## DETAILS

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The Bluffs Golf Course clubhouse, located nearby. Roads leading to the neighborhood also were blocked.

At 10:20 a.m. Dec. 25, the subject stopped communicating with negotiators. Perimeter officers heard a gunshot and saw that a round had exited through the rear window of the home. Officers used tactical resources to approach the residence, assess his condition and reestablish communication.

At 1:30 p.m., he was found dead in the residence.

The Vermillion Police Department, Clay County Sheriff's Office and DCI continue to investigate the incident.



## By Parker Knox Sportswriter

By no means was it artistic, but the result was satisfying nevertheless as Vermillion's girls improved to 3-2 with a 37-31 victory at Tea Area Friday night.

A long scoreless spell in the second period and a 6-0 Titan run near halftime left Vermillion facing a 17-16 halftime deficit in the low-scoring contest. Fortunately for the Tanagers, the winless Tea

Area team was struggling offensively as well.

In the second half the Vermillion defense increased its intensity and level of play, too, as the team held its game-long turnover total to a mere eight errors. A field goal by Josie Huber, who shared game-high scoring honors at 15 points apiece with older sister Mackenzie, midway through the third period gave VHS a 20-19 lead after which the Tanagers never trailed.

The 7-3 third quarter, after which Vermillion led 23-20, was followed by a 14-point Tanager surge in the final stanza. A field goal by Mackenzie Huber, a seven-point burst by Josie Huber and a Blair Gilkyson bucket gave the Tanagers some breathing room at 34-27, their biggest lead of the night. Three of four from the free-throw line by

Tanager girls defeat Tea Area 37-31

Mackenzie Huber in the last 30 seconds kept Tea Area at bay and preserved the win. The Tanagers

sank nine of 13 attempts from the stripe in the game, a major factor in a contest in which field goals were so difficult to come by.

Besides the 30-point total by the Huber sisters, Gilkyson, who played extensive minutes for the first time since returning from an injury, had three points, Courtney Johnson two and Brooke Schwasinger two. Crystal Zitterich led Tea Area with 10 points.

The Tanager girls

missed their head coach, Nick Mayer, at Tea Area as he staved home due to illness. Assistant coach J.J. Heyden handled the head coaching duties.

The VHS girls hosted Sioux Falls Christian last night (Thursday) and are back home tonight as part of a girls-boys doubleheader against Parkston. The girls resume conference play at Madison Tuesday and at home next Thursday against Lennox.

## **Milbank takes Winter** Wonderland; Wagner third

Led by medalist Courtney Trapp, the Milbank Bulldogs claimed top honors at the Winter Wonderland gymnastics meet on Saturday at the Vermillion High School gym

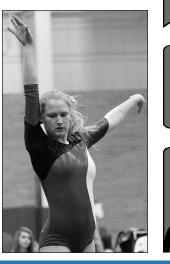
Milbank finished at 127.2, beating out Chamberlain (124.85) and Wagner (119.85) in the 10team event. Host Vermillion finished seventh at 117.4. Trapp posted an all-

around score of 36.2, also claiming top honors on the floor exercise (9.3), balance beam (9.2) and uneven parallel bars (9.1). Chamberlain's Vanzi

Knippling won the vault with an 8.9.

Wagner's Hannah Fleming finished fourth in the all-around with a 32.15.

TEAM SCORES: Milbank 127.2, Chamberlain 124.85, Wagner 119.85, Sisseton 119.2, Stanley County 119.2, Sioux Falls Washington 118.2, Vermillion 117.4, Britton-Hecla 116.65, West Central 111.3, Wall-Kadoka 108.45



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