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Top: Moab Museum's History Programs Interpreter Stephan Zacharias leads a one-mile walking tour through downtown Moab, pointing out historic sites and buildings and narrating stories from the past. [Courtesy Moab Museum / Diego Velasquez] Middle: Families enjoy a free summer concert in Moab's Swanny Park. [Photo by Paul Stolen]

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Magazine front cover: During a historical walking tour, guide Stephan Zacharias kneels near the "1899" inscription on the cornerstone of the L.C. May Building on Main Street in downtown Moab. [Courtesy Moab Museum / Diego Velasquez]









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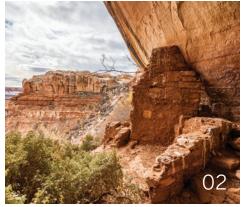
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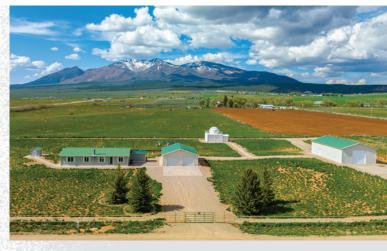
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MOAB MUSEUM'S HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS REVEAL MOAB'S FASCINATING PAST

Written by Rachel Fixsen

ales of the wealthiest man in town; standoffs with the sheriff; cross-dressing masquerades; grand business ventures, some that flopped and some that flourished; and a 19th century building that was condemned before it was finished but somehow still stands on Main Street. All these true stories and more are either told in full or part, in a recent version of the Moab Museum's historic walking tour, called Livestock Built This City.

"It's never the same tour twice," says the museum's History Programs Interpreter Stephan Zacharias, who leads the one-mile loop through downtown Moab, pointing out historic sites and buildings and narrating stories from the past. The route is the same each time, but Zacharias has gotten to know so many characters and anecdotes from the

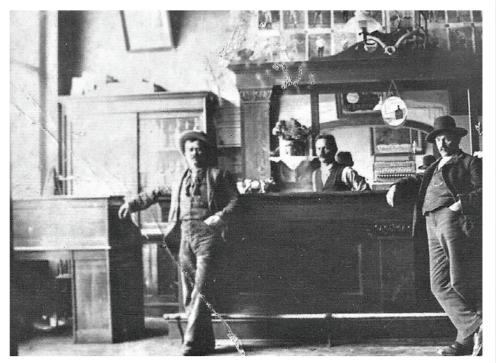
early days of Euro-American settlement in the valley that he has plenty of material to vary his presentation each week.

The tours began this spring, as part of an ongoing expansion of programs at the museum. A renovated building, modernized curating practices, refreshed exhibits, and more frequent interactive programming are all part of

an effort to make the Moab Museum more relevant and dynamic, says Mary Langworthy, Public Programs Manager for the museum.

"We hope to offer a lot more new, fun and creative ways for folks to plug into local history," says Langworthy, "We want to have Moab's history be a resource for Moabites today."





BRINGING THE PAST TO LIFE

On a sunny morning in May, a small group gathered on the museum's tidy front lawn where Zacharias waited wearing an outfit typical of the 1880s: a brown cowboy hat, green neck scarf, buttoned vest, checked shirt, and cowboy boots. He kicked off the tour with an in-character reading from a 1930s reminiscence of an ex-Moabite, but for most of the tour, Zacharias was himself, not a character. He says he finds it makes people more comfortable asking questions.

Warming up the group, Zacharias asked what brings people to Moab today. Participants volunteered answers one might expect to characterize a location known as a scenic destination and outdoor recreation mecca.

"Arches!" someone said. Mountains, the river, rock climbing and adventure were also listed.

"The desert speaks to my heart," one person answered.

Most of those answers aren't linked to agriculture, Zacharias pointed out. But agriculture-particularly ranching and livestock—was instrumental

Opposite page: The Cooper-Martin Building at Center and Main Street in downtown Moab, seen in 1911. [Courtesy Moab Museum] Top: Moab Museum's History Programs Interpreter Stephan Zacharias leads a walking tour past the historic Cooper-Martin Building in May. [Courtesy Moab Museum / Diego Velasquez] Bottom: Seen prior to 1903, a saloon that operated in the Crout-Peterson Building, the building in downtown Moab that in more recent years has been home to a long-shuttered gift shop. Shorty Connell, a local cowboy, is on the left of the photo, and Charles Williams, behind the bar, was the business partner of Phil Crout, right. [Courtesy Moab Museum]

in establishing the City of Moab. From the first cowboys who successfully survived a winter at the Elk Mountain Mission in Moab in the 1870s, to the cattle and sheep companies that provided the funding for businesses and infrastructure improvements, livestock constitutes an important chapter in Moab history.

Zacharias outlined the influences that met to create what became cowboy culture: elements from Africa, the Iberian peninsula, Indigenous cultures, and plantations in the eastern and southern regions of the United States. The depth of his knowledge is apparent—he's been doing historical interpretation for 20 years, he says, and he particularly enjoys studying and interpreting the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The group walked a few hundred yards between each of several stops on the route around a block of downtown Moab. At each one Zacharias introduced figures from Moab's past: "Aunt" Sarah Stewart, for example, who helped deliver generations of infants in Moab. He also described the cattle companies that were established along Indian and Cottonwood creeks, south of Moab: Dugout Ranch, owned by The Nature Conservancy, is still a working ranch today. The Redd family has been involved in ranching in the area for generations, and still cares for the livestock at Dugout.

Some of the stops on the tour are significant locations now occupied by modern buildings, while others highlight existing buildings that have been in use for a century or more. Passers-by on the busy sidewalks glanced curiously at Zacharias as he projected his voice over the

sound of traffic to point out the Cooper-Martin, Crout-Peterson and L. C. May buildings, which have over the years housed banks, stores, newspaper offices, saloons and pharmacies. Moab's first doctor, John Williams, ran a pharmacy that never had a permanent location—Williams leased several different locations, following behind vacated saloons and billiard rooms, Zacharias said.

GETTING TO KNOW MOAB

Zacharias joined the Moab Museum in November and started researching Moab's

specific history by reading old newspapers and obituaries.

"The real gold mine was the 1937 and 1938 W.P.A. personal pioneer interviews," he says. The Works Progress Administration, a federal agency established in the 1930s to carry out public works projects, collected interviews from pioneers and historical figures. Those first-person recollections helped illuminate the experiences of Moab's early Euro-American settlers.

Zacharias wanted to create a program that focused on a unique angle of Moab's past, something to complement what the museum was already doing. He found a niche in examining the town's ranching days. Those decades are already one of his favorite eras—"The clothes are cool, the toys are cool," he says. He also sees it as a time when a variety of cultures largely coexisted and cooperated in America.

"That 'melting pot,' I feel, really happened in the 1870s and 1880s," Zacharias says, and wasn't marked by the racial hostilities that became more entrenched in the following decades.

In his early research about Moab, Zacharias found several articles perpetuating the idea that Moab cowboys were all outlaws from Texas, and that Moab banks and businesses were founded on outlaw money—none of which was backed up by much evidence. Instead, he found a complex narrative of generations of determined and creative characters from all over the country who contributed to the settlement of the town. And he found that a lot of the public works of early Moab were financed by the livestock industry.





"Animals lose their jobs," Zacharias said, when commercial agriculture leads to homogenized breeds and specialized breeds are not sought after and maintained.

Along with the visiting animals, Matt Redd, a descendant of early ranchers in the Moab area who operates The Nature Conservancy ranch in Indian Creek, brought meat from a Criollo cow. Criollo are another unique breed that developed in isolation in Mexico. The Nature Conservancy is experimenting with raising the breed to lighten the impacts of ranching on the desert landscape and to better adapt to a changing climate.

The museum also invited renowned animal behaviorist Temple Grandin to speak at Star Hall in May. Staff hope the variety of events will keep locals and visitors tuned in to what's happening at the museum.

"I want every Moabite, at least once a year, to have a compelling reason to come here," Langworthy says. There's a huge amount of history to get familiar with, and there's always a new way to look at it and use it as a lens to understand current events.

"There are endless things to learn and things to chew on," Langworthy says, "and we want to be a resource for that."

"Livestock literally built this city," he says.

While focusing on that theme, he also mixes up the tour by highlighting different stories or details each time. The month of May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, so he made sure to mention connections to Hawaii. For example, when describing the evolution of cowboy culture, he recounted how the Hawaiian King asked vaqueros in California for help in managing livestock that had been brought to the Hawaiian Islands by the British.

Langworthy agrees that Moab has such a density of narratives, "there could be ten versions" of walking tours around Moab.

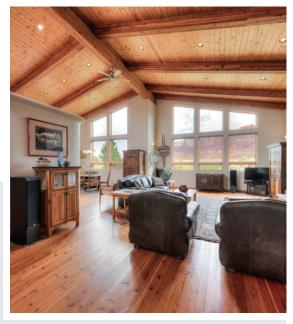
A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS

The walking tour isn't the only interactive progam the museum is introducing this spring. On the theme of livestock, the museum marked the Livestock Conservancy's International Heritage Breeds Week by bringing unique domestic breeds of horses and sheep to the museum lawn. International Heritage Breed Week was organized to raise awareness about domestic breeds that are declining.



Opposite page, top: "Aunt" Sarah Stewart helped deliver generations of infants in Moab. [Courtesy Moab Museum] Bottom: Criollo cattle, a "heritage breed," on the Dugout Ranch south of Moab. The Moab Museum has hosted programs on the historic and modern-day importance of heritage breeds. [Redd family archive] This page, top: Stephan Zacharias explains an exhibit at the Moab Museum. [Courtesy Moab Museum / Diego Velasquez] Bottom: The Williams Drugstore that occupied the Crout-Peterson building in the spring of 1911. The store had recently installed the pictured \$1,000 Soda Fountain. [Courtesy Moab Museum]









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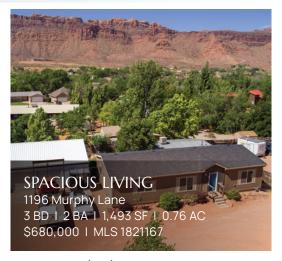
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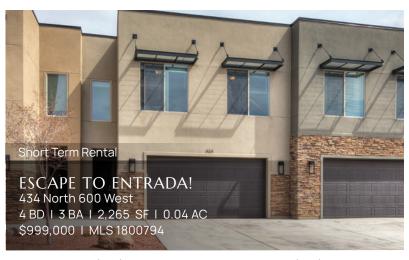
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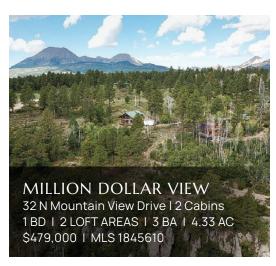
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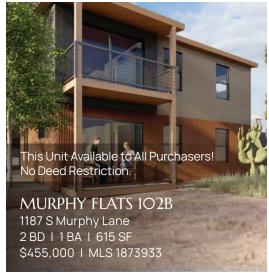
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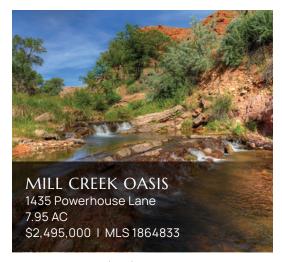




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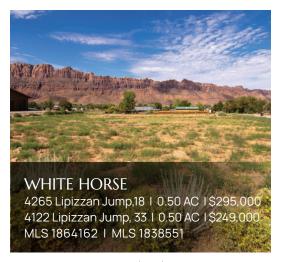
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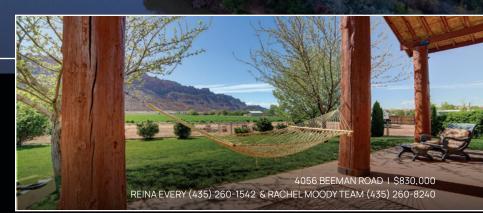
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FREE SWANNY PARK SUMMER CONCERTS ARE A HIT WITH LOCALS AND TOURISTS, ALIKE

Written by Rachel Fixsen

iven the chance, Moab will dance." That's what the Moab Free Concert Series organizers Cassie Paup and Makeda Barkley have said about their event that began in 2017. Through the nonprofit Friends of the Moab Folk Festival, they bring a variety of musical performers to Swanny City Park throughout the summer to put on free shows. Locals and visitors can mingle, share a drink, experience different styles of music and dance on the park lawn at concerts in June, July and August.

"Will it be fun and different? Will people have a good time and dance?" Those are questions Assistant Director Barkley asks when considering artists for the free concert series.



The Free Concert Series is one of several branches of the nonprofit that also puts on the Moab Folk Festival every fall, as well as the Moab Folk Camp, a week of music and songwriting workshops. They also conduct education outreach in local schools.

"That's the quiet part of our organization, but the one I'm the most proud of," says Paup, the nonprofit's director. "It reaches deeply into our community," offering opportunities to local youth who might not have access to music education otherwise—the youth summer camps even bring students from as far as Blanding and Price.



Paup was instrumental in developing the Free Concert Series. The Moab Folk Festival had been going since 2003, and its founder, Melissa Schmaedick, had been wanting to add some kind of free event to the organization's offerings. When Paup, who joined the organization in 2014, took a professional development course that included a project element, she made the Free Concert Series her project for the course.

A grant from the Moab Area Travel Council provided a substantial part of the funding to launch the series; the Grand County Economic Development Department, which now oversees the Travel Council, is still one of the biggest funders for the events. This year, revenues from a new Recreation, Arts and Parks tax levied by the city are also helping to fund the free concerts, and around a dozen local businesses also provide support.





Opposite page: Con Brio performing in Swanny Park as part of the Moab Free Concert Series in 2022. [Photo by Paul Stolen] Top: Shamarr Allen (top left) & The Underdawgs will perform in the 2023 Moab Free Concert Series on June 30, with opening act Juniper Drive (top right). [Courtesy photos] Bottom: On August 4, Kaleta and Super Yamba Band (bottom left) will perform, with opening act Fiery Furnace Marching Band (bottom right). [Courtesy photos]



SELECTING THE SOUNDS

The festival uses an approach called block booking to select the season's headliners. They work with an agent in Colorado who connects them with artists who are touring in the area during the summer.

"He's got his finger on the pulse of who's coming through," Paup says. He sends them names of artists who will be in the region, and they try to pick an eclectic mix.

Block booking allows the Moab Folk Festival to book the artists at reduced rates, and offers the artists another opportunity to perform during their tour in the region.

"We're able to get some pretty high-caliber acts," Paup says. This summer, the lineup kicks off on June 30 with Shamarr Allen, a trumpeter and vocalist from New Orleans. Allen's musical influences come from a broad range of genres: jazz, hip-hop, rock, funk rhythms, blues and country. He has performed with well-known artists including Willie Nelson, Patti LaBelle, Galactic, Harrick Connick Jr, and Lenny Kravitz. Paup says he's "kind of a big deal."

Paup and Barkley aim for a variety of styles, and lean toward upbeat, danceable sounds. Their own tastes and backgrounds differ, and that helps them reach a balanced evaluation of what a community hit sounds like.

"We're two different generations—it's nice to have two sets of ears on it," Paup says.

They try to prioritize what they think the community will like over their personal tastes, though of course they enjoy the opportunity to listen to and consider new artists.

"Listening to music is part of our job," Paup says, and it's a part she clearly enjoys. This year's four artists were selected from a couple of dozen possible choices, so they had the opportunity to hear a lot of different sounds. Paup adds that she looks for diversity in all aspects of the acts, not just the musical genre.

"I always like to present a broad spectrum of music and represent different cultures, colors and genders on the stage," she says.

Barkley is particularly excited about Kaleta & Super Yamba Band, scheduled to perform on August 4. "I grew up listening to African music," she says, so she has an affinity for the band's style. The band's frontman, singer and guitarist Kaleta, was born in Benin in West Africa and grew up in Nigeria, absorbing the sounds of Afrobeat music. He has performed and recorded with well known artists and is now based in New York. He's been leading Super Yamba Band since 2017.

Paup says she's intrigued by the 11-piece band Nosotros, scheduled to play on July 21. The band combines elements of rock, salsa, jazz and cumbia to produce its Latin groove sound.

"I think it's going to be a really powerful sound and presence," Paup says. She added that her daughter is most excited about the last act of the summer—Pixie & The Partygrass Boys, a Salt Lake City-based band that fuses bluegrass with other genres including classical, jazz, broadway, and pop-punk and will play on August 18.

"We've wanted to bring them down here for a long time," Paup says.

A PLACE TO MEET

Moab locals appreciate the chance to hear renowned artists play in their hometown, but they also love the free concert series as a chance to catch up with friends and reconnect with acquaintances.

"The first time we did it, we had no idea (how many people would show up)," Paup says. "We had almost 250 people—we were floored." The high attendance confirmed that Moab locals loved the idea of free outdoor summer concerts.

"It hands-down makes summer a lot better," says Cathy O'Connor, a Moab resident who regularly comes to free concerts at Swanny. Each event is something to look forward to, and she appreciates that the shows are family-friendly. Her teenage son, Danny, has attended many of the concerts. Asked what he thinks about the series, he says, "I know you can't change the weather, but it's really hot!"

But the temperatures haven't kept Moabites from showing up.

"Everyone is stoked to be together," Paup says. Each show draws between 300 and 500 people—it's a great place to bump into old faces and share an experience.

The series took a break in 2020 because of the pandemic. When the nonprofit brought the series back in 2021, Paup says Moabites "just cherished it all the more."

The concerts are marketed primarily to locals, but visitors are also more than welcome.

"If the visitors wander in, they get to see us in our natural habitat!" Paup says. The series also adds to Moab's credentials as a place to experience the arts, not just scenery and outdoor recreation.

"Making Moab an arts destination is a great idea for economic diversity," Paup says. New this



year, the concert series is partnering with the city's "Arts & Ag" market in July and August. Attendees can browse handmade goods and dance on the Swanny Park lawn in the same outing.

Local radio station KZMU simulcasts the performances to expand accessibility—so anyone can listen, even if they can't make it to the park.

PUTTING THE SHOW TOGETHER

"Any music presentation in Moab is a pop-up event," Paup says, meaning staff and volunteers have to erect the stage, shade, sound, lighting and barrier equipment before the show, and break it all down afterwards.

"You start with a bare space—a piece of grass," Paup says. Turning that into a concert venue makes for a long day, and the nonprofit relies on and has a deep gratitude for its volunteers.

"We always need volunteers," Paup hints.

Each show starts with a local act as an opener from 6 to 7 p.m. The main act is from 7 to 9 p.m. An early wrap-up makes the event both family and neighbor friendly.

During the performances, Paup and Barkley stay tuned to the energy of the crowd, gauging what people seem to like most to inform their booking selections for the following year.

"It's easy to step back and just kind of feel it," Paup says, "it" being what she calls "the joy quotient."

So far, she and Barkley have found that Moab crowds respond well to horns, a good rhythm section and an energizing front person.

"People want to get up and move," Paup says. She and Barkley remember an act at last year's series that really got the crowd on their feet.

"Con Brio was stoked about people getting up and dancing," Barkley says. The band had played a show in another town the night before where the audience wasn't so enthusiastic.

"We've got a very grateful crowd," Paup says. O'Connor also particularly notes the high

energy of the events and audience that gets everyone up and moving. She remembers one particularly sweltering Moab Free Concert a few years ago, when the Canadian band Battle of Santiago brought their Afro-Cuban art-rock mix to Moab.

"It was so hot," she says. "But everyone was dancing." ■



Opposite page: Nosotros will appear at Swanny Park on July 21, with opener Marcia Cross. [Courtesy photos] Top: Swanny Park has plenty of room for people to relax and enjoy the summer evenings. [Photo by Paul Stolen] Bottom: On August 18th, Pixie and the Partygrass Boys will perform, with opening act The Butch Cassidies, right. [Courtesy photos]





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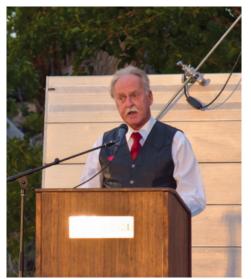


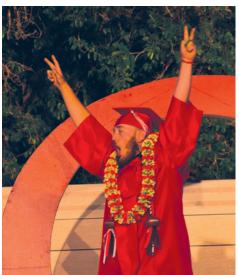




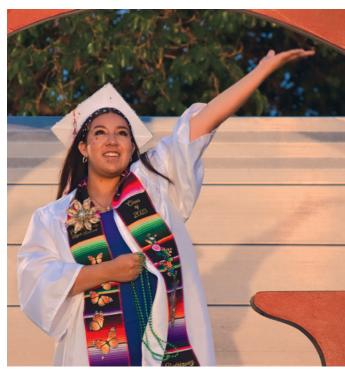






























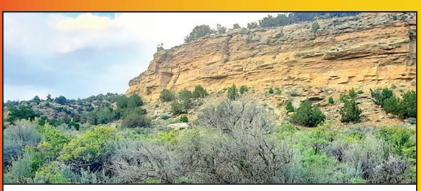


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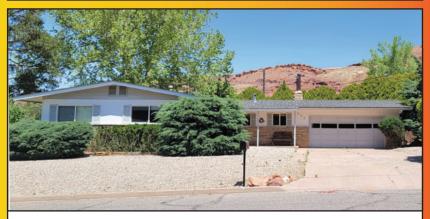
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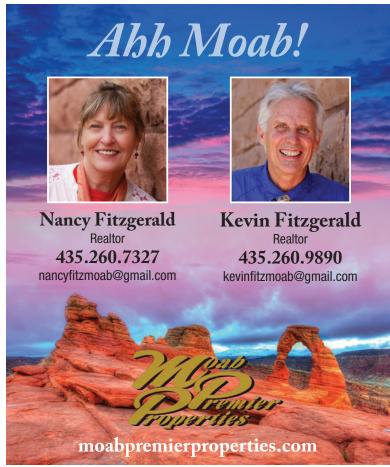
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to Moab's real estate community and to HMK third-grade teacher, Sarah Henderson for your service to Grand County schoolchildren!

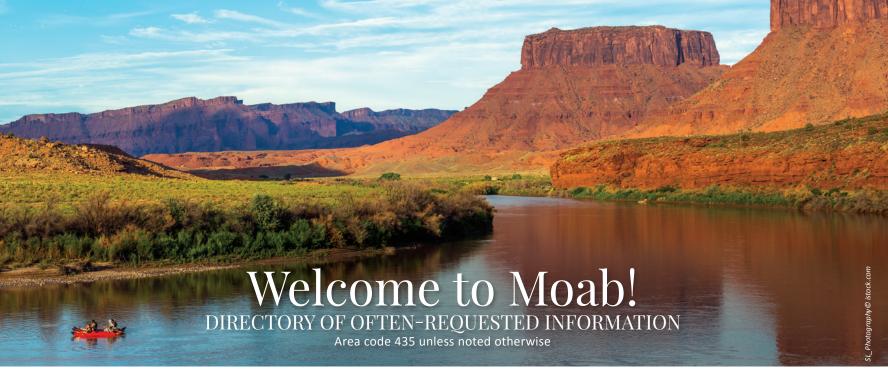
Humble hero Sarah Henderson teaches third grade at HMK Elementary School in Moab. She observed hungry students collecting wasted food from lunch trays and trash bins to save for later. For some students, school lunch was the only meal they could count on.

Sarah started a food pantry at the school, dedicating her time and her own money to provide food for hungry kids to take home. Her program was working and she sought funding to keep the food pantry in operation.

Sarah quietly approached the local board of Realtors. Eager to help, the Southeastern Utah Chapter of Realtors, and affiliated partners, joined forces with the Grand County Education Foundation to coordinate collecting and distributing funds to the food pantry.

Sarah was thrilled with the generous donations from the Realtors, and Affiliated partners. The current tally, as of early June, of \$7,550.00 will enable the continuation and possible expansion of the food pantry for years to come.

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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

Dominion Gas: 719-2491 or 719-2490 Rocky Mountain 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 United Airlines: www.united.com Grand Junction Regional Airport: www.gjairport.com Amtrak/Green River: 800-872-7245 Greyhound Bus/Green River: 435-564-3421

QUICK FACTS:

Elevation: 4,026 ft

Settled: 1878 **Mayor:** Joette Langianese

Population: Moab 5,268 (2019), Grand County 9,640 (2019)

Highest point in La Sal Mountains:

Mount Peale, 12,721 ft

Climate: Midsummer average high/low: 99F/65F, Midwinter average high/low: 43F/20F

Average annual precipitation in Moab: 9 inches Speed limit in town: 25MPH (15MPH for OHVs) Driving distance in miles to Salt Lake City: 233,

Denver: 354, Las Vegas: 458

Canyonlands Shuttle: 435-210-4757 Red Rock Express: 800-259-2869 Moab Taxi: 435-210-4297 Enterprise Car Rental: 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

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

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.primaryresidentialmortgage.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

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 LCW Construction: 260-2875 Triple J: 259-9988

Moab Construction: 259-8529

Lawson: 259-4079 Eco Logic: 259-6264

Jude Tuft, General Contractor: 719-5082

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