“Autumn is my favorite season of all. It’s a transitional period that allows the earth to rest before it sees the harshness of winter and hears the promise of Spring” ~ Kamand Kojouri. Yes Central Region, the leaves are falling and Autumn is calling! After the hustle and bustle of our spring competitive season and the chaotic joy that is fair time in the summer for most of us, fall soon arrives and offers the time for reflection, transition, and preparation for the year to come. For many in our region, we find ourselves regrouping and applying our best practices to our classroom environments, meanwhile celebrating the highs and lows that life always seems to bring in her time. Below are some happenings from throughout our region that our Ag family members would like to share:

Happily Ever Afters and Pitter-Patters:
- Corey Mesa of Golden Valley is engaged to Kim Macintosh from Atwater - Congratulations!
- Lauren Elliot from Liberty Ranch is tying the knot in February - Congrats!
- Stacy Hardesty (Stroing) from Union Mine HS got married on June 30th to Tom Hardesty - Congratulations!
- Garret Rowley and his wife Regan are expecting their first baby (girl) this January - Best wishes to your bundle of joy!
- Colleen Lawson and her husband Jeff were excited to welcome their second daughter, little miss Georgia Louise Lawson on October 5th.

Movers and Shakers:
- Liberty Ranch is happy to welcome Lauren Elliott to their department.
- Golden Valley is pleased to announce they hired Jonathan Olson and are hosting a student teacher Brittany Machado
- Jessica Jordan moved from Central Catholic to Johansen High School in Modesto.
- Sheldon FFA is excited to announce their new hire Chelsey Schnider from UC Davis.
- Elk Grove is fired up to have Wesley Messer joining their Thundering Herd this year.

As we enter the fall season with holidays just around the corner, the Central Region wishes all of our colleagues and Ag family calm and focus. Take the time now to plan and collaborate with your partners, set goals just outside your comfort zone but within reach, and brace yourself for the promise of Spring. She will be here in no time with a second chance to bring our most coveted goals to fruition.

SUPERIOR REGION NEWS

As the new school year started, the Superior Region CATA Executive Committee got together to host and welcome all new teachers to our family. Not all teachers are new to teaching, but many are new faces to the Superior Region. As usual, there are multiple student teachers placed in our region from Chico State, but we also are welcoming student teachers from Fresno State and Oklahoma State this year. It is exciting to have new members in our Superior Region Family.

Many fires have hit our region and we still have multiple fires burning in the north state. Thankfully, thus far, no schools or teachers have been directly affected by the fires and we all hope that it stays that way. Many schools in our region have put together donations for the fire victims, mostly for the Carr fire, but have also shipped donations across the state.

The Superior Region CATA is looking forward to a successful year, both personally and professionally. Our joint Fall Roadshow and Meeting with the North Coast CATA was very successful last year, and we look forward to seeing the whole Superior and North Coast CATA Family in November in Eureka.