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Senator Tanya Storer: *The heart of our rural communities*

BY TANYA STORER
Nebraska State Senator, Dist. 43

As a new school year gets underway across District 43, there is a familiar energy returning to our communities. School buses are back on the roads, Friday nights mean football under the lights, and gymnasiums are filling with families cheering on their volleyball teams. Students are beginning another year of FFA, music, and countless other activities that bring families and neighbors together. These moments remind us that our local schools represent something much bigger than education. They are an important part of keeping our small towns alive.

In rural Nebraska, a school is often the heart of the community. It is where friendships are formed, generations gather, and neighbors celebrate the accomplishments of their children and grandchildren. Whether it is a school concert, an athletic event, an FFA competition, or graduation, our schools give us opportunities to come together and share in the pride of our communities.

But the importance of our schools extends far beyond the classroom. When young families are deciding where to live, one of their first considerations is where their children will attend school. Having a school nearby gives families a reason to put down roots, build a home, and invest in the



community. Without that school, attracting new families becomes more difficult, and keeping existing families can become an even greater challenge.

For our ranching and agricultural communities, this connection is especially important. Recruiting and retaining good employees is challenging enough without adding the difficulty of finding a nearby school for their children. A ranch hand considering a job is also considering where their family will live. When children must travel long distances to school every morning and afternoon, an otherwise attractive employment opportunity can become much less practical. Our local schools play an important role in helping ranchers and agricultural businesses attract the workforce they need.

Our small businesses depend on those families, too. They are the customers who shop at the grocery store, fill up at the gas station, eat at the café, and support businesses along Main Street. They are also employees, business owners, and volunteers who help keep our communities functioning. When families leave, we risk losing customers, workers, volunteer firefighters, community leaders, and the next generation who might choose to open a business or take over the family ranch. Our schools and businesses support one another, and when one begins to disappear, the entire community feels the impact.

That is why we must look at

rural education through a broader lens. The conversation cannot simply be about figures on a spreadsheet. What may appear efficient on paper can have lasting consequences for a small town, particularly in geographically isolated areas where students already travel considerable distances. We must recognize the unique challenges facing rural schools and the essential role they play in the communities they serve.

I want to extend my appreciation to the teachers, administrators, coaches, bus drivers, support staff, parents, volunteers, and local businesses who support our schools. Every student who walks through the doors of a rural school represents the promise of another generation. By giving our children the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed close to home, we are helping preserve the communities that make rural Nebraska such a special place to call home.

Staying connected with the people of District 43 is an important part of representing you. I value your questions, concerns, and ideas, and your input continues to help guide my work in the Nebraska Legislature. Please continue to reach out to me or my office. I always appreciate hearing from you.

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Senator Pete Ricketts: *Suicide Awareness Month*

BY PETE RICKETTS
United States Senator, Nebraska

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. This month is an opportunity to raise awareness, continue supporting people in crisis, and work together to prevent suicide.

Suicide remains a leading cause of death in the United States. In 2024, more than 48,000 Americans died by suicide. Over 14 million adults had serious thoughts about committing suicide. We can and must do more to prevent this from happening.

Protecting mental health has always been a priority of mine. As Governor, I promoted well-being and access to support across Nebraska. I ensured every Nebraskan had access to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. This lifeline is a simpler way for Nebraskans experiencing a mental health issue to seek immediate help. We launched the “Nebraska Needs You” suicide prevention campaign. This statewide Public Ser-

vice Announcement educated Nebraskans about suicide warning signs and encouraged those in crisis to seek help. My administration created a behavioral health System of Care designed specifically to help young Nebraskans. We also put suicide prevention tools directly in our schools. This included training for more than 67,000 educators and school personnel to help students that are struggling.

To support our veterans, we launched the Governor’s Challenge to Prevent Suicide among Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families in Nebraska. The call to defend our country comes with a cost. Many of our veterans bear the physical or psychological scars of service. Working with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, we encouraged those in need of care to receive help.

Because of our efforts to improve mental health resources, Nebraska ranked fourth in the nation for mental health. As Senator, my efforts to pre-

vent suicide and combat our nation’s mental health issues remain a top priority.

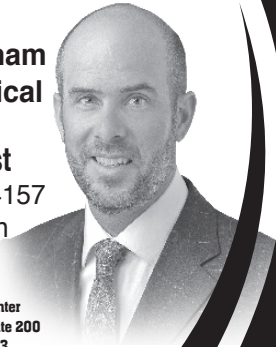
In August, I co-sponsored the Campus Lifeline Act. This bipartisan bill would increase awareness of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and expand resources to students nationwide. It would also increase access to student-led outreach on college campuses. Peer-to-Peer engagement plays an important role in the ability to identify students in crisis and connect them with the support they need.

This is important because our nation is experiencing an epidemic of loneliness. Research has linked loneliness to suicidal thoughts and behaviors. I introduced the bipartisan Improving Measurements for Loneliness and Isolation Act to help combat this epidemic. Representative Mike Flood introduced the companion bill in the House. This bill would establish a working group that would help experts target the root causes of loneliness.

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A youthful eye... *Life is supposed to feel like this*

BY MARY-JEAN GRIFFIS
Editorial Associate

You guys are going to start seeing my column and go, “Does she ever not have something to say?”

Short answer is no. Long answer is also no.

Last week, I went to New York City by myself. And yes, I will probably find a way to talk about it for the next six months.

I flew there alone, stayed in a hostel, figured out the subway, walked until my feet hated me, surprisingly only got lost once and spent three days staring up at buildings like I had never seen one before.

At one point, I was quite literally dancing through the streets of New York.

And I remember thinking, *Life is supposed to feel like this.*

September is Suicide Prevention Month, and I’ve already written about this topic a couple of times this month. But somewhere between New York and Nebraska, I realized I wasn’t quite done.

I’ve always hated the saying, “Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.” I understand what people mean by it, I really do.

But when you’re in that moment, feeling everything and nothing at the same time, nothing feels temporary.

When the pain has followed you for years, you don’t see a finish line. You don’t know there is a version of you five or 10 years down the road who will look back and wish she could reach through time and tell you everything you’re going to see.

Little MJ wouldn’t believe me if I told her about last weekend.

She wouldn’t believe that someday she’d be an actual writer with people who read her stuff. She definitely wouldn’t believe that someday she would go to New York City alone.

And she would probably laugh in my face if I told her that one day she would stand outside The New York Times and cry. But I did.

I stood there looking at that building with tears in my eyes because, somehow, my life had become so much bigger than I ever believed it could be.

Not perfect. Not easy. Just bigger.

There are versions of me who didn’t think we’d make it this far. They had no idea we’d someday walk through Times Square, navigate the subway, see the Statue of Liberty, take hundreds of pictures and dance down a New York sidewalk simply because we were happy. Simply because we were alive.

They couldn’t see any of that.

And that’s the part about suicide I wish we talked about more.

Sometimes there isn’t a visible light at the end of the tunnel. Sometimes asking someone to believe everything will get better feels like asking them to believe in something they cannot possibly see yet.

So maybe we remind them that there are things they don’t know yet.

There are cities they haven’t walked through. People they haven’t met yet. Songs they haven’t danced to. Dreams they haven’t even had yet.

There are ordinary Tuesday mornings and extraordinary weekends in New York waiting somewhere ahead.

Life isn’t always going to feel like dancing through the streets of New York. Life hurts. Sometimes it’s messy, exhausting and incredibly unfair.

But sometimes you stand outside The New York Times with tears running down your face and realize the little girl you used to be would never believe the life you’re living.

Life is supposed to feel like this, too.

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Troopers arrest one after pursuit in Custer County

Nebraska State Patrol
Sept. 18, 2026

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At approximately 7:05 p.m., a trooper attempted a traffic stop on a Volkswagen sedan that was driving on the shoulder of Highway 2 between Merna and Broken Bow. The driver initially stopped, but as the trooper approached the vehicle, the driver accelerated and fled at a high rate of speed, causing a pursuit to ensue.

The driver fled westbound on Road 801, with speeds at approximately 100 miles per hour. The vehicle then turned northbound on Road 433 and continued toward Merna. After the vehicle reached Merna, the vehicle fled westbound on Highway 2, with speeds above 100 miles per hour. Approximately two miles north of Merna, the driver pulled over to the shoulder and the driver was taken into custody without further incident. NSP dispatchers discovered that the vehicle had been reported stolen out of North Platte.

The driver, Joseph Pittman, 37, of Cozad, was arrested for flight to avoid arrest, willful reckless driving, theft by receiving stolen property, DUI with 3 prior convictions, driving under suspension, and numerous traffic violations. Pittman was also arrested for an outstanding warrant from Dawson County. He was lodged in Custer County Jail.

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Palette knife painting class with Allison Varah set for Oct. 17

Wild Rose Art Gallery
Sept. 21, 2026

BROKEN BOW - Those looking to explore a new way of creating art will have the opportunity to try their hand at acrylic painting with a palette knife during an upcoming class in Broken Bow.

Artist and award-winning educator Allison Varah will lead a beginner-friendly acrylic painting class Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at Mid-Plains Community College, 2520 S. E St., Broken Bow.

The class will give participants the chance to explore texture and movement while learning how to apply acrylic paint to canvas using a

palette knife. No previous experience is necessary.

Varah's love and talent for creating art is matched by her ability to teach with laughter and fun. Participants are encouraged to come ready to experiment and discover what they can create.

A variety of photographs will be available to use as references for paintings during the class.

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Faces and stories to look for in the Sept. 24 Chief!

Callaway School Board adopts budget, 4.7 percent increase in tax request

BY MONA WEATHERLY
Chief Contributor

CALLAWAY - More than 20 district patrons attended the Callaway Public School District's budget hearing Monday night, with many holding pink postcards sent to taxpayers when a taxing entity requests more than two percent plus real growth percentage. The district has included a 4.7 percent increase in property taxes for the 2026-2027 school year in the \$6.5 million budget. Many held pink postcards sent when a taxing entity requests more than 2% plus the district's real growth percentage. It was noted postcards generally reflected decreased housing valuations, little change in cropland and a "dramatic" increase in pastureland valuations. A required budget hearing on the tax request was scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 22.

During the 7:45 p.m. hearing, board President Jim Phelps allowed public comments and responses from Superintendent JD Furrow and board members. Although questions were often blunt and showed frustration, discussion remained civil.

Patron Tim Conover questioned the \$30,000 difference between a proposed 2.08% increase and the chosen 4.7% increase.

Ansley schools welcome four new teachers

BY LILY HICKENBOTTOM AND ASPEN TAYLOR
Ansley PS Journalism

ANSLEY - Ansley Public Schools welcomes a new high school math teacher, Mr. Riley Adelung. Mr. Adelung is a graduate of Amherst High School. He went to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to earn his teaching degree.

Growing up, he was part of a family of five as a middle child with an older brother and a younger brother.

While Mr. Adelung is not teaching, he enjoys playing sports, playing the piano, reading, and hanging out with his family.

What inspired him to become a math teacher is that he enjoys being around kids. He said, "I like doing math and just helping those who struggle with math. I appreciate it when students finally understand the concept and how to do it."

He said, "A good day at school for me is when no one complains." What Mr. Adelung loves about teaching in a small community is the fact that everyone knows everyone.

Ms. Cayley Carpenter is the new third grade teacher at Ansley Public Schools. She is taking on multiple roles this year. In addition to being the third grade teacher, she is the cross country coach and the Ansley-Litchfield dance coach.



Above: The Callaway School Board, forefront, addressed district patron's concerns about the 4.7 percent increase in a property tax request at Monday evening's meeting.

Mona Weatherly



Pictured above are the new teachers ready to face new beginnings at Ansley Public Schools. From left are Riley Adelung, Math; Cayley Carpenter, 3rd Grade; Jeff Cunningham, P.E.; and Jessica O'Brien, Special Education.

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Bow Girls Golf Windmill Tournament Champs



Broken Bow Girl's Volleyball



Broken Bow hosted Burwell for a girls golf dual Monday, Sept. 21, at the Broken Bow Golf Club, where Bow claimed the Windmill Cup after having a team score of 202. The top five scores belonged to Broken Bow golfers, including Caylee Cook, 47; Adelyn Kirkpatrick, 50; Tiana Hurlburt, 52; Emersyn Palmer, 53; and a tie for 5th place with Shelby Anderson and Hallie Meyer both scoring 60. Other Broken Bow scores include Brinlee Chaplin, 62; Mandi Mattox, 66; Piper Lawrence, 67; Payton Raker, 69; Alliyah Hernandez, 72; Annalee Smith, 75; Isabella Faltys, 75; and Anahi Diaz Vargas, 79. Pictured above back row from left are Shelby Henderson, Hallie Meyer, Tiana Hurlburt, Brinlee Chaplin and Isabella Faltys. Front row from left are Annalee Smith, Anahi Diaz Vargas, Piper Lawrence, Payton Raker, Emersyn Palmer, Caylee Cook and Alliyah Hernandez. Not pictured are Mandi Mattox, Brittney Nichols and Adelyn Kirkpatrick.

The Broken Bow Indians defeated the Lexington Minutemen 3-1 in their girls' varsity volleyball match Thursday, Sept. 17. Bow senior McKenna Jacobsen was a major player in this matchup as she single-handedly carved up the defense, getting 32 assists, 19 digs, two aces and a solo block. Another key player was sophomore Baylee Clark as she picked up 12 digs and nine kills.

Nicole Jacobsen

Twin Loup Wolves remain untouched



The Twin Loup Wolves remain untouched as of Friday, Sept. 18, after pulling off a 66-6 win over the Mullen Broncos. By halftime, the Wolves were already sitting at 52-0. Pictured above is Oran Grint, a Twin Loup junior, who was a major player in this matchup. He rushed for 96 yards and had three touchdowns on only six carries! The game also marked his second game in a row with at least 14 tackles.

Another key player in the matchup was Twin Loup senior Carter Hall (#20), who rushed for 71 yards and got one score. Pictured at right, Carter catches a pass.



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