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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Annual Cowboy Poetry event set for October 10, 2008

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. • Ritchie Barn • 16338 Avenue 308, Visalia

In conjunction with the Cowboy Cultural Committee's 18th Annual Visalia Roundup, 150 students from Liberty Elementary and Waukena Joint Union Elementary School Districts are expected to participate in TCOE's annual Cowboy Poetry event at Ritchie's Barn in Visalia. The students will enjoy a full morning of cowboy poetry, music of the Old West and a Dutch oven cooking demonstration. Seven performers from Tulare County and other parts of the state – including Eddie Villalobos, George Dickey, Nancy Lee, Belinda Gail, Curly Musgrave, Rick Clark and Randy Hamill – will share songs, poems and stories. Many of the artists performing at Cowboy Poetry are award-winning musicians: Belinda Gail and Curly Musgrave have received numerous awards from the Western Music Association and Nancy Lee from Santa Clarita, California was a contender for last year's Western Music Association Songwriter of the Year.

"The Cowboy Poetry event is a fun way for students to learn about western U.S. history through song, verse and demonstration," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

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“It’s a pleasure to work with the Cowboy Cultural Committee each year to make this event available to Tulare County teachers.”

The Cowboy Cultural Committee is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of cowboy music and poetry. For more information and tickets call (559) 732-4249. The CCC’s web site is www.visaliacowboys.com.

For more information on this student event, contact Robert Herman, Public Information Officer, at (559) 733-6606.

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