

After 10 years. . .

Rose retires to quiet but busy ranch life

by Donna Behrend

Nestled among the juniper and sagebrush on the corner of Dingo and Sagehen in Crooked River Ranch about 40 miles from Warm Springs is the home of recent-retiree Rose Atkinson. Rose ended her 10-year career with the Tribe August 15 and has "been on the road" ever since. She has had little time to stay at home and enjoy the peace and quiet of the area.

Rose, and her husband Francis, came to Warm Springs from Portland in 1973. Rose, who had a long work history in the hotel industry, worked at Kah-Nee-Ta as a cashier, front desk clerk and in the resort's accounting department for about a year.

In 1974, Ed Manion asked Rose to work in the newly-developed housing department. Ed, Rose and tenant manager Arlita Rhoan began working in a 10' x 12' office on the second floor of the old administration building. "We had one desk, a typewriter stand, four chairs and two filing cabinets. We administered 50 HUD and 40 tribal housing units." The department, now under the supervision of Elton Greeley, manages over 300 units and has a staff of seven. Housing on the reservation "has changed a great deal," said Rose.



Retiree Rose Atkinson with horse Joe. Spilyay Tymoo photo by Behrend

Though Rose is retired now, she is still involved with the Indian Housing Authority in Region X. Last week, she

assisted with a workshop at Kah-Nee-Ta dealing with Indian housing. And because Rose finds Indian housing very interesting, she is considering working with various northwest tribes as a consultant to help them with housing problems. "Housing is addictive. Indian housing is unique because there are many problems not faced by public housing authorities. It's never boring, it's always changing," said Rose.

Rose was instrumental in establishing the East Cascade Association of Indian Housing Authorities which includes nine tribal housing departments in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. She served as president from 1978 to 1980 but resigned that year due to Francis' poor health. She assumed the presidency in 1982 again and resigned in March of this year because of her pending retirement.

Being involved with the East Cascade association enabled Rose to become more aware of the total regional and national Indian housing picture. There is currently a bill in the House that, if approved, would absorb all Indian housing into the BIA and do away with HUD entirely. "This may not affect Warm Springs but the smaller reservations will be affected drastically."

Living out on "the ranch" with her daughter Dixie, Rose

is finding that much work needs to be done and that she has "many plans for the place." On the seven-and-one-half acre lot, Rose and Dixie have two Shetland ponies ("for the grandchildren") and two other horses which they can ride. They also share the place with two dogs and one 13-year-old cat. And at one time, they had chickens and rabbits, as well.

With Crooked River Ranch being comprised of 11,000 acres and about 2,000 different lots, it's difficult to find your way to Rose's home on the sometimes-winding roads. Rose must meet visitors on Chinook Street so they don't get lost. Winter travel, too, has been treacherous in the past. "I was snowed in for four days, two years ago. The snow was up to my knees," said Rose.

"This is where Francis wanted to retire," said Rose. Francis died about a year ago, just a year after he retired from the Tribe, following nearly nine years of service. "His ashes are under a juniper tree," in a special garden, said Rose. The couple was married for 38 years and they had 14 children, 10 girls and four boys. The children, now ranging in age from 39 to 16, live from "Seattle to Guam."

Rose has fond memories of Warm Springs and truly enjoyed working here. "Warm Springs is unique. . . I couldn't have asked for a better place to work."

Timber sales concerns answered

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streamside protection guidelines will be strictly followed to assure protection of the water quality.

Concerns of increased hunting pressure brought on by new road construction in the area can be minimized by blocking the roads to vehicle traffic following harvest operations.

There will be additional public meetings at the Agency

Longhouse on September 14 and 28 to discuss the remaining 1985 timber sales. The timber committee and the branch of forestry invites the public to attend these meetings for further input.

The forestry branch will meet with tribal council during October to assess all comments and alternatives before any decision will be made on 1985 timber sales.

Third fire hits Wolfes

A fire of undetermined cause at the James L. Wolfe residence in Greeley Heights housing area caused between \$12,000 and \$15,000 worth of damage. The Warm Springs Fire and Safety department responded to the fire on September 7 at about 9:30 a.m. This is the third fire within the last two years at the Wolfe residence.

BIA investigator Jerome Main stated BIA and Tribal investigators responded to the fire and upon a preliminary investigation could find no apparent or obvious reason for the fire. The investigators then called in the Oregon State Arson investigator, Lynn Hillman, from Bend.

Test samples taken from the scene of the fire were taken and sent to the Oregon Criminal laboratory for analysis. The results of the tests are not expected to be back for several weeks.

At the time of the fire, Wolfe, his wife Paulette and their children were not at home. Louis Ike, age 18, who stays with the Wolfe family, was outside the house working on a motorbike at the time. He entered the house to find the southwest bedroom in flames. He was transported to Mountain View Hospital in Madras and then on to St. Charles Medical Center in

Bend. Ike was checked for effects of smoke inhalation and was found not to be suffering any ill effects. He was released.

At 10:43 p.m. of the same day the Warm Springs Fire and Safety department was again called to the Wolfe house for a second fire. The second fire was determined to be caused by an ember in the house attic. Further damage resulted from the second fire.

The cause of the first fire is still under investigation according to Main.

Donations for the Wolfe family can be taken to the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church.

Training available

Carpentry training applications are currently being accepted at the CETA office.

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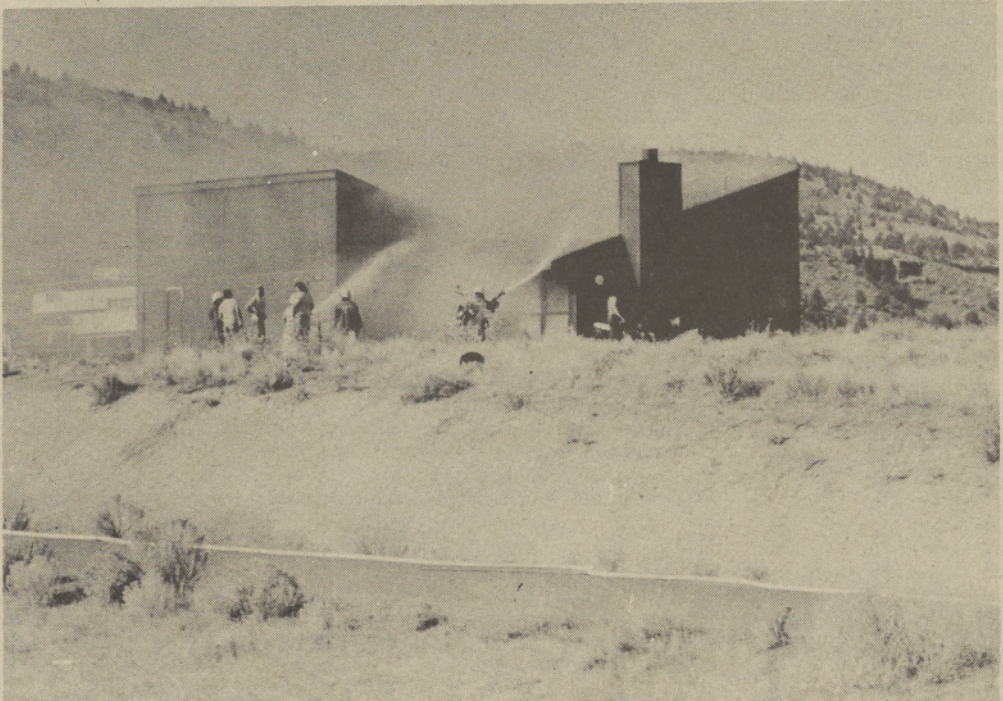
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FIRE PERSONS RESPOND—Fire and Safety personnel responded to a call for a fire at the James Wolfe's residence located in the Greeley Heights housing subdivision. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Miller