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Tania Harns (right) and Terry Starr (behind) look apprehensive as they begin the Ione graduation ceremony.



John Bier lights the candles to begin the Heppner graduation.

Steve Powell photos



Jim Ackley (left) and Lisa Nix sang for The Jim Ackley Band in front of Heppner's crowd.



Valedictorian Alice Abrams receives an award from Principal Jim Bier.



Paula Lindstrom receives her diploma from school board member Harold Snider while Dennis Stefani awaits his turn.

Roller skating comes to Heppner—at least until August

By Steven A. Powell

Roller skating has come to Heppner, to the delight of many, thanks to efforts made by the Morrow County Fair board and Rolly and Shirley Cassens.

The Cassens built the roller rink in Hermiston in 1964. Members of the fair board asked the Cassens if they would like to rent the pavilion at the Morrow County Fairgrounds for \$50 a day and offer skating.

They accepted, so for the past three months, skaters of all ages have gone to the fairgrounds on weekends to try it out.

It is a small rink with a holding capacity of 125 skaters. Rolly Cassens said the rink in Hermiston holds 400.

It currently is open Friday and Saturday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 and another session from 8:30 to 10:30. There are matinees from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Cost is \$1.50 admission, \$1 for under five-years-old and 50 cents for skate rentals.

Rolly Cassens said the rink will probably be cutting down its sessions when fewer people come once the novelty of the rink wears off.

"We have to have 80 here just to open up," he said. "Once it drops below that, we will close the session down."

He said one Saturday afternoon session had only 24 skaters and "That was not enough to pay for the mustard."

Shirley Cassens takes care of the concessions at the rink. Although they do not buy the concessions in large quantities, Cassens do charge reasonable prices with pop 35 or 45 cents, hot dogs 75 cents, popcorn 25, candy bars 25 and coffee 15 cents.

A tape player plays the music the customers skate to. Two tapes play six hours of non-stop disco music.

"It's not what I like but it's what the kids like," Cassens said. "We are here to satisfy them, not us. It all sounds the same to me."

He said the floor is slick so the skaters don't go very fast and they are more cautious so the skating in the small rink is very controlled. He does have races with free drinks going to the winners.

When the Heppner swimming pool opens, Cassens said the rink will not be open because "I do not want to

compete" with other activities in Heppner. The rink is not open Sunday nights because he said he does not want to compete with the churches.

Cassens' agreement with the fair board is until August 1. He said he does not know yet

if he will negotiate with the board to have it after that time.

He has made an agreement with the board that there will not be skating on days when fair activities are taking place so they can receive priority.

Highway 74 now 'Patrolled by Aircraft'

A "Patrolled by Aircraft" sign has been placed just north of Heppner on Highway 74 but motorists do not have to

worry about it—yet.

Lt. Bill Barbouletos of the Hermiston branch of the Oregon State Police said the

BMCC has summer classes

Blue Mountain Community College Evening Division for south Morrow County will have two classes for the summer term, coordinator Nancy Brownfield announced Monday.

John Edmundson will instruct a Beginning Golf class starting June 12. The class will run Thursday nights from 5:30 to 7 for seven weeks at a cost of \$11. Anyone who is not a member of the Willow Creek Country Club will be charged a separate fee of \$5 for green fees. A 12 to 15 student limit has been established. Anyone interested in taking the class

may contact Edmundson at 989-8123 or Brownfield at 676-5039.

Ron Forrar will be the teacher for a Landscape Drawing class. It will be on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 for six weeks beginning June 24. Cost is \$11. It will be an outdoor drawing class with the subjects being barns, creeks and historical buildings. The artists will use pencil and pen and ink. The first meeting will be at the Heppner High School art room. Anyone interested in the drawing class may contact Forrar at 676-9922 or Brownfield.

While the Cassens are in Heppner with the rink, their son, Merlin, and daughter-in-law, Sandy, are operating the roller rink in Hermiston.

Rolly Cassens said the rink in Heppner has been popular with the adult crowd.

sign was put up two weeks ago but stripes have not been painted on the shoulder of the highway to time the travel of cars.

He said white stripes about six feet long will be painted on the shoulder at one-fourth mile intervals at different locations on the highway.

About twice a month on clear days, a state police airplane will fly above the highway with a timing device to check speeders. The officer in the aircraft will radio state police in vehicles on the ground who then track down the speeders. The aircraft observes the speeding vehicle until it is pulled over by the arresting officer on the ground to eliminate mix-ups.

Barbouletos said "Patrolled by Aircraft" signs are placed on all state and federal

"We have about 15 adults each night and three or four usually come up to me afterwards to compliment about the rink," he said. "I have heard nothing but good words about it."

He added that if there is any

highways that may have aircraft supervision. They are not posted in every town but somewhere on the state highways.

To warn motorists even further, the Hermiston office announces over local radio stations when the state patrol's airplane will be in an area.

Quarterly meeting set at CBEC

The Columbia-Blue Mountain Resource Conservation and Development district is planning its quarterly meeting June 3 at 10 a.m. at the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op in Heppner.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts will be discussed.

dissention in the community about the roller skating. "I can pull out just as quickly as I came. I am retired and am doing this just to help."

Cassens said he can have private skating parties if interest is shown.

Besides the roller skating rink in Hermiston, the Cassens have had roller skating in

Weston and in Pendleton.

"We know every trick a kid can pull," Rolly Cassens said. "We can get along because we can be strict and still friendly and not hold grudges."

"This is a nice bunch of kids here. After awhile, the bigger kids will probably stop coming making room for the smaller ones to come and try it."

Jepsen receives doctorate degree in vet medicine

William R. Jepsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Jepsen of Heppner, has received his doctor's degree in veterinary medicine from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University.

Commencement exercises for the class of 124 veterinarians was held May 24 in Ames, Iowa.

His wife, Nancy Jepsen, was named the graduating scholar in the College of Agriculture at Iowa State for the class of 1980. This award is given for the highest scholastic record in the college, which has 3,800 students enrolled. One such award is given each year.

Nancy also received the high scholarship award in the curriculum of agricultural education at an awards banquet held May 6 at Iowa State.

Bill and Nancy will be moving to Hermiston where Bill has taken a position at the Lieullen Veterinary Clinic.



William E. Jepsen