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Theatre Company announces Summer Camp offerings



TCOE's Theatre Company is offering two Summer Camps in June — Disney's "The Aristocats KIDS" and "Baby Beluga."

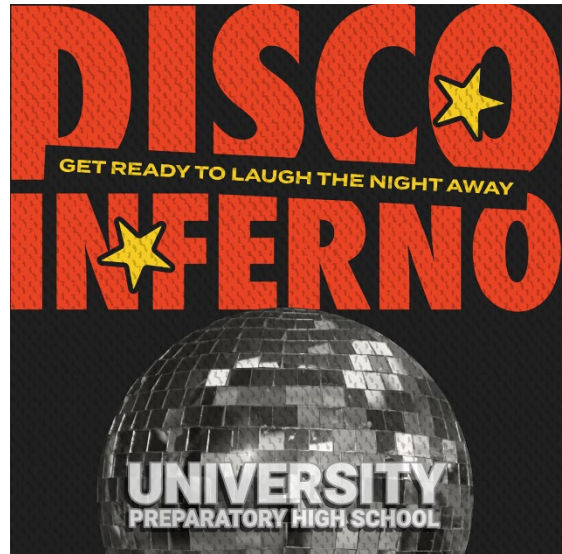
"The Aristocats KIDS" is open to students entering grades 2-6. "Baby Beluga" is open to students entering grades TK-2.

During the Theatre Company's Summer Camps, young actors, singers, and dancers will develop their stage skills through three weeks of performance training, June 9-27. At the end of each camp, families are invited to watch their children perform their musical.

Space is limited so parents are encouraged to sign up soon at tcoe.org/TheatreCo/Productions/OnStage. Scholarships are available.

UPHS Drama Club set to perform comedy, "Disco Inferno," later this month

University Preparatory High School (UPHS) Drama Club is preparing to perform “Disco Inferno,” a comedy set in a discotheque with characters borrowed from the 70s sitcom, “Three’s Company” – Jack, Crissy, Janet, Ms. Roper, and Mr. Furley. “Disco Inferno” was inspired by the 17th century French comedy entitled “Scapin the Schemer,” by Molière.



The Drama Club is offering four public performances at the Rotary Theatre in Visalia. Three evening performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. on March 27, 28, and 29. A Saturday matinee will also be offered on March 29. With its disco music, dancing, audience participation, a wild chase at the end, the Drama Club is confident “Disco Inferno” is a show that all audiences will love.

For ticket information, call UPHS at (559) 737-5450.

2025-26 Tulare County Farm Bureau Student Art Calendar released

Efrain Cisneros has taken note of the many orange groves around Exeter and depicted them beautifully in artwork featured on the back cover of the new Tulare County Farm Bureau Student Art Calendar. He even took inspiration from the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) logo, illustrating “Tulare County” on a crate with an orange instead of an apple.



Efrain is a student in TCOE's Community Based Instruction Classroom in Exeter, led by teacher Susan Wendt.

Unveiled yesterday at a presentation to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, the calendar features 14 full-page winners and 24 honorable mention artworks depicting the theme, “Celebrating Tulare County: The Beauty of Agriculture.”

For 28 years, the Tulare County Office of Education has partnered with the Tulare County Farm Bureau, celebrating local agriculture as depicted by talented young artists from throughout the county. In addition to student artwork, the calendar features fun agriculture and nutrition facts, provided by Alex Rogers and Kari Matney of TCOE’s Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention (NEOP) program. Tulare County teachers will receive copies of the calendar in a few weeks.

Winners include:

Sara Satko, Doulos Academy, Porterville

Efrain Cisneros, TCOE Community Based Instruction Classroom, Exeter

Kira Chun, Tulare Western High School

Aaliyah Paggi, Woodlake High School

Esther Piepgrass, Sequoia Union School, Lemon Cove

Maya Maryanow, Three Rivers Union School

Miley Torres, Monson Sultana Joint Union School, Sultana

Ty Gist, Mt. Whitney High School, Visalia

Alexis Diaz de León, Redwood High School, Visalia

Joseline Lara, Redwood High School, Visalia

Sarai Vasquez Solorzano, Orosi High School

Emilio Ceballos, Waukena Joint Union School, Tulare

Eloyza Ceballos, Waukena Joint Union School, Tulare

Sydney Emerson, Heartland Charter, Porterville



Photos above:

~ Efrain Cisneros created artwork that is featured on the back cover of the new Tulare County Farm Bureau Student Art Calendar. He is pictured (l-r) with his teacher, Susan Wendt, his mother, and Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Tim Hire.

~ Many of the 14 winning artists selected for the calendar were able to attend an awards ceremony on March 18 at the Tulare County Board of Supervisors – a ceremony that coincides with National Ag Day.

Around the County

Golden West High School students medal at CAD Heptathlon



This past week, students from Golden West High School in Visalia competed at the California Academic Decathlon (CAD) Heptathlon, where they earned three medals. Covadongy Angulo-Beltran won a gold medal in art and a bronze medal in music. Miguel Garcia won a silver medal in science.

The Heptathlon is an individual competition within the California Academic Decathlon. Eligibility includes individuals who competed as part of their school's decathlon team in regional competitions but were not the overall winner advancing to state. This rigorous competition features seven multiple-choice exams.

For more on the Heptathlon, visit <https://academicdecathlon.org/heptathlon/>.

Photo above:

~ Golden West High School's academic decathlon team poses for a picture after competing in the Tulare County Academic Decathlon in February. Miguel Garcia is second from left, while Covadongy Angulo-Beltran is fourth from left.

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