

Contractor explains plans for repairing floor at meeting

By Karen Krien

Members of the hospital board and the commissioners met Tuesday morning with Mike Mersch, supervisor with Rhoads Construction, to hear what the contractor had planned to repair the new floor in the hospital addition.

Mr. Mersch said the company will be taking out the concrete to the pre-stress 10 foot, 6 inches into the hallway and into an adjoining room. An inch and a half of cement will then be poured into the area and it will be tapered off so there will be only 1/8 inch slope to each foot of floor.

The hospital board and commissioners had met on Jan. 16 to further discuss the floor which measured 1.5 inch lower than the old hospital floor where the two floors were supposed to meet. At that meeting, the contractor proposed sand down the floor and apply a polymermodified epoxy-type material to the top, thus bringing the floor up 1.5 inch to match the old hospital floor.

Commissioner Ron Krien was against applying the epoxy-type material as he didn't think it would adhere for any length of time.

The contractor and architects studied the issue further and agreed that taking the cement out and pouring new cement might be the best way to go and still make the commissioner happy.

The commissioners approved the new floor repair proposal. The hospital board members then called a special meeting in the commissioners' room and approved the proposal.

Work is supposed to begin to correct the floor this week so the contractors can meet their upcoming deadline.



TAYLOR LEIBBRANDT and Sidney Busse practice their trombones. They will be among the students attending the band clinic in Grinnell. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Band to attend clinic in Grinnell

By Casey McCormick

The Cheylin High School Band will take their instruments on the road as they travel to Grinnell for the Liberty League Band Clinic on Feb. 9.

"The league band clinics give our music students an opportunity to participate in a larger band," said music director Rose Hengen. "The band should be about 220 students."

The guest clinician for the event will be Tremon Kizer. Mr. Kizer teaches music at Goodland High School and is a graduate of Kansas State University. He has judged several music competitions in Kansas and Nebraska.

The large symphony group will be playing a variety of musical works including *All Star* by Greg

Camp, *Night Song* by Richard Saucedo, *An American Symphony* by Michael Kamen, and *All That Jazz* by Fred Ebb, *Bandology* by Eric Osterling and *When Johnny Comes Marching Home* arranged by Murry Houlihan.

"It's a long day for our students but well worth our time," said Director Hengen.



DAVID BANISTER hustles down the court looking for the right shot. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Cougar boys suffer three losses during last week's ball games

By Casey McCormick

The Cheylin boy's basketball squad had high hopes that a win would turn things around for the year. However Atwood, Brewster and Sharon Springs had a different plan.

Cheylin 48, Atwood 50

Of the three games this was the one that seemed to be within reach for the Cougars.

"We were down 12 going into the fourth quarter and the boys could have folded their tent and give up," said head coach Richard Martoglio, "but they played hard with a chance to tie or win at the end, but it didn't materialize."

Andrew Marshall led the offense with a career high 23 points. Tyler Knapp chipped in with 11 and Josh Moyer contributed eight.

A	08	12	19	11	50
C	05	12	10	21	48

Cheylin 42, Brewster 78

Brewster never allowed the Cougars a shot. "This game was pretty much over at the half," said Coach Martoglio, "The basket had a lid on it for us and everything they threw up went in."

With the half time score of 42 to 17, Cheylin had too big of a hole to climb out of.

Marshall stayed in the double figures with 13 and David Banister scored 11. Knapp produced seven.

B	14	28	19	17	78
C	10	07	09	16	42

Cheylin 37, Sharon Springs 86

It was difficult to tell if the boys were playing in a basketball game or a hockey match. "It was a

physically tough game, in fact we got mugged," said Coach Martoglio, "a broken nose, broken hand and a finger to the eye," was how the coach described the injury report.

Again the team had trouble finding the basket. "We couldn't have hit the ocean if we were standing in the water," said Coach Martoglio. One player did manage to get 10 points, Banister. He was followed by Knapp with nine and both Alex Hengen and Jacob Jensen scored five each.

With a team that is pretty banged up the roster may need to be changed. "The lineup will look a little different this week," said Coach Martoglio.

SS	21	20	26	19	86
C	07	07	17	06	37

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Dwight Brown of Vernon, Colo., was a last Monday visitor of Tunney and Leila Loker and of Ratha Lea Loker.

Tuesday visitors of Leila and Tuney Loker were Gary Loker and Lila Howard and Les Loker.

Brad and Tammy Loker and J.B. Loker were Friday visitors of Tunney and Leila Loker.

Saturday visitors of Tunney and Leila Loker were Darwin and Beverly Higgins and Pastor Ron Roberts.

Members of the Federated Church entertained at the Good Sa-

maritan Home birthday party on Thursday. Those helping were Vivian Curry, Eleanor Swihart, Phyllis Wingfield, Joan Tongish, Julie Brogan and Marlene Johnson. Dan, Pam and Alex Thomas also provided entertainment for the residents.

Betty Lewis spent several days last week with Lenora Spicka at the Good Samaritan.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson and Laddie and Vera Kacirek were Thursday evening supper guests of Bud and Helen Frosbie.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson

visited Jamie Harris and Shalyn and Flo Lorens in McCook on Friday.

Guests of Laddie and Vera Kacirek for Super Bowl Sunday were Norman and Tessa Davis, R.J. and Susie Sabatka and Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka, Gracie and Tyler.

Bird City News

An "Open House" was held last Sunday at the Senior Center for Maude Elliott's 90th birthday. Out-of-town guests who attended were Bill and Judy Elliott, Amarillo, Texas; Bob and Becky Babcock, Castle Pines, Colo.; Jim, Shari, Nick, Dillon and Brittani Riviere, Scot, Julie, Riley, Chase and Reed Babcock, all of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; Garnet McGill of Aurora, Colo.; Beth Meyers, Elinwood; Janice Phipps of Goodland and Tom and Marvel Gleason of St. Francis. Several called and were unable to be present due to weather and bad highway conditions.

Post Office News By Sonja Weeden

The Joys of Letter Writing

You arrive home after a hard day's work and collect your mail. A bill, another bill, an advertisement, and-wait-what's this? A blue envelope bears the unmistakable script of a handwritten address. In the upper left-hand corner you recognize the return address of an old friend you have not heard from in years.

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