

25 *Awesome Senior Project Ideas:*

1. **Community Pantry** – use a coupon system to shop for non-perishable and personal care items to be stored in a community pantry or given out in care baskets to families in need. Teach a series of classes so community members can use coupons to make their dollar stretch!
2. **Diaper Drive** – Collect diapers and distribute via food share or foster care program.
3. **Homeless bags** – Make food bags according to food pyramid that can be distributed to homeless.
4. **Energy Efficiency** – Compile a “How to” of energy efficiency. Raise money for high efficiency bulbs and distribute throughout the community.
5. **Garden Guru** – Plant vegetable starts and distribute to community. Start a composting project and raffle off a composter.
6. **Babysitters Club** – Work with Red Cross and/or AHA to train an army of babysitters. CPR certification and a baby sitters survival kit for all participants.
7. **Mr. & Miss Falls City Pageant** – Organize a pageant of nominated students who work to raise money for Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. See Gervais High School for ideas and format.
8. **Scrapbook** – provide materials and teach a class to the community to scrapbook:
Falls City History, Family Genealogy, Personal Scrapbooks
9. **Casey’s Kids** – Mr. Casey is in Cambodia teaching English. He has observed hundreds of orphans living in the dump. Children there survive by scavenging. There are no orphanages. How can you help?
10. **Pump Track** –Build a pump track for younger kids or beginners to improve bike skills.
11. **Adopt-the-Falls** – Install safety railings, interpretive signs, steps, landscaping. Make the Falls a historical attraction. Work with Polk Historical Society.
12. **Roof Repair** – rebuild the roof and railings at upper park gazebo.
13. **Everyone’s an artist!** - Coordinate an art showcase of art from elementary students to raise money for instructional hours, supplies and furniture for new Falls City Community Arts Center.
14. **Batter Up!** - Organize a community recreational baseball league (adults, teens or kids). Or figure out how to transport kids and pay fees for them to play with Kids Inc in Dallas or CYS in Monmouth/Independence.
15. **Rec Center** – Don’t wreck the center! Develop a recreational center for kids to hang out and play pool, do crafts, hear guest speakers, etc. Work with local churches and civic groups.
16. **Tour de Jobs** – Organize and facilitate a series of visits by or to different job sites: advertising, banking, manufacturing, legal, medical, etc.
17. **Back to nature** – Build a nature trail complete with interpretive signs... BLM land? Jackey Jones has some knowledge of this as does Kathy Flannigan.
18. **Girl Power** – Organize presentations by local agencies to build self esteem in young women. Cover topics like: body image, verbal abuse, gender stereotypes, societal gender roles, sisterhood, every girl’s a goddess.
19. **Manly Men** – Organize presentations by local agencies to address self esteem, body image, gender stereotypes, societal gender roles and other issues important to young men.
20. **Dirty Laundry** – Re-open the old gas station for laundry facilities. No charge to community members. Open only one or two days a week.
21. **Frisbee Golf Course** – Plan and build a Frisbee golf course around campus or around town.
22. **Interpret What?** – Build an interpretive kiosk for the Green Construction Restroom Project. Use photos, diagrams and writing to explain the process of building the restroom and the green components’ benefits to the environment.
23. **Going Green** – Plan and implement the next Green Construction Project. What would interest the students of Falls City High School? Wind power? Solar power? A reclaimed windows green house? Partner with other city agencies and organizations.
24. **Riparian Ready** – There’s always a need for riparian restoration on the banks of the river near the high school. Eliminate invasive plant species and replace them with native plants.
25. **Play Ball** – Fix up the upper park’s baseball field so that it is safe and pleasant. Coordinate a Grand Opening city-wide softball tournament as a culmination.