



NEWSLETTER

“Celebrating 100 Years of Quality Education”

The Mission of the Summerville High School Foundation is to provide resources that will enrich the lives of students at Summerville Union High School District.

Summerville High School 1911-2011! 2011 is the year that we get the opportunity, the once in a lifetime moment, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the beginnings of our local high school. Until 1911 there was no high school in the community of Tuolumne. Believe it or not, students commuted to high school in Sonora on the train. That is, if their parents could afford to let them go. Many families needed their teenagers at home to help on the ranch, to work. That’s “old School!” A popular term we use today, to describe almost anything that occurred prior to the 1980’s. The truth is that back in the day, America had larger families and it wasn’t uncommon for children to leave school after 8th grade and enter the adult world to work. It was a necessity. Summerville High School was born when executives at West Side Lumber Company had children nearing high school age and decided to start a local high school in the Tuolumne area. That first year, 1911, three classes met in a house on the east side of Pine Street north of Fir. By 1912 the Summerville High School Building was completed and occupied. The campus was located on the summit of the hill at the north end of Carter street, in blocks 1 and 2 on land donated by West Side Lumber. In 1936 a gymnasium was erected on the east side of the high school building. This campus was later sold and is now the home of Mother Lode Christian School. (Cont., pg. 3)

Inside this Issue:

- Feed the Bears 2
- Board Profile 2
- Shop-Donate 3
- 100 Years 3
- Alumni 3
- Early photo 4

The 1911 Class



Summerville High School



1911 Basketball Team



Don't Forget to... "FEED THE BEARS"

Mark your calendars today for the first Saturday in November! This is the 6th Annual Feed the Bears dinner, Live Auction, Silent Auction and Raffle Event.

Be sure and come hungry, because some of the best cooks in Tuolumne County are ready to go to work cooking up a fabulous dinner for all our guests.

Tickets are available through any board member.

You may also purchase tickets at El Dorado Savings Bank in Twain Harte or Mt. Bookshop, Sonora.

Tickets: \$35.00 per person

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Doors Open at 4:30pm

Serving From 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Tuolumne Memorial Hall

**Call: John Baldwin @ 586-9924 to reserve tickets at
"Will Call"**

Great Food

Exciting Auction Items

Visit the Bear Cave

Win

"THE WAGON OF WINE!"

And so much more



TRACY PREVOST, CHAIR OF BEAR GRANT COMMITTEE

Those of us who serve the Foundation know Tracy Prevost as a woman you can count on. Tracy came to the Foundation as an interested volunteer several years ago. She likes to say, "my boys will be at Summerville soon, and I want to make sure they have the very best of everything a good education can provide." She knows it takes a lot of people working all the time to make that happen and she wants to be an integral part of all of that.

Appointed to the Foundation Board in June of 2009, Tracy will take over the Chair of the Bear Grant Committee this year.

A graduate of Gilroy High School, Tracy worked in operations for mortgage brokers and has nearly

20 years experience in property management. Now President and managing partner in Mother Lode Property Management her company is a major sponsor for the Foundation event, "Feed The Bears."

Tracy juggles a very busy life as Mom to son Alex, 12, and Mitchell, 10, both students at Twain Harte Middle School. Her boys are her #1 top priority as she coaches Cross Country for the boy's team, and attends their Jr. Bears Football games. If that is not enough, there's wrestling, basketball, cycling, hiking and all the stuff boys like to do.

When she's not out running around, you'll find Tracy digging in her garden, enjoying the quiet.

Recently engaged to her long-time partner Wayne Kresher, it seems that wedding bells will be ringing in the near future.

Tracy's a good planner, and happily she will be working with the Foundation for a long time.



Mom, Coach, Board Member !

SHOP = DONATE, SHOP = DONATE ! EVERY TIME!

Summerville High School Foundation has received nearly \$2,500.00 in proceeds from grocery card donations from local supporters since 2010.

SAVE MART

Simply give the clerk your S.H.A.R.E.S.Card **before** they start ringing up your grocery tag and 3% of your qualified grocery purchases will be paid to Summerville High School Foundation by check once every 3 months. **SHOP = DONATE!**

PRICE CO

When you shop at **PriceCo** simply give the clerk the Summerville code **#4228**, **before** they start ringing up your grocery tag and 4% of your qualified grocery tag will be paid to Summerville High School Foundation by check every month. No card is needed!

SHOP = say #4228= DONATE!

DON'T FORGET-EVERY TIME COUNTS!



SAFeway

Visit the web site: www.escrip.com, click on "1-Signup" and register your Safeway Club Card to Summerville High School Foundation. As much as 4% of your grocery tag will be paid to Summerville High School Foundation by check every 3 months. Don't have a Safeway Club Card? Ask your clerk, the next time you're at the store, for an application. Present your card when you check out and your donation will be done automatically. **SHOP = DONATE!**

GOLDENSTATE CELLULAR

www.goldenstatecellular.com Click on "Services" then Click on "School Rebate Program." Fill-out on-line form with school name as: **CALL = DONATE!**

Summerville High School Foundation

Quality Education, continued from page 1

Some local folks will fondly remember Allen Kirby who served as SHS Superintendent from 1943-1957. Very young for an administrator, he came to town with his wife and baby, Kathleen.. As luck would have it, I met Kathleen, at the local museum, while doing research for this article. She was here to attend a class reunion. She remembers many of the students from those years, some being her close friends. She tells fascinating stories from those difficult war years, of students, and the very way

of life in Tuolumne during that special time.

In the 1960's a new public high school campus was built a mile west of the town of Tuolumne. This is the campus we all know today.

Times may have changed, but it is important to honor and remember our beginnings, to celebrate the quality education experience we are providing at

Summerville High School, and our alumni's successes.

2011—A YEAR TO CELEBRATE!

*HISTORY FACTS, AND PHOTOS COURTESY OF TUOLUMNE CITY

MEMORIAL MUSEUM. ARTICLE: BY JAN HIEBERT



A VERY IMPORTANT THING IS HAPPENING THIS YEAR. WHAT IS IT?

Summerville High School Foundation is creating a data base of alumni names, addresses, phone numbers and emails. Our goal is to have 3,000 ALUMNI names on file by the end of 2012. You can help! Visit our web site and click on the alumni page-fill out the simple form and it will be emailed to our Executive Director. Stay connected! Help us reach our goal!

WE PLAN TO SEND YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

www.summervillefoundation.org



**Summerville High
School Foundation**
P.O. Box 1646
Tuolumne, CA. 95379

**2011-2012
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Jeff Kerns, Chair**
- Barbra Kerr, Vice Chair**
- Ron Roberson, Treasurer**
- Greg Pitcher, Secretary**
- John Baldwin**
- Patrick Eaton**
- Jody Federigi**
- Mick Grimes**
- Mark Kraft**
- Jessi Leveroos**
- Leonard Mauro**
- Wendy McLaurin**
- Tracy Prevost**
- Jamie Tune**
- Jan Hiebert, Exec. Director**

