



SCOTT HOUTMAN, representing the St. Francis Fire Department, hands Janet Jensen with Angel Tree \$500 raised by selling hams. He then visited Candi Douthit at the St. Francis Food Pantry with a \$500 donation.
Herald staff photos by Amanda Miller



Obituaries

Richard James Painter *July 20, 1931 - Nov. 10, 2013*

Richard James (Dick) Painter, professor emeritus of mathematics at Colorado State University, died on Sunday morning, Nov. 10, after a six-month illness due to pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Painter was a member of the Colorado State University mathematics faculty from 1963 through 2011. He was 82 years old at the time of his death.

Dick was born July 20, 1931, in Greensboro, N.C., to James W. and Kathleen Sharer Painter. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1949 until 1955, earning an AB and master's degree in mathematics.

In 1955 he began work on his PhD at the University of Colorado, where, as a Southerner, he was so unaccustomed to the treeless land that he could not bear to look out the windows of his second story student apartment for several months. However, the move to Colorado proved life-changing, for it was then that his love affair with the mountains and plains of Colorado began.

The move to Colorado proved even more life changing, as it was at CU that he met, wooed and proposed to a beautiful nursing student; his one true love and life companion. On July 28, 1957, Dick Painter and Jan Manson were married in her home town, St. Francis, in western Kansas. The young couple stayed in Colorado where, in 1957, Dick worked as a computer programmer for the Martin-Marietta Company in Denver. In 1958 they moved to Lynchburg, Va., where Dick was employed as a mathematical analyst for the Atomic Energy Division of Babcock and Wilcox Company, working on the Savannah River Project.

In 1960, he returned to Chapel Hill where he received his PhD in mathematics in 1963. Having fulfilled this dream, he returned west, where he started his career at CSU as a member of the mathematics faculty.

Dick was a member of Phi Beta Kappa liberal arts and sciences honor society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and Phi Delta Theta social fraternity. He was selected as the CSU Honors Professor for Fall of 1974 and received the CSU Jack E. Cermak Advising Award for 1993-1994. He co-authored two linear algebra textbooks.

Painter was a man of many interests including mountain climbing and desert hiking. His love of the high country was immeasurable, climbing all 53 of the 14,000-foot peaks in Colorado--his most recent one just 14 months ago when he repeated a climb he had done with one of his sons 30 years before. Dick also climbed in the Alps, the Himalaya, Africa, and the Andes of Patagonia. Notable climbs included Mount Rainier in Washington, Popocatepetl in Mexico and even Mount Sunflower--the high point of Kansas. He was always a modest man about his climbs and never suffered over

occasionally not summiting--the climb itself and the camaraderie were all-important.

He shared many of his passions with others, including astronomy, reading classics and poetry, master wooden ship model building, singing in the Larimer Chorale for 34 years, downhill and cross-country skiing (serving as the faculty advisor to the CSU ski team for several years), playing poker with a group of friends of about 35 years, jogging and weight lifting, billiards and snooker, fishing with his children and then his grandchildren, and countless cross-country road trips throughout the United States with his wife. But his greatest passion was teaching undergraduate students where he searched for "diamonds in the rough," students who had real mathematical talent but weren't yet aware of that talent. Until not long before his death, Dick continued with delight tutoring math students and occasionally teaching his beloved linear algebra class at CSU.

While Dick was in Los Ange-

les in August receiving cancer treatment, his two sons staged an 82nd birthday party atop Mt. Wilson where Dick and several friends and family members observed the heavens through a 60-inch telescope that had been used many years ago by the likes of Harlow Shapley and Edwin Hubbel to make important astronomical discoveries. Though Dick was quite ill, he still found this a lifetime highlight. To add to that joy, in August, he met and spent several hours over dinner swapping climbing stories with the famous climber and cinematographer, David Breashears, another great pleasure at an otherwise difficult time.

One cannot speak of Dick Painter without mentioning that he could always make others laugh with his quick wit and amazing smile. He was a generous, poised, interesting, and kind man who loved people, adults and children alike.

Dick is survived by Jan, his wife of 56 years; son, J. Marcus Painter and his wife Jennifer and their two children, Nathaniel and

Robin S. Greenhagen, 68, of Smithville, Mo., died peacefully at home on Monday, Dec. 9, 2013. Robin was born on Dec. 24, 1944, and was raised on his step-father's farm in Prospect Valley, Colo. Robin served six years in the U.S. Army, including a tour of duty in Vietnam as a helicopter mechanic.

Robin and his wife Lois raised their two children, Robin and Suzette in St. Francis, where he enjoyed watching and participating in their activities. During his life, Robin was a farmer, rancher, and a mechanic.

He took his mechanical talents

Robin S. Greenhagen *Dec. 24, 1944 - Dec. 9, 2013*

into his retirement where he restored old cars and trucks. He loved attending car shows and cruise nights around the Midwest with his son Robin. Robin loved visiting his daughter and her family in Maple Valley, Wash. They always had a long list of projects for Grandpa when he arrived.

Robin is survived by his wife Lois, son Robin of Watford City, N.D., daughter Suzette Muehlbauer of Maple Valley, Wash., two grandchildren, Sierra and Jordan Muehlbauer also of Maple Valley; three brothers, Larry (Gloria) Greenhagen of Greeley, Colo., Ronnie Liner of Evans,

Walter (Judson) Denison *Oct. 30, 1927 - Nov. 12, 2013*

Walter (Judson) Denison, SMSgt. U.S. Air Force (retired), 86, and long-time resident of Vacaville, Calif., died early Tuesday morning, Nov. 12, 2013, in his home with his family by his bedside. He was born Oct. 30, 1927, in St. Francis, Kan., to Blaine and Theda (Crosby) Denison.

He spent his formative years in St. Francis, growing up on a small farm and attended primary school. Judson was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and absolute patriot to his country.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Blaine and Theda Denison; three sisters; Hilda Tygrett; Mary Lou Moore; and Barbara Nothdurft, plus three brothers; Joe, Jerry and Andy.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Martha Denison and son, Colonel (USAF, Ret) Bradley Denison and wife Marianne of Niceville, Fla.; daughter, Brenda Nichol of Vacaville; and daughter, Kathy Fleshman and husband Steven, also of Va-

casino. Judson truly enjoyed life and touched everyone he met.

A celebration of life, including full military service honors was held on Friday, Nov. 15, at the Nadeau Family Funeral Home, Vacaville. Anyone wishing to send condolences or share a memory can visit the following website: (www.NadeauFuneral-Home.com).

Private services will be held at a later date.

colo., Duane Greenhagen of Fort Collins, Colo.; mother-in-law Dolores Kinzie of Platte City, Mo.

Robin was preceded in death by his mother, Creta Aker Baumgartner, father Harry Bert Greenhagen, and step father Dave Baumgartner.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made in Robin's memory to the Cancer Research Institute at www.cancerresearch.org.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Junior high Indians finish their season

*By Douglas Sloper
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The Indians A team went into the Northwest Kansas League tournament with high expectations. Given their successful regular season, the Indians were rewarded with the number 2 seed in the tournament. The Indians took on the Sharon Springs Wildcats, Dighton Hornets and Atwood Buffaloes. The outcome was disappointing as the Indians did not play as well as expected and finished fourth overall.

The Indians B team, went up against the Sharon Springs Wildcats, Wakeeney/Trego Golden Eagles and Hoxie Indians. The B team fared better and finished second overall in their tournament play.

A Team

Sharon Springs

The A team faced the Sharon Springs Wildcats in first round action on Thursday and had little trouble knocking off the Wildcats.

The Indians got off to a fast start in the first quarter and jumped out to a 18-3 lead, as the quarter came to a close.

St. Francis continued to dominate in the second quarter and extended their lead to 35-10 at half time.

"The first half of this game may have been the best basketball we have had all year," said Coach Rob Schiltz. "Everything was working for us. We shot the ball well, we ran our offenses well, and we played good defense and we ran the fast break extremely well."

The Indians never let up in the second half, held the Wildcats in check the rest of the game, and took the game easily, 49-32.

"The boys knew this game was important," said Coach Schiltz. "We had to win this one or we were out of the tournament. The boys showed up ready to play and we dominated them from the tipoff."

High scorers: Tate Busse, 17 points; Trayton Doyle, 13 points; Dalton Straub, 10 points; Luke Lampe, 8 points; Luin Norris, 1 point.

Dighton

The Indians next opponent was the Dighton Hornets, on Saturday. The Indians could not get themselves untracked, as the Hornets played good defense the entire game.

"We knew this would be a tough game," said Schiltz. "They were the first team that matched up with us in terms of physical size."

In first quarter action both teams played hard, and the Indians trailed 13-12.

The Indians got nothing going in the second quarter, as cold shooting and a persistent Hornets defense kept the Indians behind. St. Francis only scored only one basket in the quarter and now trailed Dighton by six, 20-14.

Both teams battled it out in the third quarter and while the Indians played hard, they could not make a dent in the Hornets lead. St. Francis still trailed 30-24.

The cold shooting of the second quarter became the Indians undoing as they were still unable to make up any ground on the Hornets in the fourth quarter and the Indians lost, 41-26.

"Our boys did not have their best game," said Coach Schiltz. "We didn't shoot the ball as good as normal, and certainly part of that was because Dighton played a good defense. Although this game didn't turn out the way we had hoped, I felt we gave them a good run for the money."

High scorers: Tate Busse, 17 points; Trayton Doyle, 11 points; Dalton Straub, 6 points; Luke Lampe 2 points.

Atwood

The Indians went up against the Atwood Buffaloes in the consolation game for third place.

"Since we lost to Dighton in the first game of the day, we had to play Atwood with only a 15 minute break. Playing back to back games is brutal. Our guys left everything on the court in that first game, and we were tired at the start of this game," said Coach Schiltz.

Both teams got off to a good start in the first quarter and played hard. St. Francis trailed the Buffaloes 14-12 at the end of one.

The second quarter, like the first, was evenly played and both teams were tied 21-21 at half time.

The third quarter saw the Buffaloes start to pull away and they led by seven, 34-27.

In the fourth quarter, St. Francis was still unable to make up any ground on Atwood and dropped the game 40-32.

"Atwood plays the best man to man defense we faced all year, and we struggled to score against them," said Schiltz. "We kept the game close except for the third quarter and we just couldn't seem to make up those lost points in the fourth quarter."

High scorers: Trayton Doyle, 12 points; Tate Busse, 9 points; Luke Lampe 8 points; Dalton Straub, 3 points.

Coach Schiltz was complimentary of the team and the way they played throughout the season. "Coaching these boys was an absolute pleasure. They are fine young men and have bright futures ahead of them. As long as they continue to work hard, they will be very successfully in high school and in life."

B Team

Sharon Springs

The B team took on Sharon Springs in their first round game. The Indians had little trouble with Wildcats, defeating them 42-20. No game stats were made available for this game.

Wakeeney/Trego

The B team next went up against the Wakeeney Golden Eagles in the semi final game, played on Saturday.

Both teams played evenly and the score was close through much of the first half.

As the third quarter progressed the Indians were able to pull away to a 21-17 lead as the quarter came to a close.

The Indians defense stepped up in the fourth quarter and held Wakeeney to just two points. The offense scored just enough to give the Indians some more breathing room and the victory, 27-19.

Hoxie

The Indians moved to the finals against the Hoxie Indians.

In the first quarter, the Indians started slowly and fell behind Hoxie 10-3 at the end of the quarter.

Hoxie began to pour it on in the second quarter and led by ten, 19-9 at the half.

The Indians made a game of it in the third quarter and out scored Hoxie 12 to 6 and closed the gap to 25-21.

The Indians could get no closer in the fourth quarter and lost a close game, 36-32.

Congratulations to the A and B team Indians on a fine season!!

