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**ROBERTS PASSES SUDDENLY:** Longtime Hastings Star Gazette Editor, Writer, and Salesman Randy Roberts passed away suddenly last week, at the age of 57. According to his obituary "Professionally, Randy built a successful career in journalism, starting as a sports editor in Excelsior Springs, MO, and progressing to become editor in Richmond, MO. His journey led him to the Hastings Star Gazette, where he made significant contributions as editor before transitioning into sales. Most recently, he served as the Director of Sales and Marketing at Press Publications in White Bear Lake." Roberts leaves behind numerous family members and friends: He is survived by his devoted wife, Beverly; his daughters, Rachel (Emmett) and Danielle (Tommy) Roberts; his parents, Rick and Linda Roberts; and his brother, Robin (Sara) Roberts; uncle, Reg (Roleene) Roberts; aunt, Gwen (Dan) Silhacek, and aunt, Cheryl (Rusty) McCune, sister-in-law, Linda (Russ) Sullivan, sister-in-Law, Jeanne Richardson, mother-in-law, Lillian Richardson; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and a multitude of beloved relatives and friends. A funeral for Roberts was held on Monday, in Hastings.

**APPLE TREE PRUNING:** Join Carpenter Nature Center Orchardist Sam Behrends on Sunday March 10th from 1-3pm, for a hands on pruning workshop in the CNC orchard. Pruning techniques will be briefly covered indoors, then participants will move outside to the orchard to try their hands at the pruning techniques they just learned. Participants are encouraged to bring their hand pruners and loppers, a limited quantity are available to use. Sanitization of tools is required, and sanitizer will be provided. Participants should be prepared to be outside in the weather of the day. Participation in the Apple Tree Care workshop ahead of time is encouraged, but not required. Call 651-437-4359 to register.

**COFFEE WITH A COP:** The Hastings Police Department and Froth & Cork invite neighbors to join the police for coffee and conversation, to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know one another, on Tuesday, March 19th, from 10am-Noon. Froth & Cork is located at 110 4th St. E., across from City Hall. Watch for additional Coffee with a Cop events around town. Check out the City of Hastings website for more information!

**DUMB CRIMINALS:** A Montana ranch hand has been fined after authorities say he posted a Facebook video of him chasing after a grizzly bear with his pickup truck. The hand initially pleaded not guilty to violating the Endangered Species Act but switched his plea under the deal. He was charged with unlawfully harassing of a threatened species.

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**KDWA ON SOCIAL MEDIA!** Find KDWA Sports on Facebook or on X(@kdwa1460)!! KDWA's Sports Staff will be updating the social media channels with any breaking news, scores, and more from local Tri-County Area High School and Amateur Sports Teams. Also be sure to check out kdwa.com for the best area sports coverage, covering Hastings, Prescott, and Cottage Grove!



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Little Soldier Wins Third Straight State Title; Injuries, Upsets In Boys Bracket:

For the third consecutive year, Skylar Little Soldier brought home a state title for the Hastings Raiders in individual wrestling, while unfortunately two additional state champions were not able to defend their title.

Little Soldier:

Little Soldier's run started in the quarterfinals, where she needed just 56 seconds to win by fall over a wrestler from Centennial. That sent her to the semifinals where she again asserted her dominance, winning by fall over a wrestler from Bloomington Kennedy in 3:44. That sent her to the state championship where she again won by fall, needing just 1:41 to pin her opponent from Luverne and secure a state title. Little Soldier is already the most successful girls wrestler in Hastings history.

Other Girls Results:

Ivy Brandenburg brought it home in third place and has a very promising future, after being named All-State. Annabel Norquist made it to the consolation semifinals, as did Amelia Miller

Boys Results:

An injury prevented Trey Beissel from repeating as a State Champion. Beissel withstood the injury to make it through the first two rounds and advance to the semifinals, where he unfortunately suffered defeat. He would end up in 6<sup>th</sup> place after having to injury forfeit the remaining matches.

Blake Beissel would get off to a great start as well, winning his first two matches to put him in the semifinals, before an overtime defeat ended his rein atop the State. He would end up finishing third.

Derrick Steinke would also end up in the consolation rounds and would wrestle for third place after making it through the wrestlebacks. He would finish in fourth.

The Raiders took 6<sup>th</sup> at the Team State tournament.

Prescott Boys Two Wins Away:

The Prescott boys basketball team is two wins away from a trip to Madison, as the Cardinals beat Amery 72-57 and Osceola 55-39 over the weekend. They now take on Somerset in Hudson on Thursday night with the winner heading to Arcadia on Saturday to face either Elk Mound or G-E-T and a State title berth. The State Tournament is set for March 14-16 in Madison on the UW campus.

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