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Central Oregon Agricultural Show Activities 2026



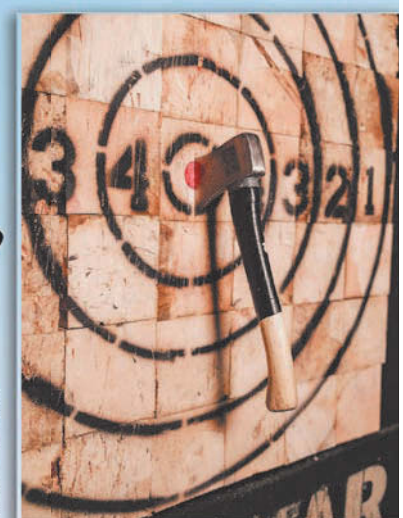
Petting Zoo & Alpaca Exhibit!
See show map for details on where to find them!



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Central Oregon Antique Engine and Tractor Association hosting their steam engines & antique tractors! More info on the show map



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Central Oregon Ag Show is a family event

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The fifth Central Oregon Ag Show will set up shop at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center in Redmond March 27-28 offering a one-of-a-kind combination of information, entertainment and education about agriculture.

Admission to the show is free.

The show, presented by the Capital Press, features 50 exhibitors offering information about all of the latest agricultural equipment and services. Farmers and ranchers shouldn't miss this opportunity.

The show is sponsored by Country Financial and Irrigation King.

Family activities

For the younger set, there's a Kid Zone sponsored by the Deschutes County Farm Bureau. Youngsters will get a chance to make ag-centric necklaces and bracelets — and even make a pedal-powered smoothie with an Oregon dairy princess-ambassador.

The Central Oregon Antique and Engine and Tractor Association will offer a display of early day gas engines and antique tractors Saturday. The display will take attendees back in time to see how Central Oregon was settled.

Wool producers will be on hand to demonstrate how they turn wool into yarn.

There will also be a petting zoo. Adults can ride a mechanical bull and try their hand at ax throwing. There will be food trucks offering refreshments, and a cash bar.

Pesticide classes

The show offers four core pesticide safety credits from Oregon state OSHA Friday from 10-3 p.m. The class is free, and participants can register at the door.

CENTRAL OREGON AG SHOW

Where: Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center.

Address: 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond, Ore.

Dates: March 27-28. Times: 9 a.m. — 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Admission: FREE



The Deschutes County Farm Bureau will conduct activities for children in the Kids Zone.

(Capital Press file photo)



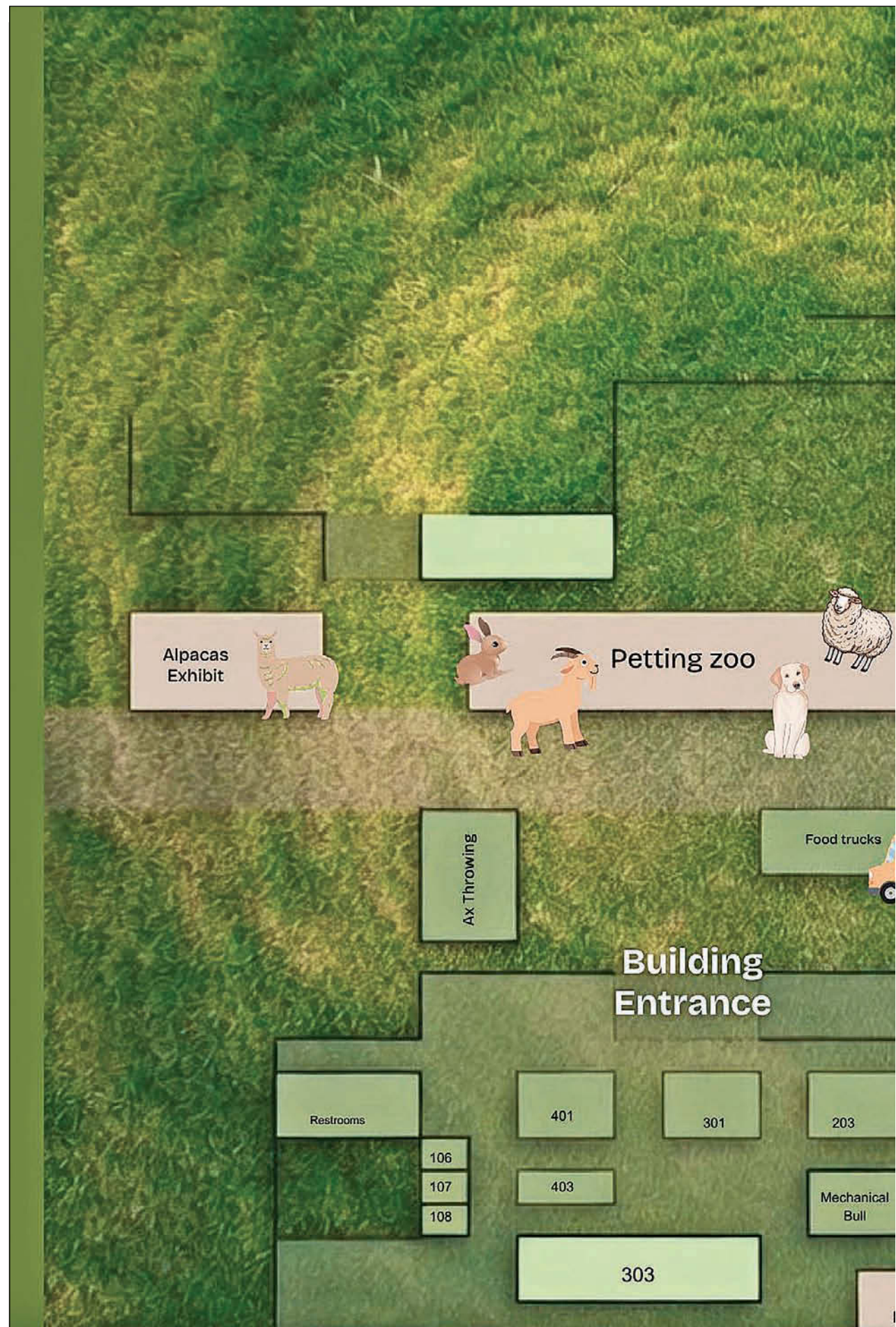
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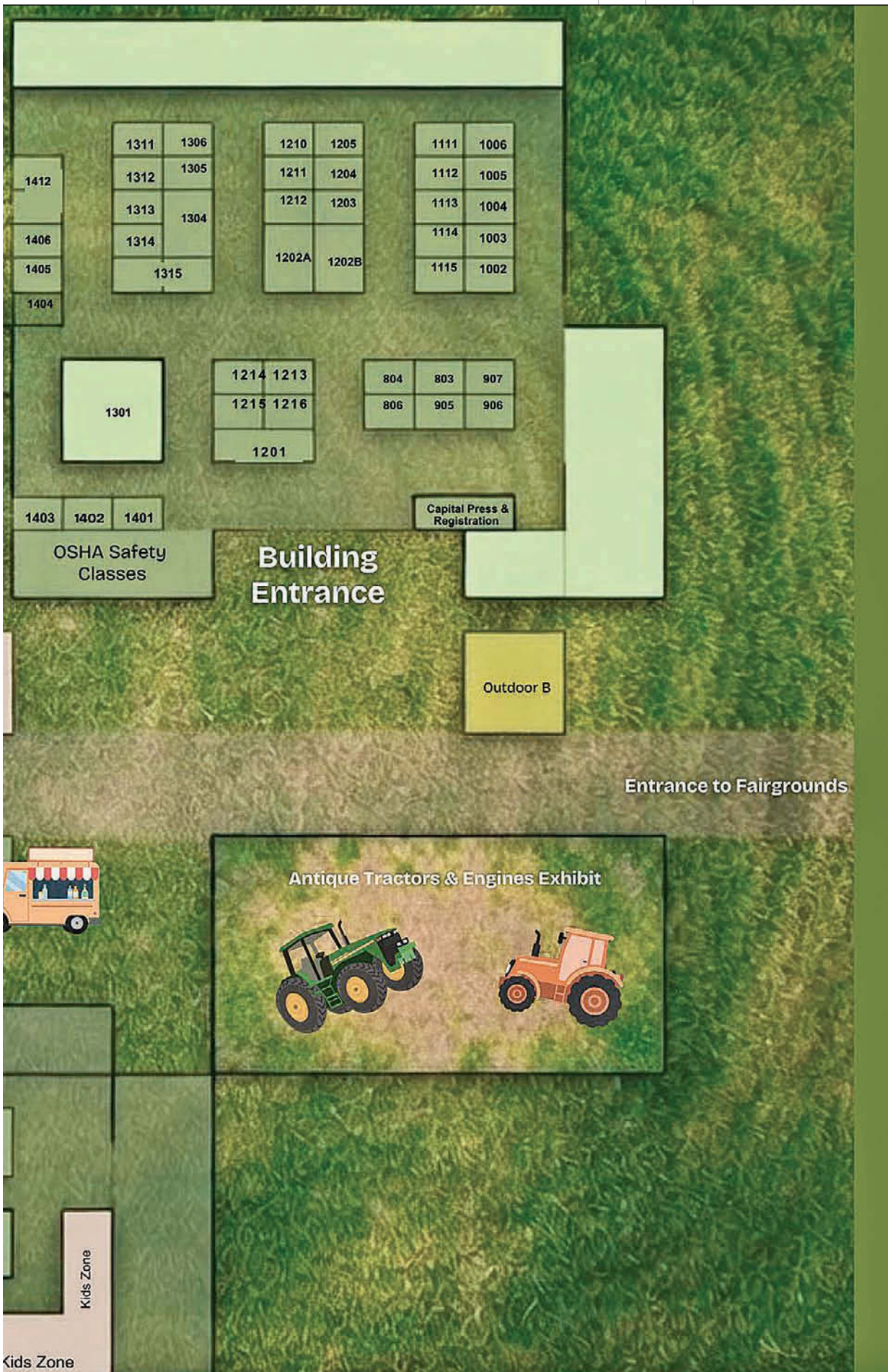
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Country Financial supports farms, community

By Aliya Hall
For the Capital Press

Country Financial is not just a 1-800 number. Cora Christ, a Farm Certified Country Representative for Klamath Falls, said it's a local company of small business owners.

"We are your neighbors," she said. "We have the experiences and knowledge to help people who are just like us."

Country Financial has been established for 100 years, specializing in farm insurance, but there's a misconception that is all it does. Country Financial also offers home, auto, life and business insurance, as well as financial planning to ensure security for future generations.

With each farm requiring unique insurance needs, Country Financial offers a variety of policy options. Standard protection plans focus on property damage; however, additional protection

plans include machinery and livestock protection as well as liability and medical insurance. There are also different levels of insurance for farmers to choose based on their needs.

Along with insurance, Christ said Country Financial offers financial planning services, which include a no charge consultations for their retirement plans.

Christ services almost 1,000 households in Klamath Falls and said its their customer service that sets Country Financial apart from other insurance companies because they cater to the needs their clients are looking for.

"We schedule reviews with our existing clients every single year. I hear over and over again that other companies just never reach out to their clients but sign them up," she said. "Our claims process is far superior. I can honestly say that whenever we have a situation happen, our adjusters are out there on



Cora Christ, a Farm Certified Country Representative for Klamath Falls, services almost 1,000 households in the area. The thing that sets Country Financial apart from other insurances, she said, is their customer service. (Contributed photo)

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In 2025 during a bad snowstorm, Christ said that she had almost a dozen total losses on hay barns and equipment, and they were quickly able to get a team out there to do cleanup and get the farms back into business without any lags.

"Being able to provide a service when things are bad and knowing that I did my job up front — asked the right questions, provided the right coverages—so when that really awful situation happened, they were able to have one less thing on their plate, which is the financial part of it," she said.

This extends beyond farm care. Christ said she had a client who she recommended to get life insurance shortly before the person died from cancer.

"By providing that service, explaining, and ultimately selling that service I was able take a little bit of a burden off the family's shoulders," she said.

Country Financial is also active in the Klamath Falls community. Christ's office holds an annual Hero's Breakfast, which serves 30 first responders and veterans. The business dates to youth programs like soccer, 4-H, rodeos and robotics.

"We are definitely more than just a financial company," she said.

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Irrigation King: Selling directly to customers

By **Brenna Wiegand**
For the *Capital Press*

IrrigationKing was established in Tualatin, Ore., by a group of people with many years of experience in the irrigation industry who wanted to try a new way.

“We wanted to sell direct to consumers to give them better prices,” Sales Manager Paul Nanson said. “In the past we have sold irrigation equipment exclusively to dealers and we wanted to break away from that.”

General Manager Chase Ber-

rier started working on the website in 2015.

“The whole goal was to become an online retailer that makes it quick and easy to purchase what you need with good prices and fast shipping, almost to an Amazon level,” Nanson said. “It’s a lot different than your typical irrigation dealer, that’s for sure.”

They made about \$25,000 in sales during their first few months in business in late 2016, and in 2017 sold \$418,000 of product.

“Sales doubled every year for the next few years, and we

ended up getting more salespeople and adding warehouses in Texas and Florida to better cover the country,” Nanson said.

Something that sets IrrigationKing apart from most websites, including Amazon, is providing customer service on the level of the local dealer.

Unlike many parts dealers, IrrigationKing posts its prices and shipping costs upfront so customers can make quicker decisions.

“We always answer the phones, and we have live chat and email so there are a lot of

ways to get a hold of us and all of us are very good at helping customers figure out how to use our products and what they need to set everything up,” Nanson said. “Our primary customer is somewhere between a backyard farmer and a hobby farmer with orders averaging between \$200 and \$400, and there isn’t a lot of support for those people.

“We basically fill the gap between garden hoses at Home Depot and the bigger dealers who don’t necessarily consider 3 to 20 rolls of drip tape a sizable order,” Nanson said.

“We specialize in products for the smaller farmers with an acre or two, including a lot of 80 to 100 gallon-per-minute tripod sprinkler kits and a lot of drip tape and drip systems that we help people design,” he said.

“A lot of things like pressure loss and calculations can be confusing when you first start looking at all the parts and pieces and how they connect together, so we try to have kits here and there, where we package things together and reduce the number of decisions for the customer,” he said.



The Central Oregon Antique and Engine and Tractor Association will offer a display of early day gas engines and antique tractors March 28. (Capital Press file photo)

Four free pesticide credits offered at show

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Morning

10 a.m. -11 a.m. — Hazard communication, Cory Stengel

11 a.m. -Noon — Pesticide and Personal Protective Equipment, Cory Stengel

Afternoon

1 p.m - 2 p.m. — Respiratory protection, Cory Stengel

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Tips and Tricks to an Effective PPE Management Program, Cory Stengel

OSHA core credit courses will be available Friday, March 27 at the Central Oregon Ag Show.

Four core credits are available to Oregon license holders. There is no charge for the courses, and participants can register at the door.

A series of four courses, worth a total of four credits, will be offered in two sessions separated by a lunch break.

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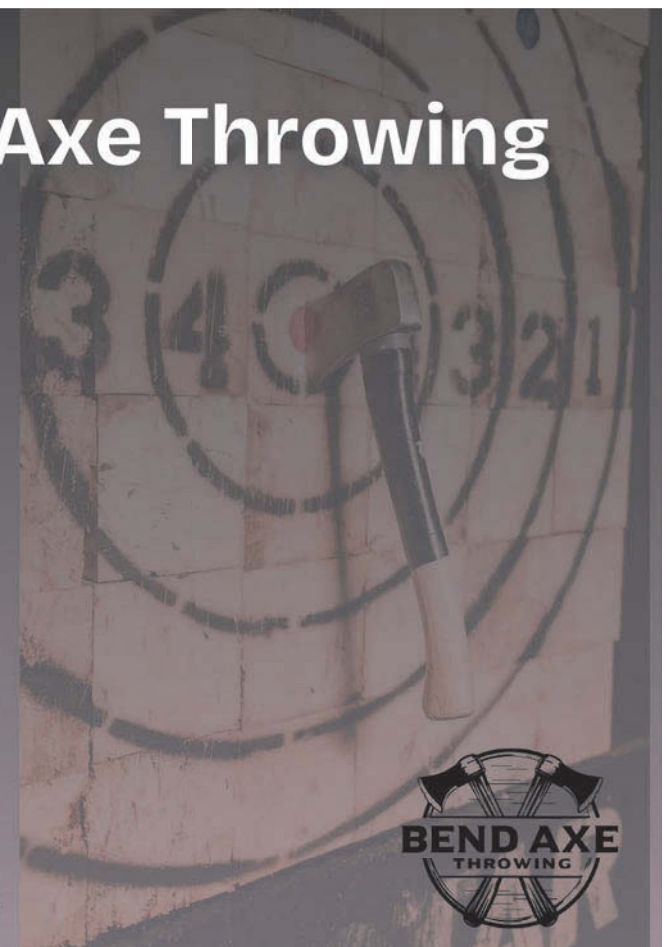


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