

AGGIE ANNEX

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SUPERIOR REGION NEWS

BY MATT REED

Welcome back campers! We have some amazing changes happening up here in the North State. The Superior Region is excited to welcome our new teachers Emma Wilkinson, Durham HS; Jarred Myers, Maxwell HS; Amador Martinez, Princeton HS; Keri Luiz-Daniels, Modoc HS; Haylee Fonseca, East Nicolaus UHS; James Sutton, Central Valley HS; Elva Castillo, River Valley HS; Jennifer Tarke, River Valley HS; Jennie Mullen, Trinity HS; Cassie Strand, Westwood HS; Scott Batchelder, Hamilton HS; Thomas Toy, Lincoln HS; Derek Barnes, Foothill HS; Marleigh Hollmer, West Valley HS; Andy Barnhydt, Nevada Union; Lindsey Swickard, Chico HS; Joanna Gomes, Yuba City HS and a few other newbies. We can't wait to see what successes they accomplish.

The North Valley FFA Section elected six members to represent the fifteen schools from Butte, Colusa, and Glenn Counties. These officers represent chapters from Biggs, Chico, Orland, Princeton, and Willows. The 2018 Glenn County Fair theme is "What's All The Buzz About?" celebrating the recent status of Orland being recognized as a "Bee City," one of only forty in the United States. You can

hear more at <http://www.actionnewsnow.com/story/35127472/orland-now-a-bee-city>. Orland High School has been utilizing the CTEIG Grant by purchasing classroom computer carts, welding equipment, exhibitor equipment, a stock trailer and popper, a John Deere Gator, and a greenhouse, as well as a subscription for all students to iCEV curriculum.

The Pierce High Ag Department is happy to be hosting two student teachers this year. One from Chico State, Ms. Kaile McCarther, and one from UC Davis, Mr. Augustine Eke. Don't forget the 20th Annual Arbuckle FFA Field Day will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Hope to see you there!

The Gridley FFA program will be hosting its first invitational field day on April 14th. Contests tentatively scheduled include: Farm Records (AET), Farm Power, Floral, Fruit Tree, Livestock, Ag Sales, Veggies, and Veterinary Science. They are excited to host the various schools who may be attending. Gridley also started a new pathway this year, Animal Science, to add to the already two established pathways Plant Science and Ag Mechanics.

CENTRAL REGION NEWS

BY COLLEEN LAWSON

Football, rallies, and school spirit...school is back in session! The teachers of the Central Region are pumped to be back at it and ready to rock this speaking and judging season. From relocations and retirements to weddings and new babies, there's been some exciting changes across the region.

The Thundering Herd at Elk Grove HS is happy to announce an addition to their teaching staff, Sierra Meyers. Grace Davis HS welcomed Thom Brumley to a full-time ag position and Jennifer Delnero to two sections. Jennifer is also teaching three sections at Gregori HS.

Pittman HS welcomed two new hires this summer - Adie Amador and Nikki Schiber. Florin HS is pleased to have Raven Castro join their staff. Last but not least, Pioneer HS hired Sean Main.

We are also thrilled to announce that Christine Henderson is the new Director of the Central Region Agriculture Education Career Pathways (CRAECP) Grant! Dustin Sperling is the new Grant Program Director for Career and Technical Programs at Cosumnes River College.

Congratulations goes out to Derek Silva of Galt HS who tied the knot with his sweetheart at the end of September.

From across the Central Region we wish all of you the best year yet. Break outside the box, capture memories, and continue the legacy that is California FFA. Best of luck to all of the members who will be representing the California Association in competitions at this year's National FFA Convention!