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Routt County Spotlight: Rosanne Iversen, MD

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Age: 45

Occupation: Family physician

Place of birth: Kalamazoo, Mich.

Q. When did you move to Routt County, and what brought you here?

A. 1992, to be a doctor in a ski town that has a hospital, so I can do hospital care.

Q. What’s the biggest risk you’ve taken recently?

A. Setting up my own practice when I had a 2-year-old and a new baby.

Q. Has a book ever changed your life? What was it and why?

A. “No Mountain Too High: A Triumph over Breast Cancer,” the story of the women of Expedition Inspiration by Andrea Gabbard. It inspired me to step out of my comfort zone and climb a mountain to raise money for breast cancer. If these women could do it, then surely I can, too. I will do just that this June.

Q. What’s the best piece of advice you’ve ever been given?

A. A boyfriend in college told me I was too young, beautiful and smart to be driving without a seat belt, so buckle up. I have every day since then. I grew up in a family where no one ever used a seat belt (and my parents still don’t).



Q. What three things would you want people to know about you?

A. I am a breast cancer survivor. I am a physician, a wife and a mother. I now know what it is like to be a patient, too.

Q. What did you want to be when you grew up?

A. An architect.

Q. If you could invite any four people to dinner, who would they be and what would you talk about?

A. Rabbi Joe Goldman, my uncle Jim – who is in Africa – my husband and my boys. Wait, that is five, but we would talk about life.

Q. Do you collect anything?

A. I used to save quotes and lines from songs that had meaning to me and would send them on in handwritten letters as thoughts of the day. I still have that collection of thoughts in a book I saved. Now, I use e-mail and address the matter at hand. I guess it’s gotten less romantic as I have aged.

Favorites

Book: “Snow Flower and the Secret Fan: A Novel,” by Lisa See

Song: “The 3 R’s,”

by Jack Johnson

Color: Pink

Food: Salmon

Sport to watch: Whatever my boys might be doing.

Vacation spot: Moab

Recreational activity: Biking

Movie: “Frida”

Magazine: National Geographic



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