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# APRIL BROADCAST 2024

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*“Thinking is more interesting than knowing but less interesting than looking.”*

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

## **A Field Trip to the Chachalu Tribal Museum and Cultural Center in Grand Ronde Thursday, April 11 9:00 - 4:00**

The Willamette Valley Broadband leadership team has been wanting to visit this museum ever since visiting the Calapooian exhibit at the Linn County Museum in Brownsville over a year ago to expand our knowledge of native culture. We’re providing transportation on a 12 person tour van with a driver and the museum is free so your only expense will be lunch following our 11:00 tour of the museum at Spirit Mountain. Pick up points will be in Brownsville, at the park & ride at Hwy 34 & I-5 and in Corvallis. There are a few spots left on the van. Call, text or email Nancy Mauter ([805-440-5394](tel:805-440-5394) [nanmauter@gmail.com](mailto:nanmauter@gmail.com)) for details and to sign up if you’d like to join us. For more information about the museum and exhibits visit <https://chachalu.org/>.

Showing Emily a bit of old growth forest during her visit from Colorado



Members of the Willamette Valley Broadband leadership team hosted Emily Osborn, grassroots coordinator for most of the Broadbands in the Western States, during her visit to Oregon last month.

Advocacy Night in March



Bonnie Olin and Emily Osborn share information about protecting the Owyhee Canyon Lands of SE Oregon. Emily is the on-staff liaison for the campaign for Great Old Broads and Bonnie is a Willamette Valley Broadband member and author of the book “Owyhee River Journals.”



Celebrating birthdays has become a fun routine on Maya’s hikes. Birthday hikers in March were Beth Malitz, Cindy Kraft & Sandy Riverman. Notice treats, candles & Bailey’s.



Laura Duncan, Karyn Calloway and Pat Boleyn enjoy their Brice Creek Hike in March

## Hiking with Pat April 18 10:00 - 2:00 Mt Pisgah Arboretum **SIGN UP HERE FOR THE HIKE**

Join Pat Boleyn, bird guide and ecology educator and our new Eugene area hike leader, for a hike up Mt Pisgah following different forested and open oak woodland trails. The wildflowers should be beautiful and the summit can have a great view of the Willamette Valley on a clear day. Meet at the Pisgah parking lot at the lower kiosk at 10:00 and hike to the top and down in 3-4 hours. The elevation gain is about 1000 ft. A parking pass is required and can

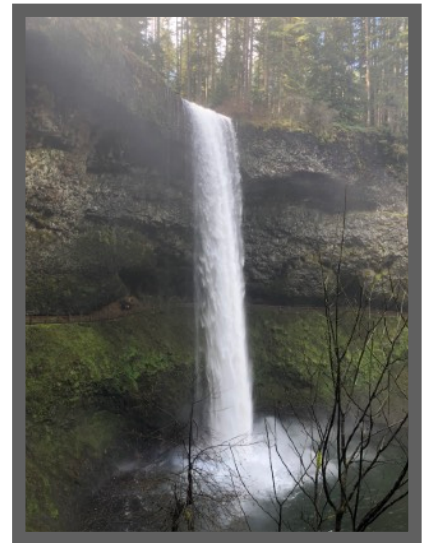
be purchased at the trailhead. Please see the arboretum website **HERE** for dog policies and other details. The hike is in the arboretum and in Buford County Park. There is poison oak off the trails. Dress for the weather, bring water lunch and snacks and wear sturdy boots or shoes.

## A Hike to Celebrate Earth Day with Oregon Wild and Cascadia Wildlands Sunday, April 21 to Kentucky Falls

With both organizations promoting it, this hike will fill up fast. Check it out and register for it here: <https://www.oregonwild.org/events/kentucky-falls-earth-day-hike>

**Hiking Silver Falls With Maya  
And Members of the Cascade Volcanoes, our Sister Broadband  
Wednesday, April 24  
10:00 - 4:30  
[SIGN UP HERE FOR HIKE](#)**

This 7.2 mile loop with 800 feet of elevation gain is rated moderate to difficult. We will take a combination of the Canyon Trail and the Rim Trail above, behind and around ten stunning waterfalls. The water fall trails are delightfully green this time of year and after our wet spring, there is likely to still be lots of water in the North Fork of Silver Creek. Wild flowers will beautify the trail. Much of the trail is flat, but significant parts are uneven and steep, so bring hiking poles if you need them for uneven rocky terrain. We will start at the North Falls trail head and walk and view the falls on our way to a late lunch (and restrooms) at the South Falls Lodge. After lunch we will meander along the Rim Trail for the final two miles back to the cars and have our final waterfall views.



If you have an Oregon state park pass, please bring it. Otherwise, please prepare to contribute to the \$5 per car charge to park, as well as driver costs for three hours of driving. Bring water and lunch and snacks. Be prepared for any weather and some muddy trails. Bring rain gear and wear sturdy boots or shoes. We may get damp behind a few of the falls. We'll organize carpools after you sign up. **No dogs allowed on waterfall trails.** Questions? Contact Maya [541-231-4386](tel:541-231-4386) or [maya.abels@gmail.com](mailto:maya.abels@gmail.com).

## Wilderness Monitoring 2024

As many of you know, 2024 is our second year of monitoring in the Middle Santiam and Diamond Peak Wilderness areas. We are doing two types of monitoring, Solitude Monitoring (where we hike on specific trails and record details about the people that we meet on our hike), and Recreation Site Monitoring (where we find and record details about where people have disturbed an area).

Solitude Monitoring: Our tentative date and time for Solitude Monitoring training will be Tuesday May 21 at 3:00 pm held somewhere in the Corvallis area.

Recreation Site Monitoring: We will only be utilizing people who have done site monitoring before (either in 2023 or 2022) and we will be setting up a refresher training session for July. Lynn and Maya will be contacting those people to gauge their interest and availability.

All people who monitor in 2024 will receive a Broads t-shirt, mileage reimbursement to and from the trailhead, and reimbursement for a meal if you spend 2 days out in a row without driving home. If you work at least 16 hours, you will receive a free Northwest Forest Pass and if you work at least 40 hours, you will receive a free Central Cascade Wilderness Permit for next year!



Wilderness Monitoring Training Class of '23

If anyone is interested in being added to the mailing list for monitoring or if you have any questions, contact Lynn Humphrey ([lynnhumphrey@gmail.com](mailto:lynnhumphrey@gmail.com), 541-207-7379) or Maya Abels ([maya.abels@gmail.com](mailto:maya.abels@gmail.com), 541-231-4386)

## Good News Corner



There's a wolverine making its way around the the central Oregon coast!

See the story:

<https://yachatsnews.com/wolverine-visits-coast/>

Another WIN for public lands is that the Supreme Court decided NOT to hear timber industry case seeking to overturn the expansion of the Cascade Siskiyou National Monument in Southern Oregon.

<https://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/2024/03/cascade-siskiyou-national-monument-in-oregon-and-california-survives-legal-challenge.html>

## Another Earth Day Opportunity

SOLV has clean-up activities planned for all over the state from April 13th - 22nd.

Find a volunteer opportunity near you: <https://t.e2ma.net/message/fh4vnk/nrdchnmc>

**If you'd like to help leadership team member Laura Ouellette clean up Ona Beach with SOLV in Seal Rock on Saturday, April 20 give her a call! Laura 541-990-7717**

## And also of interest:

**Book release for Ruby McConnell's "Wilderness and the American Spirit"**

**Thursday, April 11 at Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette St in Eugene**

Join author Ruby McConnell to celebrate the release of her latest book, "Wilderness & the American Spirit". Known for her outdoor guides for women and girls, and the award-winning collection of essays "Ground Truth", Ruby's new book retells the story of the American West putting our national mythology in context with our current environmental crisis. The event will also feature a reading from writer Bronwynn Dean, and a music set by local favorite John Bauman. Chandra LeGue, author of "Oregon's Ancient Forests: A hiking guide" and Senior Conservation Advocate with Oregon Wild will M.C. and kick-off a celebration of the statewide environmental organization's 50th year of protecting and restoring Oregon's wildlands, wildlife, and waters.

The event begins at 7pm and will wrap up by 8:30pm, with time to enjoy light refreshments, mingle with the authors, purchase books, enjoy some live music, and get inspired by and for our wild places!

More info at [Tsunami Books' site here](#).

### Wildlife Protection

If you would like to join the mailing list to focus on [wildlife issues](#) contact Su Libby at [bigwiscon@gmail.com](mailto:bigwiscon@gmail.com)

**Did you know that the Willamette Valley Broadband has a FaceBook page? It's right [HERE](#).**

**Great Old Broads for Wilderness (Broads)  
is a women-led national grassroots organization  
that engages and inspires activism  
to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands.**

For more information about the Great Old Broads for Wilderness and to join for just \$35 per year, visit the website [greatoldbroads.org](https://www.greatoldbroads.org).

Willamette Valley Broadband page is:

<https://www.greatoldbroads.org/chapters/oregon-willamette-valley-broadband/>

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