

# FIFTYFIVE *forward*



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## Phase One Of Multi-Phase Renovation Complete

Work on phase one of the \$6 million renovation and construction project on the Downtown Senior Center and other offices of Senior Services is now complete, and programs and services have been busy in recent weeks moving back into the center.

The Downtown Center has reopened with a new billiards room and new classrooms, as well as a refurbished multi-purpose room.

The Senior Employment Program now enjoys front-door accessibility for clients, as well as expanded areas for applying for positions.

Work on the new Meals on Wheels kitchen and staff building was completed in March. The new kitchen is much larger than the previous one, which should enhance the capabilities of the program to serve more clients as well as offer some flexibility in menu selection.

The campaign to finance all three phases has raised just over \$3.8 million, with \$300,000 needed to complete updates on the exterior of the center and \$1 million needed to add the formal event center, expanded computer center and small cafe for the Downtown Senior Center.

To introduce donors, dignitaries and other



supporters to the new space, a progress party is planned for Thursday, July 19, from 5 to 7 p.m.

To find out more about Senior Services or to help with the campaign, call 316.267.0302.



**Work on the first phase of the Downtown Senior Center was completed in mid-May.**



## Senior Employment Fair Draws Crowd

The spring job fair held March 20 drew 105 job seekers eager to visit with the potential employers on hand at the semi-annual event sponsored by Senior Services.

Employers participating included: Starkey, Ironworkers, Mental Health Association, SER, Workforce Center, City of Wichita, KU Medical Center, KETCH, Cintas, Intrust, Walmart, Kansas Health Department, Visiting Angels, Arnold Group, Manpower, Senior Companion and Goodwill.

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 semi-annual job fair. In addition, the program operates an in-home placement service for those who prefer to work for individuals as handymen, housekeepers or caregivers.

The next senior employment fair will be August 21 in the newly-remodeled Downtown Senior Center.



## Cargill Cares

Senior Services is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Cargill which is intended to provide shelf stable milk replacement products throughout the summer for Meals on Wheels recipients.

“We are so appreciative of the support from Cargill Cares with the funding at the Kansas Food Bank,” says Laurel Alkire, executive director. “Our Meals on Wheels program is able to purchase items at a very reasonable price that are used to feed our homebound seniors. Thank you to Cargill for supporting Senior Services and the seniors we serve!”

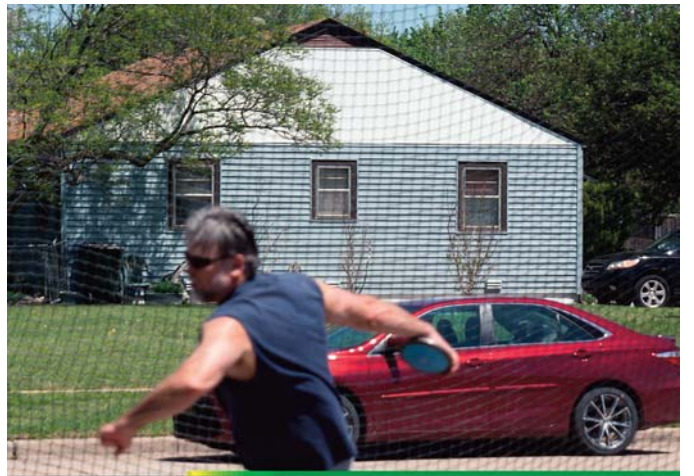
## Over 100 Athletes Compete In Fifth Annual Heartland Games

More than 100 people turned out to compete in the fifth annual Heartland Games May 5.

Friends University was the site for the track and field events. The 2018 competition included: shot put, discus, weight throw, softball throw, javelin, high jump, pole vault, standing long jump, triple jump and running events.

The pickleball tournaments were at Family Life Center, Immanuel Baptist Church.

The event was sponsored by Grene Vision, Twin Lakes Apartments, United Healthcare, Sedgwick County Department on Aging and Friends University.



### 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.

Gifts to Senior Services are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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## Galaxy 2018 To Roast And Toast Ron Ryan



Ron Ryan will be the guest of honor at the 11th annual “A Galaxy of Stars Celebrity Roast & Tribute” Saturday, October 12, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

A longtime aviation enthusiast, Ryan moved to Wichita in 1968 to become a pilot for Jack DeBoer Associates. In 1974, he founded Ryan Aviation Corp. with George Ablah. Later, the company’s name was changed to Ryan International Airlines. He has been a Wichita Wagonmaster since 1987.

Ryan is active in Wichita’s Midian Shrine, Kansas Food Bank Warehouse, Boy Scouts of America, Friends of McConnell Air Force Base, the Downtown Rotary, Commemorative Air Force, Junior Achievement of Wichita, the

Aviation Museum and several other organizations.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for individuals and corporations. Individual tickets are on sale now and priced at \$150 per ticket while a table of 10 can be purchased for \$1,250. You can become an event sponsor or 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.

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