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Carol Fox is breeding her goats again.

She almost quit. The founding participant — and the inspiration behind School of Ranch Extend — Carol was ready to hang up her teats, so to speak. But with a little help from folks willing to show up, she's back in the game.

Which is good news for goats... and even better news for the rest of us.

There's a lot of wisdom sitting quietly in the senior members of our community. When we talk about building common ground, we don't always think about the divide between generations. But passing skills forward may be one of the most important bridges we can build.

Seniors want to contribute. They want to matter. And communities are stronger when they do.

We didn't engineer this comeback — but we're celebrating it.

And we're in early conversations with the *Council On Aging* about reviving and reimagining Extend: connecting seniors who have deep skills with people willing to lend a hand and learn.

That's our kind of future. And speaking of future, we've got the new workshop mill churned up again. Want to learn how to understand your horse's hooves? Your water rights? Do your own simple electrical work? We have you covered! March is here, and we're ready to rock.

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Craft and Draft - Free and Fun - Next one 3/10! Thanks to Elaine Cole, we held our first Craft & Draft event - a free, open craft night hosted by School of Ranch and Uniting People and Places at **UPP Liquids Pub**. School of Ranchers had an easy-going evening of making, sipping, and connecting. They brought their crafts, good humor, and curiosity to the crafting table. It was super fun! Even better, we're doing it again. Bring whatever you're

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working on and settle in alongside others weaving Wasco baskets, knitting, leather working, darning, rug braiding, making jewelry, or creating with paper. [Sign up now!](#)

Happy Birthday Curious Equestrian's Book and Video Club! Our Curious Equestrian Book/Video Club began as a member idea in January 2025 and has since grown into a supportive, energetic study group celebrating one wonderful year together. What started as shared curiosity about horses and horsemanship has become a meaningful monthly tradition rooted in thoughtful conversation and connection. We meet to watch and discuss a chosen training video or come prepared to discuss the selected training book or novel we read. Our conversations often go beyond the material itself—we explore how each lesson applies to our own horse journeys, challenges, and goals. Over the past year, this intentional approach has strengthened not only our knowledge, but also our sense of community and shared purpose. Students of the horse have joyfully united in yet another way! If you would like to know more about the club or attend a meeting, [Check it out!](#)

Try Our Canning Companion! AI Done Right. Twenty-four School of Ranchers attended Beth Covert's Canning Basics workshop and were in for a treat - our newly released [Canning Companion](#) is a free tool using AI to draw on authoritative sources to give guidance to canners, new and experienced. We have Companions developed for subjects as diverse as building a 12v solar-powered battery system to raising chickens. We'll be distributing these tools through our mobile app soon, but for now you can use the standalone version of Canning Companion. Put in grandma's recipe and ask the Companion to make it safe using today's science-backed standards.

Elly Jocham, Our Soap Maker, Retires. I'm bummed to announce that Elly Jocham who developed our popular soap making workshop, is retiring from our classroom. Elly has been an central part of School of Ranch forever, seems. She shared her skills with over a hundred community members at one of our most treasured workshops. We will miss her and her husband Scott, who helped schlep all her stuff all over Central Oregon. Rebecca Saul, of Glimfeather Farms, will pick the suds scepter. Best of luck Elly. We love you!

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School of Ranch Current Workshops

March 8th. "Darn It! Mending Socks, Sweaters & More." Give your beloved knits a second life—one stitch at a time. In this beginner-friendly, hands-on workshop, you'll learn essential darning techniques to transform "worn out" into "worn with pride." Practice weft and warp stitching, explore simple stitches like whipstitch and running stitch, and experiment with different threads to create repairs that are both functional and fun. Bring your own clean, well-loved items to mend and enjoy plenty of guided work time with expert support from Elaine J. Cole. You'll head home with renewed confidence—and your own darning needle to keep the magic going. **Only 6 tickets left!**

Price: \$40 + \$5 supplies fee

Time: 1:00pm to 3:30pm

Location: Bevel Craft Brewing, Bend

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/darn-it/>

NEW! March 10th. "Craft and Draft." Craft & Draft is an open, free craft night hosted by School of Ranch and Uniting People and Places (UPP) Liquids Pub at their brewery in Bend's Box Factory. Join us from 5–8pm for an easygoing evening of making, sipping, and connecting. Bring any craft or artisan project you're working on and settle in alongside

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others who may be weaving traditional Wasco baskets, knitting, doing leatherwork or darning, braiding rugs, carving spoons, making jewelry, or creating with paper.

Price: Free

Time: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: UPP Liquids Pub, 550 SW Industrial Way, Ste. 185, Bend

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/craft-and-draft/>

March 2nd-6th. "Heritage Orchard Rehab & Maintenance – Volunteer Training." This immersive, multi-day training builds the local knowledge needed to care for Central Oregon's historic fruit orchards. Participants will help form the Heritage Apple Corps—a dedicated group of arborists, Forest Service staff, and community members working to restore and steward heirloom orchards for future generations. The course blends tree biology, preservation-minded orchard philosophy, and extensive hands-on practice, including pruning, tree health assessment, and long-term maintenance strategies tailored to legacy orchards.

Price: Free for alumni and Forest Service staff; first-timers \$135–\$165 with a volunteer commitment

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Location: McCoin and Cyrus Historic Orchards,

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/hac-workshop/>

March 14th (first of two sessions). "Handyman Basics: Drywall, Electric, and Plumbing." Fixin' can be fun—and in this six-hour, two-session workshop, it's about building real confidence with the repairs that pop up in everyday life. Designed for beginners, this hands-on class walks you through drywall repair, basic household plumbing, and simple electrical fixes so you can stop feeling stuck when something breaks. The second session date is chosen together at the first class.

Only 2 tickets left!

Price: \$245, \$276, or \$306 + \$25 supplies fee

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Location: Hardenbrook Hardwoods, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/handyman/>

March 14th. "The Curious Equestrian Book & Video Club." Discuss the book *Brain Training for Riders: Unlock Your Riding Potential with StressLess Techniques for Conquering Fear, Improving Performance, and Finding Focused Calm*," by Andrea Monsarrat Waldo. A certified riding instructor and psychotherapist, Waldo combines her expertise in mental health and equestrian training to help riders improve their performance through mental strategies.

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Price: Free

Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Location: 8531 W Antler Ave, Redmond

More: Email Cathy Springman to learn more or attend (cathy@springman.com)

March 21st. "Carving Curious: Intro to Wood Carving." Carve out time to carve in this beginner-friendly, three-hour workshop where you'll learn to shape a wooden spoon using just a single chisel. Guided step-by-step by master woodcarver Ahmad Khalid Rauofi—trained in Kabul and now teaching in the Pacific Northwest—you'll gain confidence in safe tool handling, efficient shaping techniques, and refining smooth, functional curves. With plenty of encouragement and hands-on instruction, you'll transform a simple block of wood into a handcrafted spoon. Best of all, you'll head home with your own carving kit, ready to continue your carving adventures long after the workshop ends. **Only 3 tickets left!**

Price: \$137, \$150, or \$171 + \$35 supplies fee

Time: 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Location: Hardenbrook Hardwoods, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/carving-curious/>



March 21st. "How to Make a Solar Power System for an RV or Trailer." Light up your adventures with solar power in this hands-on workshop designed for aspiring off-grid explorers. You'll learn how to choose the right solar panels, charge controllers, inverters, and batteries—and how to connect them into a safe, functional 12V system for your van,

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trailer, or RV. You'll practice essential skills like wire stripping, making secure connections, and using a multimeter. Using an AI-powered solar planning tool, you'll also design a system tailored to your needs and assemble a basic 12V power kit that can run small appliances and recharge via solar or shore power. **Register now!**

Price: \$125, \$137, or \$156 + \$25 supplies fee

Time: 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Location: American Legion Redmond, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/solar-power-trailer-rvs/>

March 21st. "Stained Glass: Winter Design." Warm up your winter with glass, fire, and hands-on creativity in this step-by-step stained glass workshop. You'll learn the full process—from cutting glass and foiling to soldering and final assembly—while creating your own mountain-themed seasonal piece inspired by snowy Central Oregon peaks. Along the way, you'll gain practical troubleshooting skills, learning how to fix common issues like misaligned edges and imperfect solder seams so your finished work is both beautiful and structurally sound. With expert guidance from Bend-based artist Eleanora Clifford, you'll leave with greater confidence working with glass and hot metal—and a magical winter design to show for it. **Register now!**

Price: \$120, \$132, or \$150 + \$45 supplies fee

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Hardenbrook Hardwoods, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/stained-glass-winter/>

March 28th. "Trailer Towing Basics." Take the wheel and get ready to tow with confidence in this hands-on, beginner-friendly workshop. Led by professional truck driving instructors, you'll learn the fundamentals of safe and effective trailer towing—from understanding tow vehicle and trailer components to mastering proper hook-up techniques and pre-trip inspections. Discover how towing changes your driving dynamics, practice adjusting trailer brakes, and navigate a tight driving course that includes forward maneuvering and backing up. With real-world experience in the IITR truck driving yard, you'll leave with stronger skills, greater confidence, and a clearer understanding of how to tow safely on the road.

Price: \$95

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Location: IITR Truck School, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/trailer/>

April 4th. "Tortilla Making Basics: From Masa to Taco." Make, flip, and feast—tortilla night just got serious. In this hands-on, flavor-packed workshop, you'll go from bag of masa to taco in hand as you mix, press, and cook traditional corn tortillas from scratch. Learn how

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to dial in the perfect masa texture, master the flip (without the flop), and achieve that dreamy tortilla puff. Then watch a live demo on building crave-worthy taco fillings before bringing it all together for a shared feast of warm tortillas and fresh toppings. Led by Mayra Santana and Oscar Molina of Roots at Heart, this session blends traditional technique, expert guidance, and plenty of laughter.

Price: \$65 (pre-registration price); \$69 full price + \$20 supplies fee

Time: 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Location: OSU Extension, Redmon

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/tortilla/>

April 5th. "Growing Wellness Herbs." Herbal happiness starts here! In this beginner-friendly workshop, you'll learn how to grow simple, useful herbs like mint, chamomile, lavender, calendula, and basil—whether in a backyard bed or a sunny kitchen window. Discover how to care for these plants and explore the traditional ways they've been used for everyday wellness, from calming teas to soothing oils and simple salves. You'll get your hands dirty transplanting and taking cuttings, brew your own herbal tea, and craft a nourishing salve to take home—along with a starter herb plant and the confidence to begin your own mini apothecary. Join us for a community potluck (we'll provide the main protein—bring a dish to share!) and connect with fellow plant lovers as you grow your skills. **Only 9 tickets remaining!**

Price: \$50 + \$20 supplies fee

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Location: Sisters Community Hall, Sisters

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/wellness-herbs/>

April 11th. "Power Saws for Fearless Women." Take a cut at self-reliance in this hands-on, beginner-friendly workshop designed to build real confidence with power tools. You'll be introduced to six essential saws—chainsaw, table saw, compound miter saw, jigsaw, sawzall, and skill saw—with a strong emphasis on safety, technique, and practical applications. Choose three saws to explore more deeply as you learn proper handling, safe cutting practices, blade changes, and basic maintenance. Guided by Christy Tice of Handymandy, you'll practice in a supportive, sawdust-scented shop environment where questions are welcome and skill-building is the goal. Leave ready to tackle your next project with knowledge, confidence, and steady hands. **Scheduling now!**

Price: \$125 + \$15 supply fee

Time: 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Location: Hardenbrook Hardwoods, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/power-saws-fearless/>

April 11. "Heritage Soap Making: Goat Milk Soap." From fresh milk to finished bar, this hands-on workshop guides you through crafting creamy, nourishing goat milk soap from scratch. You'll make a full batch—about nine luscious bars—while learning safe cold-process techniques, how to incorporate fresh goat milk, and how to carefully manage temperature and timing to protect its rich, gentle qualities. With guidance from Rebecca Saul of Farm-To-Sink, you'll blend science and traditional home craft, customize your bars with natural scents and colorants, and gain the confidence to recreate the process at home. You'll leave with beautiful, deluxe soap and the skills to keep your sink (and your friends) stocked with the good stuff. **Only 1 left to schedule!**

Price: \$125 (pre-registration price); \$137 full price + \$55 supplies fee

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Location: Bend/Sisters

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/soap-making/>

School of Ranch Workshops On Demand

We run the workshop you want, as often as you want. As soon as enough of you pre-register, we'll schedule these workshops. Pre-registration is free. We don't charge you until we set a date and you agree to it. Check out our calendar and catalog.

NEW! "Barefoot Hoof Trimming: From Insight to Action." Understand what's underneath and stop guessing about your horse's feet. In Part 1 of this in-depth workshop, you'll learn how to evaluate and score major hoof structures for distortion using a clear 0–5 standard. By connecting what you see to foundational hoof anatomy and biomechanics, trimming decisions begin to make practical sense. In Part 2, insight turns into action with guided, hands-on trimming designed to move the hoof toward balance and healthy barefoot function. Whether you trim your own horses or work alongside a professional, you'll leave better equipped to assess, communicate, and advocate for soundness. Bring your own horse if you'd like, and plan to stay for a community potluck (we'll provide the main protein—bring a dish to share!). **9 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: Part 1: \$49 (pre-registration price); \$58 full price + Part 2 Hands-On Hoof Trimming: \$100

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/barefoot-hoof-trimming/>

NEW! "DIY Home Electric Basics." Flip the switch on confusion and gain practical confidence with your home's electrical system. In this three-hour, hands-on workshop,

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licensed journeyman electrician Bino Fowler breaks down circuits, outlets, switches, and breaker panels in plain English. You'll practice replacing outlets and light fixtures on mock setups, learn how to properly shut off power and verify zero voltage, and build skill using voltage testers and multimeters to troubleshoot common issues. Along the way, you'll develop a clear understanding of grounding systems, GFCIs, and other key safety components—plus a healthy respect for when it's time to call a licensed professional. Leave with real-world know-how and the confidence to handle basic electrical tasks safely. **Only 4 left to start scheduling!**

Price: \$125 (pre-registration price); \$141 full price + \$10 supplies fee

Time: TBD

Location: Hardenbrook Hardwoods, Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/diy-home-electric-basics/>



NEW! "Know Your Flow: Understanding and Using Your Water Rights." Thirsty for answers? Get smart about your water. Whether you already own land or are planning to, this practical workshop breaks down what your water rights are (or aren't), how to find accurate information, and what steps you can take next. Led by professionals from the Oregon Water Resources Department, you'll learn how to use free online tools to check existing rights, explore realistic options if no rights are attached to your property, and understand how water availability is evaluated when applying for new rights

Only 5 tickets left to register!

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Price: Contribute-What-You-Can

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/water-rights/>

NEW! "Equine Emergency First Aid Clinic." When things get wild, be prepared—not panicked. This full-day, hands-on course equips you with the skills to respond confidently in an equine emergency, whether you care for one backyard buddy or manage a whole herd. You'll learn how to assess urgent situations, take proper vital signs, communicate clearly with your veterinarian, and perform practical first-aid techniques for lacerations, punctures, colic, choke, collapse, casting, shock, hoof issues, and more. You'll also explore pain recognition, spinal health, injury prevention, and how to safely condition a horse to accept treatment. Led by Amber Palmer of Equi-First Aid USA, this clinic includes a comprehensive first-aid manual, a certificate of completion, and eligibility for CE credits through PATH Intl., IAABC, EAGALA, and Touched by a Horse.

Only 4 tickets left to schedule!

Price: \$269 (pre-registration price); \$289 full price

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/equine-first-aid/>

NEW! "Raising Beef for Your Freezer." Want to know exactly where your food comes from? This practical, beginner-friendly workshop walks you through the entire process of raising meat animals for your own freezer—from breed selection and humane care to nutrition, growth timelines, and preparing for processing day. Led by OSU Extension livestock expert Scott Duggan, this class will help you plan with confidence, avoid surprises, and raise healthy animals for home meat production. Whether you're just starting out or refining your setup, you'll leave with the clarity and tools to move forward. **Only 11 tickets left!**

Price: Contribute What You Can

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/freezer-beef/>

"Goat Curious: A Beginner's Guide to Raising Happy Goats." Dreaming of fresh goat milk, cozy fiber, or simply the joy of quirky, lovable goats? This interactive workshop is the perfect starting point. With expert guidance from longtime goat farmer Steve Curley, you'll explore breed options, fencing, care basics, and daily needs. Using a custom AI planning tool, you'll assess your goals and walk away with a personalized goat-keeping plan. Expect some quality time with real goats—and a community potluck to end the day with main protein

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provided. **Only 8 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$40

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/goat-curious/>

NEW! "Raising Pork for Your Freezer." Thinking about raising pigs for your own meat supply? This practical workshop will guide you through the full process—from choosing the right pig breeds to feeding, housing, humane care, and timelines for healthy growth. OSU Extension livestock expert Scott Duggan will also walk you through what to expect on processing day, how to plan for freezer space, and how to avoid common pitfalls. Whether you're starting from scratch or fine-tuning your setup, you'll leave with the clarity and confidence to raise pork for your own freezer. **Only 11 tickets left!**

Price: Contribute What You Can

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/freezer-pork/>

"Weaving the Wasco Way: Making Sally Bags." Weave culture, history, and creativity into every stitch in this rare, hands-on workshop led by master weaver Valerie Switzler. Learn the traditional Wasco flat-bottom start that sets Sally Bags apart, and begin crafting your own cotton/twine bag using time-honored twining techniques. Along the way, you'll explore the cultural roots of this iconic weaving style and gain the foundational skills to continue your work at home. With guidance from Valerie and Deanie Johnson, both deeply rooted in Wasco tradition and language revitalization, this workshop offers an opportunity to learn directly from respected culture bearers. **Reserve a spot now!**

Price: \$100 (pre-registration price); \$110 full price

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/wasco-sally-bag/>

"DIY Skincare: Make Goat Milk Lotion and Lip Balm." Whip up natural skincare straight from the goat in this hands-on, beginner-friendly workshop with Rebecca Saul of Glimfeather Farms. You'll learn step-by-step how to craft nourishing goat milk lotion and beeswax-based lip balm using simple tools and high-quality, natural ingredients. Customize your creations by leaving them unscented or adding a hint of lavender or orange essential oil. Along the way, you'll gain confidence using kitchen scales and immersion blenders, understand the role of each ingredient, and walk away with two finished products—plus the know-how to recreate them at home. **Only 5 tickets left to schedule!**

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Price: \$100 (pre-registration price); \$110 full price + \$20 supplies fee

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/diy-skincare/>



"Toxic Plants in Pastures – How to Spot and Eradicate." Toxic plants can silently jeopardize livestock health—but with the right knowledge, you can protect your animals and improve your pasture. In this practical, beginner-friendly workshop, you'll learn how to identify the most common toxic plants in Central Oregon pastures, assess your land for risk, and take action. OSU Extension's Scott Duggan will guide you through plant ID, seasonal and environmental risk factors, and grazing strategies to reduce exposure. **Only 13 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: Contribute What You Can

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/toxic-plants-pastures/>

"Introduction to Pasture Management: Farm Tour!" Want to grow better grass and healthier animals? This practical, beginner-friendly workshop will give you the foundational tools to manage your pastures with confidence. You'll learn the basics of pasture ecology, soil health, forage selection, rotational grazing, and seasonal care. The class includes a classroom session followed by a guided farm tour where you'll see these principles in

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action. Led by OSU Extension's Scott Duggan, this workshop is perfect for anyone raising grazing animals. Potluck included! **Only 10 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: Contribute What You Can

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/pasture-management>

"Starting from Seed for Central Oregon Gardeners." Ready to grow your garden from the ground up? This hands-on workshop is tailored for Central Oregon's unique climate and will teach you how to successfully start seeds indoors, in greenhouses, and directly in garden beds. With expert guidance from local gardener and educator Amy Sidran, you'll explore seed selection, microclimates, watering, soil prep, and how to transition seedlings outdoors. Whether you're just starting out or want better results this season, you'll leave with confidence and a head start on your garden. **Only 9 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$60-\$66 sliding scale

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/startingseeds>



"Roping Basics: Championship Secrets for all Ages." Learn the fundamentals of ground roping in this fun, hands-on workshop led by 1978 World Champion All-Around Cowgirl, Judy Robinson. Perfect for beginners of all ages, this session includes one-on-one

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coaching and live demonstrations. You'll practice coiling your rope, building a loop, aiming, and pulling slack on a steer head dummy—ending with a friendly rope-off challenge to test your new skills. No rodeo experience needed—just a willingness to swing a rope and have a blast! **Only 4 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$75

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/roping-basics>

"Chicken Farming for Self-Reliant Families." Whether you're dreaming of fresh eggs or homegrown meat birds, this practical workshop will help you start and maintain a thriving flock. You'll learn how to choose the right breeds for Central Oregon's climate, set up a safe and healthy coop, and handle common chicken health issues. Guided discussions and interactive demos will build your confidence—and you'll also get access to an AI-powered planning tool that generates a customized chicken farming plan based on your goals and setup. Potluck included! **Only 7 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$60–\$66 sliding scale

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/chickens/>

"Preventing Laminitis in Horses." Laminitis is one of the most painful—and preventable—causes of lameness in horses. In this practical, classroom-based workshop, OSU Extension's Scott Duggan will help you understand how pasture conditions, seasonal changes, and nutrition can increase risk. You'll learn how to spot early warning signs, identify at-risk horses, and implement smart grazing and pasture management strategies. Ideal for horse owners, caretakers, and equine enthusiasts who want to take proactive steps toward healthier, safer horses. Potluck included! **Only 13 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: Contribute What You Can

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/laminitis/>

"Chainsaw 101: Safety, Saws, and Your First Cut of Wood!" Ready to fire up a chainsaw for the first time? This beginner-friendly workshop covers the essentials of safe and effective chainsaw use. You'll observe demos on personal protective equipment (PPE), safe starting procedures, and basic maintenance like chain tensioning and sharpening. Then, under close supervision, you'll get hands-on experience making real cuts on logs and learning to "read the fiber" of the wood. Whether you're gearing up for firewood season or

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forest stewardship, this course builds the confidence to get started safely. **Only 5 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: 135–\$148 sliding scale + \$20 supplies

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/chainsaw-101/>

"Car Maintenance Basics." This hands-on workshop is built for beginners who want to understand and care for their vehicles with more confidence. With instructor Dan Jaynes, you'll learn to check oil, coolant, tires, and brakes, diagnose common issues, and navigate conversations with mechanics like a pro. You'll use real cars to practice inspections, review how to handle roadside emergencies or accidents, and walk away with practical skills to save time, money, and stress—all in a supportive, tool-friendly setting. **Only 3 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$95

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/car-maintenance/>

"Practical Welding For Ranch and Farm." This **three-session workshop** is your hands-on introduction to MIG welding for ranch and farm projects. With only six participants per session, you'll get individualized coaching in a professional welding shop as you build confidence with safe welding techniques, steel prep, and basic repair skills. Use a dedicated welding station to complete a small take-home project and develop real-world skills you can put to use immediately. Whether you're fixing equipment or fabricating something new, this workshop will give you a solid foundation. **Only 5 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$410–\$430 sliding scale + \$95 supplies (9 hours of workshop sessions)

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/welding-long/>

"Practical Carpentry: Furniture-Making Basics." Want to build your own furniture or tackle carpentry projects on your property with confidence? This three-session, hands-on workshop series gives you practical skills in tool use, joinery techniques, and project construction—all taught by licensed general contractor Aaron Stump. You'll work step-by-step through the process of building your own take-home furniture piece while learning essential safety, planning, and construction techniques. Whether you're outfitting your home or homestead, this series is the perfect place to start. **Only 3 tickets left to**

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schedule!

Price: \$375 sliding scale + \$60 supplies

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/carpentry/>



"Fermentation 101: An Easy Path to Probiotic Perfection." Bubbly, zesty, and packed with probiotic goodness! In this flavorful demonstration workshop, you'll explore the foundations of lacto-fermentation and learn how salt, beneficial bacteria, and time transform simple vegetables into gut-friendly powerhouses. Watch step-by-step demos of sauerkraut and fermented cucumbers, participate in a fermented mustard activity, and discover how to troubleshoot common issues like mushy pickles or slow ferments. With guidance from food alchemist Beth Covert, you'll experiment with flavor variations and gain the confidence to make these ancient preservation techniques your own. Enjoy tastings throughout the session and head home with a fermentation lid and glass weight—ready to keep the magic bubbling in your own kitchen. **Only 15 to schedule!**

Price: \$60 (pre-registration price); \$66 full price + \$20 supplies fee

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/fermentation/>

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"Dehydration Demystified." Curious about drying food but not sure where to begin? This beginner-friendly workshop covers everything you need to know to start dehydrating like a pro. You'll learn how to preserve food for long-term storage or on-the-go meals, compare dehydration methods and equipment, and explore creative uses like drying flowers, proofing bread, or turning leftovers into lightweight snacks. Led by food alchemist Beth Covert, this workshop will give you the confidence to make the most of your dehydrator—and includes a community potluck to round it all out. **Only 4 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$40

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/dehydration/>

"The Art and Science of Canning." Preserve the bounty of the season with confidence in this beginner-friendly demonstration workshop covering both water bath and pressure canning. You'll learn the key differences between the two methods, when to use each, and how to safely process fruits, sauces, and other pantry staples for long-lasting storage. From preparation to sealing, we'll walk step by step through best practices to prevent spoilage and ensure safe, successful results. Led by food alchemist Beth Covert, this session blends practical know-how with the science behind preservation. You'll head home with essential starter tools (the accessories you need to get going) and access to our custom AI tool, The Canning Companion, to guide your future batches. **Only 13 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$45 (pre-registration price); \$49 full price + \$15 supplies fee

Time: TBD

Location: Bend/Redmond

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/canning/>

"Intro to Heritage Cheese Making." Become a cheese whiz in this beginner-friendly workshop where you'll learn to transform fresh milk into delicious, homemade Halloumi, mozzarella, and chèvre-style farmer's cheese. Taught by Rebecca Saul of Glimfeather Farms, this session covers the essential tools, ingredients, and troubleshooting techniques for small-batch cheese making at home. Whether you're a curious foodie or a budding homesteader, you'll leave ready to craft your own artisanal cheese—plus, enjoy a potluck meal with fellow dairy lovers! **Only 7 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$60–\$66 sliding scale + \$10 supplies

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/goat/>

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"Braided Rug Making Basics." Discover the heritage craft of rug braiding while learning to transform worn textiles into vibrant, functional art. In this beginner-friendly workshop, instructor Heidi Maricle will guide you through prepping old clothes for reuse, designing your rug layout, and practicing the five-strand braiding technique. You'll start your own rug and head home with the tools, materials, and instructions needed to complete it.

Celebrate creativity, sustainability, and community at this cozy, hands-on workshop—with a potluck to match! **Only 9 tickets left to schedule!**

Price: \$75–\$100 sliding scale + \$15 supplies

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

More: <https://schoolofranch.org/workshop/braided-rug-making>



Workshops, Events, and News From Friends!

March 8th. Citizens4Community (C4C) presents, "Serving Our Seniors: A Community Forum." Seniors make up nearly 40% of Sisters Country residents. What do they need to truly age in place? Join C4C, The Nugget, and Age-Friendly Sisters Country for an action-oriented community conversation exploring how we can work together to better serve older adults in our community.

Price: Free; complimentary childcare and refreshments provided

Time: Doors at 3:30, program 4-5:30 PM

Location: Sisters Elementary School + livestreaming | 2155 McKinney Butte Rd, Sisters, OR

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Get Details: <https://citizens4community.com/events/spring-forum-26>

March 12th. Citizens4Community (C4C) presents, "Let's Talk: AI and Our Choices." How is AI impacting rural communities like Sisters? This event will help community members build a shared understanding of AI's risks and opportunities, and talk together about what the technology means for our daily lives and shared future. Group learnings will help guide a year-long C4C-led series exploring AI and community life.

Price: Free; complimentary refreshments provided

Time: Doors at 4:30, program 5-6:30 PM

Location: FivePine Lodge – South Sisters Room | 1021 E Desperado Trail, Sisters, OR 97759

Get Details: <https://citizens4community.com/events/ai-mar-26>

May 20th. Bend-La Pine Education Foundation presents, "Trivia Night 2026." Trivia Night is a high-energy community fundraiser where teams come together for friendly competition, great food and drinks, and plenty of laughs—all in support of Bend-La Pine students and schools.

Price: Free entrance - but sponsors are welcome!

Time: Doors open at 5pm, Trivia starts at 6pm

Location: Silver Moon Brewing

Get Details: eftrivianight.givesmart.com
