

ON THE FARM

WILDFIRE SEASON!



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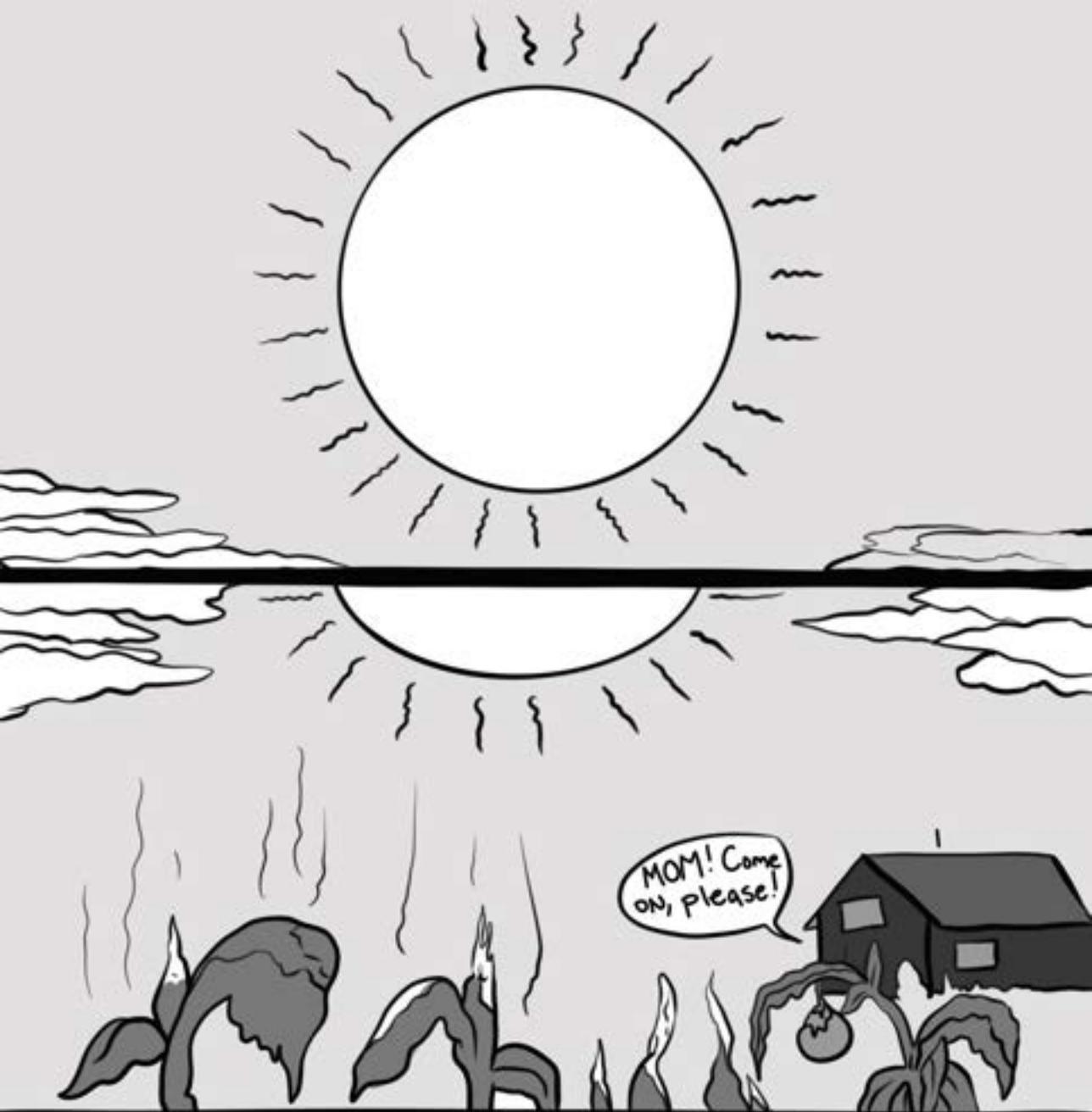
FREE!!

DEDICATED TO ALL

CALIFORNIA

FIREHEROES





MOM! Come on, please!



It's my turn to lay in front of the A/C.

NOT yet, I get it the floor for now.

That's not fair!

Talk to me when you pay bills.



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It's just so hot,
can't we turn it up?



I can barely think,
my blood is boiling!



You know, Kelly-Kare
has her own AC in her
bedroom...



That's probably
why her grades are
so good.



You'll be fine
in a few hours with
the window open.

sheesh!



It's good to
conserve energy, Jax.

so you
say...



it's
+o

BOO

CONSERVE

HEAT ISN'T AS TOUGH WHEN YOU'RE SMART!

SAVING ENERGY THROUGH SIMPLE TRICKS
LIKE COOKING OUTSIDE OR OPENING THE
WINDOW AT NIGHT CAN MAKE A MAJOR CHANGE!
WHETHER IT BE TAKING A BREAK DOWN BY
THE RIVER OR AIR-DRYING LAUNDRY, WE ALL DO
SOME THINGS DIFFERENTLY TO SAVE.
WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU DO TO
HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND SAVE BIG
ON YOUR ENERGY BILLS!

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FIRE KEEPERS CLUE #1
ENERGY EFFICIENT

5:00PM 105°



8:00PM 85°



SOOOODEY!
Sweet relief!
I can finally
think!







SAY hello...



... to your
NEW HOME!



It really ties
the collection
together.



Sure
does!



Maybe we
could listen
to it first?



Yes,
definitely.



IT'S NIGHTS LIKE THESE,
THAT MAKE A HOME

A QUICK HISTORY OF

Wildfire in AMADOR & CALAVERAS COUNTY

ELECTRA 2022

4,478 ACRES

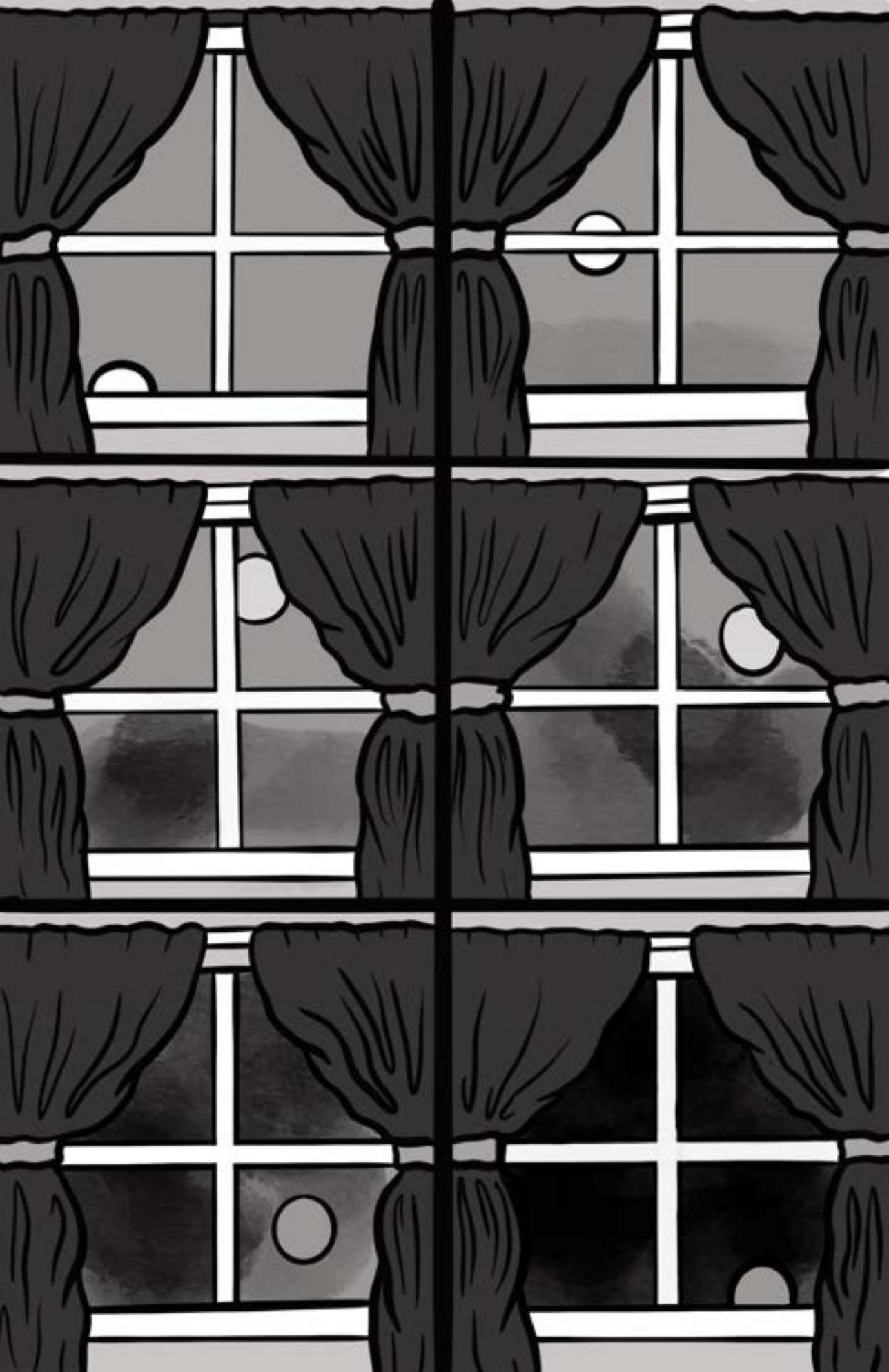
**CALDOR
2021**

221,835 ACRES

BUTTE 2015
70,000 ACRES



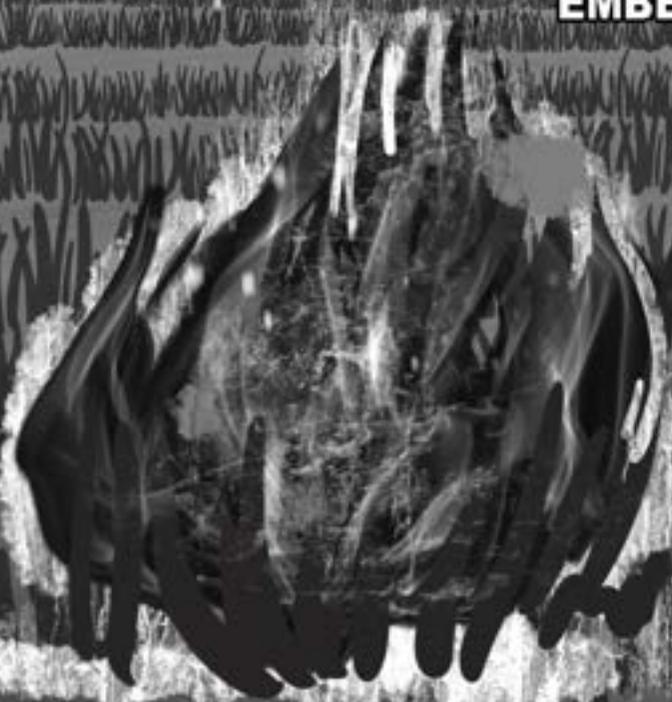
FIRE KEEPERS CLUE #2
BUTTE FIRE



WHAT IS A SPOT FIRE?

A 'spot fire' occurs when an ember or piece of burning debris is carried away by the wind at a distance from the main fire. It is important to look out for these and maintain 'Defensible Space' around your home just in case.

FKC CLUE #3
EMBER





hey...

CAN YOU SEE THAT
PLUME ON THE RIDGE?

YEAH I NOTICED IT
ABOUT 30 MINUTES AGO...



THERE ARE NO CONTROLLED BURNS TODAY, I'M NERVOUS.
I'M GOING TO CHECK THE LOCAL CHAT BOARDS FOR INFORMATION.



HEY MOM? My phone woke me up to fire alerts?



Is there a wildfire close?

🔥 ALERT!
🔥 ALERT!
🔥 ALERT!

NOT JUST ONE...

THERE ARE A FEW ALL OVER TOWN. THE ONE ON THE RIDGE SEEMS PRETTY BIG...



I SEE...

IT LOOKS KIND OF SERIOUS, DON'T YOU THINK, MOM?



WE JUST HAVE TO STAY CALM AND AWARE. THAT'S ALL.



WE ALL HAVE TO HELP OUT, AND WE ALL HAVE TO BE BRAVE. CAN YOU DO THAT FOR ME, JAX?

I'LL BE BACK IN A FEW HOURS, JAX. BUSTER NEEDS MY HELP, AND I NEED YOURS, OK? PACK YOUR "GO" BAG AND KEEP MISS KITTY INSIDE THE HOUSE?

DON'T WORRY MOM, I'M 14, I CAN TAKE CARE OF THINGS. I'M NOT EVEN SLIGHTLY SCARED. TOTALLY CHILL HERE...

YOU'RE A GOOD KID, I LOVE YOU SWEETHEART.

GROSS, MOM. CORNY MUCH?



YEAH, MOM IS STRAIGHT STRESSING. I'M GROWN NOW.



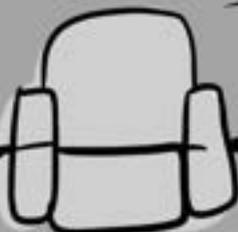
THIS MIND IS A STEEL TRAP. I'M READY FOR ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS.



I'M TOTALLY FINE AND SAFE HERE. SURE, BUSTER IS EVACUATING BUT HE'S 10-MILES AWAY. THE FIRE WON'T GET CLOSE TO US. IT'S BIG, BUT PRETTY FAR STILL...



I GUESS I SHOULD PACK A BAG, JUST IN CASE.



I'LL DO IT AFTER A QUICK NAP. JUST TWENTY MINUTES...



EVACUATION FROM FIRE

Creating a Plan!

The best way to prepare for wildfire is to talk with your family about an action plan. Your plan should include things like where to meet if separated, what to do with your pets or livestock, and a strategy for how you will get ahold of each other. Every family's plan will be different, so make sure you talk with yours about how you can be ready.

Learn more at www.readyforwildfire.org



Fire Keepers Clue #4

ACTION PLAN



JAX, WAKE UP!



MOM? IS THAT YOU?

I'M AFRAID NOT, SUGAR PLUM!



IT'S ME,
MISS JEANIE!

Miss Jeanie

Kelly-Kate's
MOM!

RUNS AN
ANTIQU
SHOP,

LOVES
THE 50's



I GUESS YOU WERE ASLEEP WHEN YOUR MOM TEXTED, BUT YOU'RE HEADED TO GRANDMA'S.



WE SHOULD LEAVE ASAP. THE TRAFFIC IS GONNA BE BAD. YOUR MOM TOLD ME WHERE TO FIND HER EVALUATION BAG.



SHE SAID YOU'D HAVE YOUR THINGS READY AND A BAG FOR MISS KITTY ALL SET. WHERE ARE THEY?

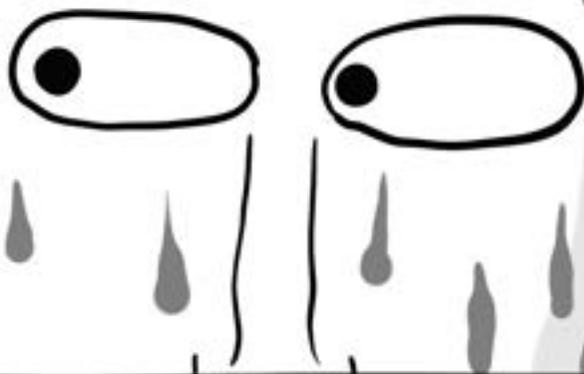


UMMM...

JAX?



I WAS TOTALLY PLANNING ON IT. I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I WANT TO PACK...



I JUST HAVEN'T PUT IT ALL IN ONE PLACE YET.

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS, JAX!



HOW TO
PREPARE
FOR Wildfire

Evacuation

What to PACK



"GO-BAG" CHECK-LIST

- FACE MASK
- A THREE DAY SUPPLY OF FOOD & WATER
- MAP OF EVAC. ROUTES
- MEDICATIONS
- CLOTHING
- EYEGASSES & CONTACTS
- CREDIT CARDS
- FIRST-AID KIT
- RADIO
- SANITATION SUPPLIES
- COPIES OF ^{IMPORTANT} DOCUMENTS
- VALUABLES
- PHOTOS (IRREPLACABLE ITEMS)
- COMPUTERS
- CHARGERS

COME ON, JAX!
YOU GOTTA PICK
UP THE PACE!

I SWEAR I'M
ALMOST READY!
JUST A FEW MORE
THINGS..

TURT

WIFT



WAIT A SECOND, I FORGOT TO GRAB MISS KITTY'S FOOD, AND THE ORIGINAL DOLLY! THAT CAN'T BE REPLACED! KELLY IS GONNA FLIPOUT IF I LEAVE IT BEHIND!

WE HAVE TO GO, THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT! YOUR GRANDMA WILL HAVE FOOD AND IT'S JUST SOME OLD RECORD. LET'S GET YOU IN THE CAR. I HAVE A SANDWICH FOR YOU AND SOME SNACKS. IT'S GONNA BE A LONG DRIVE.

DRIVE SAFE

CAN I PLAY YOU SOME MUSIC, MISS JEANIE? JUST TO PASS THE TIME?

WHATEVER YOU NEED, SUGARPLUM, LET'S HEAR IT!

EVAL
ROUTE

DRIVE
SLOW

WALK
SLOWLY





THE WORST DAY





Alert!
11:06 AM

TORI FIRE 10% CONTAINED.



Alert!
12:06 AM

NEW FIRE ALERT:
3% CONTAINED



Alert! TORI FIRE
12:08 AM 10% CONTAINED



Alert!
12:56 AM

TARKIN FIRE:
85% CONTAINED.

MOM:

Are you taking care of your Nanna? Don't skip lunch. I'll update you when I can.



Alert!
01:05 PM

NEW FIRE ALERT



Alert!
02:15 PM

TORI FIRE: EVACUATION
WARNINGS IN EFFECT.

KELLY:

How is it over there? I'm stuck at my uncles with no service I can't get any updates.

NANNA:

You should come back home the smoke is rolling in and it's not good for the dog.

MOM:

I Think I can swing by and pick you up before tomorrow. It's looking better.



AQI

The Air Quality Index (AQI) is a tool that shows you how healthy or unhealthy the air you breathe is. It can tell you if there are toxins in the air you're breathing that are harmful to your health. The Environmental Protection Agency calculates the AQI for five major air pollutants. These pollutants are ground-level ozone, particle pollution, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide. EPA has set national air quality standards for each of these pollutants to keep us safe.

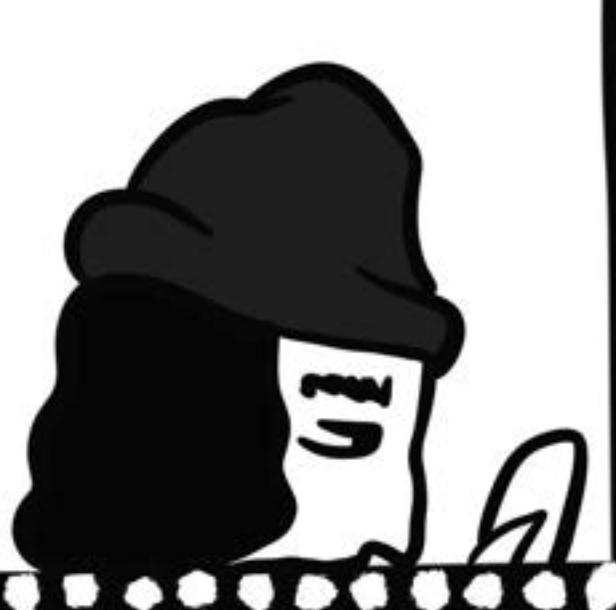
Wildfire smoke is another major contributor to the AQI. When there is a wildfire, the smoke can travel miles away and affect the air quality in nearby areas. Wildfire smoke contains tiny particles that can be inhaled into the lungs, causing irritation and breathing problems. These particles can also make some conditions worse like asthma, heart disease, and lung disease. Therefore, it is important to monitor the AQI during a wildfire and take precautions such as staying indoors or wearing a mask outside.

LEARN MORE AT WWW.WEATHER.GOV

FIRE KEEPERS BLUE #5



PARTICLE
POLLUTION



I REALLY MISSED YOU, JAX.

I MISSED YOU TOO!

WELL ME AND THE CATS MISS YOU BOTH. YOU KNOW IT WOULDN'T KILL YOU TO VISIT MORE.

SERIOUSLY, MOM. NOT NOW.









FIRE KEEPER'S CLUB



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I BET YOU ARE
READY FOR BED!

AM I EVER!

THANKS FOR BRINGING ME
OUT TO HELP, THOUGH. I FEEL
LIKE I MADE A DIFFERENCE
TONIGHT.

YEP, IT FEELS GOOD
TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE.
YOU GOTTA CARE FOR THE
THINGS YOU LOVE.



HERE WE ARE, HOME SWEET HOME.
RIGHT WHERE WE LEFT IT.

WOW, EVERYTHING LOOKS
COVERED IN ASH. IT LOOKS
LIKE SNOW.

NOTHING A LITTLE RAIN
CAN'T FIX. NOW, LET'S GET
INSIDE ALREADY...



ON THE



FARM

WINTER TIME



Follow Jax and friends as they deal with some of California's wildest winter storms!

Send us your stories about your experience in the snow!

Have you been snowed in? Did you lose power for weeks? Tell us your story so we can publish your courageous tales!

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WYATT Tales

Real stories from Locals like you!

"It was August of 2021 and the Caldor fire was raging across El Dorado county in Northern California. As the fire raced towards South Lake Tahoe, where I live, the town was a mix between melancholy and panic. The air had been thick with smoke all summer long. My BF & I had decided to escape the smoke for a day and drove down to San Francisco to breathe fresh air. As we were driving home, whoever is in charge of this kind of stuff, changed the fire status to "evacuation warning" meaning we could be evacuated at anytime. Upon arriving home from SF at 2am, I frantically began packing up all of my prized possessions while my BF went to sleep. After going to bed around 4:30, I woke up at 7am to beg my BF not to go to work. That we would be evacuated at anytime and I didn't want us to be separated. He was more worried about losing a day's pay so into work he went & off they sent him on a service call to an area with no cell reception. Approximately an hour and a half later, the evacuation "warning" was changed to "mandatory", as the fire was now burning within a mile and a half of the town. I was panic loading everything into our big truck while sobbing, trying to get a hold of my BF to let him know we had to leave. His phone was going straight to voicemail. I called the shop for his work, who then called the client's landline to let Wyatt know he needed to return to town to evacuate. Still sobbing and loading up our items, I worried the fire was coming too quickly. I loaded our stuff, my house plants, and our dog, jumped into the truck & joined the line of fellow evacuees trying to take the single remaining exit out of town. After an hour in traffic, we finally made it to the open highway where I called a friend who lived "down the hill" in Carson City. I asked if I could wait at her house until I heard from Wyatt & we were able to reunite. Still shaking with adrenaline upon arriving at my friends, I finally got a hold of Wyatt. He was stuck in evacuation traffic trying to leave town. Traffic was at a dead standstill and he had been in the same place for almost an hour now. He decided to go the back road through town to get to our house to double check we had everything we needed & then re-joined evacuation traffic. SIX HOURS after beginning his evacuation, Wyatt & I were finally reunited in Carson City where we planned our next moves. His former stepfather lived relatively close and so graciously offered an open room for us to stay in. We ended up spending our evacuation week close to home in South Reno, worrying about whether not the whole town had burned up. Thanks to our insurance we didn't need to worry about finances as they made sure we were taken care of while displaced. I'm sure there are more terrifying evacuation stories out there but this was ours & I hope not to experience it again anytime soon!"

-Haley Graf, South Lake Tahoe

Country Tales

Real stories from Locals like you!

"It was the Fourth of July and I was just starting my evening shift at the restaurant when a coworker mentioned a fire had once again broke out in the Mokelumne Canyon. I instantly ran to check my phone and sure enough, my family and friends were trying to get ahold of me to warn me that a wildfire was surging near Butte Mountain where I board my horse. I told my boss and they allowed me to go. I raced towards the plume that bloomed in the sky, antsy to change into my cowgirl getup and clear the horses off the ranch. I called my dad, who has a pickup truck, and asked him to meet me on our way. He dropped everything and together we got past the road blockades. Fellow boarders were already present and loading horses into trailers. I leapt into action and raced down to my pasture to capture the horses in it. My horse, not having been transported in over two years, quite literally jumped into the trailer, ready to go. Once he was accounted for, I began taking stock of what was left to evacuate. Just then, a convoy of trucks and trailers began pulling up the driveway to the ranch. It was a group of ETA volunteers, the Evacuation Teams of Amador, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to emergency response evacuations of livestock. I found myself at the head of leadership, because the ranch owner was in England at the time and our facility's trainer was in Mexico. I had no other choice but to step up and direct the operation. I instructed my father to load all of the valuable tack from the sheds into his truck for safekeeping. Then I hopped in a stranger's truck, devoid of introductory formalities, and directed this convoy of four trailers to the opposite side of the property to rescue the retired and elderly horses. As the plume of brown smoke unfurled above us, we captured and loaded horses that hadn't been handled, let alone transported, in years. With their experience and assistance, we got them off the ranch in a timely manner. In the meantime, my father had taken the incentive to hookup the last remaining trailer and haul it out. I met him on the road and we rode together to Laughton's Ranch, where we stowed away all of the tack he'd collected in a safe location. It was a relief, but I also felt uneasy about the future of the ranch. But by the grace of hardworking firefighters and pilots, the ranch remained untouched by the scorching flames nearby. I was astounded that we didn't lose a single building or life to the fire. I'm especially grateful to our community members that stepped up to the plate during a time of crisis and did what was necessary to prevent the losses of our precious animals."

-Joscelyn Courtney, Pine Grove

Mountain Tales

Real stories from locals like you!

"We live in Mokelumne hill almost almost had to evacuate due to the Electra fire that started July 4th 2022. Luckily, we were in the clear because the fire was heading away from us, but we wanted to help out some how for those that did have to evacuate, so my daughter and I volunteered with ETA (evacuation teams of Amador) because we both love animals. People who had to evacuate were able to bring their animals to the Laughton ranch where they were looked after by volunteers. We walked and played with dogs, cleaned out the cages the chickens were in, fed, and watered them.. we were happy to be able to help out our community in some way.

Lindsey and Lily, Mokelumne Hill. "

"Colin looked out the window on July 4th cookout and said, "I hope that's not what I think it is!" gazing westward at a mushroom cloud of smoke. We kept a diligent eye on the smoke until we could see the red glow of flames emanating from underneath the clouds of smoke.

The planes to fight the fire soon arrived, along with the news helicopters. we turned on the news. That's when we knew it was go time! The same planes flying past our windows, we would see seconds later on the tv news coverage. We packed up a dog, 3 rats, along with a bare minimum of personal supplies. And along with most our neighbors got out of town to Lodi and stayed at a motel 6, until one of my friends who has a vacation house in downtown Sutter Creek, told us to pack up and go to her house in Sutter Creek.

What a relief that was".- Mags Baker, Pine Grove

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LOCAL HERO



"My local hero is Meghan O'Keefe - executive director. Meghan lets me work in the arts, and lets me be creative. She lets me help, and be part of the team. Meghan supports me for all my dreams, and encourages me what I can do."

Madison Shearen
Jackson, CA



"I LOST MY HOME IN AMADOR CITY AND THE TOWN LOOKED OUT FOR ME. AFTER THE APARTMENT BURNED DOWN, GINGER BUDRICK MADE SURE I WAS FED. I'M DEAF AND WAS THE FIRST DEAF COUNCILMAN IN AMADOR CITY HISTORY. I LIVED THERE FOR NINE YEARS BEFORE MY BUILDING BURNED DOWN. THE OTHER COOL THING IS BREAK EVEN BREWING IN A.C. HAD A FUNDRAISER FOR ME AS WELL"
- ERIC MARKS, AMADOR CITY, CA

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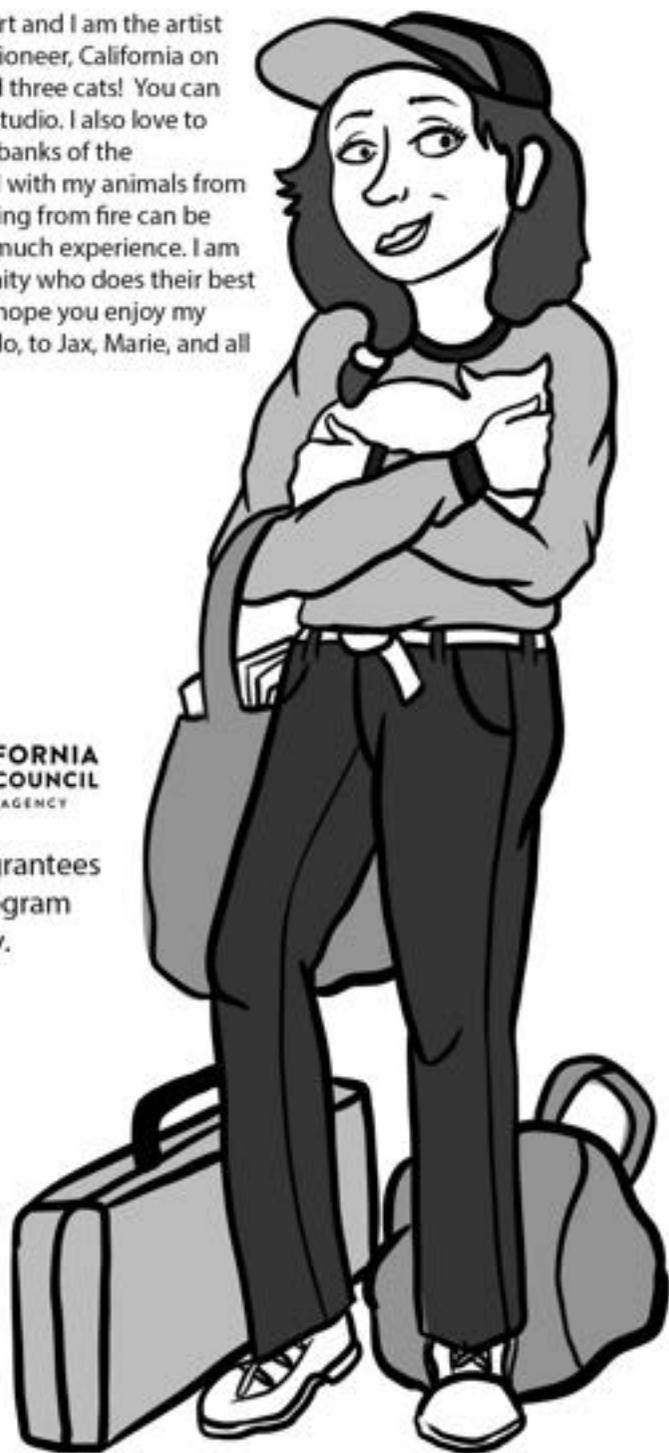
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Howdy there! My name is Liz Grandsaert and I am the artist behind, 'On the Farm' Comics! I live in Pioneer, California on my two acre farm with six chickens and three cats! You can always find me in my garden or in my studio. I also love to spend my afternoons on the beautiful banks of the Mokelumne River. In 2021, I evacuated with my animals from the Caldor Fire for one month. Evacuating from fire can be scary, especially when you don't have much experience. I am grateful to live in a wonderful community who does their best to keep everyone informed and safe! I hope you enjoy my comics and hope you can relate, like I do, to Jax, Marie, and all the other characters in 'On the Farm'!



Elizabeth is one of 20 selected grantees of the KDA Creative Corps Program serving the Central Valley.



Visit KDAcreativecorps.org for more information.

FILL OUT THE FIRE KEEPERS CLUE QUIZ!

Did you find all five clues to hidden throughout the comic? If not, look again! There is all kinds of useful information in the story to help you prepare for fire season and help others be safe!

Once you have all the answers, send this page to our PO Box or send a photo to Onthefarmcomics@gmail.com.

The first 500 submissions will receive a free pack of vinyl stickers in the mail, postage included! We can't wait to see what you've learned, so submit today!

ON THE FARM SUMMER EDITION CLUE QUIZ:

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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