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Stephanie Lewis - Mighty 2007 Graduate!

by Mary Glover



Seldovia's 2007 graduating class is joined by Stephanie Lewis, an outgoing teenager from Orem, Utah and niece to locals Marcela and Lowell Sudyam. Stephanie attended SBE last year as a junior and returned to graduate because she fell in love with both the beauty of Alaska and the community of Seldovia. It's been great to have another wonderful student to add to our ranks!

For someone who hasn't been here very long, Stephanie hasn't wasted any time getting involved. She has played on the girls' volleyball team and plays wing for this year's basketball team. She participated in the Christmas play this year, is on the student council and also works for the SEE project. To earn a little money, Stephanie cleans houses on the side in her free time. Although she says she's not quite ready for college, Stephanie still has big plans

Stephanie claims she came here "a little troubled" and she was excited to find a community where she was around supportive and positive people. She is especially grateful for the encouragement she has had from both coach and teacher, Damara Burnett. Stephanie says she will really miss the people and environment that she has come to love and hopes to return someday. But for now, she is glad to "leave behind the drama" of high school life. A high school highlight was a difficult thing for her to give, as she feels that her 4 years weren't filled with a whole lot of joy. But she feels she has come out of it all a better person, learning from her mistakes and growing up.

Now Stephanie hopes to enjoy the rest of her high school career enjoying Seldovia for a few more months, relaxing

for her future. She is joining the National Guard and is hoping for enrollment in the special operations airborne program. Her original plan to try for the airforce didn't work out so this seemed like the next best thing! But she is really looking forward to seeing the world and has signed on for six years of something very exciting and different. Afterwards she plans to attend school to become a dental hygienist.

with her friends, skiing and taking walks. This summer she plans to head home to Utah "loving her family" of 4 siblings and vacationing with them before she heads off into the wide world. Good luck, Stephanie and God bless!



Stephanie at the Halloween Carnival



Stephanie during the School Play in 2006



Stephanie's a terrific team player!

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