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### Rochelle Marie Purpura Joins the Gazette Team

*Tamara Blodgett*



#### *Making a perfect partner...*

A fresh face has come to reside as part of our newspaper "family." Susan B. English Junior, Rochelle Purpura, will begin her new role as School Reporter for the Gazette. Purpura is a natural writer that specializes in poetry and has won awards and local acclaim for her work. A natural branch-off of this is to gain experience in journalism. Rochelle will cover the "nuts & bolts" of SBE activity such as Booster Club and PAC. She will also be in charge of human interest and student activity.

#### *Not just a girly-girl...*

Although decidedly feminine, Rochelle is mindful that cultivating her intellect through education is the route she wishes to pursue. Wishing to explore her boundaries, Rochelle spent her sophomore year back east, in Massachusetts, where her fathers' family lives. This new experience was exciting and whets her appetite for the future. Purpura loves Seldovia's uniqueness with one eye toward the future of moving away post graduation to another place just as diverse.

responsible for grading fish, amongst other duties. Rochelle said, "I'm not afraid to get slimy!" Those words spoken belies the put-together and well-manicured persona she conveys in person (one cannot imagine slimy and Rochelle together!).

#### *Busy at school, busy at the paper...*

As a junior, Rochelle has a full course load to manage and is extra excited about her foreign language elective in Italian. Her heritage is important to her and she is very happy to pursue her second year in the language of her ancestors. Purpura plans on college and is scheduled her high school curriculum accordingly. She emphasized it will be a hard choice between English and the Culinary Arts as her major. Each one has its "draw." She will be plenty busy this year writing articles. In fact, this position works well for college. Rochelle will receive community service hours in lieu of a wage for her services along with a letter of reference. Colleges look highly on motivated, self-starters getting experience in their related field(s) on a volunteer basis. She is

This summer she was very busy splitting her time between friends in both Seldovia and Homer. She worked at the local Mad Fish Restaurant (Jill-of-all-trades and master of all!) along with putting in time with her dad's fishing business. After a knee injury laid up her dad, she pitched in with quality control and was

that! Our other school reporter, Katie O'Leary will complement Rochelle's efforts by continuing her great sports coverage. Here at the Seldovia Gazette, we would like to extend a warm welcome to Rochelle.

Take a look at Rochelle's first article on the Seldovia Gazette School page today . . . [click here](#)



**Purpura Family**

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