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Original People

Meet the people, the real people that make Steamboat

The local roots here in the Yampa Valley go much deeper than you might think. Steamboat is not just a town full of ski bunnies and cowboys. Generations after generation have placed their roots here and it is no surprise why. We are a town that is about our people, the personalities and the characters that keep this small town friendly, unique and distinctive. Meet some of our classic originals.

Bill Hamil

Steamboat Meat and Seafood

Local business owner and longtime Steamboat Springs resident, Bill Hamil of the Steamboat Meat and Seafood Company, brings gourmet food, his vibrant personality and his unmistakable Philadelphia accent and small town charm. Starting his business in 1982, Bill has become a go-to guy in town for fresh fish and great homemade pasta too.

How long have you lived in Steamboat Springs and what brought you here?

I moved to Steamboat Springs in 1979 from Philadelphia to help a friend start his restaurant and to ski. I loved Steamboat's charm and the people. I moved here when Mount Werner was still a dirt road.

What is your favorite thing to do in Steamboat Springs?

I love to be with my family, hike, go to the Strawberry Park Hot Springs and to ski.

What is your fondest memory of Steamboat Springs?

The old river race that was in town in the early 1980s. The whole town would come down to the Yampa and race whatever they could find down the river. There were tubes, rafts, canoes, surf boards and everyone would get dressed up. I think I dressed up as a sailor one year.

What keeps you here in the Yampa Valley?

The Curse as some call it. Steamboat local lore says that a Ute Indian tribal leader declared that all those who visited the Yampa Valley would be destined to return. I came to Steamboat Springs for the first time in 1976 and I came back in 1979 and have never left.

Jamie Mcquade

Winona's Restaurant and Bakery

When in downtown Steamboat Springs, there are a few "must see" places that line Lincoln Avenue. One that many locals and visitors alike tend to be drawn to is Winona's Restaurant and Bakery. Jamie Mcquade,

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brings her love of community and good food to an operation that she has been a part of not only as a waitress and a manager, but now as the owner for more than four years.

How long have you lived in Steamboat Springs and what brought you here?

I have been living here in Steamboat Springs for 13 years. I came to visit friends in the summer and moved six months later from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

What is your favorite thing to do in Steamboat Springs?

Anything outdoors; I love to hike, dirt bike, wakeboard and snowboard in the winter.

What is your fondest memory of Steamboat Springs?

I love the summers here. The summer activities, the parade, the free summer concert series and the pro rodeo series are all so much fun. Our summer guests are more diverse than our winter guests. Summers are a lot of fun.

What keeps you in the Yampa Valley?

I have moved away and then moved back. This small town has a lot going on. The great social aspect and my friends keep

Suzy Holloran

Local Artist

Local Steamboat personality Suzy Holloran wears many hats in the Steamboat Springs Community. The local artist, art therapist and rancher, Suzy has many credentials to her name. Most recently along with author Marles Humphrey, Suzy illustrated the book, "Lilies of our Valley: Stories of Routt County Women." It is a book that showcases ranching women and the spirit of who lives here and what keeps us here.

How long have you lived in Steamboat Springs and what brought you here?

I moved to Steamboat Springs 39 years ago with my first husband from Aspen. There were many more opportunities in Steamboat Springs and overall it was a better fit.

What is your favorite thing to do in Steamboat Springs?

My favorite thing is just being here. I love the wide open spaces and the serenity of the valley.

What is your fondest memory of Steamboat Springs?

The first year we moved to Steamboat Springs, there was a Fourth of July dance that closed off Highway 40. The community center was on Fifth & Lincoln and right in the middle of the closed street there was a big



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dance.

What keeps you in the Yampa Valley?

Home is here, my life is here, and my family is here. Where else would I go?

Brad Cusenbary

Rocky Peak Productions, Operating Partner

Their tagline says it all, "Promoting cycling events by cyclists, for cyclists." Lead by a team of Steamboat Cycling enthusiasts Rocky Peak Productions is helping to put Steamboat Springs on the map as a biking power house. With some of the best terrain, our popular events and a dedicated following, this sport is making quite a mark in northwest Colorado. Keep a look out for their events, The Ro Stampede: 6 and 12 Hour Endurance Races or Kent Eriksen's Tour de Steamboat: One day, Two tires, Three passes.

How long have you lived in Steamboat Springs and what brought you here?

I have been here 10 years, all in the pursuit of happiness.

What is your favorite thing to do in Steamboat Springs?

It depends on the time of year - either biking or skiing. In the summers I love to ride my bike on Emerald Mountain and in the winter anything in Routt County.

What is your fondest memory of Steamboat Springs?

The collection of the last 10 years of my life. Living here truly is a dream...my fondest memory is a work in progress.

What keeps you in the Yampa Valley?

There is no way I could leave Steamboat Springs. This is my paradise. I am living my pursuit of happiness.

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Celebrating over 100 years of service in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association works to promote summertime activities and programs. To learn more about chamber events and activities please check out www.steamboatsummer.com or call the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association at 970.879.0880.

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