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## Three athletes inducted into Hall of Fame Special Olympics Kansas Recognizes Outstanding Athletes

**MISSION, Kan. – During the 44th Annual Summer Games, three extraordinary athletes were inducted into the Special Olympics Kansas Hall of Fame.**

**Linda Hetzel, a member of the Wichita Independents, plays multiple sports including tennis, track, bowling and softball. Even with her physical limitations Linda presses through with a smile on her face. Regardless of win or lose, Linda always wears her medals and ribbons with pride. Becoming an athlete with Special Olympics gave Linda the family she never had. In return she gives Special Olympic her all.**

**Jill Brenneman, a member of the Olathe Trailblazers for over 20 years, practices all events and trains year-round. She has participated in almost every sport offered since she first started at 8 years old. In 2006, Jill competed at the first USA Games in Iowa, winning a gold medal in aquatics. Showing great sportsmanship, Jill always has a smile for her team and others. Jill is always upbeat and continues to provide motivation to other athletes during all events and practices.**

**Jennifer Bish has bloomed from a caterpillar into a butterfly. Although shy at the beginning, she is sociable, always demonstrating a positive attitude and image with her team, the Wichita Independents. She competes in bowling, tennis, track & field, and volleyball, and trains four hours a week. Jennifer manages a job, car, and living on her own. With the encouragement of her family, she is always willing to help at her job and on her team. Jennifer is a dedicated and dependable person who has truly evolved during her time with Special Olympics Kansas.**

**An induction into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame takes more than a gold medal. The criteria for selection focuses on the number of years an athlete has competed, overall performance, sportsmanship, the number of hours spent training, and the benefit of athlete's participation to him or her. These very important athletes deserve to be recognized for their personal and athletic accomplishments. Nomination forms are available on-line at [www.kssso.org](http://www.kssso.org) and may be submitted any time. Awards are given annually at the Summer Games.**

**Chris Hahn, President & CEO of Special Olympics Kansas presented the awards as part of the Opening Ceremony of the 2014 Summer Games.**

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