FIND ME IN THE PAPER

- This picture will be hidden in the Blue Ink somewhere.
- Look for it throughout the issue as you read the articles and browse the pictures.
- Thank you Mrs. Granberg for creating the Blue Ink dragon

WORTH MENTIONING

- State Wrestling is currently in action. Tune in on SDPB Sports.
- Girls wrestling had state qualifying yesterday and boys have it tomorrow.

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Blue Dragon grapplers take the main stage

by **Chase Costello**
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Garretson sends 5 to state, strong finishes by team at Region wrestling

With the wrestling season coming to an end, regionals were just last weekend. State is currently happening yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Garretson had multiple competitions during boys and girls regions, and multiple qualified for state. They will be wrestling at The Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls the 26-28 of February.

In state they seed the top eight then draw the bottom eight randomly. Garretson had 13 total wrestlers in regions with 5 qualifying, they did pretty well compared to last year with only three qualifying. Garretson had Macy Miller, Amaya Millwood, Blake Benson, Chase Arend, Cole Scheluter, and Tanner Baatz as an alternate. First round they all have pretty tough matches but all of them are winnable as none of them have the one seed in the first round. Blake Benson has the two seed first round as the lowest seed out of all the Garretson wrestlers.

All of the Garretson wrestlers had great seasons with Blake Benson having 34 wins and 14 losses. Chase Arend has 27 wins and 18 losses. Cole Scheluter has 31 wins and 16 losses. Amaya Millwood has 10 wins and 12 loses. Macy Miller has 15 wins and 18 loses. Good job on the long season boys and girls. Good luck at state Macy,Amaya, Blake,Chase, and Cole.



National FFA Week Snaps



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Nike MIND shoes worth the look

by **Shea Smidt**
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Leader in shoe styles and innovation once again takes leap with connections between mental and physical health

The newest footwear collection from Nike includes the shoes MIND 001 and MIND 002. Both shoes focus more on relaxing and mental wellness as opposed to athletic performance.

MIND 001 Shoes are made as slides instead of shoes. The style of colors and soft materials are there to provide comfort while allowing the person wearing them to activate their sensory stimulation. It has been said that if you feel your body is relaxed and at peace with itself the mind will also be relaxed and at peace.

The MIND 002 shoes were made as more of a tennis shoe option for the person that is on the go. Even with the similar features as MIND 001 Shoes, they are designed to be a little more supportive than the first shoe. These shoes are made for the individual that is busy and looking for comfort.

It is great that a company such as Nike recognizes that footwear can be for comfort and for athletic performance.



STATE WRESTLING UPDATE

DENNY SANFORD PREMIER CENTER

FEBRUARY 26-28
SIOUX FALLS, SD

BLAKE BENSON (113 lb)

Champ. 1st Round
- vs. Cael Vander Broek (Canton)
- Loss via Tech Fall

Cons. 1st Round
- vs. Michael Becker (Howard)
- Win via Pin

CHASE AREND (132 lb)

Champ. 1st Round
- vs. Witt Myers (Stanley County)
- Win via 8-5 Decision

Champ. 2nd Round
- vs. Evan Folk (Sisseton)
- Loss via 1-6 Decision

Cons. 2nd Round
- vs. Gabriel Frias (Flandreau)
- Loss via 2-12 Decision

COLE SCHLEUTER (190 lb)

Champ. 1st Round
- vs. Nolan Mentele (Howard)
- Loss via Pin

Cons. 1st Round
- vs. Liam Gunnon (Kingsbury County)
- Win via Pin

Cons. 2nd Round
- vs. Ethan Harris (Philip/Kadoka Area/Wall)
- Wrestling later today

MACIE MILLER (120 lb)

Champ. 1st Round
- vs. Gracie Lobbins (Madison)
- Loss via Pin

Cons. 1st Round
- vs. Cadence Bochek (Clark-Willow Lake)
- Loss via Tech Fall

AMAYA MILLWOOD (235 lb)

Champ. 1st Round
- vs. Unique Clairmont (Todd County/White River)
- Loss via Pin

Cons. 1st Round
- vs. Hadley Digmann (Ethan/Parkston)
- Win via 4-0 Decision

Cons. 2nd Round
- vs. Kori Wallner (Canton)
- Loss via Pin

Senior Spotlight
Alyssa Olson

Activities Involved In:
Basketball, Track, FFA, Student Council

Who/What Will You Miss Most:
Basketball

Favorite School Lunch:
Crispitos

Favorite Class You've Taken:
Earth Science

Plans for Next Year:
Attend WyoTech
To study collision
And refinishing



This Week's Need to Know

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 27
- Ag Olympics @ Old Gym
- SDSU Honor Band
- State Wrestling @ Sioux Falls (All Day)

Saturday, February 28
- State Wrestling @ Sioux Falls (All Day)

Monday, March 2
- Read Across America Week
- National School Breakfast Week - Muffins with Mom

Tuesday, March 3
- Read Across America Week
- National School Breakfast Week - Donuts with Dad
- BBB @ Regions 1st Round v. Flandreau (7:00)

Wednesday, March 4
- Read Across America Week
- Pre-K/Kindergarten Screening (9:00-6:00)

Thursday, March 5
- Read Across America Week
- Trap Meeting @ Sportsman's Club (6:30)

Friday, March 6
- Read Across America Week
- National School Breakfast Week - Goodies with Grandparents
- BBB @ Regions 2nd Round v. TBD (TBD)

Worth Mentioning

THREE GARRETSON STUDENTS are participating in the SDSU Honor Band this week. Congratulations to Casen Smith, Caiden Maack, and Aiden Johnson.

END OF 3RD QUARTER is on Wednesday, March 11. That means there is only a week and a half left of school for this quarter.

SPRING BREAK is Thursday, March 12 through Sunday, March 15. Enjoy the extra couple days away from school before we start 4th quarter.

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Senior ends wrestling season with best finish ever

Senior Cole Schleuter makes state wrestling tournament for the first time, continues family legacy

by **Bence Bonte**
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Making it to the state wrestling tournament is a huge accomplishment, and for Cole Schleuter, it means even more because this is his first time going.

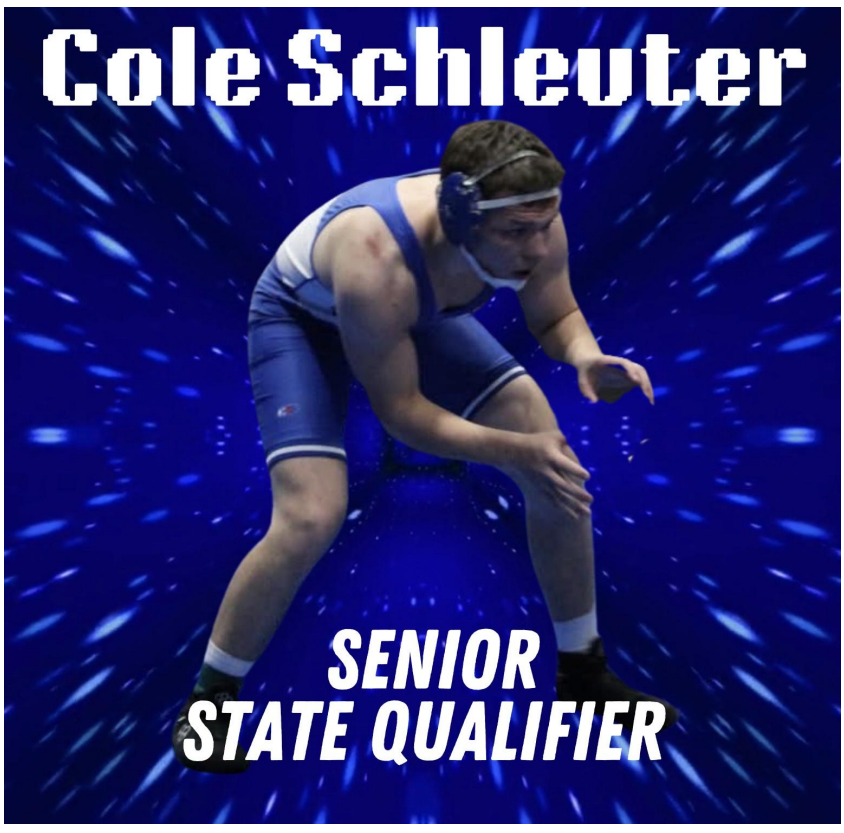
Cole is a senior and this was his last chance to make it to state before graduating, which makes it even more special, for Cole and his family. Cole comes from a long line of wrestlers, so the sport has always been a big part of his life. Cole has been wrestling since 1st grade all the way till now, and Cole definitely did not let all that time go to waste. Wrestling isn't just a sport to him, it's a family tradition that he is proud to carry on to his kids and their kids.

Even though he comes from a wrestling family, Cole didn't just rely on that name. He worked for everything he earned, he is absolutely the hardest worker you will ever see. At practice, he gives 100% every single day. When everyone else is tired, he keeps pushing, not leaving any ounce of energy unused. He stays focused, listens to his coaches, and is always trying to get better. He lifts weights, trains in the offseason, and never makes excuses. Since this is his senior year and his final opportunity, he's making sure to give it everything he has.

This season, all of his hard work finally paid off. He wrestled with the Cole Schleuter way no one will ever be able to match and never gave up, even in close and tough matches. There were moments where he could have gotten discouraged, but he kept fighting until the final whistle. That determination is what helped him qualify for state. When he earned his spot, it showed that every early morning, every hard practice, and every extra drill was worth it. It wasn't luck,it was years of dedication and hard work.

Cole also has some amazing memories such as, when he was an 8th grader at the Wagner tournament, where all the starters got beat out, so they all went to the gymnastics part and started doing flips on it. He also says that another amazing memory was when some seniors stole the Madison WWE belt from the Flandreau wrestling meet.

With all that, making it to state in his final year makes the moment even more special. Cole has proven that if you truly work hard and believe in yourself, great things can happen. He not only honored his family's wrestling legacy, but he also showed his teammates and future wrestlers what it means to never give up, especially when it's your last chance. It's safe to say that everyone will miss Cole, and we will all remember him forever.



CANTON, SD

POWERLIFTING

FEBRUARY 21, 2026

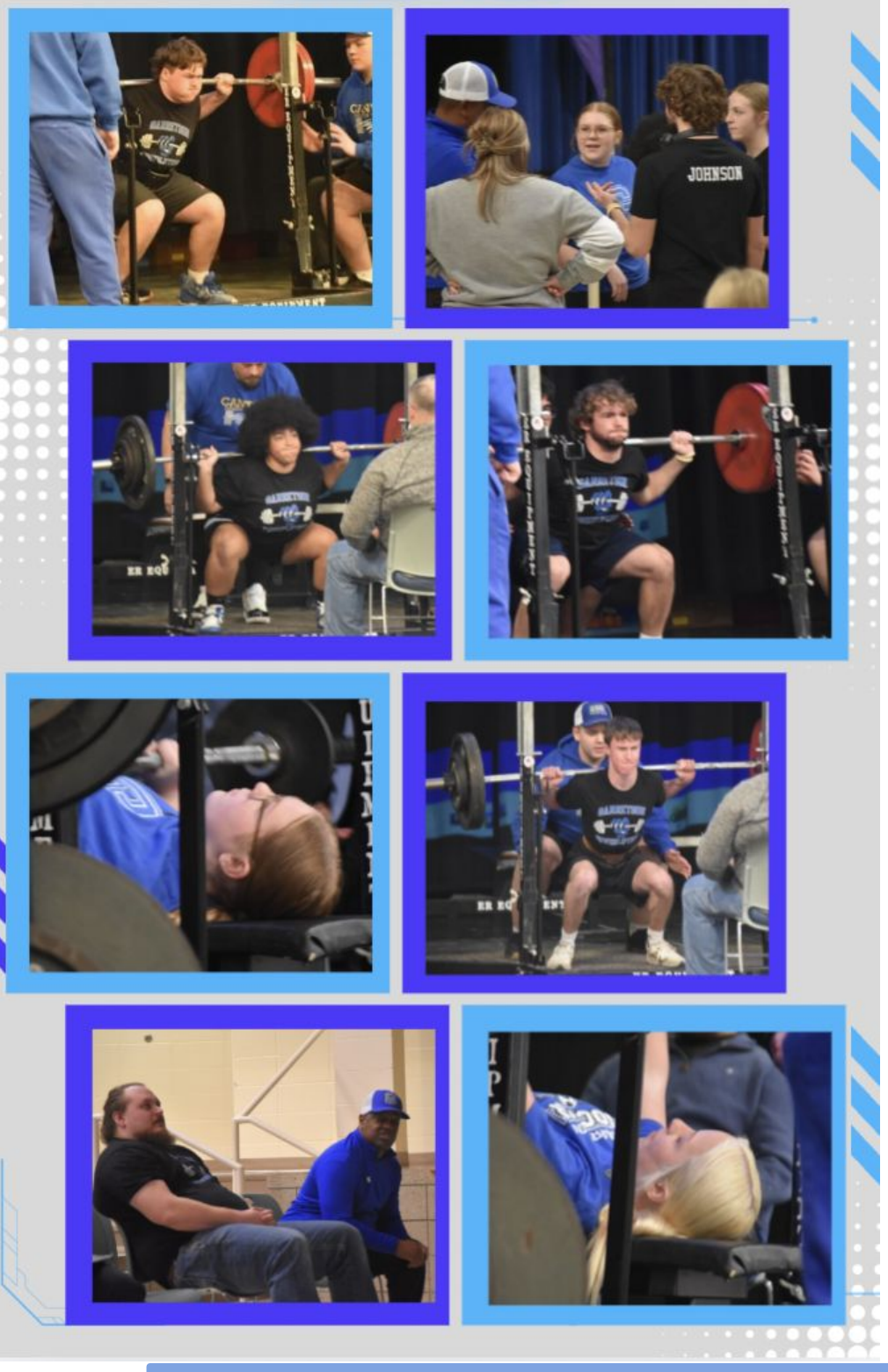
JUNIOR HIGH	DAISY JOHNSON	1ST	315 LBS
	TAYLYNN LUEDTKE	1ST	340 LBS
	MAKENNA AUSTAD	1ST	305 LBS
GIRLS VARSITY	AVA PETERS	1ST	480 LBS
	DELILAH JOHNSON	1ST	485 LBS
	JORDAN GRAFF	1ST	500 LBS
	AMAYA MILLWOOD	1ST	640 LBS
BOYS VARSITY	JACK ADLER	1ST	750 LBS
	AIDEN JOHNSON	1ST	885 LBS
	BLAKE CARMODY	1ST	835 LBS
	JACOBY COSTELLO	1ST	825 LBS
	WYATT POTTER	3RD	880 LBS

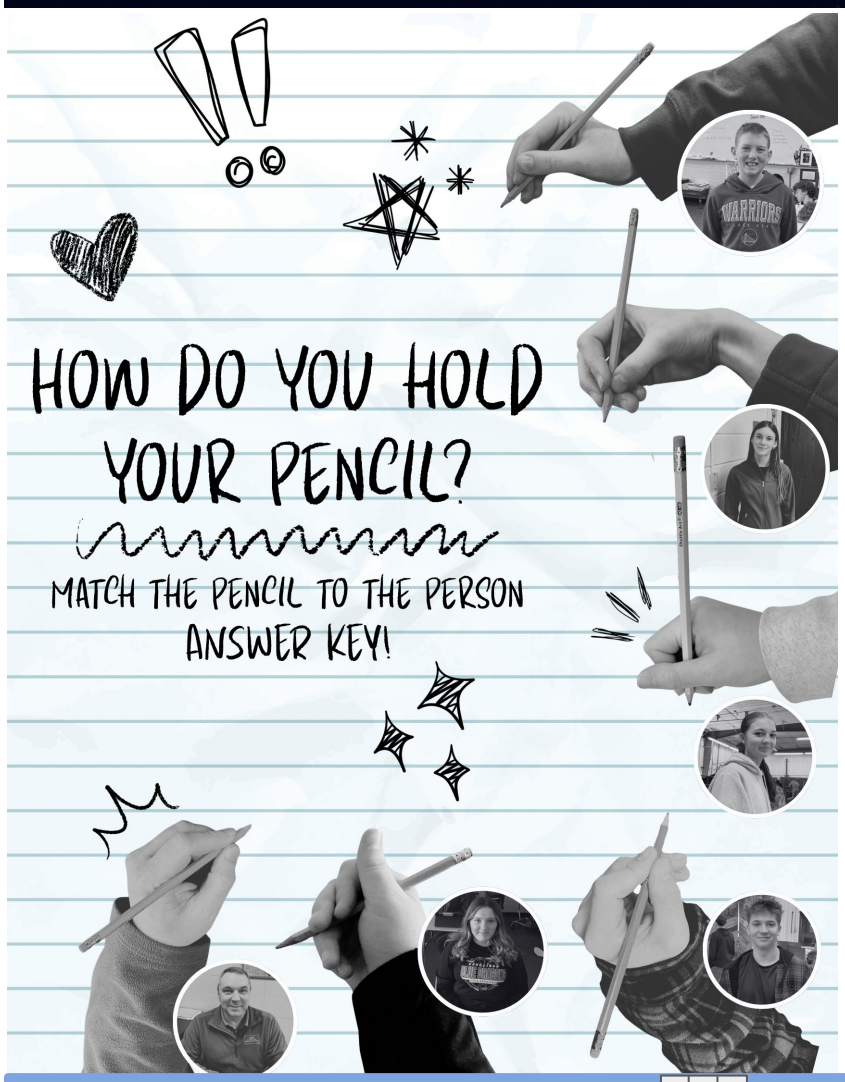
PLACING — TOTAL WEIGHT

CANTON, SD

POWERLIFTING

FEBRUARY 21, 2026





Start by filling out the 3x3 grid with a person that fits the description at the intersecting square.
Note: You can only use a person once per grid.
Good Luck!

The Garretson Grid

	Involved in an Ag Class	Coach	State Wrestling Qualifier
Drives a Truck			
First Name of 5 letters			
Involved in a Spring Sport			

Infographic created by Colton Buchholz

The Garretson Grid Possible Answers:

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

1: Levi Top, Ty VanHolland, Thor Zell
2. Mr. Schrank, Mr. Scieszinski, Mr. Bohl (when he drives)
3. Cole Schleuter
4. Gavin Coburn, Blair Ellefson, Kaden Hoogland
5. Mr. Schweitzer, Mr. Bohl, Mr. Moehlenbrink
6. Chase Arend, Amaya Millwood, Blake Benson
7. Tanner Baatz, Jack Adler, Ella Frerk
8. Ms. Whalen, Mrs. Hansen, Mr. Heumiller
9. Blake Benson, Cole Schleuter, Amaya Millwood