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Colton Collier - Best Wishes to our Sea Otter Team Captain

by *Charity Winters*



Colton is the last of the seven high school seniors for the Seldovia Gazette to spotlight this year, although he is certainly not the least! The captain of this year's Sea Otter basketball team will be missed both on and off the court as he makes plan to head off to school this fall. Colton's roots go deep here in Seldovia and saying goodbye to family and friends as his growing up years come to an end, will certainly be hard for everyone.

"Country life" as he calls it, is what Colton will miss the most (besides family, of course!) about Seldovia. His favorite thing about Seldovia is the freedom that comes with being out in the mountains and having so many things at your fingertips. He knows it will be a big step to head out somewhere else for school, away from the quiet small town life. "Here, things settle

'Getting out of Dodge' is really what Colton is most excited about. He was quick to add that Seldovia has been a great place to grow up "for the most part". He described Seldovia as a safe place to be – where everyone looks out for you and you know everyone in town. He has made friendships that have lasted since he was little. When I asked if there was one thing he would not miss, "staying out of the gossip column!" was his reply.

Colton feels that his parents, Kim and Crystal Collier have been the biggest encouragement for him through high school and he has appreciated their support and involvement. They have helped Colton to become an active young man with interests in several areas. Besides basketball, he wrestled his freshman year

down around 5pm. Out there, it's 24/7!" Colton admits it will be an adjustment, but he's really looking forward to his plan to attend UAA in the fall. He hopes to complete his first year there to get the basics and then move on to a school in the lower 48 for the rest of his college career. Colton will be pursuing either mechanical engineering or business administration. As for basketball, after playing all four years of high school, Colton knows he will miss that the most about high school. "I'll be playing somewhere," he claimed. He doesn't want to have to give it up for good.

of high school. He has volunteered for the SVT prevention program several times. Colton enjoys "hands-on" work like working on vehicles and such. He also likes to snowmobile, fish, and hike – just few of the ways he spends his time outdoors. Whatever it may be, it seems that Colton won't have a difficult time finding some way to stay busy at college. We wish him the best and a promising future!



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