Obituaries

Douglas Neil Stinehagen, 79, died Tuesday Nov. 6, 2012, at his home in Colorado Springs. He was born July 29, 1933, in Big Springs, Neb., to Lewis Ernest and Sybil Rebecca (Duffey) Stinehagan. The family lived in Big Springs, Broken Bow and Ogallala, Neb., before moving to Cheyenne County, Kan. in May 1942.

Doug began his schooling in Ogallala and continued it in Cheyenne County West 10 Clough Valley, St. Francis grade school, graduated from St. Francis Community High School in May of 1951. During these years Doug was active in FFA where he took great pride in his cattle judging skills taught to him by his father and grandfather, Henry Stinehagan.

After graduating from high school, Doug worked on the family farm with his father until entering Colorado A&M in Ft. Collins, Colo. He graduated with a degree in Vocational Agriculture in June 1956.

During summer breaks, Doug's

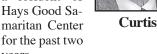
Anthony Joe 'AJ" Lee, 26, of Cheyenne, Wyo., died unexpectedly on Dec. 23, 2012. He was born June 24, 1986. in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Lee AJ was an

avid outdoorsman. He loved hunting, fishing, camping and spent every minute he could with his family and friends. He loved music and playing his guitar to his favorite old country songs.

He is survived by the love of his life, Ashley(Schlegel) Lee; father, Michael R Lee of Cheyenne; mother, Tammy (Gladson) Lee, of

Donald Rex Curtis died Wedneson day Dec. 19, 2012. He was 86 years old. Rex had been a resident of Hays Good Samaritan Center



years. Rex was born on March 13, 1926 in Halstead, Kan, He was the son of Jett and Myrna (Antrim) Curtis. He grew up in Wellingseveral of his classmates enlisted small college football and basketin the Navy. Rex served as a signalman on a naval freighter in the South Pacific during the last two years of World War II. friends were recruited to enroll at Fort Hays Kansas State College where he played basketball for Cade Suran, his former high school coach. Rex also ran hurdles on the Fort Hays track team for coach Alex Francis.

Douglas Neil Stinehagen July 29, 1933 - Nov. 6, 2012

employment included working in tute teaching, sold insurance and the oil fields of Wyoming as well as in the logging industry in California. After graduation, Doug enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Ft. Bliss, Texas, during his service years.

Doug loved the rodeo and during his free time he and his friends could always be found entering bronc busting or bull riding conhe and his friends would walk around like stove up cowboys and would get into the rodeo free.

His mother was horrified that he did such a thing, but was more so when she found out years late that his front teeth were knocked out while riding a bull; decidedly not the story he had told before. He has a great sense of humor not always appreciated by his mother.

Army, Doug moved to Montana where one of his good friends Gene Taylor lived. There he worked on ranches, did substi-

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Cheyenne; sister, Jessica Bryson, and her sons, Makhi Lee and Micah Bryson of Cheyenne; AJ's son Jaren Fabela of Worland, Wyo., brother, Troy Lee and wife, Tracy Lee, of Greeley, Colo., and brother, Justin Lee and son, Landon Lee, of Greeley, grandparents, Lloyd and Doris Lee, of St. Francis, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

AJ was preceded in death by his uncle, Tony Gladson, and his great-grandparents, all of whom he loved dearly.

He will be remembered as a loving, caring, and compassionate man. He will be missed.

Services were held on Friday, Dec. 28, at Wiederspahn-Radomksy Chapel. Interment was in Manville, Wyo.

Donald Rex Curtis

March 13, 1926 - Dec. 19, 2012

where Marge taught kindergarten their Cedar Bluff cabin. and Rex taught eighth grade history and coached.

In 1953, Rex and Marge moved back to Hays where Marge taught ried. He was a member of the and Rex joined Marge's brother Hays Lions Club where he served Wayne Lebsack in the oil business, Lebsack Oil Production, Inc. He and Marge remained active with Wayne in the oil business until recently.

serving as Scout Master of Troop hattan, and Dr. Jeff Curtis and wife 101 in Hays while his sons, John Connie of Hays. He is survived by and Jeff, were in Scouting. Rex his grandchildren Matthew Curtis ton, and graduated from Welling- remained active in athletics as and wife, Andrea, of Onalaska, ton High School in 1944. He and well. He was a high school and Wis., Julie Ott and husband, Matball referee for 34 years. many happy times at Cedar Bluff Lake camping under the shelters After discharge from the Navy, at Page Creek, at their south shore aska. Rex's sister Colletta Dawson Rex and several of his Wellington cabin, and on the trusty pontoon also survives in Wellington. boat, "The Double J," trolling for walleye. In later years, Rex and Marge United Methodist Church. Interenjoyed traveling with their sons, ment was in the Fort Hays Memochildren and grandchildren to rial Gardens Cemetery in Hays. Hawaii, Table Rock and Beaver Lake, Caribbean cruises, Cessna suggests memorials be made to Stadium in Wichita to track meets, Hays Boy Scout Troop 101, and recitals and musicals. They en- Hays Lions Club in care of Hays joyed the Encore series and sport- Memorial Chapel. Condolences to ing and musical events at Fort the family at www.haysmemorial. Hays State University. And they com

was a forest fire fighter. At some point during this time, Doug met a cute little red head by the name of Sharon Tarr. They were married at Sherry's grandparents ranch in Hamilton, Mont., on April 11, 1963.

Eventually, Doug and Sherry moved to Walnut Creek, Calif., where Doug worked as an insurtests. He always carried around a ance adjuster. During this time saddle so when money was tight their children, Steven Michael and Cynthia LeAnn, were born.

In 1967, the family moved to Colorado Springs where he continued working as an insurance adjuster and bought a book store. Several years later Doug began working in the concrete business as a contractor, eventually owning his own company, called Advanced Concrete. Doug owned his own business until he retired. He After being discharged from the continued to be active in many pursuits until his death. He loved hunting, fishing, skiing, photography, reading and politics.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Sybil, his step father, Maxon Brown, brother-in-law, Delbert Powell, sister Carol Lou and husband, Donald Crumly.

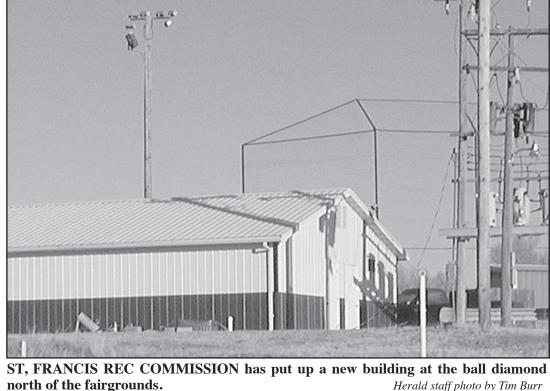
Surviving are his son Steven (Pia) and daughter Cynthia (Jay) Sparr of Billings, Mont. Grandchildren: Stephanie and Christian of Rammelsbach, Germany, Jordan and Julia Sparr, sister Rosemary Powell of Bird City, nieces: Kathy Thibedeau of Norton, Jan (Sam) Washburn, Lewisville, Texas, nephews Mark Crumly, Gray, Tenn., Mike Crumly and Dennis Kircher, Tucson, Ariz., grand niece, Corina Olliff (Verland) and family, Norton and grand nephews, Josh and Jacob Washburn of Lewisville, as well as a host of friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A private burial will be scheduled at a future date in St. Francis.

1950. They moved to St. Francis enjoyed quiet times together at

Rex was a member of Hays First United Methodist Church where he and Marge were maras secretary for many years.

Rex was preceded in death by his parents, and by his wife, Marjorie, who died on June 25, 2012. He is survived by his children, Dr. John Rex was active in Boy Scouts, Curtis and wife, Laurie, of Manthew, of Detroit, Minn., Lindsey Curtis of Manhattan, Christian, He and Marge and the boys spent Cathryn, and Carter Curtis of Hays, three great-grandchildren, and Tristen, Tanner, and Ava in Onal-Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 22, at Hays First In lieu of flowers, the family



Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Cover crops trap residual nitrogen

By Lyle Frees

This is the perfect year to plant cover crops in Kansas, according to soils and agronomy experts with U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. Besides the obvious negative impact on crop yields, the drought will leave residual nitrate in the soil at harvest time. Following harvest, residual nitrates can remain in the soil. Any rainfall above the water holding capacity of your soil can potentially allow nitrate to leach out the bottom of the root zone.

If more typical precipitation returns in November through April, the amount of nitrate lost can be much greater this year than usual, leading to nutrient loading of local waters and eventually to the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico.

Recycle with cover crops

This is how cover crops can help. Cover crops will scavenge residual nitrogen and recycle it through their plant biomass. When the cover crops decompose next year, some of the nitrogen taken up by the cover crops will be released for use by the next cash crop, and some will go towards building soil organic matter.

Fall-planted cover crops would be a good investment by farmers this year to benefit both their own

Coming Soon:

farms and regional water quality. Nitrogen scavengers

The best nitrogen-scavenging cover crops include oats, cereal rye, or annual ryegrass mixed with oilseed radish. If a farmer is interested in fall grazing, then turnips or crimson clover could be mixed with the oats and cereal rye.

Cover crops will help farmers recoup part of their fertilizer nitrogen investment from last season, and will improve soil organic matter and soil biological activity.

Cover crops will also be very useful after soybeans for adding organic matter and trapping nitrogen released by decomposing soybean residues.

Producers reap benefitsNatural

Resources Conservation Service soils expert Ray Archuleta, recently spoke throughout Kansas to farmers and service employees. He provided farmers and employees the following key messages about increasing soil health using cover crops:

• Add living roots (cover crops) to the soil during more months of the year to increase organic matter and improve soil health, along with eliminating tillage activities.

· Legume cover crops act as natural fertilizers, while grasses act as scavengers of nutrients often lost after harvest or during winter.

proves diversity below ground. which helps create healthy productive soils.

· Cover crops should be an integral part of a cropping system. They help improve soil health by developing an ecosystem that sustains and nourishes plants, soil microbes, and beneficial insects.

· Cover crops also protect soil against erosive heavy rains and strong winds.

They can provide livestock producers with additional grazing or having opportunities, and winter food and cover for birds and other wildlife

Get More Information

Producers are encouraged to contact their crop insurance provider and their local Farm Service Agency prior to planting any cover crops to ensure their crop insurance and United States Department of Agriculture farm program eligibility are not adversely affected since grazing of some cover crops is considered harvesting.

Those interested in planting cover crops, visit your local Natural Resources office for more information on the best solution for you. Federal, state, or local financial assistance may be available. To find a service center near you, check in your telephone book under "United States Government" or on the · Diversity above ground im- Internet at offices.usda.gov.

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It was while in college at Fort Hays, that Rex met the love of his life Marjorie Lebsack. They graduated from college, and were married on the same day on May 25,

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a "bench mark" in the contest-calling industry. This newly designed kill block dramatically stops the chances of pooling coyotes and cheating.

The Midwest Coyote Event will have their kill blocks laser engraved with a special logo. This stops teams from making extra kill blocks of their own and also stops teams from pooling coyotes from other hunters in order to increase their harvest count.

"This is another effort that we are taking to make sure that the Midwest Coyote Calling Event is honest and promotes the rules of fair chase," Mr. Rueb said. "The masters of coyote calling just keeps getting better and stronger.'

2012 results

Of the 121 teams participating in the 2012 event, only 72 teams returned Sunday for check in. The hunters reported seeing 692 coyotes and brought in 245.

Last year's top winner in the Nikon Coyote Special Class was the father-son team of Dave and Dusty Shaklee of Wray who had been hunting the calling contest for the last 15 years. the Shaklees

are entered again this year. There was a tie in the Hornady Novice Class. Winning first place placed second. Both teams are rewere Ryan Thompson of Pierre, turning. S.D., and Ryan Kennedy, Gar-

den City. Local hunters, Trevor Hilt and Trent Raile, St. Francis,

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ranchers and residents are encouraged that 2013 will be better than the previous year.

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park selling food while the Mu- Dec. 28 sic Makers performed along with Dec. 29 other entertainers.

At 8 p.m., the Queen City Jazz Dec. 31 Band from Denver performed. Following the performance, there was a street dance with the Delta Band playing. The drawing for a rifle and a grandfather clock was held at the first dance intermission

The celebration ended on Sunday with worship service in the park.

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