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## Creativity in diversity

### SLF begins rolling out new writing curriculum

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A century after Sinclair Lewis became a worldwide literary sensation, the Sinclair Lewis Foundation is continuing his legacy by creating a brand-new creative writing curriculum which they are eager to pitch to area schools. The six-unit course will immerse secondary students in a variety of writing styles and voices, mentoring them in a supportive and flexible environment to let their creative talents shine.

“The curriculum includes prompts, resources and live interviews with professional writers who also represent a variety of experiences and ethnic and cultural backgrounds,” said Jim Umhoefer with SLF. “It also covers topics like blogging that aren’t usually found in creative writing curriculums. The curriculum is groundbreaking in these ways.”

SLF received a \$10,000 grant from the Central Minnesota Arts Board in July 2021 to fund the curriculum’s creation. Louise Teeter, the project manager, interviewed teachers to understand the current

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## Welcome

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## Anzio Company

PHOTOS BY BEN SONNEK

(Above) On the final block before the Sauk Centre Armory, people line the streets to welcome the National Guard’s Anzio Company home Jan. 28 in Sauk Centre.

(Right) Sergeant first class Adam Anderson reunites with his daughter after coming back with the National Guard’s Anzio Company Jan. 28 at the Sauk Centre Armory.

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# All-around achievers



PHOTO BY EVAN MICHEALSON

Teagan Felling is driven both academically and athletically, pictured Feb. 1 in Sauk Centre. Felling was recently announced as a recipient of the Triple ‘A’ Award.

## Felling flourishes in various activities

BY EVAN MICHEALSON  
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Teagan Felling has never been afraid to try new things.

In her first year of picking high school sports, she joined volleyball, golf and dance. After deciding volleyball and golf were not great fits for her, she turned her attention to swim and dive and track and field.

Similarly, Felling tried out band before finding a passion for one-act play, an activity that sees her arriving at Sauk Centre High School at 6:30 a.m. in the beginning of an action-packed, event-driven day.

This drive and determination has paid off with achievements, as Felling was recently announced as one of Sauk Centre’s two recipients for the Triple ‘A’ Award, sponsored by the Minnesota High School League.

“It means I have flourished in all of the incredible activities we have offered at school and I’m involved in a lot of different athletics as well as arts,” she said. “I’m very interested in doing well academically, too.”

When Felling first took to the pool as a swimmer, she participated for a year before putting the sport in the rearview mirror. After one year off, she realized she missed swimming and jumped back into the fray. It was a decision that altered the course

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Macoy Thiesen shows off several elements of his life Feb. 1 at Sauk Centre High School in Sauk Centre. Thiesen was selected as a recipient for the Triple ‘A’ Award.

## Thiesen selected for Triple ‘A’ Award through successes

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Macoy Thiesen is many things. A point guard. An academic achiever. A sheep dumper.

And now, the decorated student-athlete at Sauk Centre High School can add “Triple ‘A’ Award Winner” to his resume, as the senior was announced as a nominee for

the recognition sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League.

“It feels special and surreal, that I’m the one guy in my grade that has the honor to do this,” Thiesen said. “It’s pretty special.”

The Triple ‘A’ Award, which stands for Academics, Arts and Athletics, honors high school seniors who participate in at least one

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Date	High	Low
Jan. 24	7	-14
Jan. 25	-3	-23
Jan. 26	32	-23
Jan. 27	29	-13
Jan. 28	12	-16
Jan. 29	26	-2
Jan. 30	15	4



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