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At Home in Polson



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In the year that the Groff family has called Montana home, they have adapted very well to the active lifestyle of Flathead Lake. Rich, Jackie, and their 19-year-old twins, Jackson and Kelsey, love all things outdoors. Rich and Jackie have taken up hunting, but as a family they all enjoy skiing and snowboarding, water sports, hiking, fishing, and so much more. And it's certainly not their first experience with Montana. The Groff's often visited Flathead Lake over the years until their path finally brought them to the area.

Rich and Jackie have been married for over 26 years. They met at Central Michigan University at Pizza Hut for a mutual friend's birthday party. And the rest, as they say, is history! Rich graduated with a Business degree in Business Administration and Finance. He went on to receive his degree in Certified Financial Planning (CFP) at the College for Financial Planning in Denver, CO, becoming a third generation CFP.

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Jackie graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Therapeutic Recreation, where she specialized in Aquatic Therapy. She worked in a rehabilitation unit with patients suffering from stroke, spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injuries, and knee and hip replacements among other diagnoses.

After moving to Arizona, Jackie was unable to find a job in her field, so she worked as Rich's assistant for 5 years right up until she was 8 months pregnant with the twins. As they built their life and raised their family, Rich split his time between Arizona and Montana, but it wasn't until 2017 that the Groff's finally made the big move to the Treasure State. “We have really enjoyed the people here as they are very down to earth and

blast doing anything together. Even during the school year they make time each week to grab dinner together and play ping-pong, basketball, or anything competitive."

Jackson and Kelsey are both students at the University of Montana, and active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes,



Kelsey & Jackson
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Groff Family Griz Game



Groff Family in Maui

seem to have more time to talk and get to know one another," Jackie shared. "It's a slower-paced, smaller town feel that has been great for us. Rich still spends about a third of his time in Arizona, where his business, TheMoneyMD.com LLC still has a 2nd location."

While Rich and Jackie build their new life on the lake, their active and adventurous spirit lives on through Jackson and Kelsey. "[They are] not just siblings but literally best friends!" Jackie said. "There is something special about a twin bond. They have always gotten along and have a

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and Zootown Church. Jackson is studying Journalism with a focus on Sports Broadcasting. Kelsey is majoring in Business with a focus on Marketing and a Minor in Media Arts. Jackson is a Redshirt Freshman walk-on for the Griz Football team, playing wide receiver. Kelsey is a talented photographer, who is passionate about capturing everything from nature to sporting events to senior photos and more.

To help them deal with "Empty Nest Syndrome" Rich and Jackie have added two English Cream Golden Retrievers to the family. Chuck and Rylee are brother and sister from the same litter. Rich said, "They love to go for their daily morning run/swim in Flathead Lake to get their day started." Chuck and Rylee also help out around the office as greeters, or by their official titles, "Directors of First Impressions/Money Issue Therapy Dogs." Rich added, "They enjoy being with us no matter where we are."

In the meantime, Rich and Jackie are putting roots down in Polson. "Our draw to live [at Bear Harbor Condominiums] was definitely the location and the gorgeous views of Flathead Lake and the mountains, as it's so peaceful!" Jackie shared.

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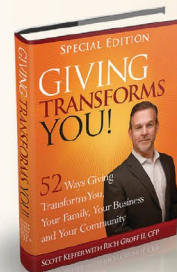
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