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DeLaCerde Wrestles Into The Record Books



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Sarah DeLaCerde has made history for the Mean Moose. Sarah has entered her name into history as she is the first girls' wrestling state champion in school history.

Sarah came into the tournament as the three seed, that would not deter her though as she won her first match with a 36 second pin against Cheyenne Dyess from Falcon.

In the quarterfinal match Sarah would waste no time beating Faith Vondy from Severance with a major decision and a 12-0 victory. With two more matches to go, Sarah had her toughest matches to come.

Facing off against the two seed, Bella Cross from Mesa Ridge, Sarah needed this win to get her ticket to the state championship. Only one minute and 25 seconds in, Sarah pinned her opponent and earned herself a match for a state title.

On the third and final night of the tournament, Sarah would wrestle Shayla Gallegos from Jefferson High School.

Gallegos would score the first blood as she scored an early takedown. Seconds later, Sarah would score a reversal where she would use that momentum to put Gallegos on her back. She would pin her opponent in a minute and 51 seconds in a cradle Gallegos could not escape.

After the match is where the excitement set in. Just seconds after her victory, Sarah showed her excitement with a huge smile and a series of fist pumps, pointing at her friends and family. This was truly a special moment for the DeLaCerde family adding another ring to their collection.

This was a special one for the family as history would be broken on February 19, 2022. This will be a night to remember for Sarah and the entire Alamosa Wrestling program.

After winning her title match, she was asked to personally take us through the title match, she explained the match by saying, "Before the match I wasn't too nervous. I figured if I won than it was great but if not then it was not meant to be. In the first period my opponent had a more defensive style so it

caught me off guard when she shot. After that, momentum fell on my side and I got a reversal and eventually a cross-face cradle that would end the match." She was then asked how it felt to be the first girl in program history to win a state title, she humbly stated, "It feels almost surreal, I feel like I never won, the moment still hasn't set in yet."

She may not feel the importance of it all yet, but Alamosa does. This sets the stage for many state champions to follow in the girls program. Sarah looks to follow her first title up with another next year and the chance to potentially become a three timer like her brother, Isaiah DeLaCerde.

Head Coaches Nicolas Dionisio and Rusty Johnson have

high hopes for Sarah in the coming years. They believe she can be something special for the program and dominate in years to come. The two believe Sarah did an outstanding job coming in as the three seed and leaving a champion. Overall, this will be a season Sarah and Alamosa will remember for ages. The stage has been set for Alamosa Girls Wrestling.



Courtesy Photo

Making History- Sarah DeLaCerde celebrates her state title win after the referee raises her hand. Sarah won with a cross face cradle to secure the program's first girls state title.

Upcoming Events

Baseball:

3/18-19 @ Delta Tournament
4/2 Vs. Montrose

Track and Field:

3/19 @ Dutch Clark Stadium
4/2 @ Bayfield

Girls Soccer:

3/18 @ Durango
4/2 Vs. Rye

Spring Break:

3/21 - 3/25



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Senator Cleave Simpson, of District 35, proposed a bill in the Colorado legislature that could make a significant difference in managing groundwater use in the San Luis Valley. This titled, "Groundwater Compact Compliance Fund" will do a number of things to benefit the San Luis Valley in effectively managing groundwater.

This implies that a groundwater compliance will be created along with a sustainability fund. This fund will help finance reduced groundwater usage in the Rio Grande River Basin as well as the Republican River Basin.

Funding can also be used in multiple other ways, like buying and retiring irrigation wells and irrigated acreage in the two river basins.

People of the San Luis Valley have wanted a bill such as this one to be passed. Many have been conversating and

many are needing a bill like the Simpson bill to be passed. It is clear that the SLV is very dependent on agriculture for the economy, and a bill such as this one could change the game for the future of water in the valley. As we all know, the valley does not get much rainfall at all.

The SLV has an annual rainfall of less than 7 inches. This is near tragic for growers. Due to this insufficient amount of rainfall, growers rely on groundwater well pumping as their main source of irrigation water.

Using well water has a negative impact on the valley's aquifers. This also threatens senior water rights and Colorado's compliance with the Rio Grande Compact which is a program that ensures that the state of Texas receives their share of quality water from the Rio Grande. Simpson made it clear that there would be devastation if this bill was not passed.

Jared Polis, governor of the state of Colorado, was one of the many who supported

Simpson. Governor Polis also discussed giving 15 million dollars from his budget for the fund which would be a huge help.

Along with valley citizens, Simpson has many supporters. This bill will drastically change realm of water use in the San Luis Valley and Simpson stresses the negative impact on water in the SLV if it is not passed.

Our economy in the San Luis Valley is all based around agriculture. Without water, and without the proper use of water our economy is nothing. We need to take the next step and Senator Cleave Simpson's bill is the next step for the valley.

Many question the impact on the valley if the bill was not passed. Senator Sonnenberg compared it to the situation in the Arkansas Valley. Sugar City no longer exists because of the same situation with water we have here in the valley which is why water management is so important.

Surprisingly in the hearing, the idea of purchasing wa-

ter and exporting it from the valley came up as well. This is obviously not something that the valley is capable of at the moment.

We already have a shortage of water and purchasing and exporting water will just add to the existing problem. Exporting water will put the San Luis Valley at even more of a risk. The valley needs water and does not need to be losing it right now. Water has become a must have factor for the valley during this time.

As stated previously, economy of the San Luis Valley revolves around agriculture. The economy is fueled by agriculture and will most likely continue to be for years and years. This water fund will turn the tables and change the game without question.

The SLV is at a loss of water. With the severity of this issue, individuals, such as Senator Simpson, are taking steps to solve it. This bill will drastically change water use and get the SLV back on track.

The Next Step For Water