

# FIFTYFIVE *forward*



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## Heartland Golden Games Draws Record Number of Participants

More than 130 competitors took to the fields and courts May 20 during the fourth annual Heartland Golden Games.

Friends University was the site for the track and field events. The competition included: shot put, discus, weight throw, softball throw, javelin, high jump, pole vault, standing long jump, triple jump and running events.

The ever-popular pickleball tournaments were at The Family Life Center, 1415 South Topeka.

The event was sponsored by Kansas Surgery & Recovery Center, Life Care Centers of Andover and Wichita, Prairie Homestead, Sedgwick Plaza, Oxford Grand, Kansas Foot



Care, PRN of Kansas, Lou Ann Phelps, Humana, KU Audio Reader Network, Sedgwick County Department on Aging, Friends University, Shocker Track Club and Senior Services.

Medals were awarded to the top three finalists in each age division the day of the games. At the end of the day, many were heard remarking they had a wonderful time and would return next year.



## Sherri Flippo Honored With 2017 Irene Hart Award

In the field of aging services, Sherri Flippo is a legend in her own right. As the leader of the Meals on Wheels program at Senior Services for over three decades, she devotes herself to ensure the safety and well-being of over 1500 homebound seniors every year and makes sure 800-900 meals get out in a timely manner every weekday.

In May, Sherri's 37 years of extraordinary service to seniors was honored when she was named the recipient of the 2017 Irene Hart award, presented annually by the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging for an individual who has made a significant contribution in the field of aging.

In addition to supervising seven staff members, Sherri works closely with the volunteer coordinator to maintain the more than 400 volunteers who deliver the meals. She is a long-time member of the Wichita TRIAD, which works to prevent elder abuse, the Hoarding Task Force, and was instrumental in the implementation of Mid-Kansas Senior Outreach. When the Senior Companion program started, she coordinated the senior companions assigned to Senior Services. She makes sure Senior Services clients are connected with Operation Holiday and LIEAP, distributing donated items like fans and



loaning medical equipment to those in need.

A licensed social worker with a degree from Wichita State University, Sherri says modestly it is service to others which draws her to her job. The notoriety of Meals of Wheels enables Sherri and her staff to inform people coming into the program about other programs and assistance from which they might benefit.

"We are really able to help," she says. To her, that is what life is all about.

Sherri takes her responsibility seriously, spending late hours and weekends checking on the welfare of clients who didn't answer their door that day.

"Over the years, thousands of seniors have benefitted from the passion and dedication of Sherri Flippo, who has a big heart for our seniors," says Laurel Alkire, executive director of Senior Services.



**Local dignitaries, members of the media and the Wichita Police Department united forces in March to deliver Meals on Wheels, part of a national awareness campaign for the importance of the program in maintaining the health of seniors.**



## A Galaxy Of Stars 2017 To Honor Wink Hartman

Wink Hartman will be the guest of honor at the 10th annual “A Galaxy of Stars Celebrity Roast & Tribute” Saturday, August 19, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

A Wichita native and graduate of Wichita State University, Wink was just 14 when he first went to work in the oil and gas industry. After he graduated, he was employed by Del Monte Foods, and then later as a salesman for Xerox Corporation in the early 70’s. He decided to try his hand at building speculative houses for additional income while working for Xerox. This additional income hobby led to yet another opportunity. In 1980, Hartman Homes became a partner builder with Tallgrass Country Club development.

In 1990, Wink came full circle and returned to the oil and gas business by purchasing Hartman Oil Co., Inc. from his father, Ralph Hartman; the same company that his grandfather, W.L. Hartman founded in 1920. Wink has served as President of Hartman Oil Co., Inc. for 27 years.

Wink and his wife, Libba, have been married for 27 years and reside on a 560-acre farm in



Rose Hill. They have five grown children and eight grandchildren and enjoy spending time with family. They are both animal lovers and have indoor and outdoor pets, including camels to llamas, long-horned steers, buffalo, watusi cattle, miniature donkeys and horses, to their dogs and cats, and even a zebra; the Hartmans have made certain that their farm is full of the kind of love and affection that animals help to foster simply by being there. They also have several other business ventures, including Chester’s Chophouse & Wine Bar, Jimmy’s Egg, Hartman Arena, and Vintage Bank to name just a few.

Senior Services is proud to celebrate an icon in the business community. Please join us in “roasting and toasting” Wink Hartman the only way we know how – the Galaxy way – a night filled with laughter and love - all to support a wonderful cause.

Individual tickets are on sale now and priced at \$125 per ticket while a table of 10 can be purchased for \$1,100. You can purchase tickets by contacting Chris Heiman at [chrish@seniorservicesofwichita.org](mailto:chrish@seniorservicesofwichita.org), or call 316-267-0302, ext. 216, or visit the website at [www.seniorservicesofwichita.org](http://www.seniorservicesofwichita.org). Look for “A Galaxy of Stars” under the News & Events tab.



### Leave A Legacy

A gift given in memory of a loved one is a lasting tribute to the special relationship you shared. Making a contribution to Senior Services is a fitting way of honoring this person and, at the same time, making a difference in the lives of those we serve. Memorial gifts give thanks for the past and help establish a vision for the future.

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## Senior Employment Fair Set For August

The Senior Employment Program at Senior Services, Inc. of Wichita has scheduled its semi-annual Senior Employment Fair for 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 1, at the West Side Baptist Church, 304 S. Seneca.

Twenty prospective employers will be on hand for the event.

Job seekers must apply at the Senior Employment Program, 200 S. Walnut, and complete a two-hour orientation prior to the

fair. They are taking applicants now through July 28.

The Senior Employment Program offers help preparing a resume, interview strategies, computer training and quality job leads, in addition to sponsoring the weekly job club and job fair.

