

• Kinzua news

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Jack and Sandy Williamson left Monday morning for Casper, Wyo. The Camp Five couple is checking into the employment picture in the booming Central Wyoming city.

Community spirit is a great thing as evidenced by the clean and neat appearance of Camp Five. Most of the residents and several visitors turned out Sunday for a clean-up day. Following a day

of hard work a potluck dinner was held at the Camp Five Hall.

Weekend visitors at the Don Hardwick home were Don's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hardwick and his nieces Cynthia and Elizabeth Overton, all from Bend. The two girls were busy on Sunday helping with the camp clean-up.

Several more families have moved or are preparing to move from Kinzua. Ray and

Judy Hampton are in the process of moving to Heppner and Otie and Joyce Cody are to be Fossil residents.

Junior and Betty Benson left Saturday evening to spend a week visiting with friends and relatives around Weiser, Idaho.

Jiggs and Rita Bowman were in Prineville Saturday and Sunday to see their children.

Don and Rose Hardwick went to The Dalles Friday on business.

Redband trout ready for area stocking

The Fish and Wildlife Department's first limited hatchery production of redband trout has been released into a newly former reservoir near Jordan Valley, according to southeast Oregon district fishery biologist Bill Hosford. Eventually Hosford hopes this close relative of the rainbow trout will be produced in

sufficient numbers to serve as the major species for stocking the lakes and reservoirs of the desert.

This strain of "wild trout" was originally found throughout the arid reaches of northern Nevada, western Idaho, and eastern Oregon. It is one of several native trout species which has been uni-

quely adapted by evolution for the harsh conditions common to desert watersheds.

The redband trout can survive water temperatures of 80 degrees or more as well as 30 to 35 degrees daily fluctuation in water temperature. And it is uniquely adapted to the highly alkaline waters common to the desert.

Redbands are able to reproduce in spite of silted spawning gravel and they are an effective competitor for food and living space against rough fish species which also tend to thrive in the warm desert water, Hosford says.

Redband trout are savage predators and prey extensively on undesirable fish species such as chubs. By comparison, the rainbow trout commonly produced in the state's hatchery program seldom feed on rough fish and when they do, they suffer a vitamin deficiency due to a chemical present in the slime of these fish. Redband trout will thrive on a diet of these fish, apparently without suffering any vitamin deficiency. In areas where rough fish populations provide ample food sources, redbands reach weights of six to eight pounds, Hosford says.

Although the redband trout is the native stream fish throughout southeast Oregon and is still present in hundreds of miles of streams, many populations have been hybridized with hatchery rainbow because of past stocking programs, Hosford said. There are only a few streams in which biologists are confident no stocking has taken place and where redband trout still exist in a pure strain.

Limited numbers of redband trout eggs have been collected and reared by the Department the last two years at the Klamath Fish Hatchery. The first of the redband fingerlings have been released in Parsnip Reservoir, a new 37-acre reservoir built on Jaca Brothers Ranch west of Jordan Valley. Although the reservoir was constructed primarily to provide irrigation waters, the Jaca Brothers have agreed to leave a minimum pool to ensure trout survival.

Because the reservoir was new and no other fish are present, it was selected to be used exclusively for redband trout production. To ensure that redband trout will be available for future egg production, Parsnip Reservoir will not be open to angling.

Redband trout, like most species of trout taken directly from the wild, are notoriously difficult to rear in a hatchery. But Hosford says if enough can be produced, this will be the strain of trout released in the popular trout waters in Harney, Lake and Malheur counties—waters such as Antelope, Beulah, and Malheur reservoirs.

Allen now farm rep at 1st National

Sterling Allen, who has lived most of his life in Umatilla County, has been named agribusiness representative, serving Umatilla and Morrow Counties, for First National Bank of Oregon. He succeeds Kirk Wade, who has accepted a position with Ralston Purina in central Washington.

Allen was raised on a ranch near Athena and was a four-sport letterman at McEwen High School in Athena, where he was voted the outstanding senior athlete. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics.

Allen will be headquartered in the Pendleton branch of First National Bank. He will spend a major portion of his time in the field, serving the borrowing needs of family farmers and commercial agriculturists in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Allen's predecessor, Wade, had held the position for three years. Wade, a graduate of Wallowa High School and Oregon State University, joined First National Bank in 1975, after four years with the Darrell Galsinger ranch at Wallowa.

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