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Bonanza extravaganza

Avista supports the Annual Bonanza Days, and recently donated a one-ton work truck to the town to be used as a snow plow in the winter.

Every July in Bonanza, Oregon, you'll find about 7,000 people gathering for a traditional small-town festival. Located east of Klamath Falls, Bonanza was established in 1875 and named for its prosperous farming land and abundant water supply from Big Springs.

Bonanza resident since 1955 and Mayor since 1979, Betty Tyree shares how the Annual Bonanza Extravaganza festival has grown and changed over the years. "We do this to give back to our community. It's all about working together to make our small town better for the families who live here. Back in the day, we had greased poll climbing and a tug of war game with a rope stretched up over the springs."

This year's festival, held on July 27, featured sack races, a watermelon eating contest, a BBQ Wing War cook-off, and a pie baking competition. Cheri Stewart, festival coordinator says, "We want people to take a break from their fast-paced lives, see a part of Oregon that maybe they haven't seen before, and enjoy the day with their family in our little town."

Bonanza is one of only two remaining small Oregon towns with a continuously operating K-12 school. Mayor Tyree comment, "If you lose your school you lose your town...keeping the school open is something that is very important to our community, and we do everything we can to support it." Money raised from annual events is used to help fund students' 4-H and FFA Club activities. "We all work together to make our town a success," says Mayor Tyree. "We couldn't do this without the support of our community partners like Avista."

Come visit any day, but definitely put the Bonanza Extravaganza on your calendar! To find out more about Bonanza, visit townofbonanza.com.



When's the last time you replaced your furnace filter?

Regularly changing your furnace filter can greatly improve the efficiency and extend the life of your furnace. But it's a task most of us tend to forget.

We have a great solution to help you remember to change your furnace filter, even if you've got this down like clockwork and you just want the convenience of doorstep delivery.

Join our furnace filter program and we'll send you email reminders every three months. If desired, you can also choose to receive money-saving manufacturer's coupons, or even have new filters conveniently delivered to your door.

There are many great reasons to replace the air filter in your furnace, including creating better operation and extending the life of your furnace, as well as the benefits of reduced energy use and cleaner indoor air quality.

Never forget that filter again. Sign up today at myavista.com/changemyfilter.

Know the signs

From the exhaust produced by your family vehicle to the fuel source of your home's heating system, carbon monoxide (CO) can live within your home without you even realizing it.

CO is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas that is produced by the incomplete burning of various fuels, including charcoal, oil, kerosene, propane, diesel fuel, coal, wood and natural gas. Because CO is undetectable, knowing the signs of CO exposure is important. The symptoms are similar to the flu and can include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness

Protect yourself and your family by installing carbon monoxide detectors throughout your home. These devices monitor CO levels alerting you if the gas reaches dangerous levels. In some states, CO detectors are a legal requirement. The detectors are available at most home retail outlets and we recommend buying UL-listed models and following the manufacturer's instructions for installation and operation. At least one

detector should be installed in a hallway near your sleeping area.

Have your heating system and equipment serviced by a qualified technician at regular intervals or by the manufacturer's recommendation, to further reduce the risk of CO being present in your home or business.

Potential sources of CO that shouldn't be used indoors under any circumstances, include portable generators, BBQ's and charcoal grills. Consider servicing your water heater and any gas, oil, wood or coal-burning heaters in your home or business.

If you suspect CO poisoning, get to fresh air immediately. Leave the area and call for assistance from a safe place. Get medical attention immediately and inform medical staff that CO poisoning is suspected. Call 911, then call Avista at (800) 227-9187 and do not reenter the home until we can ensure your safety.

For more information on CO and natural gas safety, visit myavista.com/safety.

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