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Weeklong student internship available at Circle J-Norris Ranch



Circle J-Norris Ranch is seeking applications from high school students who want to serve as research technicians in June. Up to 20 students may be selected to help establish research plots for the program's Long-Term Oak Forest Inventory – an ongoing project that serves both Tulare County students and researchers within the University of California system.

Under the supervision of Lead Teacher Amanda Driver, students will work five hours each day for four days, using GPS coordinates to locate, mark, verify, and label study plots on the ranch. The internship is June 3-6 and pays \$250 per student.

High school students interested in applying for a research technician internship are encouraged to email a letter of interest to Amanda Driver at circlej@tcoe.org. The deadline to apply is May 12.

The Circle J-Norris Ranch is the field study site of the SCICON program and home to the UC Merced/SCICON Field Station.

Photo above:

~ Summer internships are available for students to work on Circle J's Long-Term Oak Forest Inventory.

Tulare-Kings College & Career Expo is largest ever



A record-breaking 751 students attended this year's Tulare-Kings College & Career EXPO, held this past Friday at the College of Sequoias' Visalia and Tulare campuses. Students attending represented 25 Kings and Tulare county high schools.

The EXPO finished in the afternoon with awards for students participating in 24 career technical and academic competitions. The competitions ranged from architectural design and fashion design to baking/decorating and video game design. Competition results will be available for viewing at tcoe.org/TKCCCEXpo on Monday, April 22.

EXPO is a collaboration between COS Career Technical Education Programs, Tulare County Office of Education's College and Career Readiness, Kings County Office of Education, and high school districts in Visalia and Tulare.

For more information, visit www.tcoe.org/TKCCCEXpo.

Photo above:

~ Porterville High School students listen to an instructor during the Construction Technology competition during the Tulare-Kings College & Career EXPO held last Friday at the College of Sequoias.

CHOICES' Lip Sync Battle held at Visalia Fox Theatre



The Visalia Fox Theatre was packed last Friday night for the 34th annual CHOICES Lip Sync Battle. Twenty acts from eight schools participated in the annual event coordinated by the Tulare County Office of Education's CHOICES Programs. A panel of local educators, students, and community members judged the acts.

Performances from Monson-Sultana Joint Union Elementary School, Oak Valley Union School, and Kings River Union School swept all three top placements for all three categories.



Lip Sync

- 1st – Monson-Sultana Joint Union School – “Let’s Go Crazy”
- 2nd – Oak Valley Union School – “Candy”
- 3rd – Kings River Union School – “Three Little Birds”

Dance

- 1st – Kings River Union School – “Waka Waka”
- 2nd – Oak Valley Union School – “Lose Control”
- 3rd – Monson-Sultana Joint Union School – “Aja Nachle”

Novelty

- 1st – Kings River Union School – “Make Way”
- 2nd – Oak Valley Union School – “Wonka”
- 3rd – Monson-Sultana Joint Union School – “Stayin’ Alive”



“It takes tremendous courage to perform before a big audience in a place like the Visalia Fox Theatre,” said Tim Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. “The courage students gain through the CHOICES Lip Sync Battle will help them be stronger young adults in high school, engaged on their campuses and in their communities.”

Photos above:

~ Students perform during the 34th annual CHOICES' Lip Sync Battle. Monson-Sultana Joint Union School (top) won first place in Lip Sync for its performance of “Let’s Go Crazy”. Kings River Union School won first place in Dance for its performance of "Waka Waka". Kings River also won first in Novelty for its performance of "Make Way".

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