

TREES:

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Last year's tree planting was organized by the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Hermiston class, when then-watershed council director Greg Silbernagel, who was a member of that year's class, suggested the event as the class's annual community project and helped coordinate the effort.

"I was very pleased with the number of volunteers that turned out and the quality of work they did," Silbernagel said. "It was exceptional quality."

Leadership Hermiston facilitator Fran Rice said she was amazed how many people and businesses pitched in to help with last year's tree project. She said it will have a lasting impact that people can be proud of.

"As the years go by, the kids that helped plant can take their kids out there

and say, 'This is what we did,'" she said. "It's pretty romantic."

Thompson said the watershed council plans to make more improvements at the site in the future.

"We're putting together a long-range plan to propose to the Bureau of Reclamation for expanding this effort to other portions of this Oxbow property," he said. "At the moment, we're only treating 20 acres, but there's over 200 acres. There's a lot of things we could do out there in addition to planting trees. With this plan, I suspect we'll see some new things happen over the next few years out there."

Thompson said the 20-acre site still requires a lot of work to maintain, and volunteers are still needed to help with tasks, such as watering and weeding and surveying for insects.

For more information about volunteering, contact Thompson, 541-667-7293.



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These trees, wrapped in a protective mesh covering, were planted a year ago on 20 acres of property on the Oxbow site in Hermiston along the Umatilla River. A large volunteer effort, led by the 2014 Leadership Class, helped plant the trees, but volunteers are still needed to maintain the site.



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Wednesday, May 13 - 5pm-7pm **Saturday, May 23 - 9am-12pm**

Registration Fees:

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FEE AFTER JUNE 1ST: \$75 1st child; \$70 each additional child

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