



Can cloud seeding control the weather?



Jesse Juchtzer, right, and Frank McDonough, left, tend to one of Desert Research Institute's cloud-seeding machines up on Alpine Meadows Ski Area in California on Feb. 27, 2018. PHOTOS BY JASON BEAN/RENO GAZETTE JOURNAL FILE

Extreme events, such as TX flooding, often stir up long-running conspiracies

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PHOENIX – In early July, a storm dumped as much as 20 inches of rain in parts of central Texas, the equivalent of months' worth of rain. It swelled the Guadalupe River with such devastating force that at least 130 people died in the flooding, including dozens of children.

Amid the grief and confusion, blame emerged in an unexpected place. A small cloud-seeding flight conducted by a startup named Rainmaker two days prior became the target of unfounded accusations. Elected officials and online influencers questioned whether the operation triggered or worsened the deluge.

The flight, more than 100 miles away and lasting about 20 minutes, released 70 grams of silver iodide into a set of clouds and prompted a drizzle that produced less than half a centimeter of rain on farmlands struggling with drought. Scientists said the distance made it scientifically impossible for the small seeding event to have played a role in the flooding. Even if it

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A vial of silver iodide is seen at the DRI cloud-seeding generator at Alpine Meadows Ski Resort on Feb. 25, 2021.

“It’s important to understand that cloud seeding is dependent on the existence of clouds. Weather modification cannot create clouds. It cannot create storms.”

Eric Betterton Professor emeritus in atmospheric sciences at the University of Arizona

Galesburg airport gets new name

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The Galesburg Regional Airport will be renamed in honor of Harrel W. Timmons. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Sept. 5 during the Annual National Stearman Fly-in, according to a community announcement.

Timmons founded Jet Air Inc., the airport’s fixed-base operator, in 1969 and served as its president until his retirement in 2023. Under his leadership, the airport has grown to serve a diverse group of recreational pilots, corporations and businesses. Timmons played a key role in the airport’s recent upgrade by the Federal Aviation Administration to a regional airport, which allows for increased services and funding.

Timmons has a distinguished record as a pilot, holding an airline transport pilot certificate with over 20,000 flying hours. He is a certified aircraft mechanic, an FAA-designated pilot examiner and an accomplished flight and ground instructor. Through his mentorship, he has helped many employees advance their careers as pilots

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Harrel W. Timmons, longtime aviation leader and founder of Jet Air Inc., will be honored Sept. 5 as the Galesburg Regional Airport is renamed in his name. PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF GALESBURG

ON THE MARKET

Home from 1890 listed at \$184,900

Kathi Edwards
Special to the Galesburg Register-Mail

Address: 1104 Broad St., Galesburg
Property description: This architectural gem built in 1890 has four bedrooms and 2.5-bathrooms, with 2,536 square feet of living space. It has a solid wood staircase and Victorian hardware. It has a newer roof, hardwood floors and an eat-in kitchen with a formal dining room. The living room features a leaded beveled glass window, a fireplace and



high ceilings. Laundry and sun rooms are on the second floor. This street in the historic Brown and Babcock neighborhood is lined with trees and there is an apple tree in the back yard. There is a detached, 2.5-car garage and a full, unfinished basement.

Asking price: \$184,900
Listing agent: Johan Henrikson, Mel Foster Co., 309-355-5232

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This home in Galesburg is on the market for \$184,900. PROVIDED BY JOHAN HENRIKSON



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