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# The Party Line

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Wednesday,  
September 12, 2018  
Sparks Nugget  
1100 Nugget Avenue,  
Sparks  
Southern Pacific Room  
Third Floor  
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cost: \$27/members,  
\$32/non-members for  
reservations received  
by Friday, August 3  
Tax & tip included.  
Reservations received  
after September 7:  
\$37/members and  
\$42/non-members  
R.S.V.P. to Barb Hawn  
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If you respond with  
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you may receive an invoice  
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would like a vegetarian  
plate. Please be seated by  
6 p.m.

While SRW takes **cash** and  
**checks only at the door,**



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Sparks Republican Women present ...

*Candidate for Nevada  
Lieutenant Governor*

## MICHAEL ROBERSON



The Nevada State Senate  
Minority Leader has been  
a State Senator since 2010  
and is endorsed by Attorney  
General Adam Laxalt

*Candidate for Sheriff  
of Washoe County*

## DARIN BALAAM



The Retired Chief Deputy  
is a 20-year veteran of the  
Washoe County Sheriff's  
Office and is endorsed by  
the Washoe County Sheriff  
Deputies Association

## Vote planned on proposal to revise bylaws

At this month's SRW's dinner meeting,  
an important membership vote is planned.

A change to the bylaws has been rec-  
ommended by the Executive Board:

The term of officers would be revised  
to be a two-year term with no term limits.

The reasoning is that the Nevada  
Federation of Republican Women officers'  
terms are a two-year commitment.

If the change is approved, SRW officers  
would serve a two-year term starting in  
January 2019.

## President's Corner

"We are standing up for America, and  
we are standing up for the heroes that  
defend our country. But to continue this  
incredible success, we must elect more  
Republicans." —@realDonaldTrump in  
West Virginia

What a GREAT man we have as  
President of these United States! I voted  
for HIM because I knew HE would do a  
fabulous job, and HE has. President Trump  
has done so many of the things HE said

HE would do.

We have the  
opportunity coming  
in November to get  
more Republicans  
elected so they  
can help President  
Trump accomplish  
HIS goals for our  
wonderful country.



*Cher Daniels*

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## SRW's August Speaker



Join Together Northern Nevada's Cortney Huth with SRW President Cher Daniels.

## Join Together Northern Nevada sounding warning about drugs

Hiding in plain sight.

That easily could be the opening of Cortney Huth's presentation to Sparks Republican Women at its August dinner meeting regarding drugs and what teen-agers have access to in Northern Nevada these days.

Huth said her organization, Join Together Northern Nevada, grant-funded by the state and federal governments, is a substance-prevention coalition serving Washoe County. "We work with law enforcement and the health care community on substance misuse and prevention."

Now that recreational marijuana is legal, Huth said being legal does not mean "safe."

The outreach specialist spends a lot of time in schools making presentations to students, parents and grandparents. Her talk includes the development of the adolescent brain and just how much information that brain is being forced to process in this age of cell phones, Facebook, Twitter

and more.

Huth's focus turns to alcohol and that alcohol is Number 1 in substance abuse followed by marijuana and then prescription drugs. The alcohol and prescription drugs can be found at home and she said to watch for changes in mood, grades and the friends teens have. Oh, don't forget the Internet.

Then she caught everyone off-guard when she said that teens will get alcohol into their bodies without actually drinking it: there is the enema with alcohol that is called bun-chucking. It's mainstream now as bun-chucking was portrayed in a movie earlier this year.

Then there's the Vodka eyeball where teens introduce vodka into the eyeball, and then they also will take a feminine hygiene product, soak it in vodka and insert it into the body.

"You have to look beyond the

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## President's Corner

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Many of our forefathers and foremothers died so we can have this privilege.

September is Emergency Preparedness month. The emergency before us is to get everyone we know out to vote. We need to do all we can to be sure we have a "RED WAVE" not a blue wave. In my view, any Republican is better than any Democrat! We are voting for the Republican platform which is what we believe in. Please, wear your candidates' shirts, put signs in your yards, talk about the issues, help someone get registered to vote and give them a ride to the election poll of their choice.

"We believe that any party that puts criminal aliens before American citizens should be voted out of office, not into office" Donald Trump

**GENERAL ELECTION:  
November 6, 2018**

Voter Registration Deadlines for the 2018 General Election

**By Mail:** Postmarked no later than October 9, 2018

**In-Person:** Last day to register in person is October 16, 2018

**Online:** Last day to register using NOVA is October 18, 2018 (11:59:59 p.m.)

**ABSENT BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE**

Received no later than October 30, 2018 by 5 p.m.\*\*

**EARLY VOTING**

October 20, 2018 through November 2, 2018\*

\*Sample Ballots are mailed out approximately one week prior to Early Voting

\*\*Absentee Ballots are mailed out as follows:

**Military/Foreign/Overseas:** 45 days before Election Day

**Out of State:** 40 days before Election Day

**In State:** 30 days before Election Day



## National Federation of Republican Women

### Endorsement Policy

The NFRW has established a policy for endorsements during election cycles. It is recognized that members of our organization are politically active and should be engaged in the support of Republican candidates. It is further recognized that building quality relationships with our elected officials are critical to our mission. The NFRW has adopted a policy to specifically address endorsements of candidates.

- The president and campaign activities chair of NFRW, any state federation or local club shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in any primary, runoff, special or non-partisan race where two or more known Republicans are in the race. No endorsement or evidence of support by any member shall be issued using the NFRW affiliation, logo, or stationery without the approval of NFRW.

- An officer of the organization who is a candidate or whose spouse or family member is a candidate shall be exempt from this rule, however, they may not do so in the

name of the organization or by utilizing the logo or stationery of the NFRW, the state federation, or the local club.

- NFRW Bylaws provide for removal of membership for any member, state federation, or local club that advocates a split party ticket or supports a candidate who is running on an opposition ticket.

The above is the minimum endorsement policy required by NFRW. State federations and clubs may, in their bylaws, adopt stricter endorsement limitations.

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## Heller video Security Clearances: When to revoke?

Senator Dean Heller has provided NvFRW with a short video which you can access by a link – see below. You are encouraged to use this as a tool to increase membership and feel distribute the link to your entire membership.

Dean is in a tough race, and let's do what we can to help him win! Dean supports us; let's support Dean!

Always remember our slogan/logo, "Each One, Bring One, a Voter to the Polls."

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By Ron Knecht and James Smack

Recently, President Donald Trump revoked the security clearance of former Central Intelligence Agency Director John Brennan, who now works as a pundit for MSNBC.

People can argue the politics of this decision until they're blue (or red) in the face. The larger issue is: Why would anyone still retain a security clearance after leaving a government position in which they were granted that status?

Every time either of us left a position in the private sector or public service, the first thing that happened was all our clearances, authorizations, passwords, and everything that would help us gain access to information or systems were turned off immediately. It's a best practice in both government and private business.

When we have terminated a relationship with employees in the controller's office, whether by retirement, leaving our team for another state agency, or otherwise, all their secure accesses are terminated within a business day of their departure. This best practice applies whether the part-



ing is completely amicable or otherwise.

Brennan has proven himself to be a disgruntled former public employee, as evidenced by his MSNBC appearances. There's no reason an MSNBC commentator needs a security clearance. Unless, of course, you are in favor of former public officials monetizing their public service after they depart and thereby continuing to saddle us with the costs and risks.

So, why does it make sense for anyone, including a former CIA Director, former Secretary of State, or anyone for that matter, to retain a security clearance after

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# 2018 Nevada Ballot Initiatives

## Sixth Question added to Ballot

### Nevada Question 6: Renewable Energy Standards Initiative

#### Question 1 – Marsy’s Law (SJR 17, 2017)

– Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to include certain rights for victims of crime (arguments written by the Legislative Counsel Bureau);

#### Question 2 – Sales Tax Exemption for Feminine Hygiene Products (SB 415, 2017)

– Proposes to amend NRS to exempt certain feminine hygiene products from being taxed under the Sales and Use Tax Act of 1955 (arguments written by the Legislative Counsel Bureau);

**Question 3** –The Energy Choice Initiative (Q3, 2016) – Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to require an open, competitive retail electric energy market (arguments the same as on the 2016 ballot);

**Question 4** – Medical Patient Tax Relief Act (Q4, 2016) – Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to exempt certain durable medical equipment and mobility enhancing devices from any tax upon the sale, storage, use, or consumption of tangible personal property (arguments the same as on the 2016 ballot);

**Question 5** – The Automatic Voter Registration Initiative (IP1, 2017) – Proposes to amend NRS to provide for the automatic voter registration of citizens qualified to vote when they obtain certain services from the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) (requires the appointment of ballot question committees).

Remember, we must turn  
“Washoe Red Again”

A “yes” vote supports this initiative to require electric utilities to acquire 50 percent of their electricity from renewable resources by 2030.

A “no” vote opposes this initiative, thus keeping the existing requirement that electric utilities acquire 25 percent of their electricity from renewable resources by 2025.

On July 12, 2018, Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske announced that 133,005 signatures were valid, certifying the ballot initiative to appear on the ballot for the election on November 6, 2018. At least 112,554 signatures needed to be valid.

#### What would Question 6 change about energy policy in Nevada?

Question 6 would increase the state’s Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS). An RPS is a mandate that electric utilities acquire a minimum amount of electricity from renewable energy sources. As of 2018, Nevada’s RPS is 25 percent by 2025. Question 6 would increase the RPS to 50 percent by 2030. The initiative would define renewable energy to include sources such as solar, geothermal, wind, biomass, and hydroelectric. Specifically, Question 6 would require an increased RPS each year until reaching 50 percent in 2030.

### Pay SRW now with PayPal

SRW now has the ability to take reservations and members are able to pay for them with PayPal on our website. The charge to you will be \$28.20 per reservation. Go to [www.eventbrite.com/e/august-2018-sparks-republican-women-meeting-tickets-47980389637](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/august-2018-sparks-republican-women-meeting-tickets-47980389637)



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# Drugs

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obvious these days," she said.

Who are their friends? What are they doing? Do they use a secret language? They don't want you in their room or looking in their bags and backpacks.

Huth told the crowd to be aware of clothing that may not alarm adults but is a moving billboard for teens.

- ❖ Marijuana leaves on hats or socks

- ❖ Bob Marley images

- ❖ Colors of the Jamaican flag

- ❖ Acronyms such as SRH which stands for Support Radical Habits

- ❖ Be aware of misspellings on clothing as it means something

- ❖ TFC clothing (not KFC) that is the active ingredient in marijuana

- ❖ Grassroots Clothing has a "crazy piece of pizza" symbol on its products, a sprouting seed

Regarding the Grassroots Clothing, Huth said all of their items come with well-hidden compartments that are not always found during a pat-down by law enforcement. She said law enforcement has told her that keep looking because of the symbol on the clothing.

Then there's dabbing, a part of the marijuana culture. The oil is very potent and very expensive to buy.

Huth brought examples: there was the nice-looking gray baseball-style cap. She pulled back the lining of the hatband and there is a concealed pocket – with Velcro – stash drugs. Then there were the sports shoes that hid hollowed-out heels.

Other examples were containers that pull apart to hide drugs: Pepsi bottles, water bottles, Glade air freshener, hair spray, a lipstick container that is a pipe, a bracelet that is a pipe, a Sharpie marker that is a pipe, lint rollers, toilet paper rolls and a computer mouse that really is a drug scale.

She said three things "travel" together: drugs, sex and alcohol. Where you find one, you will find the others and it may not always be obvious.

Huth said parents and grandparents need to lock up their prescrip-

tions. Trends include Skittle parties where the teens grab a bottle of pills from the medicine cabinet and take it to parties. They pour the pills into a bowl, grab a handful and swallow them. They are mixing heart medicines, pain meds and who knows what else.

Zantec is dropped into Fanta and is sipped for hours in school. So is "Purple Drink," prescription cough syrup mixed with Sprite and a hard candy is added. She said at one middle school, 12 kids were in the office in one day due to the drink.

Huth said parents can come to the Join Together Northern Nevada office and get a locked container to secure prescriptions. She also described how to dispose of unwanted prescriptions.

Next, Huth turned to marijuana and how it is a different product from marijuana of the 1960s. In the day, the THC level was about 3 percent but today's THC level is at 98 percent. It is not regulated so when you buy an item, you don't know if that cookie is 98 percent or how many is the serving size is 98 percent. One can't tell and the industry is creating gumdrops, magic bars, candies that appeal to children including gummy worms and Dots candy. Other products include lip gloss, hand soaps, bath soaps, hand lotion, suppositories, sweet potato chips.

"It's everywhere and if it's out of the packaging, you're not going to know."

Then there are emoji symbols. Fifth graders know that tree and broccoli emojis stand for drugs.

Don't forget vaping and teens.



Huth provided the history of e-cigarettes and how China invented the electronic nicotine delivery system in the early 2000s due to a surplus of tobacco. Now, there are more than 7,000 flavors. All have nicotine in them. The preservatives aren't meant to be heated and toxins are released. This is what people are putting into their lungs.

With all these toxins, mononucleosis has resurfaced and a herpes complex called Zombie.

"People don't just become addicted to an opioid," she said. "It starts with an injury, and people can become addicted in 5 days. Walgreens has received a grant to distribute Narcan, the kind that goes into the nose to reverse an overdose." Talk to a Walgreens pharmacist.

"Know who your kids and grandkids are hanging with. Talk to them about the science and convince them why this is bad for them."

Huth finished by saying that Nevada adults do not realize what they were voting on when legalizing marijuana.

## We Celebrate September Birthdays

Miriam Golaszewski	September 2
Cher Daniels	September 11
Kathy Burke	September 12
Traci Allen	September 19
Angela Mann	September 21

### Save The Dates!

Save the date for SRW dinner meetings throughout 2018:

October 10  
November 14  
December 12

## Heller, experts meet over rape kit backlog

At the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division recently, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV), Dr. Lisa Smyth-Roam, supervising criminalist, and Kerri Heward, director of the division, discussed Nevada's progress in reducing the number of untested sexual assault kits.

Heller was briefed from both before touring the facility and seeing the lab. WCSO's Forensic Science Division provides services for 13 of the state's 17 counties.

Heller has fought for federal funding to combat the state's rape kit backlog, by providing resources to support DNA analysis, lab capacity enhancement, and implement an evidence-based program to audit, track, and report untested sexual assault kits.

As of June 30, 6,367 of the Nevada kits had been sent to labs for testing, 4,871 had been completed. Out of the completed kits, the DNA has hit a match in 466 of the cases. At least 12 arrests have been made.

"Victims of heinous crimes such as sexual assault deserve swift justice, and that's why I'm so proud of the work the Forensic Science Division is doing to cut down on the state's backlog of untested sexual assault kits," said Heller.

Earlier this year, President Trump signed into law a bipartisan bill Heller introduced called the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting (SAFER) Act that reauthorizes, strengthens, and extends the SAFER program in an effort to reduce the nationwide backlog.

Heller has also co-authored the Debbie Smith Crime Victims Protection Act, legislation to dedicate resources to state and local law enforcement agencies to conduct forensic analyses of crime scenes.

## Security Clearances

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departing the position?

Our view is straightforward. Everyone who retires or otherwise separates from service with the federal government should have their security clearances eliminated immediately. Security clearances for these individuals can be fast-track reinstated if a public interest need arises. Since they already had clearances, it should be a quick process to reinstate it if needed.

This practice would remove all the politics from the equation. It would be the same policy for everyone, whether a former president or a terminated agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The only exception should be if the individual has agreed, in writing, to remain in a transition capacity to help the new individual taking the position. This written transition document should be executed as a contract, with specific deliverables, time parameters and constraints, where security clearance would be necessary for the person to assist the transition.

If the departing person doesn't agree to help with a transition, the security clearance should be shut off before the door hits him in the tail on the way out.

The best question for the liberal socialist crowd and their feigned outrage about Brennan losing his security clearance is: "How long should President Trump, John Bolton, Mike Pompeo, and everyone else who has served the Trump Administration and has a security clearance be allowed to retain it after they leave office?"

We can almost guarantee you their answer will be: "Clearances for any Trump Administration official should be revoked immediately by the incoming president."

So, why not the same for Obama Administration officials? And officials from both Bush and Clinton administrations that still have their clearances? Henry Kissinger may still have his security clearance, and he has not served since the Ford Administration.

As Brennan and others have demonstrated, retaining that status allows some people who served in the public sector to monetize it by taking a position in the private sector or elsewhere in government. However, a fast track process for recertification of the security clearance should resolve this issue for a legitimate security purpose – that is, if it serves the public interest, not just their private interests.

Being an MSNBC talking head is not a legitimate purpose for a continued security clearance. In fact, in the hands of the wrong individual, such as Brennan, it can be devastating to our security.

Eliminating security clearances for everyone departed from a previous administration, along with the clearances of people who have retired or otherwise separated from service in the FBI, CIA, and elsewhere, should be immediate and retroactive.

In today's world of cyber and other security threats and hyper-partisan ideologues selling out the public interest, it should have happened a long time ago.

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