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RIM VISTA TOWNHOME – This 3BR/2.5BA townhome is being sold as a turnkey rental. Owner has taken great pride in this property. Recently touched up all paint, including repainting garage. This unit faces the Lasal Mountain and has easy access to the pool and tennis/basketball court. MLS#1504918 | \$425,000 | Dave 260-1968



FULLY FURNISHED TURNKEY NIGHTLY RENTAL IN RIM VISTAS — Immaculate condition, this 3BR/2.5BA townhome is tastefully furnished and currently in the nightly rental pool. Great views from master bedroom balcony and patio of the Moab Rim and Lasal Mountains. Amenities include; tennis/basketball court, hot tub, pool, pavilion, and playground. MLS#1503837 | \$419,000 | Dave 260-1968



FOR THE DISCERNING BUYER... This well appointed home lacks nothing. With mature landscaping & a wonderful flagstone front patio, take advantage of outdoor living, surrounded by incredible views. The kitchen has granite counter tops, various built in cupboards, stainless steel appliances, breakfast nook, island & opens out to the back deck. This home offers a large master bedroom with built in closets, walk in closet, bathroom with separate tub/shower, double sinks with granite counter tops and a walkout deck. There are two bedrooms, and an office/den area, both accessing a full bathroom. The laundry room has built in cupboards and a sink. The formal dining room with fireplace is open to the kitchen with large picture windows. More built ins grace the living room which also boasts large picture windows with amazing views. The oversize 3 car garage has storage space & a workbench. There is ample RV and toy parking. MLS#1480065 | \$595,000 | Dave 260-1968



EXECUTIVE HOME IN GATED COMMUNITY! – This 4000 sq ft 4 BR/ 3.5BA home has everything to make living in Moab relaxing and enjoyable. It is located in a gated, private cul de sac. 7 acres of common area with mature trees and Pack Creek running next to property . Close to the Moab Golf Course. In-ground heated pool, covered patio with outdoor kitchen and gas firepit, fully fenced and landscaped yard. 3 car oversized garage with heated driveway. Theater room with balcony upstairs for enjoying elevated views of the red rock. Office/exercise room, formal living room, formal dining room. Master bedroom boasts a large walk through master shower, standalone tub, his and hers vanities and walk-in closets. MLS#1458549 | \$989,900 | **Dave 260-1968**

COMMERCIAL LISTINGS

2.40 ACRE HWY COMMERCIAL PROPERTY with combined retail and warehouse space of 14,456 sq ft. There is an additional 3,255 sq ft of covered outdoor storage. Located on Hwy 191, directly across the proposed USU campus, this property has great visibility with ample customer parking.

Owners are selling property and buildings only. MLS#1486734 | \$2,500,000 | Dave 435-260-1968

ACROSS FROM DINOSAUR PARK. On Hwy 313 & 191, 9.57 acres in the special resort district zone. One of the last unused available private parcels in this area.

MLS#1277149 \$367,500 | Rick 260-2599



WOW! – This cute home has a large fenced back yard with raised box gardens, a chicken coop/animal pen, mature trees and a lush lawn. 22x24 shop with roll up doors has lots of room for storage, parking and a workshop, and an additional 10x12 storage shed. There is a concrete pad and RV parking. 2 bedrooms and a den/office, along with a bright and open kitchen/dining/living area complete the package. Close to town. MLS#1484663 | \$215,000 **Danette 260-0130**



NIGHTLY RENTAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! — Don't miss this fully furnished nightly rental with 2018 rents already in place. MLS#1498151 | \$420,000 | Stephanie 260-8023



WELL APPOINTED – 4BR/1.75BA home with a backyard made for outdoor entertaining. Home sits on a 1 acre lot with phenomenal back yard views of the red rocks and the La Sal Mtns. 2 acre ft of Ken's Lake Irrigation included. HUGE PRICE REDUCTION | MLS#1352395 | \$399,999 | Danette 260-0130



TO BE BUILT TOWNHOMES AT RIM VISTA – New design with patios in front and back, 2 Master Bedrooms with en suite bathrooms upstairs and a ½ bath on main level, 1274 sq. ft.. Amenities include Pool, Hot Tub, Playground and Pavilion. Zoned for overnight rentals. MLS# 1476325, 1476311, 1476291 \$299,900 | **Dave 260-1968**



RESIDENTIAL LAND LISTINGS

GREAT WATER POTENTIAL, on this 4.62 Acre lot in Castle Valley. From this location you have gorgeous views of the valley's iconic red rock monuments and the La Sal Mountains. Underground power at lot frontage, soils are considered ideal for an inexpensive septic installation. Quiet and solitude are the principle characteristics of the area.

MLS #1504613 | \$125,000 | Rick 260-2599

3.59 ACRES LA SAL MOUNTAINS OVER MOAB WITH POWER AND WATER INCLUDED. At an elevation of 7500 feet, this 3.59 acre lot on Brumley Ridge in the La Sal Mountains sits above the city of Moab, offering sweeping views of mountain ranges, red rock, lush valleys, and canyons- including Canyonlands National Park. Directly accessible from the La Sal Mountain Loop Road, site is bordered by undeveloped BLM land and includes access to over 50 acres held in common with other property owners. Beautiful and Build Ready.

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ENJOY THE SPECTACULAR VIEWS of The La Sal Mountains from this 6.48 acre lot in Old Lasal. Access is by an improved gravel road. A large storage shed and power at lot line are also included. Oak brush and sage brush vegetate this very buildable lot. MLS#1477628 \$65,000 | Dave 435-260-1968

OFF GRID LIVING If you are looking for a lot of land for a good price this is the one. 21.03 acres of mountain property located in the Three Step Area. Get away from the hustle and bustle of life and go relax and take in the cooler mountain air. MLS#1471440 | \$20,000 Stephanie 260-8023

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STUNNING HIGH DESERT LANDSCAPE. If red rock buttes, expansive vistas, and utter quiet are what you love about this corner of the state, this is the perfect choice. Gently Sloped building site faces the Abajo mountains and is backed by red butte rock from the top of which views expand 360 degrees.

MLS#1442048 | \$155,000 | Rick 260-2599

EXCLUSIVE BUILDING LOT IN GATED COMMUNITY

.55 deeded acres along with 7+ acres common area. One of the few developments with a creek running through it. All utilities at lot line. MLS#1378703 | \$199,900

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PRIVATE & REMOTE — 4.1 acre lot. Common well. Well pump & tanks and electrical service installed. Suitable for RV hookups. MLS#1215894| \$59,000 | Dave 260-1968

FISH OUT YOUR BACK DOOR 2.56 acre lot in LaSal, borders a 4+ acre pond full of fish. Power at lot and phone nearby. Can be purchased with deed restricted pond parcel. MLS#1215877 | \$38,400
Owner/Agent | Dave 260-1968



BRAND NEW TOWNHOME IN RIM VISTAS – This 3BR/2.5BA townhome is ready for you to furnish and make it your home or nightly rental. Corner unit with master bedroom and en suite bath on main level. Spacious patio with views of the Moab Rim. Amenities include; tennis/basketball court, hot tub, pool, pavilion, and playground. MLS#1503715 \$425,000 | Dave 260-1968



GREAT IN TOWN LOCATION, close to schools, park, city recreation center, hiking, biking, and jeep trails. Fresh paint inside and out, updated and move in ready. 3BR/2BA. MLS# 1507324 | \$285000 | Owner/Agent | **Becky 435-260-2401**



COUNTRY RETREAT – on almost 6 acres of lush landscaping in Castle Valley. Features 3BR/1.5BA, Solarium, and Beautiful Views. MLS#1441156 | \$594,000 | Becky 260-2401

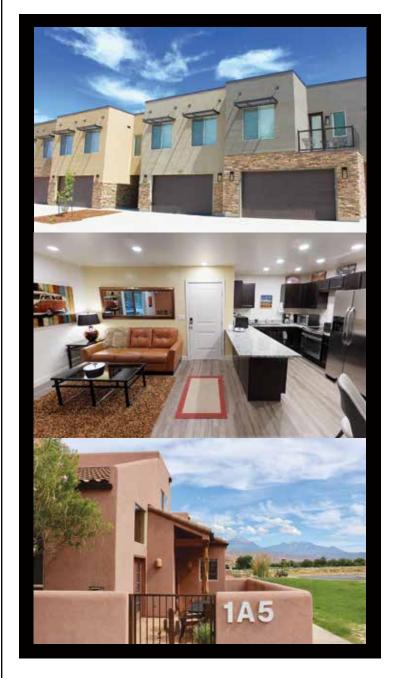


BRAND NEW RIM VISTAS TOWNHOME – 1478 sq ft, 3BR/2.5BA. Just completed and awaiting your furnishings. Zoned for overnight rentals and subdivision amenities include; tennis/basketball court, hot tub, pool, pavilion, and playground. This is the last brand new 3 bedroom unit available for sale in Rim Vistas. MLS#1494923 | \$399,900 | Dave 260-1968

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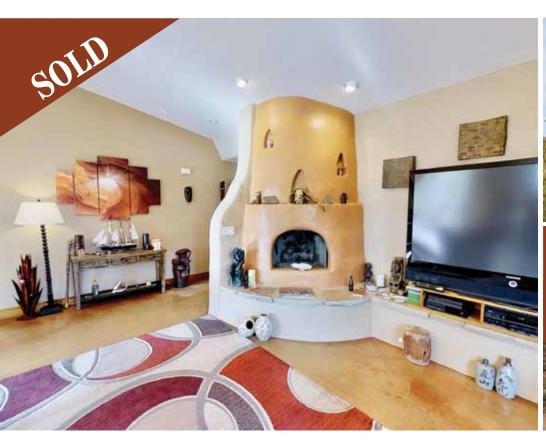
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local nonprofit is proving that affordable housing does not have to be drab. Community Rebuilds is replacing old, dilapidated trailers, left over from Moab's uranium mining days, with beautiful, solar-powered, energy-efficient straw-bale homes – and in the process making homeownership possible for people who otherwise couldn't afford a house in Moab.

When Nancy Morlock and her husband Eric Boxrud were looking to purchase a house a few years ago, a rundown mobile home was the only thing they could find in their price range. They liked the property, so they thought perhaps they could remodel the trailer, or tear it down and build a house. No bank, however, would loan money for a dilapidated trailer. Then they heard about Community Rebuilds.

Founded in 2010 by Emily Niehaus, Community Rebuilds is an "innovative social enterprise" where student interns – who provide the bulk of the labor – learn natural building techniques alongside a licensed general contractor. Homebuyers contribute 20 hours a week – in lieu of a down-payment; and inexpensive materials such as mud and straw, all help keep costs down. Additionally, the incorporation, whenever pos-

sible, of recycled, donated, or salvaged materials; plus, subsidized loans through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, with zero money down and a fixed interest rate, help make the homes affordable.

"Emily advised us to move forward with getting the property," with the help of a USDA loan that Niehaus helped facilitate, Morlock recalls. "She walked us through the process. Then we got the property loan rolled into a construction loan. We met her in October, and we were breaking ground by February."

When not working at their jobs in the mountain bike industry, the couple pitched in hours each week toward the construction of their house — learning alongside professional builders and volunteer interns, raising straw bales for the walls, plastering, finishing woodwork, laying tile. Since moving into their home

in 2012, a daughter was born. "Having a house let us put down more permanent roots, and we could have a family," Morlock says.

On a cool January day, Morlock didn't bother turning on the natural gas heat – the house was comfortable due to the passive solar design and the thick, highly insulating straw-bale-constructed walls. The couple's January utility bill – which covers heat, cooking, and hot water came to \$24.

The family's 1,000-square foot, three-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath home has an open floor plan, lots of southern exposure allowing for plenty of indoor natural sunlight, and wide windowsills perfect for potted plants. "It has a nice, organic, cozy feel – it's extremely beautiful. People are blown away – they don't think affordable housing can look like this," Morlock says.

Founder's vision

"We're changing the culture (of the) industry."



Magazine front cover: Community Rebuilds interns Becky Clough and Maggie Stitzel applying PermaTint, a mineral-based silicate paint, to a home. [Photo by Murice D. Miller] Bottom: Lead Instructor Alex Burbidge. Top: Community Rebuilds Founder and Executive Director Emily Niehaus [Courtesy Community Rebuilds]



Niehaus was working as a case worker when she first moved to Moab and noted the town's affordable housing crisis. She then went to work as a loan officer, hoping to help people find solutions to their housing needs. At the time, Niehaus was also participating in community theater, where she met a couple of builders who specialized in natural building techniques. She asked if they thought natural building could be a solution to Moab's affordable housing problem. The builders responded "no," because few people are trained as natural builders, and the methods are labor-intensive, she recalls.

Undeterred, Niehaus, who has since become Moab's mayor, envisioned a solution - Community Rebuilds - that would address several problems: a lack of builders with natural building skills; homeowners' inability to sell their dilapidated trailers; and a scarcity of affordable housing in Moab. Since 2010, Community Rebuilds has built 22 homes in Moab – including five in the last year - and the program is growing. Twenty people are on the wait list. "We are looking at other communities in Utah this or next year," says Claire Spaulding, an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer coordinator for Community Rebuilds.

The program has already expanded outside Moab - a three-story twin home in Mount Crested Butte, Colorado, was built in 2016, and a single-family home in Colorado's Gunnison County was raised in 2013. And, this spring, Community Rebuilds will begin building its fourth home on the Hopi Reservation in Arizona - a partnership with Hopi Tutskwa Permaculture Institute - after the Hopi tribe reached out to Niehaus. "It wasn't our intention to expand without an invitation," Niehaus says.

To participate locally in Community Rebuilds, homebuyers must have resided or worked in Moab for at least two years, and be income qualified meaning they possess good credit, can afford the house payments, and be low or very low income. Qualified participants earn 80 percent or less than the median area income. For example, in 2017, a household of one to four people could earn up to \$54,150. "We hope that our efforts encourage straw-bale construction for everyone in Moab," says Niehaus, who contends that Community Rebuilds is just a slice of the pie in addressing the entire spectrum of Moab's housing needs.



Home sweet home

"I always dreamed of having a window seat."



As a single woman on a schoolteacher's salary, 30-year old Mikalyn Steinbrueck says she didn't expect to be able to purchase a house in Moab — until she discovered Community Rebuilds. Since February, she's been spending her weekends working at the home site, located in the center of town — "it's a great little neighborhood," she says. Contributing 20 hours weekly toward construction is challenging, but will be worth it, she says, when she moves into her new home in late June, or early July. Friends and family can also donate time toward the required hours.

Steinbrueck's first-grade students were alarmed at the idea that their teacher's house would be made with straw — with the memory of the three little pigs and the big, bad wolf fresh in their minds. "I hope to get my students to the site to show them alternative building," and perhaps invite them to "smear mud and clay on the walls," or tamp down the adobe floors, Steinbrueck says.

While affordability was key for Steinbrueck, so is the environmentally conscious method of building these homes. "It's important to me – especially since moving to Moab and falling in love with the desert – to find responsible ways of being here and using the resources." She's also grateful that Community Rebuilds constructs smaller homes – two-bedroom, one-bath models suitable for single people like her, with a dog.

In addition to choosing paint colors, cabinets, appliances and floorplan, Steinbrueck modified the kitchen layout to include a large pantry area. "I like to cook a lot, so the pantry was important," she explains. Currently, she shares a house with three other women, so she's excited about the walk-in pantry space she'll have in her new house. Additionally, "I always dreamed of having a window seat," – something she says will be easy to include in the wide, straw-bale wall construction.



Top left: Interns Lana Buckner and Becky Clough double check their math. **Bottom:** Apprentice Marcus Henderson in front of Anne Hayes home just after final inspection. **Top right:** An intern insulates a home's box beam with straw.



Student interns

When Spaulding first came to Community Rebuilds, it was to learn natural building as a student intern. She fell in love with the organization and the community, thus, after completing her internship, she applied for the AmeriCorps position.

Interns come from all over the United States and abroad to learn natural building techniques with Community Rebuilds. The students commit to working 40 hours a week for five months, during which they learn all aspects of natural building – from pouring foundation to installing towel racks. They receive communal housing, a monthly food stipend of \$100 and education in natural building. "The education itself is very valuable," Spaulding says. "You could pay thousands of dollars for a workshop that is not as comprehensive as what we do."

Most interns are in their 20s or 30s – the minimum age is 18. "Many are environmentally conscious and want to build their own home, or they're looking for a cool experience," Spaulding says. "Many end up sticking around and go work for builders, or other nonprofits. We've had interns that have never touched tools before. I had limited experience with construction, or demolition of trailers. It's a safe environment to learn, but at the end of the day you're expected to deliver a professional product. Two of our lead builders started as interns."

While the program targets trailer replacement of mobile homes built before 1976, any house or trailer determined to be dilapidated may qualify, says program director Rikki Epperson. In some cases, people who simply own a piece of land without a structure may also qualify. "We also have semesters where we find land and sell it to the homeowners, or help them with the process of buying land," she says. In the future, Community Rebuilds may decide to build affordable rental housing as well, Epperson adds.

Top: Intern Jordan Deschamp works on a home's foundation.

Right: Spring 2017 interns at a job site.

Inset: Community Rehuilds Program Director Rikki Engeron

Inset: Community Rebuilds Program Director Rikki Epperson [Courtesy Community Rebuilds]





Deed restrictions

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Morlock, 39, joined the organization's board of directors after moving into her Community Rebuilds home. "It's such an important program for the community," she says. "A lot of workers come out of the program with this experience – half of whom are usually female. It's an empowering program." Niehaus is proud of the diversity in the organization, including the number of females working in a field that traditionally employs mostly men. "We're changing the culture by introducing more diversity to the industry," she says.

Deed restrictions are in place to prevent people from taking unfair advantage of a program designed to help make homeownership possible - homebuyers share equity with Community Rebuilds for the first 20 years. While the homeowner can sell their house at any time, Community Rebuilds receives a small percentage of earned equity for its investment in the homes. After 20 years, however, homeowners receive 100 percent of the equity. "If a homeowner doesn't like that agreement – that's OK – it's not for everybody," Niehaus says. "Our program is for people who live and work in Moab with no intention of moving away."

Morlock says she and her husband aren't going anywhere. "This is our home. We feel very fortunate to have a home in a place we fell in love with. We're proud to have family and friends stay with us when they come to town."

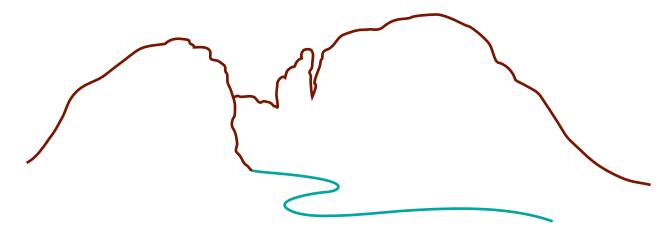


Top: An intern verifies that framing is square on a home. [Courtesy Community Rebuilds] Bottom: The Community Rebuilds team works together to raise the trusses. [Courtesy Community Rebuilds]



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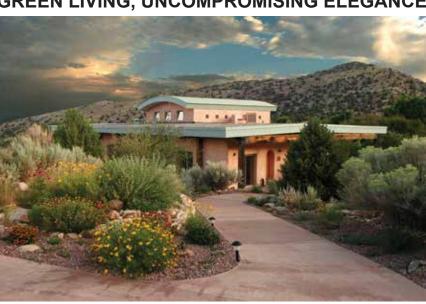
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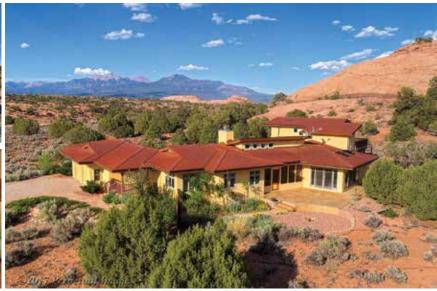
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RARE DESERT OASIS This lovely property is a haven in the desert! The classic 2 story, 5 bed, 3 bath, 3,047 sf home offers an excellent floorplan and living space that is both comfortable and dramatic. Beds & baths on both levels, formal living room, huge family room with wood stove. Lush, 1.23 acre parcel, double carport with shop, root cellar. \$550,000 #1475356

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snow-capped mountain peaks.
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EASY LIVING Cute 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,008 sf La Sal cottage with beautiful views of the mountains on .50 acre. Nice updates including newer carpeting and an updated full bath. Great open kitchen and dining, nice flow between the living spaces. Bright & happy home, for a perfect low-key lifestyle! \$110,000 #1503166



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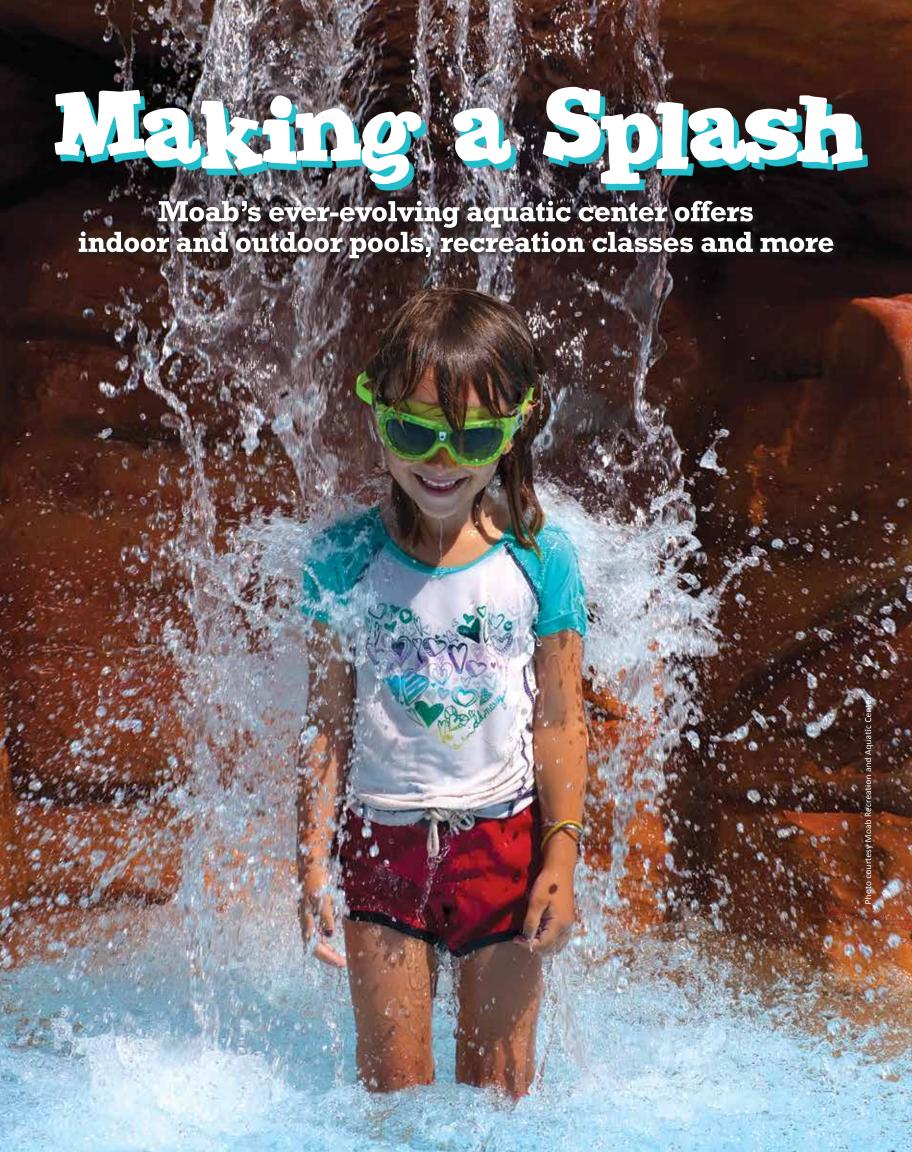


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Written by Rachel Fixsen

he Moab Recreation and Aquatic Center unveiled a new feature this month — an inflatable modular play system called the Wibit, which is easily installed in and removed from the lap pool. The brightly colored linkable segments, which look a little like large inflatable lawn ornaments, combine to form a floating obstacle course, and a fun challenge for both kids and adults.

"A German-based company developed this play system in, like, 1996 — and now they're all over the world," explained Terry Lewis, the director of the aquatic center. "They have water parks in the ocean where these things are a quarter mile wide. They've got them where you can paddle your SUP board up and dock it."

She pointed out where the blue, yellow, and green segments of the aquatic center's model were stored alongside the indoor lap pool.

"This one is designed specifically for this pool," she said of the Wibit, "and it's a 'Y' shape. The two ends of the 'Y' are in the deep end. And what you're looking at right there with the green thing in the middle, that's a slide — and there's another slide. So you have to cross a bunch of wobbly disks to get into the middle of it ... there's an obstacle course on each side, and it'll take you to the slide, and then you slide off!"

The staff at the aquatic center were excited to launch the new toy — they practiced setting it up and disassembling it before its debut on February first. The Wibit was open to the public for just a couple of hours



before it was reserved for the end-of-season party for the recreational youth swim club. "The swim club kids had a ball," Lewis said. In the future, the Wibit will be available for regular pool users every Thursday, from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wendy Young helped found, and now coaches, the non-competitive swim club. She, too, noted that the Wibit was popular with the club. "It was a huge hit!" she said. "The kids range in age from 7-14 and they all had a blast!"

The swim club was organized about five years ago as an alternative to the city recreational swim team, which had begun to drop in members. "The goal of swim club is to help the kids gain confidence and have fun while learning to swim ... hopefully we are succeeding!" Young said. Attendance suggests that the club is indeed a success club numbers have grown every year since its inception, with 34 swimmers participating this past season.

Many kids who participate in the swim club go on to join the competitive high school swim team of Grand County High School. They'll be in familiar waters — the

This page: Lifeguards demonstrate the Moab Recreation and Aquatic Center's new Wibit inflatable system. [Photos by Murice D. Miller]

high school team also uses the MRAC lap pool for practice. According to Lewis, around ten of the recreational swim club members will be "graduating" into the competitive team next year. "The high school swim club always shows very, very well at state every year," she said. "For a small town, they do a great job."

Young, who also helps out with the competitive team, praised the quality of the facilities at the Aquatic Center. "The pool and equipment are all in excellent shape and well cared for," she said. "All of the teams that come to compete for high school comment on what a beautiful facility we have, and great staff."

In addition to the indoor lap lanes, there are a low and a high diving board, and an eighteen-foot water-slide spiraling into the pool. Local physical therapists will sometimes use one of the lap lanes to work with their patients, or assign exercises for patients to do in

the pool on their own. "We keep our water busy, all the time," Lewis said.

In the summer, the two outdoor pools open for the season. One is a shallow play pool with a slide/fountain feature sculpted to look like the red sandstone of Moab. The other is another full-length lap pool, with a current channel pool off one corner. The current channel is sometimes used by water aerobics classes, who must move against the flow as part of their workout. Outside the pool deck area, the cotton-

wood trees of Swanny Park provide shade in the summer, and in the near distance, the red sandstone cliffs of the Moab Rim and the Portal are visible.

"It's just really nice," said Lewis. "And when the sun is shining and the grass is green, and the trees are green and the sky is blue ... it's a very esthetically appealing place."

It's appealing to both Moab residents and out-of-town visitors. Locals can buy a membership for a low rate, while daily or short-term passes are available for visitors. Visitor admissions account for about half of the revenue earned by the center — and many campers and RV'ers make use of the shower facilities. Lewis said the center is accommodating around ten thousand showers each year.

But tourist use does not detract from the experience for local pool users. Jess Reilly, who recently returned to settle in Moab after several years away, uses the lap pool regularly. Though never competitive, she describes herself as a lifelong swimmer.

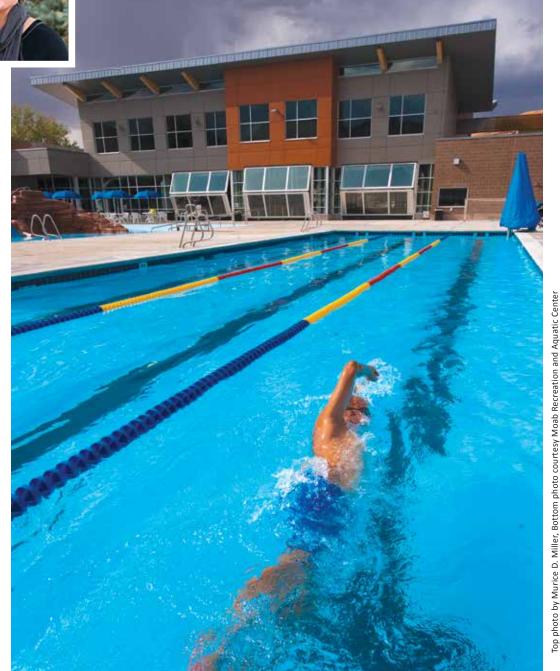
"I love swimming," Reilly said. "I seek out places to swim. It's pretty easy on my body, so I like doing it." Of the aquatic center lap pool, Reilly said, "I love it! Especially 'cause I can remember not having this pool here. To have it now, it seems like such a privilege. It's such a nice pool for a small town."

The current aquatic center, which opened in 2011, replaced an outdoor, summer-only pool that existed in the same location. Terry Lewis remembers working as a lifeguard at the old pool when she was a teenager. Perhaps that job eventually led to her current position as the aquatics center director. At the center today, the work culture attracts quality employees and encourages them to stay.

"They're a good bunch of kids, and they keep coming back every year," Lewis said of her staff. "You know, we've got young people who have been here since we opened."

Lewis described how the aquatic manager, Patrick Baril, looks after maintenance of the building, and shares his expertise in the mechanical and chemical





Inset photo: Moab Recreation and Aquatic Center Director Terry Lewis. [Courtesy photo]











elements of caring for the facility with staff who are interested in pursuing pool management. "We've got a lot of kids who are just seriously invested in the job and the culture here," she said, "and it's just a really good energy — people like being here. They like their jobs. And so that really makes it a lot easier for me."

Some MRAC staff members demonstrated their fun work culture when they performed a pool-themed dance at the 2017 Dancing with the Moab Stars competition. They wore matching swimsuits and caps and synchronized their moves behind a "pool" set up on the stage.

Recently, the City of Moab decided to raise the salaries of all city employees, with the change taking effect in 2017. So in addition to the positive energy, the aquatic center offers jobs that pay well. Tif Miller, the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Trails for the city of Moab, acknowledged the salary raise as one aspect that makes city recreation jobs appealing.

"We pay well, we have fun jobs, there's opportunities for growth in different positions," he said.

In another recent decision based on a 2016 budget analysis, the aquatic center incrementally raised its rates to help cover rising costs of maintenance and materials. So far, Miller said, there have been no complaints about the fee change. Users seem to feel they are getting their money's worth.

The center does offer a wide variety of activities

and amenities. In addition to the pools and water features, there is a full fitness facility and a classroom for zumba, yoga, and spin classes. Lewis is also open to hosting other kinds of workshops, such as the new posture fitness series led by Jessica Kisiel. Kisiel is a professional mountain biker who sustained a serious injury and was healed through the "Egoscue" method, a series of postural restoration techniques that she shares with class participants in sessions in the MRAC's classroom.

MRAC also offers water aerobics classes and swimming lessons for kids and adults, as well as a childcare service. Jess Reilly looks forward to using the daycare service when her five-month-old daughter, Vela, is old enough, and plans to take her swimming even earlier. "My mom took me to baby swim when I was six months old, so I would love to bring Vela to the pool to swim in a couple more months," Reilly said.

For non-swimmers, the fitness room is bright and spacious, with new fitness equipment and free weights. A steady group of regulars reliably makes use of the space, with the busiest times being the morning and evenings, before or after work. Zacharia Levine, who lives in Moab and works for Grand County as Director of Community Development, is one such user. He visits several times a week, primarily to use the fitness center, but also to use the pool.

"The MRAC is a wonderful asset for our community," Levine said. "Facility staff are friendly and maintain a very clean, well-working facility for both residents and tourists."

The city recreation department strives to keep its facilities accessible to the whole community. Discounts or some free services are available for employees of non-profit or community service organizations. Lewis estimated that there were around twenty qualifying organizations in Moab, including the Beacon After School program. Through the Beacon-MRAC arrangement, schoolkids who might not be able to afford regular admission get a chance to enjoy the pool. MRAC also hosts P.E. classes and an end-of-theyear "swim day" for all Moab schools.

The community returns the support through sponsorships from local businesses. In turn, the city displays banners advertising their sponsors at events.

"The entire department gets great support from local businesses," said Miller. "They help support our local teams, they support the swim club and the swim team at the aquatic center. They do a lot for us. We're really appreciative of our community and local businesses."

Moab residents, visitors, and businesses thrive through their association with MRAC.

"The whole facility is a wonderful place," Miller said, "We're really lucky to have that in this community." ■

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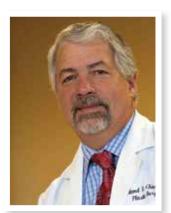


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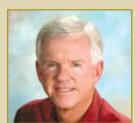




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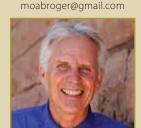
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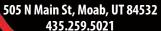


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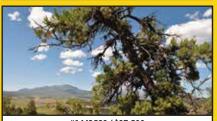


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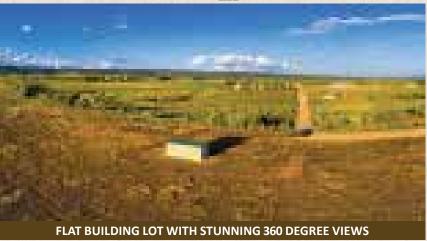


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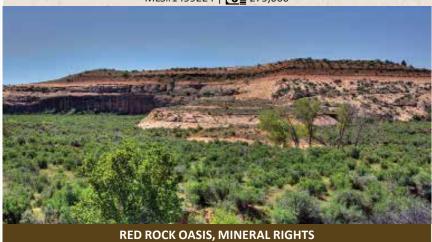


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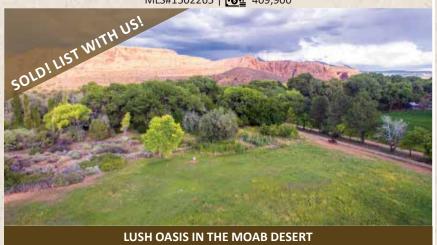




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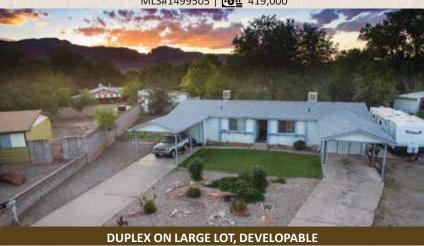
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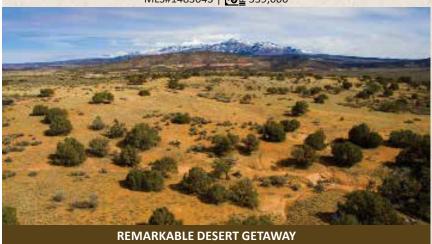
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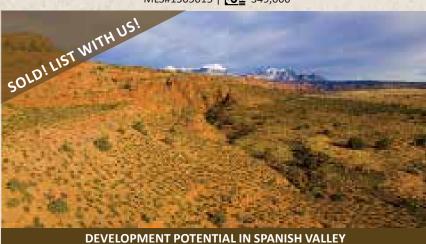
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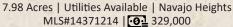
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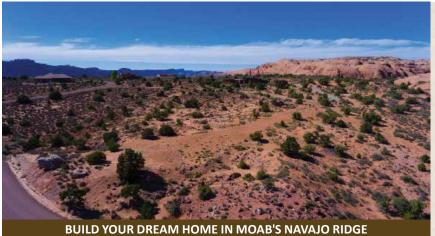
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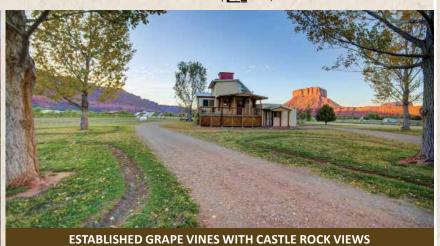


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TOASTMASTERS HELP GET THE WORDS OUT



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Moab Toastmasters members in the club meeting room in February, 2018. Standing, from left to right, Daniel McNeil, Kate Niederehe, Elana Davidson, Debby Barton, Sharri Casler, Jessica Kisiel. Seated: Bill Zanotti, Annette Myers, Mary McGann

While practicing her speech at home the night before, Kisiel had asked her husband to snap his fingers each time he heard her utter a "filler" word such speaker; thus, she sought out Toastmasters, an international communications and leadership organization with clubs throughout the world, including in Moab. Since joining, Kisiel, 49, says she's become aware of how often she inadvertently inserts those filler words.

"I didn't realize how much I use words like 'so,'" Kisiel says. "It was amazing how many times I was saying the word." During the impromptu speaking exercise portion of the meeting a designated bell dinger distracting filler words.

As an author, wellness coach, and owner of The Pain-free Athlete, Kisiel says she joined the club because she wanted to be able to promote her work in a professional manner. "Being able to talk with confidence, clarity, and persuasion about what you do – especially when it's something non-mainstream – it can make or break your business," Kisiel notes.

Another Toastmaster, 42-year-old certified registered nurse and anesthetist Laird Clark, says he noticed since joining the club in 2016, that he's more outgoing in social settings. "I was having trouble finding the right words when speaking to someone and I was looking for an opportunity to improve when I saw a notice in the newspaper for Toastmasters," he explains. "I wanted to learn new skills and improve my communication."

Moab Toastmasters meets for one hour twice a month at Zions Bank, where club president Elana Davidson calls the meeting to order, welcomes members and guests, and mentions any announcements or club business before turning the lectern over to the Toastmaster, who facilitates the meeting.

Two speakers each deliver a 5-7-minute speech, followed by written and oral evaluations by designated evaluators. And, on most days, there's a "think-on-your-feet" impromptu speaking exercise. If that sounds slightly terrifying, well, it's easier than you might think. Constructive feedback is positive, and truly helpful. And, while you may never totally lose your nervousness, you find you can speak in front of a group - and actually enjoy it.

Toastmasters is a tried and true method for improving communication skills. Founded in 1905 by Ralph Smedley, who directed a YMCA in Illinois, Smedley saw a need for the men in the community to learn to speak, conduct meetings, plan programs, and work on committees. He organized a club where older, more experienced men mentored the younger members in how to communicate better. By 1930, there were nearly 30

clubs across the nation, including one in British Columbia, Canada.

These days, there are 16,400 clubs comed its first female member in 1970. The international organization draws people from all walks of life and all political persuasions. Many attendees are professionals looking to advance their careers. Others join in order to become more professional.

- you talk about yourself. You can give your whole life history, talk about your job, a particular time in your life – whatever aspect of yourself you're willing to share. Members receive a Competent Communication manual when they join, with guidelines on how to give 10 different speeches (the first one being the icebreaker) - each speech focusing on a particular aspect, such as vocal variety, use of persuasion, using props, and the importance of body language. Toastmaster materials also give suggestions on how to come up with topics.

Members later move on to advanced manuals – a wide selection of which includes "Speak-

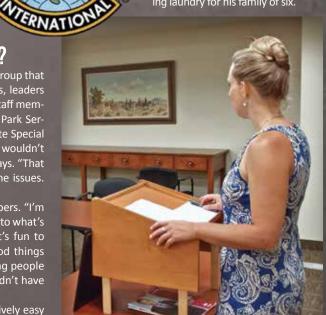
> ing to Inform," "Public Relations," and 'Specialty Speeches." Toastmasters is a self-paced program – members go at their own pace, deciding when to give a speech, and schedule themselves accordingly. Presentations can be serious, or humorous like the one Clark gave about doing laundry for his family of six.

WHO'S IN TOASTMASTERS?

oab's own Toastmasters Club is a diverse group that lincludes city and county council members, leaders of local nonprofits, a nurse, a bodyworker, a staff member of the Youth Garden Project, a National Park Service employee, and director of the Solid Waste Special Services District. "A lot of people I encounter I wouldn't in daily life - which I love as well," Davidson says. "That includes council folks; I've gotten to know the issues. It's a cool sense of connection to your town."

That sentiment is echoed by other members. "I'm surprised at how much my eyes have opened to what's going on in the community," Clark says. "It's fun to come to Toastmasters to find out what good things are happening in the community. I'm meeting people that I'd never met before and probably wouldn't have met otherwise – it's great for that."

The first speech, the "Icebreaker," is relatively easy





PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

You speak on something you like, are familiar with; something that piques your interest," says Debby Barton, who joined the club last spring. "If I want to practice a presentation I'm to give on solid waste and recycling, this is an opportunity." Barton, who directs the Solid Waste Special Services District, is not the only member who practices speeches she plans to give elsewhere.

When Dan McNeil, director of Grand Area Mentoring, gave a poignant speech to the club about one of his young mentees, it turned out to be more than practice. It inspired Barton to act. "His speech blew me out of the water," she says. "He was so compelling. I have signed up to be one of his (youth) mentors."

She would like to see more young people join Toastmasters – so they can benefit sooner from the experience. "As a society, we do not communicate very well," Barton says. "The kind of communication we deal with on Facebook, Twitter, I see a growing intolerance. Toastmasters teaches people to listen to others' viewpoints with respect; to have intelligent, adult dialogue."

Perhaps the heart of Toastmasters is the evaluation

portion of the meeting where assigned evaluators emphasize the positive — what they liked about a speech, calling attention to what the speaker did well — while also always including a suggestion or two on how the speech could be improved. Toastmasters teaches you how to do this. "It's great feedback and really about getting better at what we're doing," Davidson says. "It's very supportive, friendly, encouraging. Feedback is given in a confidence-boosting way. Toastmasters is a great place to fail — you don't have to get it right the first time. This is the place — it's all part of learning to be articulate."

Barton has noted a lot of personal growth amongst members since she joined 10 months ago. "They're much more confident in speaking; they're presenting themselves as someone to be listened to," she says. "Toastmasters allows us to push our boundaries, our comfort zone, and become better. It allows us to be more of a positive asset for our community. We need to build confidence in our abilities to speak so we can be functioning members of society. Watching someone become hooked; getting to find out more about people – to me, that's the most fun of all."

Sharri Casler belonged to the Cherry Creek Toastmasters Club in Denver before moving to Moab a year ago. The Denver club participated in regional, national and international speech contests, with one of its members winning the world championship in 2000.

"That experience with Toastmasters changed my life," she says. "It changed how I interact with people (including a daughter) on a daily basis." Casler, 57, says she originally joined Toastmasters after alienating some people with a presentation she gave at work. "It motivated me to learn a better way to communicate," she says. "Then, coming to Toastmasters, I learned the value of being a better listener – a requirement to becoming a better communicator. I got what I came for and a lot more."

Casler talks about the things she's interested in – such as cycling. She won "Best Speech" award once for a talk she gave about her fear of cycling over a steep stretch of La Sal Mountain and how she got through it by breathing, and applying one pedal at a time – a message, she says, that can be applied to anything.

Casler urges people who feel intimidated at the thought of Toastmasters to attend a couple of meetings. "We won't put you on the spot," she promises. "Come and try it out. Put your preconceptions to the side; come with an open mind. People are rooting for you. They want you to be successful. We laugh with each other. We have fun while learning."

A Moab Toastmasters Club existed during the town's uranium mining era of the 1960s and 70s. After the bust, the club went dormant until some residents decided to reestablish the club in 2004, said longtime Toastmaster Jim Webster, a Grand County School board of director, and a member of Grand County Search and Rescue.

A few years ago, when Webster, 63, gave the commencement speech at the Utah State University branch in Moab, he dusted off a compelling search and rescue story he'd given to the club — modifying it to make a point, he says. "I've test-driven speeches I give to other groups. As a school board member, I have developed arguments for Toastmaster speeches about the school district that I use later in front of the Chamber of Commerce, or citizens."

Toastmasters is a great deal when you compare it to the cost of a 9-week Dale Carnegie communication and leadership course which can run more than \$2,000. Toastmaster membership dues are \$45 every six months, which gets you a subscription to the monthly "Toastmasters" magazine, plus your first two manuals – a competent communication and a competent leadership manual.

"For me, it's interesting. I'm in it for the fun," Davidson says. "Getting better at speaking helps everything in your life." ■

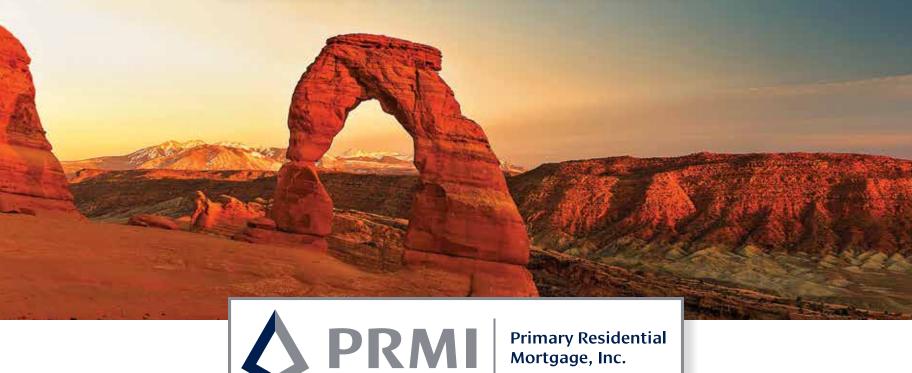






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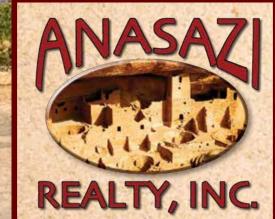
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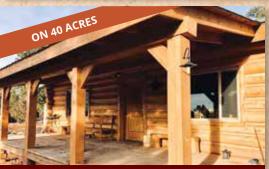
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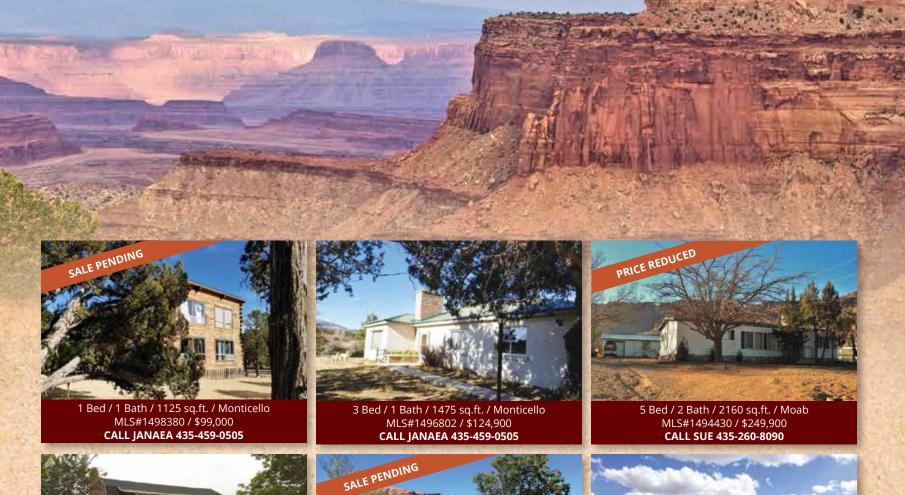
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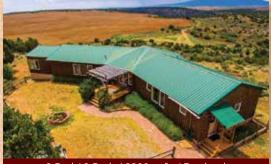
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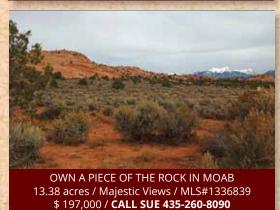
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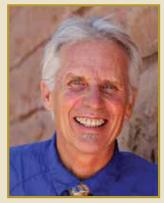


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MOAB

County: Grand Zip Code: 84532 Elevation: 4,025 feet Year-round population: 5,000

MOAB CITY NUMBERS

All Emergencies: 9-1-1 Police: 259-8938 Fire Dept.: 259-5557 City Hall: 259-5121 Post Office: 259-7427 Library: 259-1111

Chamber of Commerce: 259-7814 City Planning Dept.: 259-5129 City Recreation Dept: 259-2255

GRAND COUNTY NUMBERS

Sheriff: 259-8115

Grand County School District: 259-5317 County Clerk (Voter Reg.): 259-1321 County Assessor: 259-1327 County Administrator's Office: 259-1346 County Recorder: 259-1332 County Treasurer: 259-1338

Building/Development Permits: 259-1343 Building Inspector: 259-1344 Economic Development:259-1248 Travel Council: 259-1370 Recycling Center: 259-8640

UTILITY CONTACTS

City of Moab: 259-5121
Questar (gas): 259-7137
Rocky Mtn. Power: 888-221-7070
Grand Water & Sewer: 259-8121
Moab City Public Works: 259-7485
Monument Waste Services: 259-6314 / 7585
Frontier (Phone): 800-921-8101
Emery Telcom: 259-8521
Green Solutions: 259-1088
Amerigas Propane: 259-6756

MEDICAL AND DENTAL CONTACTS

Moab Regional Hospital:719-3500 Moab Dental Health Center: 259-5378 Merrill Hugentobler, DDS: 259-7418 Arches Dental: 259-4333 Red Rock Dental: 259-4059 Moab Regional Health Center: 719-5500

TRANSPORTATION

Canyonlands Field Airport: 435-259-4849 Great Lakes Airlines: 435-259-0566 Amtrak (Green River): 800-872-7245 Greyhound Bus (Green River); 800-872-7245 Red Rock Express: 800-259-2869 Moab Taxi: 435-210-4297 Enterprise Rent-a-Car: 435-259-8505 Arches Car Rental: 435-259-4959

UTAH STATE NUMBERS

Motor Vehicle Div: 259-3743 Drivers License Div: 259-3743 Hwy Patrol: 259-5441 Health Dept: 259-5602 Moab Employment Center: 719-2600 District Court: 259-1349

NAT'L & STATE PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

Arches Nat'l Park: 719-2299
Canyonlands Nat'l Park: 719-2100
Dead Horse Point State Park: 259-2614
Bureau of Land Management: 259-2100
U.S Forest Service: 259-7155
To Report a Wildfire: 259-1850
Poaching Hotline: 800-662-3337

LOCAL SHUTTLES:

Coyote: 259-8656 Porcupine Shuttle: 260-0896

CITY INFO:

Moab City: 259-5121 www.moabcity.org Monticello: 587-2271 www.monticelloutah.org Blanding: 678-2791 www.blandingutah.org

GRAND COUNTY

Building Inspector: 259-1344 Economic Development:259-1248 Water and Sewer: 259-8121 Sanitarian: 259-5602 Assessor: 259-1327 www.grandcountyutah.net

SAN JUAN COUNTY

Building Inspector: 587-3225 Economic Development: 587-3235 x5006

Water and Sewer: 587-3221 Sanitarian: 587-2021 Assessor: 587-3221

PEST INSPECTORS

Spanish Valley Pest Control 259-8255 Orkin Pest Control: 877-250-1652

INSURANCE COMPANIES

Farmers Insurance: 259-6192 Central Utah Insurance: 259-5981 Markle Insurance: 259-5241 State Farm Insurance: 259-5161

LENDERS

Fidelity Mortgage: 719-4100
www.fidelitymortgage.com
Primary Residential Mortgage: 259-0259
www.primaryresidentalmortgage.com
Eastern Utah Comm. Credit Union: 259-8200
www.euccu.com
Mountain America Credit Union: 259-1500
www.macu.com
Zion's Bank: 259-5961
www.zionsbank.com
Wells Fargo Bank: 435-2708
www.wellsfargo.com

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

Moab Property Management: 259-5955 www.moabutahlodging.com Premier Properties Management 355-0269 www.premierlodgings.com Vacasa: 866-937-6622

CONTRACTORS

Ben Byrd 259-0224 Chuck Garlett: 259-5014 Henderson Builders: 259-4111 Craig Haren: 259-1537 Jared Ehlers:259-9499 Jim Keogh- 260-8127 Joe Sorensen: 260-5948 Triple J: 259-9988 Moab Construction: 259-8529 Lawson: 259-4079 Eco Logic: 259-6264

WELL DRILLING:

Balsley: 259-4289 Beeman: 259-7281 Shumway: 259-8180

SURVEYORS

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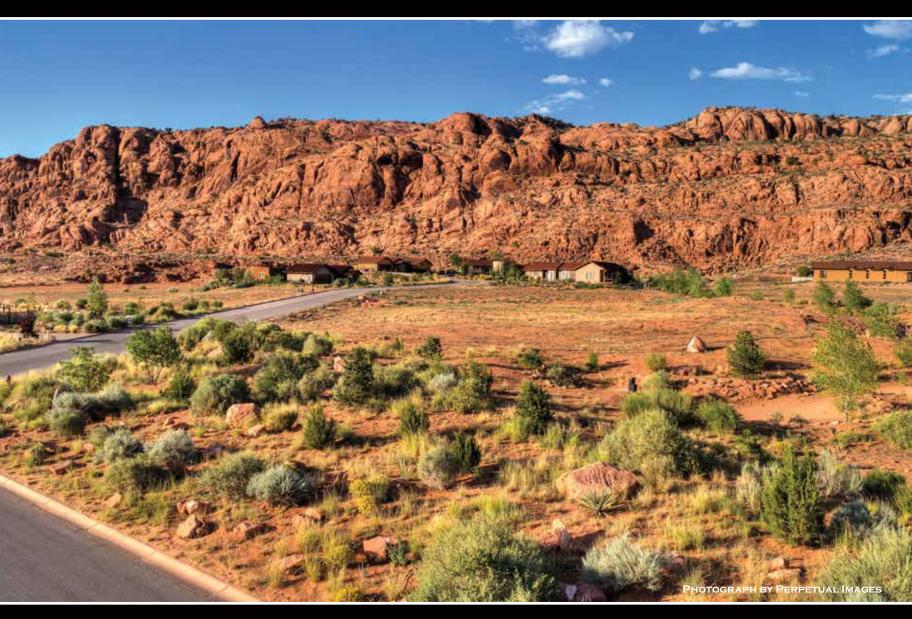
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