREET

at 12:30 to line up

Cash prizes for the three best decorated cars

GO 2026!

SENIORS 2026

Contact Heather with questions at heatherdawn1021@gmail.com

Band News

- May 8 JH Band to May Day Parade in McPherson
Times TBA
- 15 HS Band and Jazz Spring Fling Concert @ 7:00p
- 17 HS Graduation 2:00p

Congratulations to Southeast of Saline
State JESTER Nominee



**Cameo Performer = Beckett Murray
as Vince Fontain**

REGION 3 HONORS

Leading Performer = Olivia Swenson, Sandy
Sound Design = Kade Riffle
Choreography/Staging = Keri Boley
Artistic Guest = Matt Hanson, stage design

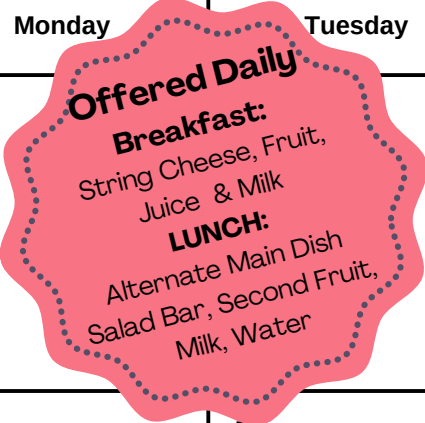
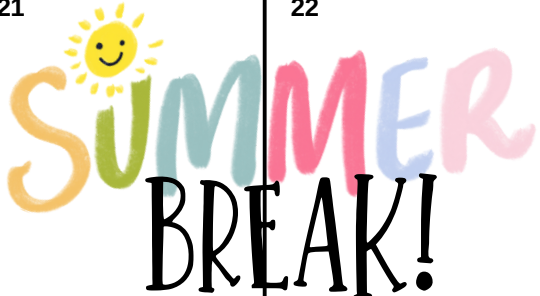
Elliana Smith

Congratulations to
ELLIANA SMITH
she earned a
SILVER MEDAL
at the
**NATIONAL Scholastic
Art & Writing Awards.**



The 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands performed to a full house. Well done, Mr. Keasling and musicians!!

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
4 Muffins ----- May the 4th be with you!! Jabba the Hutt (Hot) Dogs Vader Tater Chips Jar Jar (Baked) Beans Mandalorian Oranges	5 Frudels ----- Cinco de Mayo Chicken Fajitas Fajita Veggies (HS) Peas (Elem) Grapes Churro	6 Waffles & Sausage ----- Biscuits & Gravy Tri-Tators Pineapple	7 French Toast ----- Chicken Alfredo Garlic Stick Broccoli Pears	8 Eggs & Sausage ----- Corn Dogs Green Beans Peaches
11 Breakfast Bagel ----- Nachos Refried Beans Pineapple	12 Banana Bread Go Gurt ----- Pizza Green Beans Bananas	13 Frudel ----- Trojans Together BBQ Cheeseburgers Corn on the Cob Apple Slices Peanut Butter Bars	14 Cinnamon Rolls ----- "KFC Bowls" Chicken Mashed Potatos Gravy Roll Peaches	15 Fruit Parfaits ----- Ham & Cheese Sandwich (HS) Uncrustables (Elem) Chips Carrots Oranges Chocolate Chip Cookie
18 Donuts ----- Pancake on a Stick Tri-tators Pears	19 Scones ----- Manager's Choice To be announced May 14th	20 Muffins ----- Dismiss at 11:30	21 	22

THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & USD 306 SOUTHEAST OF SALINE PRESENT

CDL Proxy Testing & ELDT Theory Event

**CDL WRITTEN TESTING & ELDT THEORY TRAINING
FOR PROSPECTIVE CDL DRIVERS!**

- General Knowledge Tests for Class A & B CDL
- P Endorsement & S Endorsement Tests
- Air Brake Test



WHEN: July 27-28, 2026

- Study & Prep on July 27th
- Written Tests on July 28th

TIME: 8:00 AM

WHERE: USD 306 SouthEast of Saline,
5056 E K-4 Highway
Gypsum, KS 67448

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Current Driver's License
- \$10 Donation for Meals

COST:

- **NO CHARGE TO ATTEND!**
- CDL Permit Fee of \$13 due upon passing

QUESTIONS?

- Stephanie Hungate
- Transportation Director
- shungate@usd306.org
- 620-453-1672

ELDT THEORY PROVIDER:

Kansas
Department of Revenue

- Training Certification
Entered in the TPR Registry

SCAN TO REGISTER

Secure your spot for CDL testing!



Limited spots available!

BTW (Behind The Wheel) training is the responsibility of the registrant.



READ 24 FOR 24 HOURS

SHADE IN ONE BUBBLE FOR EVERY 30-MINUTE READING SESSION UNTIL YOU'VE READ FOR 24 HOURS! TURN IN THIS COMPLETED AND SIGNED PAGE DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST FOR A PRIZE!

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NAME: _____ PARENT SIGN: _____

MAY SES Parents as Teachers

ABOUT PAT

Parents as Teachers understands that children are born to learn and parents are their child's best first teachers. Our free program is here to assist you in teaching through play! We offer home visits, plan group events, administer screenings to monitor child development, and provide necessary resources when needed. All families are welcome!

UPDATES

A part time parent educator is needed to help keep the program successful. Please reach out if interested in applying. Flexible hours!

All April visits focused on the fun that literacy can bring to families.

FAMILY UPDATES

2 families will be exiting the Parents as Teachers program as their youngest child will be starting kindergarten in August. This will open up spots for new families to enroll! Please contact Lindsey if you or someone you know would enjoy home visiting and group events for the family!

CONTACT ME

Lindsey Frank
 Program Coordinator
 and Parent Educator
 lfrank@usd306.org
 785-536-4287

RECENT FUN

Story time at the park! We learned about Earth Day, picked up trash, made butterflies, and played with friends!



SOUTHEAST OF SALINE

KSHSAA music

REGIONAL SOLO AND SMALL ENSEMBLE RESULTS

SUPERIOR "I" RATINGS

JAMES FRIESEN - VOCAL SOLO
 KYNZIE BARTS - CLARINET SOLO
 DIEHL FORSBERG - TUBA SOLO
 OLIVIA SWENSON - TRUMPET SOLO
 ADAM THIEL - VOCAL SOLO
 CHARLOTTE KNOPF - CLARINET SOLO
 ESPYN REED - VOCAL SOLO
 PARKER KEASLING - ALTO SAX SOLO
 AVA RUPERT - VOCAL SOLO
 HANNAH THIEL - VOCAL SOLO
 ELIZANDRO FIGUEROA - VOCAL SOLO
 OLIVIA SWENSON - VOCAL SOLO
 WOMEN'S QUINTET - VOCAL ENSEMBLE
 WOMEN'S TRIO - VOCAL ENSEMBLE
 MADRIGAL SINGERS - VOCAL ENSEMBLE

EXCELLENT "II" RATINGS

JALEANNA POUILLARD - VOCAL SOLO
 TASHA VANDERMAN - FLUTE SOLO
 RYLEE STANDLEY - VOCAL SOLO
 CASSON KLOVER - VOCAL SOLO
 MELODY FELLERS - VOCAL SOLO
 JORDAN WILLIS - VOCAL SOLO
 EZMAI REGO - VOCAL SOLO
 FRESHMAN MIXED - VOCAL ENSEMBLE
 FRESHMAN GIRLS - VOCAL ENSEMBLE
 MIXED QUARTET - VOCAL ENSEMBLE



What's going on in the 7-12 COUNSELING CENTER?

SCHOOL COUNSELOR - Stephanie Mettlen

785.536.4287 ext. 1018 * smettlen@usd306.org

CAREER & GUIDANCE COUNSELOR - Megan Haden

785.536.4287 ext. 1017 * mhaden@usd306.org

DON'T HESITATE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR COUNSELOR

Mrs. Mettlen: concerns, problems, help with goal setting, help with grades, mediate conflict, improve student/teacher relationships, etc.

Mrs. Haden: assistance with college applications and scholarships, academic plans, class enrollment, testing scores, etc.

Feel free to call or email either of us!!

COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST {FRESHMEN}

- Make a list of potential careers that intrigue you; think about your favorite subjects in school and what interests you. XELLO is a great place to start.
- Start exploring colleges best suited for you. See which schools offer the programs and majors you're considering. XELLO can help you do this.
- Find out what classes will make you a strong college applicant.
- Push yourself academically; your high school GPA includes ALL four years.
- Join a club, sport, or activity you enjoy.
- Consider a job for experience and earning money for college.
- Volunteer for something you find important.
- Ask an illustrious person to earn a still in.
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- Meet high s.

COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST {SOPHOMORES}

- Begin researching colleges online and on XELLO. You don't need to start making your college list—but familiarize yourself with what traits make colleges different (e.g. class size, overall size, academic majors offered) and what you prefer.
- Talk with people who are the same field as your career interests to learn more about it.
- Work with your advisor/counselor to fine-tune your schedule so you're taking the right classes.
- Talk to your parents about how you want to handle College Visits your Junior and Senior year.
- College athletics (if applicable). If you want to play Division I or II sports in college. Check that your courses meet NCAA curriculum requirements. You can do this online or with the counselor.
- Start planning for college.
- Talk to for col for an aid bo.
- Save up.
- Stay in school.
- Study i need t.
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- Line up sider pi in the r an ACT wasn't.

COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLISTS

for future 9th-12th

COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST {JUNIORS}

- Begin your scholarship search. As busy as junior year seems, it gets even crazier senior year! Start familiarizing yourself with the scholarships that will be available to you and getting the information needed to apply for them next year.
- Determine if you will be attending a vocational-technical school, career college, two-year community college, four-year university/college, or military college.
- Create a target college long-list that you'll slim down later. Think about college affordability from the beginning.
- Set-up and visit college campuses that you are interested in.
- Talk to current college students about college life and their majors.
- Continue to save money.
- Extracurriculars, jobs, and community service are important elements of your college applications and you should update them on your XELLO account.
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COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST {SENIORS}

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize college visits. If applicable, check audition deadlines for performing arts colleges. Register for any final ACT/SAT testing. Take prep courses to prepare if possible. If you receive financial aid, your counselor has resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrow your college list to 3-5 choices, including dream schools and a safe school. Choose letters of recommendation. Make a list of deadlines for each college's application. Draft college essays; ask for editing help if necessary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) opens on 9/8/21. Visit studentaid.gov to apply SLLP. Talk with your counselor about local scholarships and deadlines. Begin submitting college applications. Keep copies.
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask your counselor to send an official copy of your transcript to each college you apply to. If you have not received your transcript and request one month after submitting your FAFSA, contact FAFSA check "help" on their site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit your last college application. Make students age 18 and over must register for the selective service to be eligible for financial aid. Studying to foster care, meet with your case workers to learn about resources for transitioning to college. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you've taken the ACT/SAT since submitting a transfer application, you've applied to studentaid.gov, make sure the college has the higher score for contacting admissions. Homeless students, meet with your counselor to learn how to document your homelessness for financial aid purposes.
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be on the lookout for acceptance and scholarship letters—they'll arrive soon! Continue working hard in school. Colleges will see all of your senior grades. If you haven't, speak with the senior class advisor to ensure you know about graduation deadlines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review financial aid offers from colleges. Choose which will attend. Accept that financial aid, and notify all other colleges you've been accepted to that you will not be attending. Watch for deadlines at your chosen college, like housing and deposit deadlines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin applying for summer jobs and volunteer opportunities. If you need additional financial aid, meet with your counselor to learn about private student loans. Make an informed choice. Talk with a mentor or your school counselor about any college doubts/concerns.
MAY	JUNE	JULY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask your counselor to send an official final copy of your transcript to the college you will attend. Tell your counselor of all scholarships you've been offered and provide a copy of each scholarship letter for school records. Graduate! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write thank you notes for all graduation gifts. Write thank you notes to donors of all scholarships you received. Write thank you notes to teachers who mentored you and wrote you letters of recommendations, etc. Save money at your summer job if possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase necessary items for moving to college, such as extra long twin sheets and school supplies. Identify students and students in foster care, speak with your case manager or other helpful adult to identify resources to assist with this. Enjoy the coming adventure!

All students should have been offered these at the Spring Student Led Conferences. These are a great way to get organized! Ask Mrs. Haden if you need another one.

SENIOR CHECKLIST

Work with your College/University

Each college or university should have a checklist for you to work off of. Check your email and log into your college/university portal to check that you are ready to go!

Make your deposit.

Typically colleges will have a deposit deadline in May. You may have already signaled your intent to enroll, but now it's time to commit financially. Your financial aid tab in your online account should include all the information.

Choose your classes.

You will need to meet with your college advisor and enroll in classes. If you haven't had a face-to-face (zoom is OK) you need to schedule one so you are all on the same page.

Send your final transcripts.

Southeast of Saline's Transcript: Mrs. Ingrassia will automatically send your transcript when your senior grades are finalized to the institution we have on file for you. If it changes, just let us know.

Salina Area Tech & Other Colleges: These need to be sent when your grades are final and done through the college that you are taking the course from. The cost is generally between \$5-\$10. You'll need to go to the college's website and search for "transcript request".

Send THANK YOU letters.

Did you get here by yourself? Chances are there were many people who helped with your college applications. Take the time to write personalized thank you letters. Especially to anyone that wrote you a letter of recommendation or gave you a scholarship.

Finish Strong!
CLASS OF
2026



Senior Recognition Information Needed!

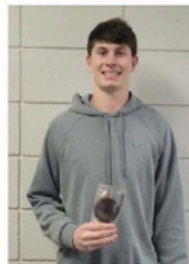
Seniors need to let the Counseling Center know if they have earned a scholarship. These will be shared on Awards Night and in the local newspaper! This is exciting news and we want to share it. Accurate names and amounts are important. Send the information to Mrs. Haden as soon as possible. Thank YOU!

Congratulations!



Dane Hansen Scholarship Recipients

From Left to Right: Bryson Lippold, Abigail Pearson, Madison Givens, and Charlotte Knopf
Bryson & Charlotte—Leaders of Tomorrow—\$40,000
Abigail & Madison—Hansen Scholar—\$26,000



Earl Bane Scholarship Recipients

Gannon Jacobson
\$20,000



RUDD Scholarship Recipients

Madeline Baier & Lilly Duran
\$100,000

Juniors/Seniors have 5 excused college visits during high school. Most students don't want to miss school though and actually visit campuses during breaks!

All you need to do is sit down with your family and look at the college's website. You can sign up online and pick a day that works for the entire family to go.

JUNIORS SHOULD GO ON A COLLEGE TOUR

If you are going to miss school for the day there is a form that you will need to get from the Counseling Center and fill out prior to going on your tour.



JUNIORS take the free ACT!

How Can I See My Scores? Students can see their scores by logging into their myACT account online.

How Do I Send My Scores to Colleges? Students can choose up to 4 colleges to send their scores to for FREE each time they take the ACT. Students were able to select colleges when registering.

What is Superscoring? When you average your four best subject scores from all of your ACT test attempts. ACT and students should not superscore. The college or university will receive ACT attempts and will determine how the scores are superscored.

What is a Good Score? This question is a difficult one to answer. Right now in the state of Kansas students can get into college with only their GPA. The ACT test is used (in conjunction with GPA) to secure scholarship money at many colleges and universities. This is often the easiest way to secure thousands of dollars. For instance, at KSU with a GPA of 3.85+ you can earn the freshman merit scholarships based on your GPA+ACT combination listed below in the graph. There are also varying requirements based on your major. Engineering and Nursing have a different ACT requirement than Education, so do your homework and research the school you are interested in and the major you are considering.

Why you want a good ACT score! Scholarship \$\$\$

K-State University
Freshman Merit Scholarships

Cumulative GPA ACT Composite Score	KSU Scholarship Award
GPA 3.25+; ACT 21	\$1,500/yr
GPA 3.5+, ACT 22-24	\$2,500/yr
GPA 3.7+, ACT 25-28	\$4,000/yr
GPA 3.85+; ACT 29+	\$5,500/yr

SUMMER TEST DATES

JUNE 13

{register by May 8th}

JULY 11

{register by June 5th}

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS

Local Scholarships have been emailed to seniors and there are hard copies available in the Counseling Center. They are due by April 12th to the Counseling Center. A brief description of the scholarships available are listed below.

John C. Bowden Scholarship - Available to a "B" average (3.0-3.69) student who has good moral character and is actively involved in the school and community.

Mary Carlson Education Scholarship - Available for a student with a 3.0 grade average who is actively involved in the school and community and pursuing a degree in education.

Kathy Gregory Memorial Art Scholarship - A student who intends to study art at a technical school, college, or university.

Keeler Education Scholarship - A student that plans to major in elementary education.

August & Nan Krauss Scholarship - A student that demonstrates financial need, has academic achievement, and is involved in at least two school activities.

Dr. Bob Goodwin Foundation Scholarship "Make a Difference" Scholarship - A student that has demonstrated involvement in volunteer community and public service and pursuing a degree in public service.

SES Education Association Scholarship - A student who is pursuing a degree in education.

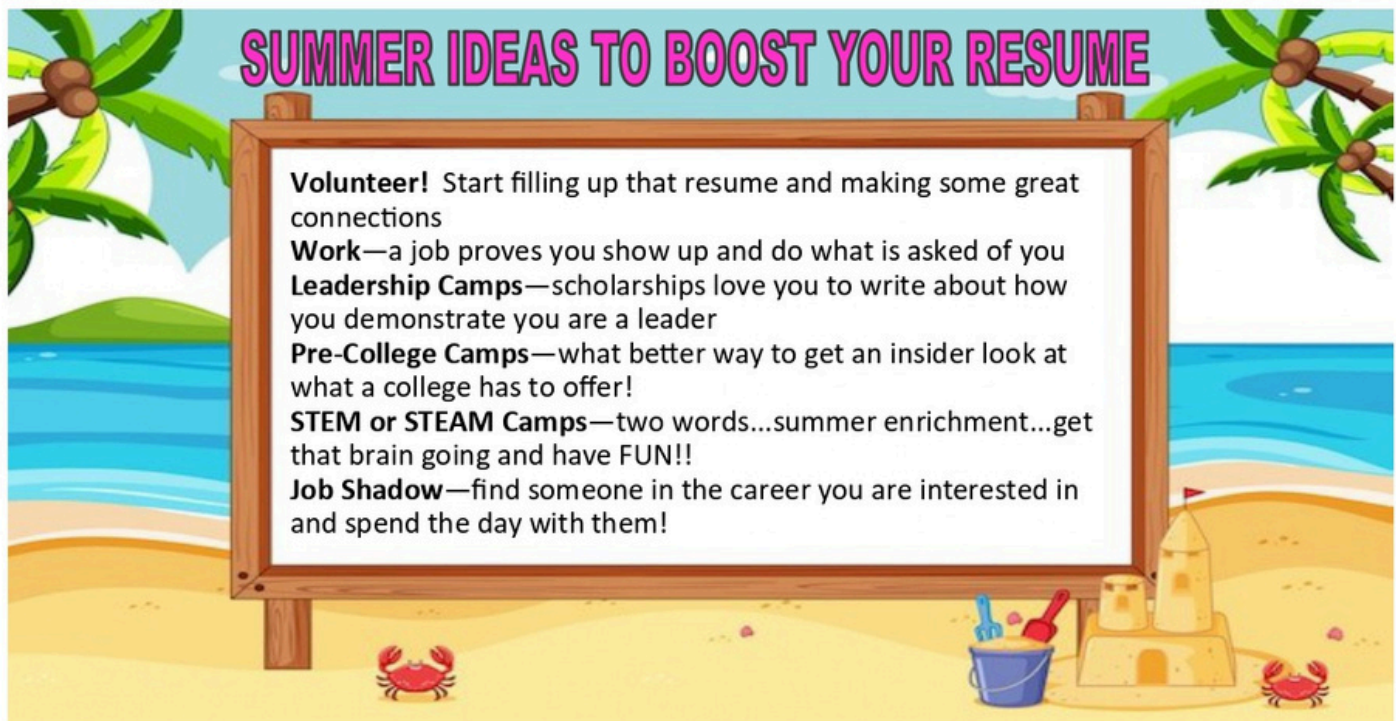
Sylvester C. (Bud) Tanking Scholarship - A student that plans to attend college.

Ryan Haxton FCCLA Legacy Scholarship - An active member of FCCLA pursuing a post-secondary degree that serves others.

Westhoff FHSU Scholarship - A student attending FHSU.

Others are available @
www.usd306.org by clicking on
 SECONDARY > COUNSELING
 CENTER > SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are interested in giving an annual scholarship to a deserving student, contact Megan Haden!





TRI-RIVERS FAIR ★ ★ *Golf Tournament*

**FRIDAY,
JULY 24**



1:00 P.M.
SHOTGUN START



REGISTRATION ON
THE DAY OF THE EVENT
STARTS AT 12:00 P.M.



PRE-REGISTRATION
FOR GOLF TEAMS BY
MONDAY, JULY 20



**\$400
PER TEAM**
Includes green fees,
carts and meal



**BE A PART OF
A GREAT DAY
ON THE COURSE**
*and make a
lasting impact!* ★



PRE-REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!



Pre-registration helps us
plan for a great event!



Email your team
information to:
tririversfairfundraising@gmail.com



Spots are limited.
Don't miss out!



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE
TRI-RIVERS FAIR AND OUR COMMUNITY!**



Proceeds benefit Tri-Rivers Fair and
help support future events and
opportunities for our community.



Registration
and payment
can be taken
online starting
May 1.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



620-640-2044



tririversfairfundraising@gmail.com