

# March NEWSLETTER

## Lincoln FFA



## Arbuckle Field Day

### February 4th

Lincoln FFA attended the annual Arbuckle Field Day this year with our Vet Science team, as well as our 2 Creed speakers! Both teams did a fantastic job competing against some great competitors, and gained some great experience for their upcoming contests! Congratulations to our Vet Science team, and Creed speakers!



**Vet Science Team Members;** Annelise Cederholm, Carrie Marino, Kyra Story, & Madison Street - Coached by Mrs. Killingsworth

**Creed Speakers;** Dylan Knell & Kody Lowe - Coached by Mr. Willhite



## Merced Parli Pro Invitational

### February 4th

Our Parli Pro team dusted the rust off this weekend at Merced! Although they did not move onto the final round, it was a great experience for the team to know what to expect this year in the advanced division! They are ready and excited for their upcoming contests!

**Advanced Parli Pro Team;** Della Lefty, Dotty Lefty, Braden Miner, Lilyana Petersen, Summer Picca, & Megan Sampson - Coached by Mr. Willhite



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## CSU Chico FFA Field Day

### February 11th

Our AET/Farm Records Team, and Best Informed Greenhand team had a great time and experience at the Chico State Field day this year! It was a great first contest for our BIG team, and a great learning experience for the AET team, as the contest was much different than their previous one! While the teams were competing, Mr. Willhite, Mr. Hess, and Mr. Toy attended the Superior Region CATA meeting at Chico High School to get updates on the FFA and AGED field from regional and state leadership!



**AET/Farm Records Team;** Dotty Lefty, Braden Miner, Lilyana Petersen, Megan Sampson - Coached by Mr. Willhite

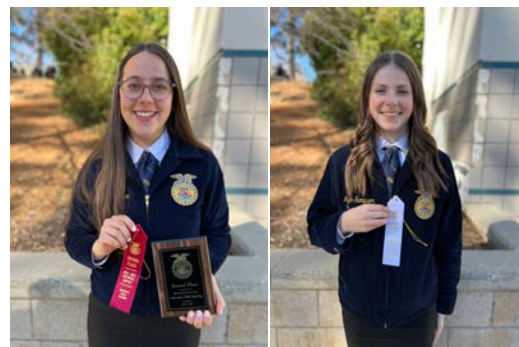
**Best Informed Greenhand (BIG) Team;** Audrey Baser, Hailey Feckner, Taylour Friend, & Lilian Grandin - Coached by Mr. Deaton



## Sectional Speaking Finals

### February 13th

Our speaking teams have practice contests to help them hone their skills, but the Sectional Speaking contest is the first qualifying contest they must compete in to move on to the Regional Level. Lincoln FFA had 4 Impromptu Speakers, and 1 Creed Speaker compete at the sectional contest. Congratulations to Lilyana Petersen for placing 2nd and Megan Sampson for placing 3rd in the section for the Impromptu speaking contest! Lily and Megan will move on to compete at the Regional level at Chico CORE Butte on March 10th!



**Creed Speaker;** Kody Lowe - Coached by Mr. Willhite

**Impromptu Speakers;** Dotty Lefty, Aiden Maul, Lilyana Petersen, & Megan Sampson - Coached by Mr. Willhite





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### Idaho FFA Members to Visit LHS Farm

#### February 14th

We had an awesome time welcoming more than 30 Idaho FFA members and their advisor to the Lincoln High School Farm on their way to the Tulare World Ag Expo! We had a great time hearing about their chapter operations, and sharing some of the things that our chapter does as well. We gave them a tour of our farm facilities, as well as a walking tour of the wetlands! We sent them off with some of Mr. Hess's Carnitas and we are hoping they come back and visit us again in the future! Thank you to Mr. VanLeuven from the Mackay FFA chapter and Mr. Willhite for making this happen! Also a big thank you to our Lincoln FFA members who helped show the Idaho FFA members around; Marley Everts, Logan Lomas, Braden Miner, & Jessica Stasinowsky!





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### National FFA Week

February 20th - 26th

This year's FFA week was a major success! Our officer team and advisor put together a lot of awesome activities for both students and LHS staff to celebrate the National FFA Organization. We were excited to host a staff breakfast, a dinner at our FFA meeting, and a lunch for all FFA members and staff! We were bummed out to cancel the Tractor Pull due to weather, but we were also super happy that we raised nearly \$300 in our Kiss the Goat and Pie an Officer in the Face activities!



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## Next Gen: Animal Systems Conference

**February 28th - March 3rd**

Hello everyone! Mr. Willhite here, writing this update as I sit in the lobby of the Denver DoubleTree Hotel at the Next Gen: Animal Systems Conference! Braden Miner has been busy with career development sessions focused on providing conference attendees with insights into developing careers in the Animal Industry. During the conference, both Braden and I have been able to go on several industry tours to; Running Creek Ranch (Draft horses and Limousin Cattle), The National Cattlemen's Beef Association Headquarters, Colorado State University SPUR Campus, Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, and the Denver Zoo! This has been a fantastic conference for all the FFA members and Advisors, and I encourage any member of our chapter to try and attend future Next Gen Conferences! The next Next Gen is focused on Welding and Power Technologies and will be at the end of June in Raleigh, North Carolina. Next year there will also be conferences focused on Agriculture Communications, Natural Resources, and Plant Systems!



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## Gridley FFA Field Day

### March 4th

On Saturday March 4th, our FFA advisors will be taking more than 20 of our members to the Gridley FFA Field day to compete in various contests, including; Impromptu speaking, Parli Pro, Vet Science, and BIG! Good luck to all of our members and their teams!

## Superior Region Speaking Finals

### March 10th

Next week, our Regional Speaking finalists will be heading to Chico CORE Butte for the Superior Region FFA Finals. If they place in the top 4 in their contest, they will move onto the State Finals Competition in April at Fresno State University! Good Luck to our finalists!

**Impromptu Speakers;** Lilyana Petersen & Megan Sampson - Coached by Mr. Willhite

**Advanced Parli Pro Team;;** Della Lefty, Dotty Lefty, Braden Miner, Lilyana Petersen, Summer Picca, & Megan Sampson - Coached by Mr. Willhite

## California FFA State Leadership Conference

### March 15th - March 20th

In a few weeks, Lincoln FFA will make the annual trip to the CA FFA State Leadership Conference (SLC)! This year the conference is located in Ontario, CA. Mr. Willhite wanted to make the long journey more fun and meaningful for the students attending, and added a couple stops! Before the conference, the group will stop and stay the night in San Luis Obispo, and after the conference, the group will stop and stay the night in Solvang! We look forward to hearing stories of the trip from the group when they return from this awesome experience!

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## Modesto Junior College Field Day

### March 25th

Later this month, our AET/Farm Records team and our Best Informed Greenhand team will travel to MJC for their annual FFA field day. We wish these teams the best of luck at this competition as they prepare for their State Finals competition in May!

## Superior Region FFA Meeting

### March 30th

At the end of this month before we go on spring break, Mr. Willhite will be taking students on one more trip! The Superior Region FFA meeting is where the new Regional Officer team will be elected, as well as where we will honor and recognize those members who have earned their State FFA degree. This year we have 1 member who is running for Regional Office; Braden Miner. And we have 5 members who have submitted their applications for their State FFA Degree; Indigo Enriquez, Della Lefty, Logan Lomas, Braden Miner, & Kyra Story. Good luck to you all!

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## Upcoming Activities

**February 28th - March 3rd; Next Gen Animal Systems Conference**

**March 4th; Gridley Field Day**

**March 10th; Superior Region Speaking Finals**

**March 11th; Merced College Field Day**

**March 11th; Superior Region Officer Interviews**

**March 16th - March 19th; CA FFA State Leadership Conference**

**March 18th; Tahoe Cattlemen's Association Dinner**

**March 25th; Modesto Junior College Field Day**

**March 30th; Superior Region FFA Meeting**

**April 4th; Sectional Officer Interviews**

**April 11th; Chapter Officer Applications Open**

**April 12th; LHS Farm Open House**

**April 14th; Chapter Officer Applications Due**

**April 19th; Chapter Officer Candidate Interviews**

**April 20th - 21st; State Speaking Finals**

**April 22nd; Fresno State FFA Finals**

**April 23rd; Placer County Fair Weigh-In**

**May 3rd; Sierra-Buttes Sectional FFA Meeting At Lincoln High School Farm**

**May 6th; Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo FFA State Finals**

**May 10th; National Convention Interest Meeting**

**May 24th; Lincoln FFA Chapter Awards Ceremony**

**June 2nd; Lincoln FFA 2nd Annual Commitment to Corduroy Benefit Dinner**