

NASA invites you to be part of global moon watch on Oct. 20

◆ International event scheduled. Thayne Library joins - see page 3B.

By Sarah Hale

Saturday, Oct. 20 provides a unique opportunity to be a part of something bigger than yourself. The International Observe the Moon Night will take place.

According to information provided by NASA, International Observe the Moon Night "is a worldwide celebration of lunar science and exploration held annually since 2010."

"One day each year, everyone on Earth is invited to observe and learn about the Moon together, and to celebrate the cultural and personal connections we all have with our nearest neighbor," said the event news release from NASA.

According to NASA, each year the International Observe the Moon Night takes place in September or October, depending on when the Moon is around first quarter.

"A first quarter Moon is visible in the afternoon and evening, a convenient time for most hosts and participants," the NASA event new release explained. "Furthermore, the best lunar observing is typically along the dusk/dawn terminator, where shadows are the longest, rather than at full Moon."

According to NASA, there are currently 613 formal moon watching events planned around the globe for Saturday, Oct. 20. There are likely thousands of informal gatherings with families and friends.

The NASA Night Sky Network offers a list of astronomy events that are taking place. To access the list, visit the NASA website.

According to NASA, the 2018 International Observe the Moon event marks a significant day in history. It was 50 years ago, in 1968 when humans first visited the Moon with Apollo 8.

Apollo 50th Anniversary

In 1968 humans landed on the Moon. Now, 50 years later, according to NASA, the Moon visit anniversary presents an "opportunity to discuss past, present, and future lunar and planetary science and exploration and



to celebrate all of the people who participated and shared in this human triumph."

About International Observe the Moon Night

International Observe the Moon Night is an annual worldwide public event that encourages observation and appreciation of the Moon.

All are invited to observe the Moon, learn about NASA planetary science and explo-

ration, and celebrate cultural and personal connections to our nearest neighbor.

Each year, thousands of people participate at museums, planetaria, schools, universities, observatories, parks, businesses, and backyards around the world. Anyone can participate. All you need to do is look up! Moon events around the globe range from small family gatherings to

community events that draw hundreds of visitors.

(See the relating story on 3B about where to find your moon map in Star Valley prior to this weekend).

Plan Ahead

Upcoming dates for International Observe the Moon Night:

- October 20, 2018
- October 5, 2019
- September 26, 2020

How I made time for my dream of writing a book

◆ Being a mom doesn't mean we stop chasing other goals. Years ago, I finally decided to make room in my life for mine.

By Erin Stewart
Deseret News

Seven years ago, I decided to write a book. I had no idea what I was doing, but I wanted to turn my lifelong dream into something real.

Cue seven years of ups and downs and sideways, and now, I can finally say that yes, my book will be a book! An actual, buy-it-in-the-bookstore book that tells the story of a 16-year-old burn survivor going back to high school after a house fire left her severely disfigured. It's a young adult fiction about friendship and trauma and resilience and the power of love to rebuild our lives.

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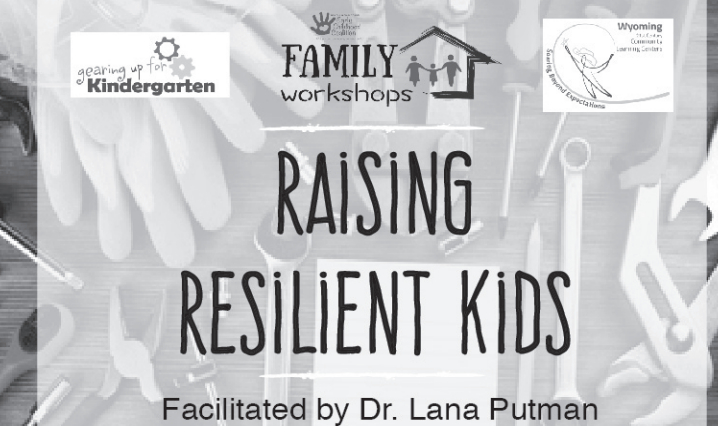
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Religion and family status more important than politics for Americans, according to the New York Times

◆ The New York Times' Upshot asked 2,204 Americans to list the three identities that meant the most to them.

By Herb Scribner
Deseret News

The United States is full of people touting their family and faith.

The New York Times' Upshot asked 2,204 Americans to list the three identities that meant the most to them.

Family status and religion ranked as the values Americans deemed most important, the report said.

Here's a breakdown:
• 39 percent said family status was the most important.
• 16 percent said religion was the most important.

I am a
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Americans Say Their Politics Don't Define Them. But It's Complicated.

By Emily Mosser and Quotations May 10, 2018

We are all various things at once — maybe a mother, a Southerner, a millennial and a member of the middle class. Or perhaps your Twitter bio introduces you as a husband, a Texan and an engineer.

In an era of acrid partisanship, how do political beliefs figure into these

- 8 percent said gender and age were the most important.
- 7 percent said occupation and nationality were most important.
- 3 percent said political party was most important.
- Family status topped the list of identities seen as very important.
- Religion finished fourth on the "very important" list.

Why it matters

The Times report noted that politics and partisanship don't mean as much to American identity as we think. But the other factors — family, religion or gender — impact

partisanship. "That means that while people may not explicitly prioritize their politics when asked to describe themselves, these other identities now offer a clearer window into their politics. Today, a white Christian Southerner is highly likely to be a Republican. A nonreligious, nonwhite woman is highly likely to be a Democrat. 'Identity politics,' even without explicitly mentioning politics at all, can apply to either group."

Read more: Check out *The Upshot* for the information found in the survey.



Thayne Branch Library makes plans for Observe the Moon Night

◆ Moon maps available at the library.

With International Observe the Moon Night set for Saturday, Oct. 20, the Thayne Branch Library is making plans.

The library will have moon maps available this week for patrons interested in learning more about the moon.

According to information provided by the Library, International Observe the Moon Night is "an annual worldwide public event that encourages observation, appreciation and understanding of our Moon and its connection to NASA planetary science and exploration."

The goal of the observation night is to "connect scientists, educators and lunar enthusiasts from around the world." NASA announced this year's

event. International Observe the Moon Night is sponsored by NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) mission and partners.

NASA suggests that telescopes be utilized during moon observation for the best viewing, but many features can be observed with binoculars or with the naked eye.

For more information, visit moon.nasa.gov/observe.

Writing a book

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year in the fall of 2019 with Delacorte/Random House, and honestly, sometimes I still have to pinch myself that this dream is coming true. I have also noticed an interesting common thread in the reactions from friends (especially mom friends) when I tell them the good news. They usually ask some form of this question: "How did you find the time? I have so many things I'd like to do but there's never enough time."

Listen: No one has enough time. We are all working or raising kids or doing a million things that fill up our hours and days and lives. No one has extra time sitting around. I know I didn't.

But I wrote the book anyway. I did it because I decided seven years ago that I wanted this book to be more than a vague ambition. I decided it was time to prioritize my dream.

In a way, it was time to prioritize myself. This is so hard for moms. We are always last on the list, and sometimes I think we get so used to it that it feels strange to bump ourselves up the chain. But if you don't stick your goal (and by association, yourself) at the top of the family priority list every once in a while, then you're right: there will never be enough time.

If you decide it is time for your dream, then the second

step is protecting these hours. I guarded my designated writing time like a mother bear. At first, I struggled with this. There was no guarantee my words would ever be anything more than a Word doc on my computer. It was a hobby. A pie-in-the-sky notion. Giving up time that could have been spent with my children or on paying jobs was not easy. I often doubted my choice. Still, I protected this self-allotted writing time fiercely. And slowly, those hours turned into pages, then pages became terrible rough drafts, and finally, drafts became a polished manuscript.

Then, I kept going. "Scars Like Wings" is not the book I set out to write seven years ago. I spent another five years on that first book, which never got picked up by a publisher. So, I started another one and kept moving forward. I needed to write that first book, though, to learn how to write a novel. It wasn't a straight path, but it was a necessary one, and I'm grateful I stayed on it despite its twists and turns. I'm fortunate that my hard work is paying off with publication, but even if it hadn't, my years spent writing and practicing a skill I love would not have been a waste. It was my dream and it made me happy. What other reason did I need?

And finally, I found the time because I asked for help. I told my husband and children that this was something I wanted to pursue. I enlisted their support and asked for

understanding if I had to miss a soccer game or do take-out dinners straight for a week. My family members know this dream matters to me, and since I matter to them, we've decided writing this book is worth some sacrifices.

I also looked for help outside my family. My friends help me watch my 2-year-old so I can write. My mom took my kids so I could revise or attend writing groups. Again, this was not easy. The guilt was and is often still real. I am pawning my kids off on other people to chase a dream. What kind of a mother am I?

Well, after seven years and much soul-searching, here's the answer: I am a good mother. I am also a good writer. I can be both. I have many facets that make up who I am, and it's OK for me to focus on different ones at different times.

My children are loved. They get plenty of my time. I have not failed them as a mother by carving out time for my dreams, too. Writing is a part of who I am. Ignoring a piece of myself doesn't make me a better mother; it only makes me a martyr.

So to anyone out there reading this and thinking about a piece of yourself or a dream you may have lost somewhere along the way, find it. Find the time. You deserve the chance to work like crazy to achieve your potential. Your children deserve the chance to watch you do it. And the world deserves the chance to see just how much you have to offer.

INSURANCE Oh, Deer!

You don't have to be a hunter to come into the crosshairs of wildlife during the fall months. Depending on where you live, chances are, you and your vehicle may be in the same path as antelope, deer, elk, moose, raccoons, birds, cows and even bears or buffalo.

Rutting or mating season for many animals is October through December. It's also the time many herds migrate. This rise in the active animal population significantly increases your risk of hitting an animal while driving your vehicle.

More deer accidents occur in October and November than the rest of the year. The National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports there are about 1.5 million annual deer-related auto accidents.

The Wyoming Department of Insurance has these tips to make sure you understand what insurance coverage you need before a collision -- and how you can enhance your safety when driving.

Are You Covered?

Damage to a vehicle from a collision with an animal is covered under an auto policy's optional comprehensive coverage. If you only have collision coverage or liability coverage, your insurance carrier will not cover damage to your vehicle resulting from a collision with an animal.

The NHTSA estimates damage caused by deer accidents alone result in more than \$1 billion in annual insured losses.

To make sure your vehicle is covered for animal collisions, contact your agent or carrier to discuss adding comprehensive coverage to your policy. Filing a claim for an accident covered by your comprehensive coverage means you'll still need to pay a deductible. After that, your insurer will cover the costs of the claim up to your policy limits.

How to Avoid an Animal Collision

These tips may help reduce your chances of an animal collision:



Rutting season increases collision frequency

- Deer tend to travel in herds, so if you see one, lookout for more that may follow.
- Deer signs are placed at known deer-crossing areas. Pay attention and reduce your speed when you see these signs.
- Be extra cautious during dawn and dusk hours, when animals tend to be more active. Stay alert and watch your speed.
- Make sure your headlights are in working order to improve your night vision. Using high beams can help spot wildlife, but be considerate of other drivers when using them.

- Stay focused while driving. Do not text, talk on your phone or allow passengers to distract you.
- Always wear your seat belt. This won't prevent a collision but it can save your life in the event of an accident.

What to do After an Animal Accident

Some accidents are unavoidable. Knowing how to react in the event of an animal collision can help keep you safe.

If you are about to hit a deer or other animal, hold firmly onto the steering wheel, apply your brakes and come to a stop. If you can't avoid a collision, try not to swerve. If you do swerve, you could lose control and hit a tree or veer into oncoming traffic.

After a collision with an animal, follow these steps:

- Stay calm.
- If possible, move your vehicle to a safe place and turn on your hazard lights. This may mean pulling over to the shoulder of the highway.
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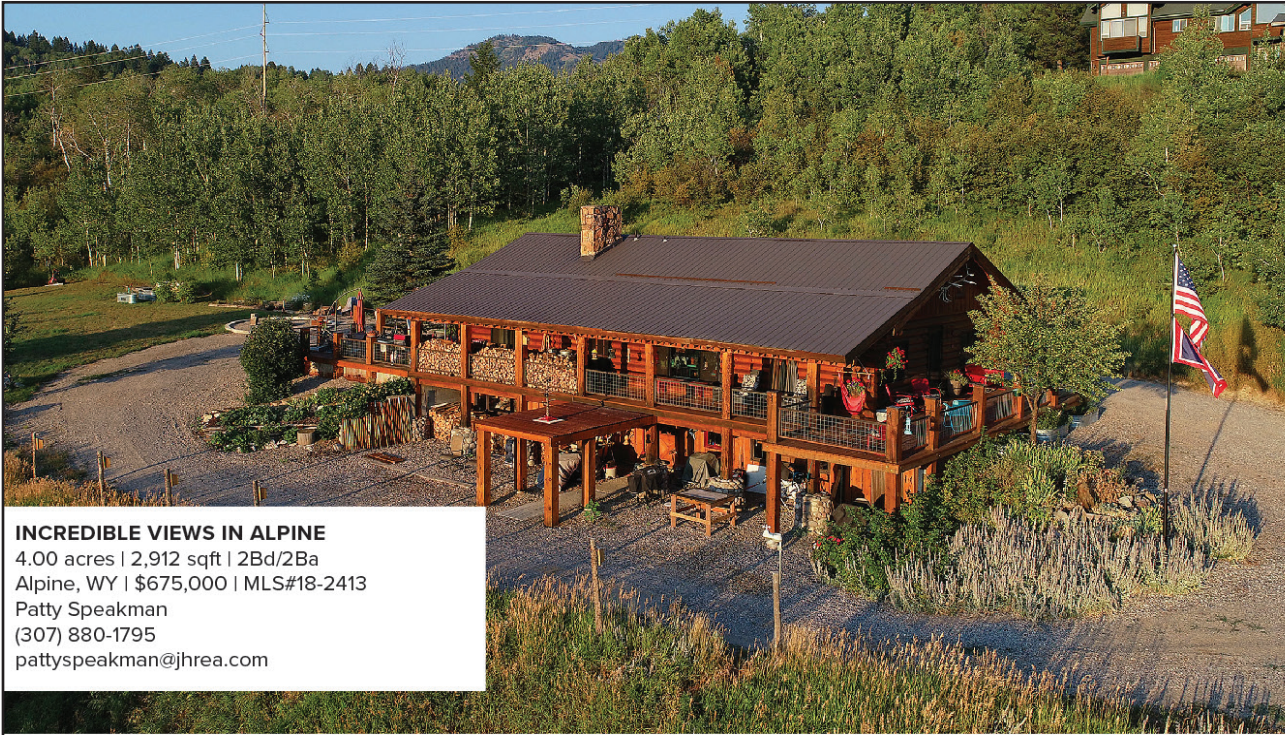
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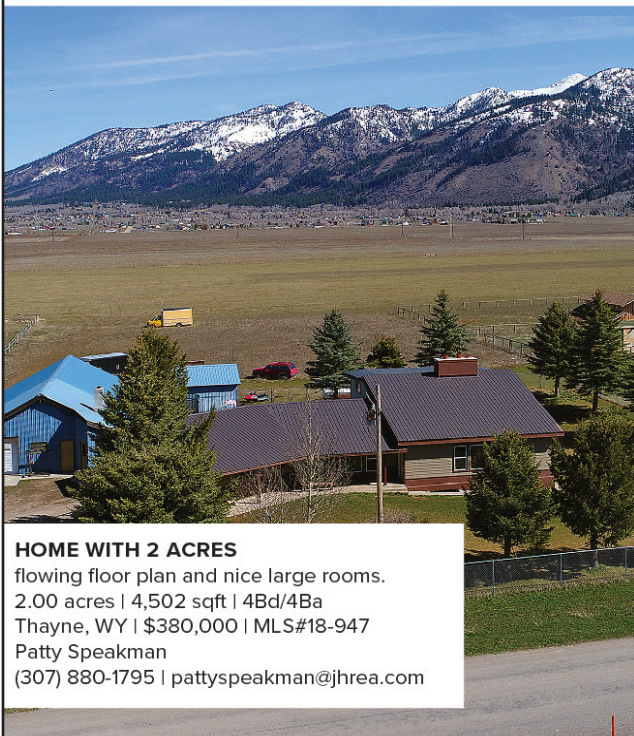
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