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Harold Haynes.... An Eye on the Future

by Tamara Blodgett



Harold was born in June of 1990 in Missoula, Montana, approximate population 64,000 souls. He was only three years old when the family needed to move to Alaska for a job transfer. This led the family to the remote spot of Seldovia, which seemed to be the perfect fit for the outdoorsy family of five. His dad, Paul, worked a typical "north slope" type of shift which divided his physical time between Seldovia and Prudhoe Bay, where he worked on an oil rig. Harold's mom, Ronda, took care of the young family in the early years and began work as the City Clerk about ten years ago. Harold's older sibling, Emily, is twenty and a current college student. Harold also had a younger sister, Brooke who passed away three years ago this August. Harold's dad still has a home in Montana and Harold and Emily have enjoyed spending time with him each summer river rafting, camping and hiking.

Susan B. English School has been the only school Harold has attended and remembers when he was young that the student population was larger, with a student population of ninety-three (SBE's current number is sixty-three). In the summer, he lived the "typical" Seldovian- kid lifestyle, which was playing with friends, riding bikes and fishing at the Seldovia Slough Bridge. Growing up in Seldovia also meant during his junior high years, the ice cream parlor was the main "hang out" place.

Kayaking was something he enjoyed with his father. When his dad lived in Seldovia they fished together in his boat and lived the outdoor life as a family in a big way with camping and hiking a regular pursuit. Harold has taken a few trips to river raft on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River that runs through Idaho, also know as the *River of No Return* .

Various jobs kept Harold gainfully employed as a dishwasher at the Mad Fish Restaurant and SVT's See Project (Seldovia Expansion Enterprise). Odd jobs while in junior high (cutting grass, yard work) were another boon to his pocketbook. He said, "Whatever people needed me to do and trusted me with at that young age," was what Harold would accomplish. His favorite job was the dishwashing job, as owners Tim and Isabelle had a great sense of humor and kept things a laughing matter in the kitchen!

Harold plans to leave for Central Wyoming College with either an early departure to find summer work there or a later date to begin his fall academic line up. Good Luck!

How has living in Seldovia affected you?

It has affected me by making me comfortable in living in a small town. It will be interesting to see what it will be like when I move to a big town.

What is your favorite memory of living here?

Hanging out with friends in the summer; riding bikes.

What was your favorite subject?

Shop (Mechanical Comprehension).

Favorite sport/hobby?

Wrestling.

What will you miss most?

My friends.

What are your plans for the future?

Go to college, get my degree, get a job; *start living life!*

What are you most grateful for?

My mom, she pushed me to graduate and go to college.

Who was an important influence for you?

My mom was an important influence.

Favorite band/song?

Breaking Benjamin; I have a lot of favorite songs.

Catchphrase?

Nothing right now.

Final words?

It's been fun!



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