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Business and Economic Development News

- Obviously, the big economic news is the US Senate passing the bill last week Thursday to exempt federal taxes from Wildfire Settlements. This could mean 20% to 30% less in taxes on these settlements, which will hopefully spur more people to rebuild in our burn scar areas, particularly Indian Valley and Greenville. Many thanks to Supervisor Goss for his trips to Washington to plead our case.
- Last Friday was Quincy's Annual Christmas Event -- Sparkle, that brought hundreds if not thousands of people to the area. I myself, heard someone in the Post Office telling someone that a friend was coming all the way up from LA to participate, and I also heard of people coming from the Bay area to attend. It was great to see people knee deep lining the streets, stores open, and vendors on the sidewalks to cater to our visitors.
- Friday was also the Opening of The Quincy Hub, and it was extremely successful, with hundreds of people visiting from 5pm to 9pm. Actually, we had to lock the door to prevent people from coming in, as we were finishing last-minute touches. It was a great time to showcase the four parts of The Quincy Hub, the Quincy Chamber, Indian Valley Innovation HUB, Plumas Visitors Center, and the big news of the night – the Made in Plumas County Store. It was beautifully decorated and arranged, thanks to Lara Wheeler and Emily Webb, we received an extraordinary number of compliments on how beautiful the building looked. Many were surprised and grateful to see the four areas of focus on display.
- The best news is that we sold over \$2,100 of locally made products in the four hours we were open. We had a total of 21 crafters and their products on display, including 7 from Indian Valley, which I felt was very good.
- Between the Quincy Chamber and the Innovation HUB, we are finalizing staffing hours this week for a 7-day per week operation, that will have consistent hours.
- Lastly, after the Christmas season, we will be expanding the Plumas Visitors Center once the Christmas Tree and settings are removed. We have purchased an additional TV to include more closed-loop videos to showcase more areas

of Plumas County. We also purchased a display rack to hold more brochures. After countless long hours, Lara Wheeler and our IT Manager, Jake Williams are getting some well-deserved rest.

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