

AGGIE ANNEX

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SUPERIOR REGION NEWS

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“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower” - Albert Camus states! Which seems to be true! Some exciting things are happening for the Superior Region this fall. We are excited to officially have Hugh Mooney as our Superior Region Supervisor. We are looking forward to some fabulous things happening for our region with his leadership.

This summer the Superior Region officers and new teachers were able to collaborate at our President Heather Thomas's house for a year of planning. We were able to meet and welcome all of the new teachers to the Superior Region.

The Superior Region will be hosting the CATA Roadshow for the North Coast and themselves in November in Lincoln. In addition to this, the Superior Region will also host their “Power of 3” at Lake Almanor in November. This is where seasoned teachers get together to get a refresh and have the ability to connect with each other on different levels. We are looking forward to a fabulous year!

Accomplishments:

National Finalist Teams:

- Susanville-Floral
- Tulelake-Agronomy

- Trinity-Forestry
- Los Molinos-Vegetable Crop Judging

Family First:

- Jamie Lynn welcomed a beautiful baby boy on October 11th.
- Jake Wheeler and his wife are expecting a baby boy in February.
- Kate Wilson and her husband are expecting a baby girl in February.
- Jessica Evans just got married on October 12th.

Cool Chapter Events:

Del Oro FFA is hosting a Harvest Festival & Trunk or Treat themed “Safe Streets, Safe Treats” on Halloween at the Del Oro High School Farm! This community service project full of fun activities for kids is their way of giving back for all the support they give them. They will have their fellow campus clubs host the trunk or treat alongside their petting zoo (how to approach animals safely), pink pumpkin painting (Breast Cancer Awareness), a “train” built by the welding shop (safety around railroad crossings), an inflatable slide and more!

NORTH COAST REGION NEWS

Alameda / Solano Section

- Dixon has a new school farm in the works and enjoying all the benefits of the CTEIG grant.
- Half Moon Bay is streamlining the agriscience pathway and starting a new horticulture pathway. Diane Centoni was hired to manage FFA grants to help fund new projects and expand the chapter.
- Napa has broken ground on their new school farm, which is expected to be complete summer of 2020. Their enrollment is at an all time

high.

- Vacaville received K12 Workforce Grant to improve/build a floral pathway and horticulture pathway. The school farm is being expanded to include a greenhouse, shade house and a large planter bed area. Welcome student teacher Ashley Lotoszynski.

Humboldt / Del Norte

- Arcata is 132 members strong!
- College of the Redwoods added new certificate programs in Organic/Sustainable Agricul-

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ture and Horticulture/Landscaping Practices.

- Del Norte is enjoying their new farm, classroom, and greenhouse facilities.
- Eureka has started their new ag building, which should be completed in April, weather permitting. The Fisheries and Aquaculture Science class was approved for UC-Lab Science D. Only one in the state! Kyle Shamp's son Everett was born in October.
- Ferndale hired Kelly O'Day as their new shop teacher. They're excited to attend National Convention to support Genevieve Regli, and Theresa Noga as she receives her Honorary American Degree!
- Fortuna welcomes Brittnee Cote from Chico State, their first ever student teacher.
- McKinleyville had a great summer at Redwood Acres and Humboldt County Fair.

Mendocino / Lake Section

- Anderson Valley has a new pickup truck and a new livestock trailer. They are building up their rabbit barn and SAE's.
- Covelo's chapter is expanding and they are looking for a new shop teacher.
- Fort Bragg started the school year with 60 freshmen. Their mice are doing well and they are developing unique community relationships.
- Kelseyville is in their new ag mechanics shop, it's fantastic! Their new equipment building is under way and will be finished soon.
- Lower Lake has a new ag van, Kubota tractor and gator. The new barn is waiting to be built on their new property. Everything is starting to get back on track after moving the location of their ag program.
- Middletown lost their shop teacher two weeks prior to the start of school, so they're looking for anyone in welding/woods. Administration has opened fire science strand to keep teaching position open, and hopefully as an additional teacher in CTE.
- Potter Valley students have been busy planting in the improved greenhouse. Ukiah welcomes new ag teacher Kaitlyn McDonough!

- Upper Lake has met with architects to begin designing their \$4 million CTE facility. Baby Decker will be arriving around the time of State Conference — great planning Chris.
- Willits has two new barns under construction, one is a swine facility and the other is an outdoor classroom/show facility.

Sonoma Section

- Elsie Allen welcomes new teacher Cara Parlato! They are utilizing their school farm this fall by raising nine pigs, starting a rabbit breeding project, and hatching chickens in class. This is a first for their students.
- Forestville has a new teacher and is trying to get the ball rolling again.
- Healdsburg is excited to have Riley Nilsen join the staff.
- Petaluma is off to a great year with a new van (thanks Sandy), new principal, and vice principal, and new glasses for Arntz.
- Santa Rosa is excited to welcome their new teacher Asia Solano. They're getting their farm back on track, starting a breeding rabbit project, and they will be adding more team and SAE's to their program.
- St. Helena has a student teacher from Chico State joining them this year. They will be hosting another vine pruning contest this year.
- Sebastopol has been busy prepping their barn for their first haunted barn and homecoming tailgate event for the high school.
- Sonoma just harvested the third year of wine grapes in partnership with Schug Winery. New administration and changes throughout the district.
- Tomales is settling in with all the changes that came with two new enthusiastic teachers! The students are excited to have more opportunities, and to focus on the growth and development of their chapter.