

The Face Of Bozeman

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No longer a cow town, Bozeman -- in Big Sky Country, Montana -- has been nicknamed Boz Angeles because of an influx of Californians and celebrities. This has resulted in ranchers cashing out and Wal-Mart moving in, although downtown Bozeman still has plenty of charm, along with mountain views. And while it has been known to snow in August, on most weekends you'll find the whole town -- and its many dogs -- floating down the Madison and Yellowstone Rivers on inner tubes.

Alta Sieck, Outfitter (leads overnight pack trips). Owns one shotgun, one rifle, one dog, one horse. Came to Bozeman on a rodeo scholarship. "I live to ride my horses." Fly-fishes; hunts deer, elk. Used to date a bull rider. Favorite movie: "The Man From Snowy River." "I have a tattoo of the horse from Snowy River on my back."

Alexis Bryan, Snowboarder and eighth-grade student. Owns two dogs, three cats, five family horses (that everyone rides). Favorite subject: math. Hobby: home design. Cuts pictures from magazines of what she wants in her house one day. "My room has one pink wall, a green wall and two white walls. I have a pink bed and a pink light. I'd say my style is teenage modern."

David Lee Jensen, Actor and cowboy. Owns 10 guns, one dog, one horse. Works on a ranch. Likes to hunt and go on pack trips. Didn't see "Brokeback Mountain," and "don't want to. They're not cowboys. They were shepherders." Tried out for "Dances With Wolves" but didn't get a part. Dreams about a recurring role on "Deadwood."

Luke Davis, Sixth-grade student. Owns one .45-caliber pistol and four dogs. Good at skiing, but favorite sport is baseball. Raises money for his school through "lamb-o-grams," in which people send lambs to each other, who then have to pay to get the lamb to leave. Loves the mountains. Wants to be a basketball player.

Baily Goodwine, Brianna Ackerman, Riley Rockhill, Zach Gersack and Zach Bruha, Students at Park High School in Livingston, next door to Bozeman. Enjoy soaking in Boiling River hot spring in Yellowstone National Park (as shown here).

Maggie McGuane, Mother, writer, animal rescuer and shopkeeper. Owns one gun, two dogs, two cats. Floats the Yellowstone River for fun. Hobby: listening to the police scanner. "They say I'm the nosiest person in Livingston." Best things about Montana: "My boyfriend, and knowing all my neighbors." Dreams: "For my kids to be happy and for my 4-year-old to stop swearing."

Maisie and Charlie Kirn, Siblings. Own two dogs, two cats. Like to ride bikes and swim. Maisie rides horses and is really good at hip-hop dancing; Charlie loves the Yellowstone River, has no girlfriend and is really good at baseball. Maisie wants to be an animal cop; Charlie wants to be a veterinarian and a pumpkin.

Kip Fladland, Horse trainer. Owns several guns, one dog, nine horses. "I enjoy getting out of bed every morning and knowing I'm gonna be ridin' horses all day." Lives on about 50 acres. Loves any movie with John Wayne in it. Didn't see "Brokeback Mountain" -- "and not gonna see it." Hunts and fishes but "not near as much as I did when I was a kid." Wants to become a better horseman.

Michelle and Thomas McGuane, Mother and son. Own one English cocker spaniel, three cats. Michelle gardens and skis. Likes that Montana is still not so crowded. Breast cancer survivor. Dream: "To see my child go to college and be here a long time." Thomas, 7, wants to go to Hawaii to surf. Dream: "To be like my daddy, 'cause he makes lots of money."

Bob Seely, Taxidermist and owner of Bob's Taxidermy Studio in Livingston. Owns 20 guns, two dogs. Hates horses: "They've always left me stranded." Has 27 stuffed animal heads in his house. "I like the artistic aspect to my job, making them look alive. Birds are the hardest for me." Would like to duck hunt in Argentina. Loves everything about Montana, especially the mountains. "Bozeman used to be a nice place. Suddenly everyone moved here; don't know why."

Alaska Sled dog. 10 years old. Pulls from the wheel position, directly in front of the sled. Eats everything, but favorite food would have to be rib roast. Loves cats, horses and other dogs. Considered the blond (not the brains) of the team.

Steve Caracciolo, "The Main Man." Cleans sidewalks on Main Street. Twice named Bozeman's best local celebrity (in The Tributary, a monthly newspaper). Likes to ride his bike. "After 3:30, I hit the bars." Claims to have been run over four times by a car and five times by a truck. Enjoys sitting around drinking coffee. Dream: "To win the lottery. Isn't that everybody's?"

Kent Davis, Actor and artistic director of [Equinox Theatre Company](#). Has no pets. Likes that people from all walks of life go to see the plays: ranchers, bartenders, playwrights. Loves Moose Tracks ice cream, made locally. Dream: to spin Equinox out all over the country. Favorite place: Hyalite Peak Trail (which has 11 waterfalls in five and a half miles).

Jess Ellis, Tire tech (fixes tires). Owns two dogs. Going to Alaska to fish this summer. "Alaska is the last frontier. They say Montana is, but it isn't." Favorite food: elk steak. "I'm a big-time hunter; that's how we get our food around here." Dream: "To stay married to the woman I'm married to."

Sam Lowe-Anker and Conrad Anker, Son and father; aspiring filmmaker in eighth grade and mountain climber. Own two Labrador retrievers, two bunnies, two chickens, one tarantula. Both like to camp and rock-climb. Sam skis and plays guitar with his friends in a band called Voodoo Fish. Just visited Antarctica.

Kaili Money, Student. Owns two horses. Training to do barrel racing (rodeo). Good at singing. Camps, fishes and draws for fun. Wants to be a veterinarian and a rancher. Plans to take over as pigeon keeper for her grandfather's barnful of trick pigeons.

John Tarver Bailey, Marketing director at [Bozeman Watch Company](#). Rides every chance he gets. Hunts ducks and quail. Cooks Indonesian food. Skis and fishes. Loves traveling. Will be in Morocco all summer. "Bozeman is not just cowboys. There are lots of liberals and intellectuals." Rides his bike to work.

Paige Meyer, Waitress at Plonk wine bar and massage-therapy student. Owns one cat. "I'm very afraid of horses. I feel like they could eat me." Spends a lot of time in the summer biking and hiking. Next trip: a motorcycle tour of Greece ("I'm on the back"). Does a new-rock show at local radio station. Recommends the Mars Volta ("really noisy rock"). "Can't explain why, but it's magical here in Montana. I love it."

Gregory Pole, Artist and horseman on Ted Turner's ranch. Owns three handguns, one dog, three barn cats. "I like the freedom of my work, plus I live in the environment that I paint." Dream: "To be able to do this until I fall over dead, off a horse -- it would be appropriate." Favorite movie: "The Man From Snowy River."