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Top: Hospital officials and healthcare providers gather for a ribboncutting event marking the completion of the Moab Regional Hospital's Recovery Center on May 20, 2022. [Photo by Corie Spruill]

Middle: New owners of the historic Apache Motel, Burke and Nicole Priest. [Photo by Murice D. Miller]

Bottom: Grand County High School senior Amethyst Rochelle Geiser smiles for a photo alongside her classmates at the school's graduation ceremony on June 2. [Photo by Murice D. Miller]

Magazine front cover: From left to right, Mark Weissinger, RN; Moab Regional Hospital COO Ronnie Boongaling; former MRH Board Member Doug Fix; USDA Rural Development Area Specialist Karl Larsen; MRH CFO Zach Wojcieszek; and MRH Board Chair Beth Logan at the ribboncutting event for the hospital's new Recovery Center facility. [Photo by Corie Spruill]













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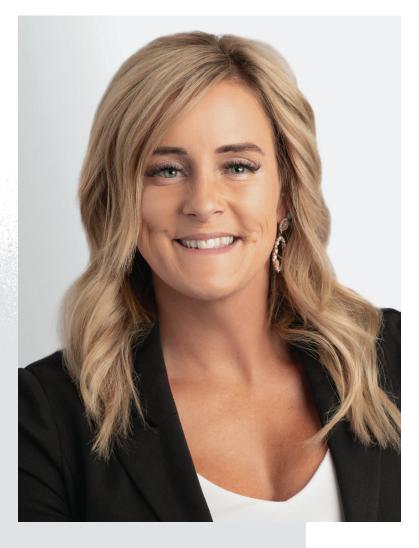
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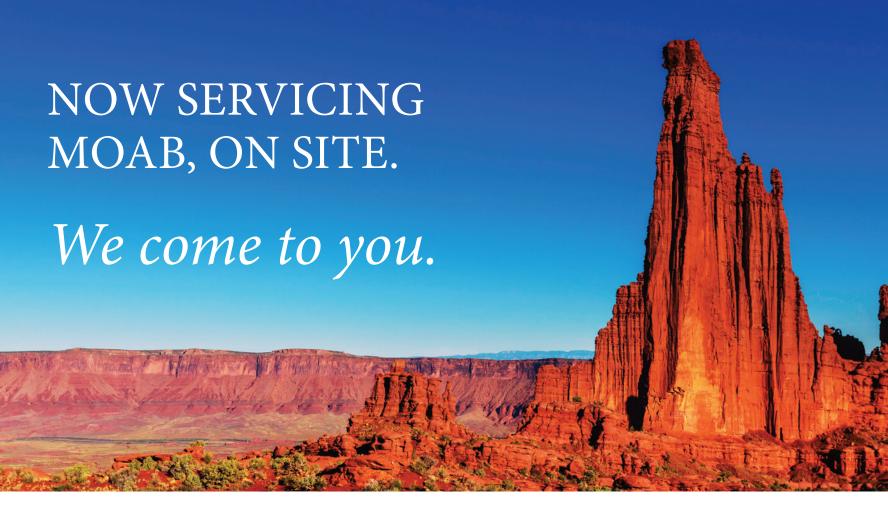


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# JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

## Moab area medical facilities unveil new and expanded healthcare services

Written by Rachel Fixsen

HE MOAB AREA HAS GROWN IN MANY ASPECTS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND AREA MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE EXPANDING AND IMPROVING TO KEEP PACE WITH INCREASING NEEDS. MOAB REGIONAL HOSPITAL OPENED ITS BRAND NEW RECOVERY CENTER ON JUNE 6, THE FIRST MAJOR ELEMENT OF A BROADER EXPANSION THAT WILL INVOLVE NEARLY EVERY PART OF THE HOSPITAL. THE MOAB FREE HEALTH CLINIC IS PREPARING TO MOVE TO A NEW, LARGER CAMPUS WHERE IT WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER MORE SERVICES AND STRENGTHEN ITS PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE NEW SPANISH VALLEY CLINIC HAS BEEN SEEING PATIENTS SINCE IT OPENED IN NOVEMBER OF 2021.

From left to right, at the ribboncutting for the Moab Regional Hospital (MRH) Recovery Center: Megan West, Opioid Grant Program Administrator/State of Utah; Christy Calvin, MRH Director of Marketing and Community Relations; Lauren Shimp, MRH Assistant Grant Coordinator; Vicki Gigliotti, RN and MRH Chief Clinical Officer; Angela Moore, MRH Emergency Department Case Manager; Kari McKay, MRH Director of Human Resources; Cari Arneson, RN, MRH Recovery Center; Nara Bopp-Williams, MRH Grant Coordinator; Dr. Lauren Prest, MRH Addiction Psychiatrist and Medical Director of Mental Health & Recovery Services; Amber Dickamore, MRH Recovery Center Program Director; Zach Wojcieszek, MRH Chief Financial Officer; Ronnie Boongaling, MRH Chief Operations Officer; Jeremy Olsen, MRH Pharmacist; Jennifer Sadoff, MRH Chief Executive Officer; Dee Gulledge, RN and MRH Board of Directors; Pam Marsing, LCSW, MRH Mental Health & Recovery Services; Alex Kirczow, RN, MRH Mental Health & Recovery Services; Luke Wojciechowski, MRH Grant Finance Coordinator; Lucinda Edwards, MRH Shuttle Driver; Beth Logan, MRH Board Chair; Terry Galen, LCSW, MRH Social Worker. [Photo by Corie Spruill]



#### RECOVERY CENTER AND **HOSPITAL EXPANSION**

Moab Regional Hospital held a joyful ribbon cutting on May 20 to celebrate the completion of a new building next door that will house an addiction recovery center. Community members were invited to share food, participate in a raffle, and take a look inside the new center.

The hospital conducts a community needs assessment every three years, and mental health and substance use disorders have surfaced as the community's top concerns in recent years. The recovery center—which will have resources to treat all forms of addiction, including alcohol, methamphetamines, and opioids—is a substantial step towards addressing that need. In the years since the recovery center was first conceived, opioid use disorder has become an increasingly acute crisis both nationwide and locally. Of particular concern, the deadly opioid fentanyl is becoming more prevalent.

"This center isn't opening a minute too soon," said Hospital CEO Jen Sadoff in remarks at the ribbon cutting ceremony. She also thanked all the staff and community members, as well as the construction crew, who contributed to the realization of the project. The building was completed in spite of being built during what Sadoff called "the most disruptive construction supply-chain you can imagine."

She was also grateful to the dozens of community members who attended the ceremony.

"It is really touching to see so many people who care about this for our community," she said.

The new recovery center will offer counseling, infusion, and medication assisted treatment, including methadone—an effective medication for treating opioid addiction. Sadoff said there are a number of hoops to go through and a large amount of paperwork in order to open a federally regulated methadone center. MRH is pleased to have on staff a very experienced new director, Amber Dickamore, who helped navigate the process. Sadoff also recognized the hospital's pharmacist, Jeremy Olsen, and Chief Clinical Officer Vicki Gigliotti. Dr. Lauren Prest, physician and addiction care specialist, wrote the grant to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration that secured \$4 million for the new center. Prest also spoke at the ceremony, and noted that many others had laid the groundwork for the center before she wrote the grant.

"Big projects like this don't happen without many shoulders to stand on," she said.

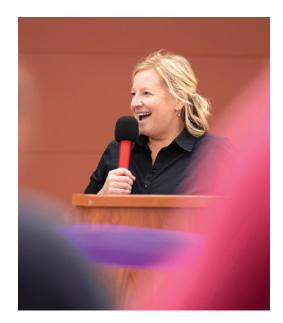
Megan West of the Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health also





Middle: Heidi Fuger, left, USARA Peer Recovery Coach and Lanette Denton, USARA Recovery Coach. Bottom: Moab artist Chrissy Kinslow was awarded a grant-funded stipend to create a piece of art for the Recovery Center around the themes of hope, healing, and resiliency. [All photos this page by Corie Spruill]









attended the ceremony, and congratulated the community on adding such an important service to its medical facilities.

"It's going to have an incredible lasting legacy in your community and beyond," she said.

After short speeches, hospital staff lined up behind a bright purple strip of gauzy fabric and Prest wielded a giant pair of scissors to officially cut the ribbon. It took a few tries to find the sweet spot on the scissors that would snip the fabric.

"If you didn't get the shot, it's not because we cut the ribbon too fast," Sadoff joked to several community photograhers capturing the moment. Attendees then made the rounds through the new building, peeking in at the offices, consultation room, and infusion room. The center will open to patients in early June.

The Recovery Center is just one area where Moab Regional Hospital is expanding its facilities. Recently the hospital added a new CT scanner which Hospital Director of Marketing and Community Relations Christy Calvin described as the best in the state. Work is also beginning on expansions to the emergency department and the medical office building, Sadoff said. The medical office expansion includes more clinic space and a new pharmacy, and is slated to be completed in the spring of 2023.

Moab Regional Hospital recently received some affirmation that all the effort its putting into improving services is paying off: it was recognized by the National Rural Health Association as one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals in Patient Satisfaction.

**Top left:** Luke Wojciechowski, left, MRH Grant Finance Coordinator; Lauren Shimp, MRH Assistant Grant Coordinator; and Nara Bopp-Williams, MRH Grant Coordinator. [Photo by Corie Spruill] **Middle:** With the hospital's state-of-the-art CT scanner are, left to right, Cindy Hirschfeld, MRH Imaging and Radiology Tech; Jimmy Walling, MRH Directory of Ancillary Services; Courtney Reese, MRH Imaging and Radiology Tech; Heidi Elliot, MRH Imaging and Radiology Tech; Rachel Melo, Imaging and Radiology Tech; Liz Fergus, MRH Imaging and Radiology Tech. [Courtesy Moab Regional Hospital] **Bottom:** Norman Taylor, Certified Peer Support Specialist, Four Corners Community Behavioral Health. [Photo by Corie Spruill] **Top right:** Moab Regional Hospital CEO Jennifer Sadoff. [Photo by Corie Spruill]





#### MOAB FREE HEALTH CLINIC

The Moab Free Health Clinic has been providing care to Moab's uninsured and underinsured since 2008. The clinic sees over 1,000 individuals each year—about a tenth of Grand County's population—and offers primary care as well as some specialist services like mental health care and counseling, women's health care, dermatology, dentistry and vision care. Patient visits have been increasing.

"We pretty much doubled last year," says Doug Caylor, executive director of the clinic. There were about 1,300 patient visits in 2020, and about 2,400 in 2021. Caylor said they're on track to see 3,000 visits in 2022.

"We've been busting at the seams," he says. "Ever since I got here, about three years ago, we've been adding programs and really increasing our footprint in the community."

Clinic staff had been considering remodeling the current clinic building to accommodate the growth, but instead took advantage of an opportunity to buy a new location: the campus that until recently was the home of University of Utah Extension Moab. The university is moving to its own new home in a recently finished campus south of town. The new space is almost ten times larger than the current clinic, which has about 2500 square feet of floor space.

"We will definitely be adding more equipment and services," Caylor says. He envisions expanding the dental, women's health, diabetes management, and counseling programs. The Moab Free Health Clinic won't use all the space, though—they plan to continue leasing to the U.S. Geological Survey, which currently leases from USU, and to partner with other Moab nonprofits that assist locals with "determinants of health"—things like housing, food security, and job skills—to use some of the space. Many of Moab's social services nonprofits participate along with the Free Health Clinic in an online referral system that helps patients quickly access resources and helps advocates understand clients' needs. The new Moab Free Health Clinic campus will be a hub for that service.

"Anywhere you interface on the campus is going to have access to that referral system," Caylor says.

There will also be a large room for community educational programs, like training for medical personnel or workshops on health management. Caylor says that the clinic's community outreach and good reputation are some of the reason it's getting more patients.

"We're free, but that doesn't mean we're a lesser clinic—our level of care is commensurate with a regular doctor's office," Caylor says.

The Free Health Clinic will continue operating out of its current office until renovations at the new campus are complete. For the medical facilities, that will take a little more time-likely until early in 2023. For the community and partners space, Caylor hopes the renovations could be completed early this summer.



Top left: Doug Caylor, RN, executive director of Moab Free Health Clinic, working with a patient. [Courtesy Moab Free Health Clinic] Top right: From left to right, Moab Free Health Clinic's Kate Jagla, Development Director; Josh Bower, Patient Navigator; Maddelyn Simboli, Patient Services Coordinator; Danette Johnson, Board President; Mary Winters, Physician Services Coordinator; Doug Caylor, RN, Executive Director; Quincy Masur, Clinical Outreach Coordinator. [Photo by Murice D. Miller] Bottom: The Moab Free Health Clinic purchased the entire former downtown campus of USU-Moab, seen here in an aerial photo. [Courtesy Moab Free Health Clinic]





The Spanish Valley Clinic is on Spanish Valley Drive, just south of the line between Grand and San Juan counties. It's operated by the San Juan Health Special Service District, and has been open since November 9, 2021. Clinic Manager Kaylyn Ballard-MacKay proudly describes the facility's features and capabilities: it offers primary care, women's health, small outpatient procedures like sutures and casting, and has equipment for radiology, x-ray, and ultrasound as well as a CT scanner.

"We're very proud of that," Ballard-MacKay says. She noted that the clinic's hallways had to be built especially wide to fit the machine into the building.

The clinic also has a full retail pharmacy and a telehealth kiosk. The kiosk can connect patients to providers in Salt Lake City for consultations with specialists not available at the clinic. For example, Ballard-MacKay says, patients with mental heath needs can use telehealh kiosk to start the process toward their care.





Spanish Valley Clinic nurses can draw blood samples for testing, which are then couriered to a lab in Monticello each day. San Juan Health operates a hospital and clinic in Monticello, as well as a clinic in Blanding.

In the near future, Ballard-MacKay says they hope to add cardiology and genetic counseling. The clinic was designed to be scalable depending on patient needs; Chief Operating Officer Jimmy Johnson says that so far the patient load has been steadily rising.

Ballard-MacKay says the clinic serves a lot of people in Spanish Valley as well as residents of La Sal—it's a closer commute for them to Spanish Valley than it is to Monticello, the next closest option. San Juan Health had been looking for an opportunity to bring healthcare to residents of northern San Juan County, and was able to build the new clinic using a loan and grant from the Utah Community Impact Board.

Ballard-MacKay has been in the medical field for years and says she especially loves rural health care because primary care providers and facilities end up addressing more of their patients' needs compared to an urban area with a high concentration of specialists. She enjoys the variety of knowledge and skill this generates, as well as the familiarity and trust with patients.

"I love primary care; I love rural health," Ballard-MacKay says. ■

**Top:** The new Spanish Valley Clinic at 5555 Old Airport Road in San Juan County. [Courtesy photos] **Bottom:** Kaylyn Ballard-Mackay, BPH, Spanish Valley Clinic Manager, with a patient. [Photo by Murice D. Miller]





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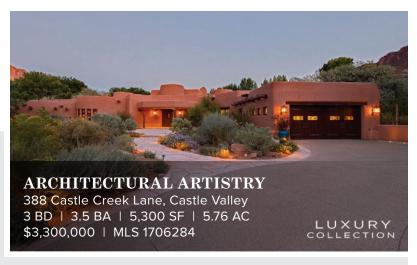












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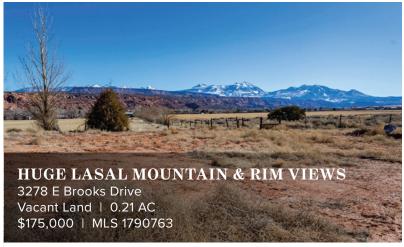
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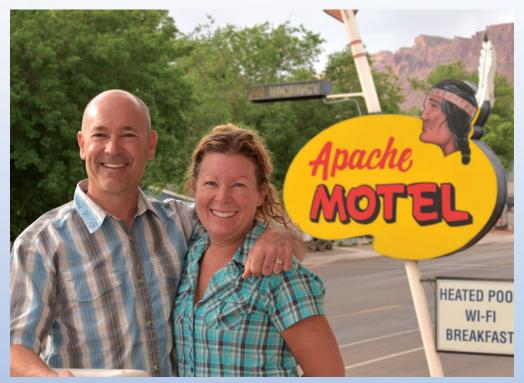
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THE APACHE MOTEL WHILE WORKING ON FILMS IN THE MOAB AREA, AS DID JOHN FORD, DOROTHY MALONE, ANTHONY QUINN, THE CREW OF THE MOVIE *GERONIMO*, AND A HOST OF OTHER MOVIE STARS FROM THE 1950S AND 1960S. IN THE 1990S, MEMBERS OF THE FILM CREW FOR *THELMA AND LOUISE* STAYED THERE.

Nicole and Burke Priest bought the motel a year-and-a-half ago after the opportunity to purchase the iconic landmark was presented to them during the pandemic — when fewer people were traveling. "Our attitude was we'd rather invest in Moab in uncertain times than anywhere else during certain times," Burke says.

While the modest rooms at the motel are popular with budget-conscious travelers, the Apache is rich in history and vintage charm. Built in 1954, the Apache Motel was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2008. While it's not certain where the name originated (the Apache Indians did not reside in the region) Burke believes the motel was





Apache Motel owners Burke and Nicole Priest.

named for the 1948 American Western movie *Fort Apache*, which was directed by Ford, starring Wayne and Henry Fonda.

The Comancheros, a 1961 film starring Wayne was also filmed in Moab. Former Moab Mayor Dave Sakrison met the movie legend during that period and has the photo to prove it. He was a teenager when he and Carl Rappe mustered up the courage to go and knock on Wayne's motel room door. Sakrison was in town with his family visiting

relatives, when his aunt told him to go to the motel and invite Wayne to dinner.

"So, we went there, and after getting our courage up, knocked on the door," Sakrison recalls. "We heard a voice say 'can't you see I'm trying to rest? – go away!" And so, they ran off, returning a few minutes later to knock again at the door. This time, the movie star grumbled "all right, I'll be right out," relates Sakrison.

"He seemed towering; bigger than life, with a Camel stud cigarette in one hand."

And although Wayne declined dinner, he did pose for photos, and invited the entire family to come to the movie set the following day. "He was the most gracious man I ever met," Sakrison said. "He posed (for photos) with us."

About 15 years ago, Wayne's daughter stopped by Dave's Corner Market (which Sakrison owned and is located just down the street from the motel) because she had heard about a photo of Wayne posted at the shop. "She said that's a 'rare photo' because he wasn't his wearing hair piece," to cover his baldness, Sakrison recalls.



As a teenager, Moab's future mayor, Dave Sakrison, right, poses for a photo with John Wayne outside of his room at the Apache Motel, along with Moab's Carl Rappe. [Courtesy Apache Motel]





## LONGTIME MOTEL EMPLOYEES BOND WITH GUESTS

With people traveling again, the Apache's rooms are full with guests most nights. Assistant manager and Moab native Tiffany Falcon has worked at the motel for 12 years. Her mother, Sharon Williams, who passed away in December 2021, worked at the lodge for 25 years, during which time she cultivated strong bonds with guests who'd return year after year. "We'd tease her all the time, that the motel was her second house," Falcon, 33, says. "She loved this place – it was like another family."

Falcon recalls her mother buying cakes for guests celebrating their birthday while staying at the motel. And, she'd place baskets of fruit in rooms of couples there for their honeymoon. "She had these amazing bonds with people," Falcon said. "I've kind of picked up those bonds. Everyone knows me as Sharon's daughter."

The new owners are enjoying getting acquainted with their guests – both the repeat customers and the newcomers, says Burke. Their diverse clientele includes European travelers; construction workers from out-of-town working Monday through Friday in Moab; and friends and family who've been coming to the Apache for the past 50-60 years.

Guests can request the large John Wayne Suite – where Wayne was known to stay when he was by himself, Falcon says. However, when he came to Moab with his wife and two

children, they'd stay in a regular standard room with two queen beds, says Falcon.

A new lobby and gift shop area is stocked with movie memorabilia – "We're huge John Wayne fans," says Burke. "We went to Winterset, Iowa, his birthplace, to learn more in-depth John Wayne history." In May, the motel celebrated what would have been Wayne's 115 birthday with a party.

#### **MOTEL AMENITIES**

The motel lobby offers supplies like toothbrushes, sunscreen, and mouthwash; and various food items, including tuna, cheese and crackers, chips, peanuts, jerky, granola bars and beverages. You'll also find ice cream and popsicles, plus frozen burritos and pizza which guests can cook in microwaves located in the rooms.

Additionally, there are food kits containing hamburger patties, hot dogs, and buns for cooking outside on one of the motel's woodfired Cowboy Cauldron grills. "We have fires nightly," Burke says. You don't have to be a motel guest to purchase food there and use the grills – Moab residents are welcome, too. "Locals will stop by and eat a burger with us," Falcon says. The motel proprietors also sell the Cowboy Cauldrons.

The Priests recently installed two teepees on the property, with tables and chairs for a relaxing sitting area for guests. The owners plan to eventually make the teepees available for nightly rental or as a retreat space.

A second wood-fired Cowboy Cauldron is located in front of the hotel where guests mingle and cook s'mores (with complimentary ingredients for paying guests.) "Everybody loves that," Falcon says. "Around Easter people were roasting Peeps (the flavored marshmallow candy popular at Eastertime)."

All the rooms have new plumbing, as well as new linens, and the pool area has been updated, as well. The pool is heated in spring and fall.

The Priests have added amenities such as a large, fenced dog run for those staying in the motel's pet-friendly rooms, a bicycle cleaning and maintenance station stocked with bike tools, and loaner cruiser bikes that guests can borrow for free to pedal around town — a feature Kym Buttschardt, of Ogden, Utah, appreciated during a recent stay in April. Buttschardt, who came to Moab to watch her son participate in a bike race, spent four nights at the motel.

"I rode a bike twice on the bike path to town for dinner," she says. "It was so nice to arrive, unpack and hop on a bike."

Buttshardt had heard the motel had new owners, was acquainted with Burke from childhood, and was curious about the place. "It was lovely – I plan to stay there every time I come to Moab," Buttschardt says. "It's a warm and welcoming vibe, makes you feel at home Not being on Main Street you're out of the fray. It's not loud, there are beautiful views. It's really special. You can tell it's locally owned. It's different than your average chain



**Top left:** Sharon Williams, who worked at the lodge for 25 years, cultivated strong bonds with guests who often returned year after year. [Courtesy Tiffany Falcon] **Opposite page, top right:** Apache Motel assistant manager Tiffany Falcon. [Courtesy photo]



hotel. The staff is lovely. It's a throwback to a different era - and it's clean."

The street where the motel is located used to be the main thoroughfare through town, and is now largely a residential area and much quieter than Moab's Main Street with its steady stream of traffic. At one point the Apache was the only motel in Moab, says Falcon, and Milt's Stop and Eat – the vintage diner nearby – was the only restaurant in town. Milt's remains open for business, too.

The Priests purchased the motel from the Smith family of northern California, who bought the lodge from Moab hotelier JJ Wang 15 years ago. "We are very grateful to the Smith and Wang families for a great legacy," said Burke.

The Apache offers a complimentary breakfast that includes fruit, yogurt, juice, muffins, oatmeal, tea, coffee, and hot chocolate. During special Moab events the motel sometimes orders fresh donuts from the Donut Shop, says Falcon.

#### **ADVENTURES ANONYMOUS**

The Priests currently live in Salt Lake City (SLC), while spending time in Moab, with plans to eventually return fulltime after Nicole retires. The couple used to live in town year-round -Nicole, a physician, worked at Moab Regional Hospital and Burke volunteered for Grand County Search and Rescue.

During their time in SLC, while Nicole practiced medicine, Burke founded Adventures Anonymous, a program for recovering alcoholics. Burke leads program participants on three days of adrenaline-packed outings - including motor sports like jet skiing, snowmobile riding, and off-road vehicle exploring, plus canyoneering and hiking.

"We transition participants to real life via adventure therapy – fun, adrenaline-producing sports – after they've completed a 30-day detox, or treatment program," says Burke. "Our goal is to give them a natural high ... that will aid in their recovery from addiction. We're substituting that for the alcohol dependency." Nicole is the oversight medical doctor, along with Paula Cook. They introduce participants to healthy eating by serving a plant-based diet during the 72-hour program.

Adventures Anonymous is supported by philanthropic foundations, and is free to participants – who stay at the Apache Motel during the three-day program.

"People walk out of the program wanting more," Burke says. "They can come back as paying participants, and bring their wife, their kids. Then, if people want to come back as apprentices, they can work for our program and learn tour guide skills." Twenty-seven participants have completed the program, since its launch in 2019

The Apache Motel is located at 166 Fourth East. If you happen to be on Main Street, look for the historic sign that points "This way to the Apache Hotel" – a sign first erected nearly 70 years ago. ■

To view rooms and rates, or make a reservation, visit the motel web site: apachemotelinmoab.com. The Apache Motel can also be reached at 435-355-0636.









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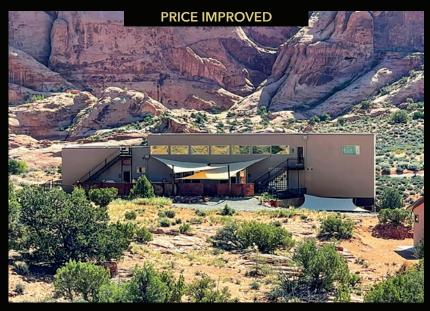


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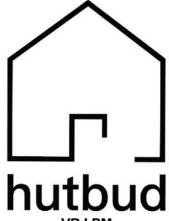


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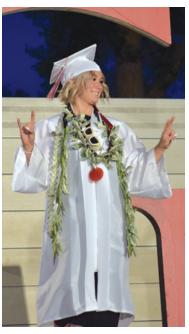




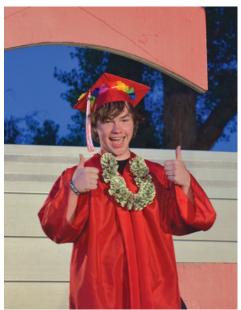






































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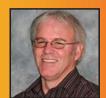
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Chamber of Commerce: 259-7814 City Planning Dept.: 259-5129 City Recreation Dept.: 259-2255

# **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 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 Hwv 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

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#### **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 Triple J: 259-9988 Moab Construction: 259-8529

Lawson: 259-4079 Eco Logic: 259-6264

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