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September Newsletter

Momentum!

Nevada County Democrats have been building momentum and it's paying off. Our BBQ on August 7th was sold out with over 330 people attending. A statewide candidate, Fiona Ma, and our congressional candidate, Audrey Denney, both inspired and amused the gathering. Both candidates have big futures in California politics.

In spite of the substantial odds in overcoming an incumbent, we had one of two endorsed candidates win in June, Erin Minett, who won a council seat by just three votes. (Yes! Every vote matters). The second candidate, Hilary Hodge, was only narrowly defeated and is now running for GV City Council – talk about determination, resilience, and a deep desire to serve one's community! [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



BBQ Bash

One would think that it couldn't get much better than sharing a delicious Summer BBQ feast in breezy abundant shade on a beautiful estate with fellow Democrats while the Amaryllis Trio soothed us with their gentle music.

But it did get better. Inspired with a Nisenan blessing, it was uplifting as well as sobering and gave us all hope for the future by listening to our 2 very special guests.



AUDREY DENNEY, who is running for Congress in District 1 against Doug LaMalfa, spoke first. Audrey has a dynamic background in agriculture, education and non-profit management. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

Upcoming Events

Democratic Women's Club

September 1st - Northern Queen Inn

This month our speakers are Hilary Hodge and Bob Branstrom, Candidates for the Grass Valley City Council. Please RSVP by email to nevcodwc@gmail.com Sign-in and breakfast start at 9:30 AM followed by the meeting at 10 AM. Cost for breakfast is \$15.



First Tuesday

September 4th, 5:30 PM - Peace Lutheran Church

Please join us at 5:30 p.m. on September 4th, at the Peace Lutheran Church in Grass Valley to learn about your district, what NID does to protect your water and the water shed, and the candidates running for the 3 open seats. A \$5.00 donation is requested.



The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) goes relatively unnoticed as an entity in Nevada County even though its budget is the second largest in the county and it employs 205 people. The decisions its board makes have a profound impact on the citizens of Nevada County.

Constitution Day Parade

September 9th, 1:00 PM - Broad Street, Nevada City

A big blue wave will march down Nevada City's Broad Street in solidarity behind our VOTE BLUE banner. Banners from the Nevada County Dems, Democratic Women's Club, Indivisible Dems & Indivisible Women will fly behind, followed by a sea of marchers dressed in Blue! Candidates Audrey Denney (Congress), Hilary Hodge & Bob Branstrom (GV City Council) will be among our



ranks. Seats available in a decorated truck for those in need. We will have handouts for kids & adults with info on how to Vote Blue in November. Email nevadacountydems@gmail.com for more details or if you would like to help out before or during the parade.

[Health Care for All](#)

September 22nd, 11:00 AM - UU Community of the Mountains

Your local Nevada County Chapter is very happy to announce that California CareForce will be bringing another free medical, dental and vision clinic to Grass Valley in November 2019. United Way is hosting and we are helping. If you volunteered at the clinic that they brought us in 2015, you are probably as excited as we are. Volunteering to help people who lack access to health care is so rewarding. Many people who have health insurance do not have dental or vision care, so those are the two areas of greatest need at these clinics and the patients are so appreciative.



To check out the full calendar [on our website, click here, then scroll down.](#) Please note: The September calendar will be on full display as of September 1st. Until then, scroll to September by using the little triangle arrows at the top left of the calendar.

Latest Blog Entries

Campaign Smart

If you are reading this, it is likely you are a Democrat chomping at the bit to cast off the ultra-conservative Congressman Doug LaMalfa from District 1 and replace him with an earnest and sincere political leader who will truly represent our interests. Enter Audrey Denney, both a farmer and an educator, as our candidate for the November election. She is not the first Democrat to run against LaMalfa, but our hopes are high that she will snag the seat. Our district stretches far and wide, all the way to the Oregon Border, and of the counties contained in that seat, many lean to the right. So we have our work cut out for us to win this campaign for Audrey: Register voters, encourage Democrats to vote in November, and get our candidate's name out into the public repeatedly. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



Candidate Comparisons

California Congressional District 1: Audrey Denney (Dem) vs. Doug La Malfa (Rep) *

Audrey Denney's Positions:

Guns: Supports common sense gun control with universal background checks and keeping guns away from domestic abusers, violent criminals, and those with severe mental illness by expanding California's Gun Violence Restraining Order.

Health Care: Believes health care is a human right. Will work to guarantee universal health care through single-payer/Medicare for All while also improving ACA to help those with excessive health care costs. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



Character Counts

President Trump recently stated that the United States is the laughing stock of the world. He is right – we are. We're not, however, in our disgraceful position due to lack of border walls as he erroneously claims. Rather, we are humiliated due to his shameful personal behavior and his frightening incompetency as a national and world leader. The sad fact that many Americans still cheer at his ego-inflating "pep rallies" also contributes to our diminished national reputation. Blind to reality and not accepting that he doesn't care about them – another tax cut for the wealthy is coming down the pike – his supporters add fuel to the fire that we are a country with little integrity, depth of understanding, or even a sense of public decorum. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



Open Letter to LaMalfa

Honorable Representative LaMalfa:

This writing is prompted by your very own mailing – a fancy, full color, two-sided, full page size publication that appeared in my mailbox. It is extolling your virtues as a lawmaker, in your words, "working to make sure your family and our rural District get a fair shake in Congress." Really?

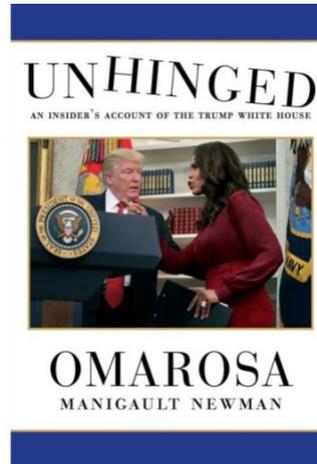


It is hard not to characterize your mailing as a piece of personal pre-election propaganda. This, indeed, is what it is. And yet, you have the audacity to do the following, as stated in capital letters: THIS MAILING WAS PREPARED, PUBLISHED, AND MAILED AT TAXPAYERS EXPENSE. This means my expense! [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

Book Review: *Unhinged*

It is said of writing that “everyone is the hero of their own story,” but in telling that tale, people often reveal much more about themselves than they realize. Much about our experience of the Trump presidency bespeaks sadness. This book is no exception. I’m admitting that I’m an information junkie. I’m so afraid that this political havoc will happen to me and my world and I won’t know enough not to be caught

powerless. For that reason, I couldn’t help myself...I had to read it, even though I suspected it was little more than the writings of an opportunist. I found *Unhinged* to be a meta-commentary on the bleakness of our political culture by Trump’s former Director of Communication’s for the Office of Public Liaison. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



LaMalfa Watch

So, Mr. LaMalfa, whatever happened to infrastructure? Where did it go? Why am I falling into potholes big enough for my truck to fit into?

While you are so busy giving tax money to people with plenty of money, we, your constituents are spending our hard earned dollars repairing our vehicles after driving on the US highway system. There is more to infrastructure than the Sites Reservoir.



Mr. LaMalfa wants you to know that he passed:

H.R. 6147 Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act passed 217-199 LaMalfa voted Yea [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

California Democratic Party

Official Endorsements

November 6, 2018 Elections

For a list of endorsed candidates and ballot measures, go to www.cadem.org/endorsements.

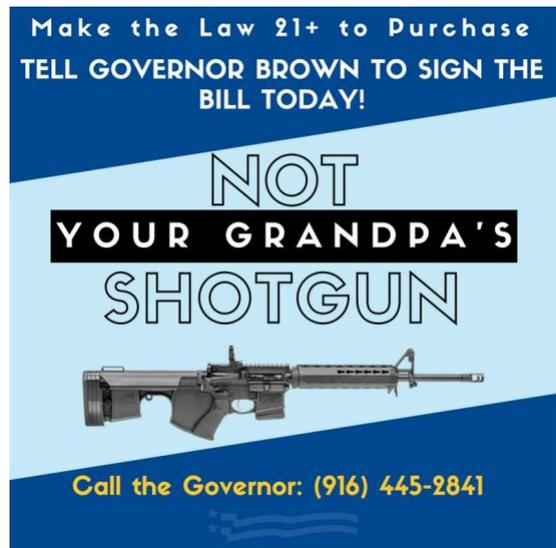


SB 1100

Call Governor Brown and urge him to sign SB 1100 into law! Brown is always a wild card on gun bills and he needs to hear from you. Call 916-445-2841.

SB 1100 raises the minimum age to purchase a long gun from a licensed firearms dealer from 18 to 21 in order to keep weapons out of potentially dangerous hands.

Persons under age 21 are disproportionately linked to crime, firearm homicides, and suicide attempts that result in death or treatment in a hospital. Maturity, impulsive or reckless behavior, and responsibility vary greatly among 18-20 year olds. This is recognized in other areas – those under age 21 cannot buy alcohol, rent a car or purchase a handgun – and the same age restriction should apply to long guns, including high-powered semiautomatic rifles –the weapon of choice for mass-shooters. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



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