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Molly Chapman - Carefree and Ready to Go

by Charity Winters



Molly has been a Seldovian ever since the first grade and it's hard to believe that she is now among the seven Susan B. English students who are ready to graduate high school and head out onto life on their own. With plans to attend the University of Alaska at Fairbanks next fall, Molly is excited about experiencing something new outside of Seldovia.

For Molly, one of the highlights of her high school years was putting together last year's prom. "It's something I've wanted to do since elementary school. It was a lot of fun!" That and the fact that their class had lots of money to spend for the event made the

waitress at the Madfish Restaurant and hopes to do the same this coming summer. As for hobbies and interests, swimming has always been fun for Molly and at one time she was part of a swim team here in Seldovia. She also enjoys black and white photography, but unfortunately, the school's dark room hasn't been up for student use in a while.

As for the future, 17-year old Molly is not quite sure of her plans yet. She is thinking about pursuing a major in something business related, but will make her decision when she's had time to check out her options. Even though she's ready to try something new in a new place, Molly has really enjoyed growing up in her hometown.

occasion a memorable one for Molly. But more than that, her time on the volleyball team stands out as the best times of her SBE career. Two of her closest friends, Jen Giles and Naomi Gallien (also seniors) have been on the team with her since junior high. Their senior year was looked forward to with great expectations because they “knew they would be really good!” after all those years together. Sure enough, they have hopes to attend the state championship next week. This coming weekend at Regions in Nenana will determine whether the team will go home or go on to compete.

Molly has kept busy in other ways besides volleyball. A few years ago she became a certified lifeguard and she now works off and on at the pool. This past summer she worked as a

The best things, she says, “Growing up with the same people and being able to build strong relationships. We also have lots of freedom because you just don’t have to worry about things here.” As for worries once she leaves town, there aren’t many for this carefree teenager! “Financial things” are the most intimidating for her as she heads so far from home. However, she mentioned that attending UAF with friend Jen Giles helps ease any anxieties. Five years from now, she sees herself out of school with a good job – we wish that and more for Molly! Good luck!



Molly and mother, Mary Klinger, at the Halloween Carnival, 2007

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