



Doug Kowleski and his wife Lynn have opened the doors of Belair Colonial Funeral Home in Madras following eight months of construction.

Kowleski builds new mortuary to "fill need"

"We interpreted a need and filled it," says Doug Kowleski, owner of Madras' newest funeral home. Kowleski just recently opened the Belair Colonial Funeral Home just north of Madras on Highway 97. The need, says Kowleski, was to offer more space than the existing funeral home in Madras and to offer a choice to customers. The new funeral home is 3,940 square feet and sits near the base of Loucks Road. The exterior is typically colonial, complete with white paint and pillars. The interior is colonial as well. Kowleski completed the interior himself by hand, creating moldings befitting the style.

Most materials to build the home were purchased locally. The front foyer of the building is large and comfortable and the chapel seats 135 people comfortably. A closed-circuit teevee system will allow for service viewing from the foyer and hallway. There is a private family room and a slumber room where friends and family can view the deceased. Kowleski, a 1969 graduate of Madras High School, was an apprentice in 1969 and 1970 for then Evergreen Chapel funeral director Ron Toms. Upon completing his apprenticeship, Kowleski attended mortuary college for two years. He

worked at Mt. Scott Funeral Home in Portland as funeral director for seven years before returning to Madras last fall. Because he built the structure himself for about half the cost of purchasing an established business, Kowleski feels that he can provide complete funeral services at very competitive rates. He also feels that there is enough business in this area to support two businesses. The Kowleskis have not had a "death call" since they opened their doors May 7. But, many people don't know they're in business yet. "The only thing that may hurt our business," says Kowleski, "is the appearance of the building. People may think we're too expensive."

Removal of weeds necessary

Noxious weeds was the topic of discussion May 14 during a presentation by Oregon Department of Agriculture agronomist Dave Langland and biotechnician Tim Butler. The presence of noxious weeds can have an economic impact on an area. Noxious weeds are easily spread. They can prevent grasses from seeding and are considered to be extremely destructive or harmful to agriculture.

No major problem currently exists on the reservation says Warm Springs soil conservationist Ross Racine but the potential for a problem does exist. Some weeds which may eventually cause problems include Tansy Ragwort, Dalmatian Toadflax, St. Johnswort and Defuse Knapweed. Removal of these weeds, says Racine, would allow that propagation of more valuable plants.

For further information, contact Kowleski at 475-2241. **Tires, mower for sale** For Sale: Toro lawn mower. Self propelled, rear bagger. 4 h.p. New, never used. \$325. Four Desert Dueler summer time radials. Fit Nissan pickup six-hole. Mounted and balanced. At least two seasons. \$400. Contact Jason at 553-1161, ext. 249.

Skills contest held

On April 22, the Central Oregon District held their annual Skills Contest in Culver. There were six chapters present at the contest, Sherman County, Redmond, Bend, Crook County, Culver, and Madras. The contest ranged from carpentry skills to ag mathematics. Each member was allowed to enter two contests. Awards were given out

for those with individual accomplishments, and as a chapter. The Madras Chapter received third overall, second place went to Crook County and Culver took first. Madras sent 23 members and 12 members came back with individual awards. The first place winners were James Maynard in Electrical Wiring; in Beginning Woodworking was Dan Carlson; in Tool I.D.

it was Sean Vibbert; Jeff Potter and William Clements took first place in surveying; and Sean Vibbert received first in Crop I.D. The second place winners were Tony Nelson in Carpentry, Dan King in Tap and Die, Bob Burgess in Beginning Arc Welding, Brad Abbe and Steve McCall in Surveying, and Advanced Arc Welding had two winners from the Madras Chapter, Brad Hood received second place and Shane Gomes took third place. The Madras Chapter had the most individual winners in the district contest.

Open house recognizes Miller

Jefferson County School District 509-J would like to invite the public to an open house honoring Verna Miller, Cafeteria Supervisor, on Wednesday, May 27, 1987, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Miller is retiring from the District effective, July, 1987. Please join the District in thanking Mrs. Miller for her years of service to District 509-J.

expenses, Yes-924 and No-927, failed; 2. three year bus purchase levy of \$211,765, Yes-1007 and No-800, passed; County issue 1, special county levy outside tax base and increase net tax rate of \$800,000, Yes-968 and No-1429, failed; state ballots 1, state role in selection of high level nuclear waste repository site, Yes-1169 and No-688, passed; 2. counties existing levies to prevent school closures, tax base elections, Yes-1218 and No-1127 passed in Jefferson County and State.

Voters deny levy, pass busses

On Tuesday, May 19, 28 percent of the registered voters in Warm Springs turned out to cast their ballots on state, county and school district issues. The Warm Springs voter turnout was 11.5 percent below 39.5 percent turnout for the county vote. Voters passed three of the five measures. The final results for Jefferson County voters is as follows on District issues 1, special district levy of \$3,691,233 tax base for operating

attention to the upcoming school levy election May 19 and represented much work by the committee. Any information regarding the vandalism should be directed to the Jefferson County sheriff's department.

Levy signs vandalized

Signs posted between Madras and Metolius and along Highway 26 between Madras and Warm Springs and Highway 97 by the "Think of the Kids Committee" were removed by unknown persons. The signs were erected to draw

Retiring District 509-J teachers and cafeteria supervisor will be recognized at a District-wide breakfast meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 1987, 7:30 a.m. at the Madras High School cafeteria. All retired teachers residing in the area are invited to join teachers, administrators, and classified staff to honor this year's retirees. Mel Mitchell, Bill Huff, and Neal Halousek will have their names added to the retired teacher's plaque. The breakfast will be prepared by District 509-J administrators.

Retirees recognized

Longer school year takes effect

A State Board of Education standard that takes effect in the 1987-88 school year will require many Oregon school districts to run a longer school year. School districts currently are required to hold 175 days of classes but allowed up to five days closure due to bad weather or other emergencies. In 1985 the board eliminated the emergency days, beginning with next school year, requiring districts to make up days missed if they drop below the 175-day standard. About 115 of the state's 305 districts ran fewer than 175 days during the 1985-86 school year.

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Madras Jr. High Band Concert and Fine Arts Fair 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 28

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Rescue team completes training

Four members of the Warm Springs Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteer organization recently passed their tests on 24 hours survival. The four were Myron Ami, Vinson Macy, Keith Baker and Pat Leno-Baker. The survival test is part of the required testing for members to become certified by the Oregon State Sheriff's Association. Requirements for passing the survival test are: 24 hours spent in the woods secluded from others, wearing suitable clothing, building a shelter and gathering two types of native foods. Each person is allowed

to carry 20 matches, raingear and a knife. During the last month, members of SAR responded to a call reported a small child missing from her home in Elliott Heights. The child had last been seen by her mother, while the mother had been mowing the lawn. The child and her puppy had wandered from home and had been missing for over an hour. SAR members responded to search with the Warm Springs Police and Fire and Safety personnel. The child was found safe at the ball fields located behind the Community Center by a SAR volunteer.

A helpful hint in reporting a lost or missing person—give a good description of clothing worn by person. Remember a person can be described as wearing a green jacket but is the green a lime green or a forest green? Details are important. Persons interested in joining the SAR Volunteer organization can call Fire and Safety at 553-1161, ext. 208. A mock search will be held in the Trout Lake area on Sunday, May 24 for Warm Springs SAR.

Guests will return—(Continued from page 4)

students, Leah Peters, grade 7, Dana Andrews, grade 7 of the C.E. Barry School, Charmain Harris, grade 7 of Agassiz secondary, and Tracy Peters, grade 4 and Tara Peters, grade 1 of Silver Creek Elementary. Also in the trip were education coordinators Rhoda Peters and Mazie Peters. The transportation was provided by Ed and Mazie Peters. We visited the large administration building, the cultural and recreation facilities, the Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge Convention Center and Village. What was very impressive was the high percentage of native people working in the different areas of work. In the community it seemed like everyone was busy. There seemed to be a sense of security in the daily activities of the many native people. The highlight of our stay was swimming in the spacious hot mineral pool, where daily stress just floats away. We had dinner in the

Kah-Nee-Ta Village restaurant and couldn't wait to go back for breakfast the next morning. The service was great, the food excellent and within our budget. Before we left we shopped for gifts in the Gift Shop. The wide range of styles made it possible to choose something different for everyone. The lady working alone on that day was patient and very helpful. We all left happy with our purchases. I'm sorry to say we didn't get her name. I had a feeling of sadness when we left the boundaries of the reserve and entered the cultivated, fenced and broken land we call civilization. The Celilo powwow made up for that. Their salmon feast is an annual gathering. The native people come from many different places to participate in the ceremonies, in their traditional colorful dress of beads, feathers and buckskins. This was the only meal we had on our trip that we didn't have

to pay for! Thank you Celilo-Wyam people of the Columbia River. A education coordinators, Rhoda and I are interested in having a high school student exchange program from your school to ours. We will surely get in touch with Jessica Spackman, in Education Training, for further information. Also, our field trip student would like to correspond with girls or boys* of the same grade. (*from Warm Springs). I would recommend you would choose Kah-Nee-Ta for a holiday. The huge Lodge and convention center is "out of this world." The contemporary native setting takes you out of the fast pace of progressive living. Thank you again Hamilton. I, for sure will be bringing my family for a stay in Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge. It's like having my own Indian vacation resort. I know no one will believe that it is as nice as I saw it!



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Host families needed

Jefferson County School District 509-J, The Chamber of Commerce, and Azumano Travel will be sponsoring a second trip of Josai High School students from Tokyo, Japan. These students will be arriving approximately August 3 and staying through until August 16 in the Madras area. Along with sightseeing trips, the students will participate in English classes in the school district and community activities. If you are interested in hosting a

student for two weeks, please contact Chris Chester at 475-6192 (days) or 475-7179 (evenings). Last year, students were sponsored by the Sisters area, Portland area, and Madras (Jefferson County) area. Our region had ten sign-ups and we have learned that 35-40 would prefer to stay in our community. It is a rewarding and culturally enriching experience for anyone who can participate in this type of program.

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