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Spinnin' Wheels: New name, new owners, same good time

Jason Glasgow loved working so much at Oskaloosa's roller skating rink when he was growing up, that he and his wife, Lori, recently bought it.

"I worked here when I was a kid," Jason Glasgow said. "Owning the rink is 'a dream come true.'"

Now — with the help of their friends, Chad and Trisha McCarty and Bob and Sam Bossard — they have opened Spinnin' Wheels. Oskaloosa has had the roller skating rink that Denny Kirby built and operated for 30 years. Now, Spinnin' Wheels carries on the tradition; it is the only skating rink in the area.

The Glasgows and their friends grew up going to the roller skating rink and they want to carry on the family-oriented tradition for the next generation of kids and those who are young-at-heart.

Spinnin' Wheels features a 13,000-square-foot roller skating floor. It has a full concession stand and a music system that can play anything that is on-line. The skating rink has a capacity of about 300 people. They have about 500 pairs of roller skates for people to rent.



Spinnin' Wheels is open on Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. and from 8 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m. Family Night is Saturday night.

The staff at Spinnin' Wheels is developing a host of activities for kids, adults and families to enjoy.

Soon, they plan to start Saturday morning skating classes, with the times to be determined.

The lessons will cost \$5 for a 45 minute lesson; sign up at the skate rental counter.

"I really enjoy helping people learn how to skate," Glasgow said. "We want to teach people to skate."

They also plan to have an adult skate night on Sundays. Also, this summer, Spinnin' Wheels staffers plan to hold adult exercise classes during the day. Skating gives you just as good of a workout as running.

The staff will speak to local schools, day cares and home schoolers about having exercise classes at the skating rink to help

fulfill physical education requirements.

While skating is a natural exercise, the staff will have several skating games for kids and adults to enjoy during regular skating hours. The games include limbo; dice game; races; "Shoot the duck;" "Battle Duck;" Crazy Trio; dodge ball; red light, green light; boxcar races; and moonlight.

Skaters who work up an appetite can get some food at the concession stand. The Spinnin' Wheels concession stand features a menu of hot dogs, pizza, pickles, chips, cookies and snack packs, small candy, large candy and freezer pops. Their line of drinks include water, juice and pop. The staff

wants to work in more healthier foods for kids at the concession stand.

If you want to have a party at the skating rink, Spinnin' Wheels can accommodate you.

You can have a child's birthday party at the skating rink for \$7 a child — which includes admission, skate rental, a soft drink and freezer pop, a 2 for 1 skate pass, a 10 percent discount for a skate purchase for the birthday child and reserved use of the party room for 40 minutes. You may bring your own cake and paper products.

In the future, Spinnin' Wheels will offer over-night parties and the staff will set up a Web cam for parents to periodically check up on their kids.

People can rent the skating rink for private parties for \$200 for two hours for up to 30 people. Concessions and a DJ are available.

Also, a Pro Skate Shop is in the works at Spinnin' Wheels that will offer skates, wheels and bearings.

For more information, call (641) 673-4482 or (641) 295-5191. A Spinnin' Wheels Web site also is in the works.

Precision Concrete offers solutions for both consumers and businesses

John and Lisa Voss are well known locally in the construction field, and they have recently started a new enterprise of their own — Precision Concrete and Construction Inc.

"We just started it up this year," Lisa said. "We've had a lot of experience with other companies."

John said Precision Concrete can do residential, commercial and agricultural construction.

"We cover many facets of construction," he said. "We cover a variety of different products — steel buildings, concrete flat work, paving, hog confinements, and excavating."

With all of the heavy snow this winter and the inevitable spring thaw, Lisa says they will probably be busy doing foundation repairs.

John and Lisa say most of their business has been in Oskaloosa over the years and they plan to move back to Oskaloosa from their current location just outside Fremont. In the past when they have worked for other companies, John and Lisa have worked on projects at places such as Clow Valve's foundry, the Garver Animal Health Clinic and Oskaloosa schools.

"We've had a good rapport working in Oskaloosa," John said. They live in Fremont but work in Oskaloosa, and John said they look forward to moving back to Oskaloosa to be closer to their work.

"We're serious about what we do," John said.

While Oskaloosa is a primary market, John said Precision Concrete is ready to go on any construction project any where in the state of Iowa. They have both small and heavy equipment to handle any project, large or small.

"We're mobile," Lisa added. "We've been in Missouri, a lot of demand there," John said. "We go to where the demand is."

Precision Concrete has a staff of about six to eight employees, depending on the job. They plan to hire workers again in the next couple of weeks.

"We'll bring employment back to Oskaloosa," John said.

John said Precision Concrete's hours are flexible, 24/7. People can reach Precision Concrete at (641) 933-4948, or John at (641) 660-1664 or Lisa at (641) 660-3389. They will have a Web site up after their move back to Oskaloosa.



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