



The Kingfisher

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YBC Helps Riedman Family Plant Muddy Creek

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Over fifty volunteers, including thirty-six students from the Perrydale High School FFA, eight middle school students from Dayton and five YBC Members helped to plant over five hundred trees, shrubs, and willow cuttings along Muddy Creek at the Riedman Property. **See page 2 for details.**



Perrydale FFA students plant trees and shrubs on the banks of Muddy Creek.

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Ed Grenfell County Park Phase II Underway!

Over thirty-five volunteers gathered at Ed Grenfell County Park for a tree planting on a sunny Saturday morning. A good time was had by all. **Story and pictures on page 3.**

Left: Planting trees on the south bank of Baker Creek at Ed Grenfell Park.

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- Agriculture
- BLM
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- Industrial Forestry
- Land Trusts
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- Watershed Residents
- Yamhill & Polk Counties
- Yamhill SWCD

If you like what we do....

Please consider making a donation to the YBC. As little as \$25 could buy 50 trees and shrubs for a planting project.

Make checks payable to:

Yamhill Basin Council

Our address is :
2200 SW 2nd St.
McMinnville, OR 97128

Thanks for your support!

Elmer Parker's Fishing Log from April 17, 1943.

River or Stream: Baker Creek
Holes or area fished: From the bridge below the schoolhouse to the power plant
Number of fish caught: Eight
Kind, length & weight: Trout, 7-9.5 inches
Kind of bait or lure used: Salmon eggs
Hours fished: 6 AM—2 PM
Number of party: Bob Eder and me
Water: Moderately clear
Weather: Warm



DID YOU KNOW?

87% of the Yamhill Basin is privately owned.

YBC and the Riedman Family team up to plant Muddy Creek with native trees and shrubs

It was a damp Thursday morning in February when over fifty volunteers gathered at the property of the Riedman family, on Muddy Creek. The goal: restore 1.3 acres of riparian area by planting native conifers, hardwoods, and shrubs along the stream.

The Riedman family spent the last two years removing large thickets of blackberries from the riparian corridor in anticipation of improving the area with native trees and shrubs. David Riedman approached the Yamhill Basin Council in 2002 seeking help for the project. Luckily, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board had just begun its small grant program, and funds were available for just such a project.

The YBC submitted the grant request to a regional review team which covers Yamhill, Polk, and the north part of Benton County. The grant was approved and the project was underway. The funds from OWEB (approximately \$1,500) were used to purchase trees and shrubs and herbicides for site preparation. These funds were matched by over \$5,000 in volunteer labor and donated goods & services from the Yamhill SWCD, K&K Donut Kettle, and the Riedman family.

The Perrydale FFA, middle-schoolers from Dayton, and five YBC members provided the muscle to get the project done. Thanks to the volunteers, the sponsors, and the Riedman Family for making the project possible!



Greg McDowell, Brian Kohlmeyer, and Cody Rich of the Perrydale FFA plant willow cuttings along Muddy Creek to help stabilize the banks.



*Above: Perrydale FFA volunteers..
Below: David Riedman helps Dayton student with tree planting.*



Council Members helping at the Riedman project, from L to R: Dennis Werth, Art Thurber, Dave Hanson, Jim Kreutzbender, and Rob Tracey.



Ed Grenfell, Phase II



At Ed Grenfell County Park, west of McMinnville, over thirty-five volunteers helped to plant over 275 native trees and shrubs along Baker Creek. Volunteers included Linfield Students, Cub scouts, and local residents. The project was funded in part by a small grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, and is part of a larger project designed to improve both the public amenities at Ed Grenfell Park as well as the condition of Baker Creek. Streamside plantings will increase shade for the creek, reduce erosion, and provide future sheltered picnic areas for park patrons. Project partners included Yamhill County Parks, Yamhill SWCD, and the Native Plant Society of Oregon-Cheahmill Chapter. Special thanks to Harvest Fresh Grocery for providing snacks for the volunteers.



Ken Friday, YBC Member plants trees along the bank with son Isaac upstream of the first bridge at Ed Grenfell.



County Commissioner Mary Stern plants trees with Linfield students, as Dave Hanson, Chair of the YBC looks on.

North Yamhill River Clean-Up—Saturday, April 26, 2003

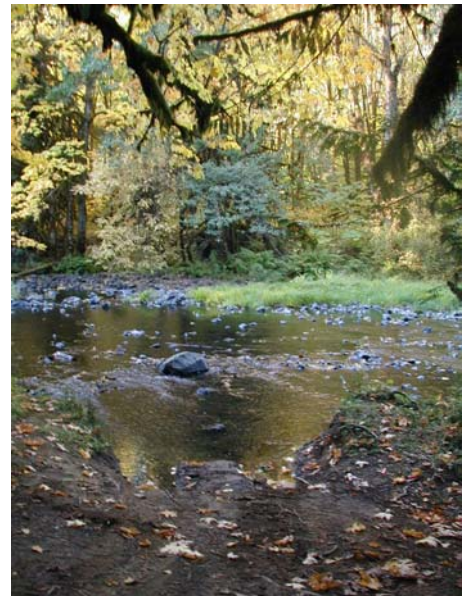
The North Yamhill is one of Yamhill County's most beautiful rivers. Come help us clean up an abused area by the wooden bridge on Old Railroad Grade Rd. This clean-up is part of a larger project where erosion control techniques will be used to remedy damage caused by misuse of 4-wheel drive vehicles. Please call the YBC at (503) 472-6403 to register.



Litter from an abandoned campsite.



Ruts produced by 4-wheel drive vehicles.



YBC Calendar

April 10th

Yamhill Basin Council
Monthly Meeting
6:00—8:30 PM
McMinnville Water Rec. Facility

April 26th

North Yamhill Clean-Up
9:00-12:00 Noon
Call/e-mail to register as a
volunteer.

May 3rd

Yamhill SWCD Native Plant
Workshop
8:30-1:00 PM
USDA Service Center
2200 SW 2nd St., McMinnville

May 8th

Yamhill Basin Council
Monthly Meeting
6:00—8:30 PM
McMinnville Water Rec. Facility

Yamhill Basin Council Mission

Improve watershed conditions and
promote awareness and understanding of
watershed issues to achieve healthy
forest, farm, urban, and riparian
communities in the Yamhill Basin.

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YBC Osprey Pole Project - September 2002



Workers from McMinnville Water & Light raise an osprey pole to the sky at the Johansen property. Many different raptor species have been sighted using the poles over the last two months.



Andrew Johansen looks on as McMinnville Water & Light crew members work to secure the nesting platform to the pole.



Special thanks to our partners:
McMinnville Water & Light, the
Yamhill SWCD and the Hitchcock,
Johansen, and Rasmussen families.

The Council wishes to thank Jeanine Ishii, intern, for her great work for the Yamhill Basin Council. Jeanine has been instrumental in compiling temperature data for the 2001 and 2002 field seasons. Thanks, Jeanine!

Comments, questions, or submissions? Please contact Jeff Bash, Watershed Coordinator at (503) 472-6403 or via e-mail at jeff-bash@or.nacdn.org. If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail (as a pdf file) or would like to be removed from the mailing list, please let us know.

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