

SIERRA SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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Hi Guys!

Happy June from all of us at the Sierra Senior Center. As we move into the summer season, I want to remind you to check your calendars—there's a lot of great stuff coming up this month that you won't want to miss.

We're forming committees and groups to help with our new Community Garden project. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just want to get involved in something meaningful, we'd love to have your help in building something beautiful and lasting for our entire

community.

On **Friday, June 6 at 5pm**, we're also having our first planning committee for the *Music of the Night fundraiser* in October. This will be a major event for our center, and we're hoping to assemble a fun and enthusiastic team to help with everything from decorations to prizes. If you enjoy planning or just want to lend a hand, we'd love to have you join us.

On **Tuesday**, **June 10 at 2pm**, we'll gather at SSC to make handmade birthday cards for our members as part of the Sunshine Committee's efforts to brighten everyone's day. All materials will be provided—just bring your creativity and a smile!

As the weather heats up, please remember to take care of yourselves and stay cool. During our open hours, the Sierra Senior Center is a great place to beat the heat. It's always cool inside, and there are games, puzzles, and friendly faces waiting for you.

We hope to see you soon—whether it's in the garden, at the card-making table, or simply enjoying some air-conditioned fun with friends.

Stay safe and stay connected, Shannon Brimage President, Sierra Senior Center



JUNE 2025 LUNCH

The Senior Lunch Program offers a different hot meal every weekday. Meals must be ordered by11:30am PRIOR to the day you plan to attend; contact emrap.seniorlunch@gmail.com.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY WEDNESDAY		FRIDAY	
Chicken Teriyaki Hi C Salad Wheat Dinner Roll Tropical Fruit	Chicken Pasta Hi C Salad Mandarin Oranges	Hi C Tuna Salad Wheat Bread Pineapple Tidbits	Sesame Chicken Noodle Salad Orange	Hi C Chef Salad w/ Turkey Wheat Dinner Roll Cantaloupe Chunks	
9 Chicken Pasta Hi C Salad Tropical Fruit	Hi C Tuna Salad Whole Grain Flour Tortilla Mandarin Oranges	Hi C Chef Salad w/ Turkey Wheat Bread Apricots	Chicken Teriyaki Hi C Salad Wheat Dinner Roll Cantaloupe Chunks	Sesame Chicken Noodle Salac Orange	
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30 Chicken Pasta Hi C Salad Tropical Fruit	MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE	ALL MEALS SERVED WITH LOW FAT MILK	HIGH SODIUM MEAL		

FUNDING THROUGH: FRESNO-MADERA AREA AGENCY ON AGING
SENIORS 60 YEARS & OLDER SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION: \$2.50 NON-SENIOR RATE: \$7.95



JUNE 2025 SENIOR MENU



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Swiss Beef Patty Broccoli Parsley Potatoes Wheat Dinner Roll Tropical Fruit	Tandoori Chicken Green Beans w/ Peppers Cilantro Brown Rice Mandarin Oranges	Chicken Bowtie Pasta w/Pesto Sauce Hi C Salad Sourdough Bread Pineapple Tidbits	Build Your Own Burrito Refried Beans Cheese, Cabbage & Cilantro Whole Grain Flour Tortilla Orange	Broccoli Beef Sliced Carrots Brown Rice Cantaloupe Chunks
Chicken Patty w/ Gravy Broccoli Mashed Potatoes Wheat Dinner Roll Tropical Fruit	Pork Chili Verde Green Beans w/ Peppers Whole Grain Flour Tortilla Mandarin Oranges	Beef & Bean Burrito Hi C Salad Apricots	Meat Stuffed Bell Pepper Carrots Wheat Dinner Roll Cantaloupe Chunks	Breaded Fish California Mixed Vegetables Cilantro Brown Rice Orange
Beef Salisbury Steak w/ gravy Corn Wheat Dinner Roll Mandarin Oranges	17 Baked Chicken Drumstick Carrots Penne Pasta w/ Marinara Cantaloupe Chunks	Beef & Vegetable Stew Hi C Salad Brown Rice Pineapple Tidbits	Cheeseburger Tomato, Lettuce & Onion Broccoli Salad Apricots	Roasted Turkey w/ Gravy California Mixed Vegetables Mashed Potatoes Wheat Dinner Roll Orange
Orange Chicken Green Beans w/ Peppers Cilantro Brown Rice Tropical Fruit	Pepper Steak w/ Gravy Broccoli Mashed Potatoes Wheat Dinner Roll Pineapple Tidbits	. Chicken Meatballs California Mixed Vegetables Egg Noodles Cantaloupe Chunks	Hot Dog on Wheat Bun Coleslaw Orange	Hi C Tuna Salad Wheat Dinner Roll Apricots
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JUNE 2025 Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	10am–2pm	10am–2pm	10am–2pm	10am – 2pm	5pm-6pm	<u>1</u>
Mountain	Open Hours	Open Hours	Open Hours	Exercise	Music of the	Bingo
Unitarian	4pm-6pm	6pm-8pm	10–10:30am	Class	Night	J
Universalist	Beginner	Community	Chair Yoga	11am	Committee	
Church Svc	Watercolor	Garden Mtg	10am – 2pm	General Mtg	Meeting	
		Caracining	Board Mtg	11am	_	
			5:45pm	Bingo		
			MUU			
			Meditation			
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
12pm	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	10am-2pm		<mark>11am</mark>
Unitarian	Open Hours	Open Hours	Open Hours	Exercise		Bingo &
Universalist	4pm-6pm	2pm-4pm	10–10:30am	Class		\$5 Lunch
Church Svc	Beginner	SSC	Chair Yoga	10am-12pm		
2pm-4pm	Watercolor	Cardmaking	5:45pm	Food Bank		
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			Meditation	11am		
				Bingo		
				5pm-7pm		
				PAINT PARTY		
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
12pm	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	10am – 2pm	3pm-5pm	9-11
Unitarian	Open Hours	Open Hours	Open Hours	Exercise	Financial	PANCAKE
Universalist	4pm-6pm	10am-12pm	10–10:30am	Class	Abuse	BFAST
Church Svc	Beginner	Brown Bag	Chair Yoga	11am	Workshop	2pm-11pm
	Watercolor	Distribution	<mark>5:45pm</mark>	Bingo		Reserved for Private
			MUU			Event
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12pm	10am-2pm Open Hours	10am–2pm	10am–2pm	10am – 2pm	1pm-2pm Garden Club	11am
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Unitarian	Open Hours					
Universalist	4pm-6pm					
Church Svc	Beginner					
	Watercolor					

JUNE 2025 Events & Activities

Beginning Watercolor

Learn the basics of Watercolor from artist Dorella Troup! Lesson's are continuous, come in the beginning so you don't miss anything.

Dates: June 2nd thru July 21st (8 classes in total)

Time: 4pm - 6pm

Location: Sierra Senior Ctr 49111 Cinder Lane, Oakhurst

Pay via Venmo:
@Dorella-Troup

\$15 a class if you pay for all 8 classes together. \$20 if you drop in.





In this class, you'll explore fun techniques and the basics of watercolor painting. Rather than focusing on completing a specific painting each session, you'll build skills that will let your creativity shine! To get the most out of the course, try to join us for all 8 sessions—we'd love to have you there!"

Sierra Senior Center

WE NEED YOU FOR THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

We're building a community garden and we need your help! A Committee, volunteer gardeners and supply donations are needed!

Join Us us to develop the garden committee

June 3rd 6pm to 8pm

49111 Cinder Ln, Oakhurst,



- We also need volunteers to build and fill raised garden beds.
- Donations of wood, screws, soil, compost, fencing and tools.

Contact Georgia Kopel with any questions. 510-499-4973 or georgiakopelssc@gmail.com











Sierra Senior Center



Bingo sales close at 11:30am.
Bingo begins promptly at 12:00pm.
Play will not be delayed due to late arrival.
Open to the public; must be 18 yrs old to play.

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Sierra Senior Center JUNE 7, 2025

· Bingo sales close at 11:30am; arrive early to purchase your games. ·



SSC hosts Bingo every Thursday & the 1st, 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month.

· Bingo begins at 12pm sharp. Play will not be delayed due to late arrival. ·

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We need handmade birthday cards for our Sunshine Club. Please join us in making some (all materials supplied).



FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION



OAKHURST COMMUNITY CENTER

39800 Road 425B, Oakhurst

2nd Thursday Every Month 10:00am - 12:00pm

For more information contact: Sue Higgins: 661-205-6791 Caitlan Higgins: 661-378-7907 Michelle Ruiz: 559-674-1482



Bingo & Lunch



SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- Open to the public, must be 18 years old to play.
- Lunch served at 11:00a.
- Bingo sales close at 11:30a.
- Play begins at 12:00p sharp.



Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread 11:00am sharp, lunches sell out quickly! LUNCH OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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Sierra Senior Center



Radio Club Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month (except November & December) from 7-9:00pm at Sierra Senior Center.

Contact President Terry Burley, W6HRY or revcab@sti.net with questions.

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UC Master Gardener Program

Madera County

MONTHLY MASTER GARDENER CLASSES

FREE WORKSHOP SERIES IN OAKHURST

You are invited attend a one-hour Master Gardener presentation every month on the fourth Friday at 1:00pm at the Sierra Senior Center. The list of talks is filling up, but if you have suggestions for topics, please contact Randy Thomson at lacmgrst@gmail.com

May 23rd, 2025 1-2pm, Reading Pesticide Labels

June 27th, 2025 1-2pm TBD





Location: Sierra Senior Center

49111 Cinder Lane, Oakhurst, CA 93644



More information: (559) 675-7879 or email dhcuendett@ucanr.edu

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PROTECT YOUR FINANCES

Join the Department of Social Services for a crucial information session focused on how seniors, dependent adults, and caregivers can ensure their safety and protect their financial well-being.



Location:

Where: Sierra Senior Center When: June 20, 2025 3:00PM

Register Today! Call the Sierra Senior Center 4 (559) 658-2200

tinyurl.com/protectfinances



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> For more information: (559) 662-2600 🕓

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5:00-7:00PM 2 7 JUNE

Paint Party!

\$5 off for SSC Members





12 x 12 Canvas

Instructor: Rhiana Jones rhianajones@handmadejoybyrhi.com Facebook.com/rhianajones

LOCATION: 49111 Cinder Ln, Oakhurst, CA





SCC Member Price: https://square.link/u/dNXnny5d General Price All Ages: https://square.link/u/DKhDTBfi

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SUPPORT OUR SEMORS

Join us in making a meaningful difference in the lives of our community's seniors by donating to the Sierra Senior Center. Your generous contributions directly support programs and services that enhance the well-being and quality of life for our community members.

Your donation helps us maintain and expand services, ensuring that seniors have access to resources and support necessary to lead fulfilling and independent lives.

DONATE TODAY-MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR SENIORS!

https://tinyurl.com/SSCSOS



The Sierra Senior Center would like to publicly thank our current members for their ongoing support of the Sierra Senior Center. With your help, we have worked to bring our center back to life and to present more one-time and on-going events.

Support your Senior Center by joining our community or renewing your membership. A single membership is \$20 annually; a couple membership is \$30 annually. Once you register or renew, our automated system will remind you when your membership is about to expire. How simple is that?

Scan the code or visit tinyurl.com/SSCMembershipSSC to join or renew.



Questions? Ask any board member or email us at OakhurstSierraSeniorCenter@gmail.com.

June 2025 - CHEERS TO YOU!

Welcome to a New Year and a new column...where YOU are spotlighted, treasured and looked at in a whole new light! No longer are you the "invisible senior," but rather the whole person that came before the person we see today.

Cheers to You Rosemary Rodden and Patty James!

It's hard to write about the wonderful life of one inspiring woman without the input and memories of another, so today I'm choosing to write about two lovely ladies who have lived in Central California their whole lives and contributed to each community from Fresno to Bass Lake along their way: Rosemary Rodden and Patty James!



Rosemary was born in the OLD Saint Agnes Hospital in downtown Fresno on August 22nd, 1922. She was one of ten children and the oldest of 4 girls. Each of the girls in Rosemary's family had some degree of post-high school education. The boys in the family generally entered various trades with their successes in life.

Rosemary went to Fresno Junior College and took secretarial courses.

She worked for a short time at a doctors' office and did something that

totally surprised her family — she applied for, and received, a Gottchalks' credit card! Unheard of at age 18, let alone "a mere girl, but Rosemary had already proven her good credit and sensibility even at that age! Most everything Rosemary worked at, she did well.

Now, Patty tells the story of how her parents chanced to meet... It seems that poor Rosemary had been bored silly up at Bass Lake for 1 full week with not "a male in sight!" It was one lousy vacation if you were to ask her! So, on her last day there, she went swimming in the lake and went to Ducey's to hear what the music was all about, and there were all of these good looking service guys shipping off to India, Burma and China the next day... and her mom (of course) looking like a drowned rat!

After a few dances and 2 years of great correspondence, Rosemary and Patty's Dad were married, the bad hair day was forgiven and Ducey's became an important part of their family life.

Rosemary's 30+ year dream job came when she went to work at Fresno State University in the Deans' office. One of the biggest honors she had



was putting together what is now known as the West Coast Relay or the "Mini Olympics" with American track and field 8th grade-college and even amateur events.

In 1981, following an amazing tenure with Fresno State University Rosemary was the first woman ever to be inducted into the Track Hall of Fame @ Fresno State University. By putting together this event and running it year after year, Rosemary created quite a reputation for her skill and event planning excellence.

As what would be a natural "transition in life," Rosemary, now with the help of daughter Patty, moved into the family

Bass Lake vacation home that had become so much a part of their family's love of life. Both ladies became anything but retired. They joined Happy Hikers, Lady Elks, Mountain Community Women and yes... the

Sierra Senior Center!!!

Football season never had bigger fans than these 2 ladies, and I am sure every 49er touchdown was heard from here to the appropriate football stadium.

Although Rosemary has been gone now for almost a year, she made it to 102 years old, and she had stories to offer the world. Rosemary had a special event to leave behind and to have made all of our lives just a little bit richer... but most of all, we're so lucky to have Patty who still gives (tirelessly) to the Senior Center and carries that same "can do spirit" as her mother before her.

If you know of someone who would be a great (local) senior to write about, let me know *Lori Howard (559) 683-7650.*

VOLUNTEER WITH THE SENIOR CENTER



Volunteer Coordinator: Georgia Kopel georgiakopelssc@gmail.com 510-499-4973

Volunteer Application

Personal Contact Information				
Date: Name	e:			
Address:				
Cell Phone: Home Phone:				
Email:				
Emergency Contact Information				
Name:	Relationship to you:			
Cell Phone:	Home Phone:			
Email:				
Interests and Qualifications				
What areas are you interested in volu	unteering for?			
Fundraising	Administrative Support			
Event Planning	Social Media/Marketing			
Baking for Events and/or Bingo	Yard Work			
Phone calling	Teach Classes (cooking, exercise, dance, etc)			
Start a club (hiking, scrabble, bicyclin	ng, etc) Event set-up/prep/clean-up			
Your special training, skills, hobbies:				
Language(s): ☐ English ☐ Other:				
Any physical or medical limitations:				
injury and I hereby agree to assume all risks the discharge, waive and relinquish all claims, liabil	as a volunteer at the Sierra Senior may carry a risk of personal nat may be associated with my participation. I hereby release, ilities and damages I may sustain from bodily injury, personal injury erra Senior Center, its officers, directors, employees and agents.			
Volunteer Signature:	Date:			
Print Name:				

COMMUNITY SERVICES



Please fill out Brown Bag Application and mail it in to our office. To ensure you receive your brown bag, please submit your application and fee by the 5th of the month. Here is the break down for **pro - rated** months.

Please note: Calendar dates are subject to change.

January – December	\$60.00	July – December	\$30.00
February – December	\$55.00	August – December	\$25.00
March - December	\$50.00	September – December	\$20.00
April – December	\$45.00	October – December	\$15.00
May – December	\$40.00	November – December	\$10.00
June – December	\$35.00	December	\$5.00

Calendar	Tuesday	2025
Month	Day	Year
January	21	2025
February	18	2025
March	18	2025
April	22	2025
May	20	2025
June	17	2025
July	22	2025
August	19	2025
September	16	2025
October	21	2025
November	18	2025
December	16	2025

For application, contact <u>mruiz.maderafoodbank@gmail.com</u> or call 559-674-1482.



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- Companionship
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 & Cognitive Health
- Positivity & Self-Esteem
- Staying Active in their Unique Setting

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Meghan Velasquez 559-224-9121 mvelasquez@valleycrc.org



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