

Obituaries

DONNA FOSTER

Donna Lee (Darby) Foster, 94, passed away on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at Satanta District Hospital. She was born on November 7, 1930, in Junction City, Kansas, to Iris S. (Topliff) and Andrew M. Darby. Donna graduated from Hays High School and later earned her degree in Elementary Education, with a minor in Art, from Fort Hays State University. While attending Fort Hays met her future husband, Donald Wyeth "Don" Foster, and the two were married on August 5, 1951, at the First Presbyterian Church in Hays, Kansas.



Donna's legacy is one of kindness, creativity, and dedication to her family, community, and the countless children whose lives she touched. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her children, Robert Foster and wife Laura of Wichita, KS, Stephanie Gomez and husband Art of Scott City, KS, and Troy Foster of Overland Park, KS; granddaughters, Skyla Foster and husband Daniel of Wichita, KS and Erin Shilling of Manhattan, KS; and great-grandchildren, Garrett Foster, Amelia Shilling, and Eleanor Shilling.

She is preceded in death by her husband Don Foster; parents, Andrew and Iris Darby; and a brother, Marshall Darby.

There will be no public viewing, as cremation has already taken place. A private family service will be held in the Spring.

Memorial contributions can be made payable to Satanta Happy Agers or Satanta Arts Council in care of Weeks Family Funeral Home & Crematory, PO Box 1200, Sublette, KS 67877. Condolences may be left online at WeeksFamilyFuneralHome.com

JEREMIAH L. BELL

AUGUST 23, 1983 - JANUARY 23, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Jeremiah L. Bell, 41, of Graham County, Kansas, on January 23, 2025.



Jeremiah was intelligent, creative, and full of passion. He had a deep interest in political science, computer science, and history, always seeking knowledge and new ideas. We have many cherished moments of his life.

He is survived by his beloved children, his family, those he loved dearly, and many friends who will forever cherish his memory.

No services will be held. The family appreciates your understanding and encourages those who knew Jeremiah to honor his memory in their own way.

May he rest in peace, forever remembered and loved.



Hays Walk to End Alzheimer's Hosts 2025 Kickoff Party on February 8

Press release

The 2025 Hays Walk to End Alzheimer's will officially launch its season with a Kickoff Party on Saturday, February 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the basement of Breathe Coffee House. This event is open to past walkers, new supporters, committee members, and anyone interested in joining the fight against Alzheimer's.

Breathe Coffee House, a non-profit community

opportunity for the community to come together, learn more about the mission of the Alzheimer's Association, and find ways to get involved in the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Attendees will hear inspiring stories, discover volunteer opportunities, and gain insight into how they can make a difference in the lives of those affected by Alzheimer's.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is more than just a fundraiser—it's a movement," said Leigh Purdy, 2025 Hays Walk to End Alzheimer's Committee Chair. "This kickoff event is a great way to bring people together, celebrate our past successes, and inspire new participation. Whether you've walked with us before or are looking for

a meaningful way to give back, we invite you to join us."

The Hays Walk to End Alzheimer's is part of a nationwide effort to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. The event brings together teams, families, businesses, and individuals who are passionate about advancing the fight against Alzheimer's disease.

For more information about the Kickoff Party or the 2025 Hays Walk to End Alzheimer's, contact

Leigh Purdy at leighreyndolds@gmail.com or 785-259-7102.

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Feb. 8 "Dueling Pianos" fundraiser supports 14 Community United Way partners

By Gailie Pike

Special to the Hays Daily News

At 6 p.m. on Feb. 8, 2025, United Way of Ellis County will host its annual fundraiser "Dueling Pianos" at the Schenk Community.

Tickets for the event, which include dinner, are available at <https://liveunited.harnessgiving.org/events/2308> or at the United Way office,

1200 Main St. Suite 102.

"Dueling Pianos" is a signature event for United Way of Ellis County's Annual Campaign, a community-driven effort to raise funds through the year, with the goal of raising \$350,000 to maintain funding levels for programs with 14 Partner Agencies. Visit <https://www.liveunited.us/> to contribute directly to the annual campaign and/or volunteer. A list of Partnership Agency Programs is also listed on the website and donations can be earmarked for specific organizations.

"Dueling Pianos" is not just a concert; it's an experience!" said Executive Director Erica Berges. She described the event as perfect night out with friends, family, or colleagues, due to the dynamic atmosphere and exhilarating performance by professional dueling pianists who will engage the audience with a mix of music, comedy, and interactive fun.

"All proceeds from this event will go towards our fundraising campaign that benefits our partner agencies. By attending, you are not only

enjoying a fantastic evening but also contributing to a meaningful cause that help those in need in our community," Executive Director Berges said.

Tickets are priced at \$50 with the option to purchase a table of 12. A Cash Bar will also be available. 21 and over only.

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Victor E. Tiger turns 25: FHSU plans month-long birthday bash for beloved mascot

By University Communications

-2 p.m. FHSU

Women's Basketball Game vs. Pittsburg State with special birthday halftime presentation

-3-4 p.m. Free birth-

day activities (see list above)

-4 p.m. FHSU Men's Basketball Game vs. Pittsburg State

• Feb. 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Defiance Downtown. Tiger Trivia Night. Join the FHSU History Club for a tiger and mascot-themed trivia night, with a special appearance by Victor E. Tiger.

• Feb. 20, 3-4 p.m. Memorial Union - Stouffer Lounge. History of Victor

E. Tiger panel. Learn about the history of the tiger mascot and the origin story of Victor E. Tiger with panelists FHSU President Emeritus Dr. Edward Hammond, former Victor

E. Mascot Larry Dreiling, and FHSU Art Director Scott Gross. Instruction and Outreach Librarian Cyndi Landis at Forsyth Library will moderate the panel. Refreshments provided.

• Feb. 8, 2 and 4 p.m. FHSU basketball games, Gross Memorial Coliseum. Former Victor E. Tiger mascot DJ Dawnna will entertain the audience with her famous jams.

• Feb. 15, 10:00 a.m.-Noon. Walmart Supercenter - in front of the Tiger Spirit Store. Victor E. Tiger Autograph and Photo Opportunity

• Feb. 19, 2-4 p.m. FHSU Makerspace - Picken Hall 102. Stop at the Makerspace to laser-cut a tiger-themed birthday card for Victor.

• Feb. 22, FHSU Basketball Game. Gross Memorial Coliseum. Victor E. Tiger's official Big Birthday Bash.

• 1-2 p.m. free birthday activities

-Face painting

-Tiger tattoos

-Make a birth-

day hat

-Photos with

Victor E. Tiger

-Special treats

-G a m e s , crafts, and more

FHSU Online is hosting a contest for online students to create a birthday card for Victor's 25th Birthday. To enter the contest, draw, paint, design, or craft a card to be delivered in the mail by February

20th. Mail your birthday card to FHSU Online, 600 Park Street, Hays, KS 67601. All cards in the contest will be displayed at the big birthday celebration on February 22. Prizes will be awarded to the top five card designs.

Online Events

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