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# 'RENEWING THE HUMAN SPIRIT WITH WILD PLACES'

Canyonlands Field Institute programs connect kids and adults with nature's bounty

Written by Sharon Sullivan



CFI teacher Evan Smiley (wearing sunglasses) teaches youth program participants how to enter and exit the camp's teepees, as well as, how to roll the teepee flap up and down to allow air flow. [Photo by Murice D. Miller]

arla VanderZanden grew
up with room to roam on
her family's farm in western
Oregon. A wooded area along
her father's grain field was a
playground for the only child of
older parents. "I loved it there – it
was a safe haven," VanderZanden
recalls. "It was a place for my
imagination and creativity. I even
built a teepee there, my version of
a fort — a girls' compound. Lo and
behold, who knew? Years later, I
have a camp with teepees."









VanderZanden is referring to Professor Valley Field Camp — the base camp for Canyonlands Field Institute, a nonprofit organization that offers river running, hiking, camping, and an array of educational seminars and retreats with a mission to "connect students and adults with nature through history, education and adventure." Guests spend the night at Professor Valley in one of a dozen teepees on the property, located 20 miles northeast of Moab.

With a graduate degree in natural resources, and a background in river rafting and outdoor education, VanderZanden and her friend, the late Robin Wilson, co-founded CFI in the summer of 1984. Since then, it has become known across the U.S. for its field trips and educational programs that, as the institute's brochure puts it, "explore topics of local flora and fauna, archaeology, and Navajo culture."

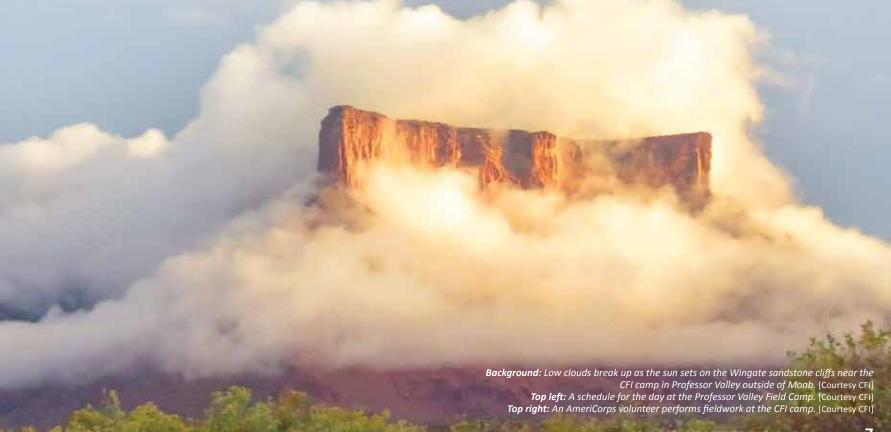
Sharing the outdoors with school kids is "the heart of what we do," VanderZanden says. Teachers from all over the country bring students to participate in programs ranging from day courses to river trips to camping-and-hiking. Hands-on, out-in-the-field activities complement and meet core curriculum standards set for science and history taught in schools.

"The three rivers" — the Colorado, San Juan, and Green — "are classrooms for us," VanderZanden says. Students learn about rivers and the geologic processes that formed them, as well as how to get along with one another, make camp, and deal with challenges — such as a tent blown down by the wind. In the Youth River Skills Camp, they learn to "read" the river, and to row or paddle.

Kerry Kelvin, a school counselor at La Salle Prep, in Milwaukee, Oregon, has brought groups of high school juniors and seniors to Professor Valley each April for the past 15 years. For many, it's their first time ever sleeping outdoors. In Oregon, they expect rain or mosquitos. Here, Kelvin says, "The students always want to sleep outside to watch the shooting stars, so they drag their cots out of the teepees."

La Salle is a rigorous college prep school, and some of its students struggle academically. These are the ones Kelvin most enjoys bringing to Utah. "They get bored in the classroom, but thrive in the outdoor setting," she says. "They're hands-on learners. At CFI, they see biology and chemistry applied. They learn to be stewards of the environment." She says many go on to choose careers in biology, geology or outdoor education.

Locally, CFI partners with Moab's Youth Garden Project to co-sponsor an affordable day camp for local kids too young for many of its programs. Day camps offer trips to Hunter Canyon, and to Moab Giants Dinosaur Park.





#### Adult/Family Programs

n a stretch of the Colorado River known for nesting eagles along its banks, CFI partners each year with Sherri Griffith Expeditions and the Moab Bird Club to present a river trip in February. Retired Moab resident Liane Morgan attended this year's float, which began at the Loma boat launch near Grand Junction, Colorado and ended at the Westwater Ranger Station near the Utah-Colorado border. "It was a great day. It was a lot of fun," says Morgan, who was delighted to see two eaglets poking their heads out of a nest.

"We saw thirty-three different species of birds, including 10 bald eagles and five golden eagles," adds Resford Rouzer, who also attended the February float, and is CFI's marketing and communications manager. "We have bird experts in each boat. This year we had an expert from HawkWatch International," a Salt Lake City-based nonprofit working to protect raptors through scientific research and public education.

Last year, Morgan attended the Navajo Mountain Archaeology and Culture Trekking trip on the Navajo Nation, an experience available by special permit only, where she hiked with guest expert and noted archaeologist Sally Cole, who pointed out sweat lodges, ancient artifacts and ruins Morgan says she would never have found on her own. "It was a great experience," she says. "I spent two nights in a Hogan," a traditional Navajo hut constructed of logs and earth, "two nights camping and one night in the lodge."

Monthly seminars with guest experts explore a wide range of topics such as desert wildflowers, Comb

Ridge archaeology, and llama trekking in the Lizard Head Wilderness. Graduate study programs, writers' workshops, a nightly Canyon's Edge slide show, and a youth fishing program also take place at CFI. "All of our adult trips help to underwrite the youth programs," VanderZanden says. Memberships also support CFI's mission; in turn, members receive discounts on trips and events.

Sense of belonging

Youth programs, like the ones Kelvin's students attended, always conclude with a "closing circle," during which students often comment on how their lives have changed from the experience. Students will often say things like, "I didn't know I could go a week without my cell phone," says VanderZanden. Turning off electronic devices "is becoming as much of the experience that is new and challenging as going a week without a shower," she adds. Encouraging people to put away their phones and engage directly with someone is "a new twist on outdoor education in the last five years. Young people, and, frankly, teachers experience life in the outdoors in a (more) simple, direct way."

A spring trip

aturalist-guide Elizabeth Bercel sets the tone the first night for a group of 29 seventh and eighthgrade California students who arrived in April for a combination land-and river-based program that

begins in Professor Valley. After dinner she leads the students on a silent 10-minute walk to an overlook of the valley. There, she shares a short nature reading, followed by students stating their intentions, or goals for the next few days. "We want to try and get the students tuned into the landscape, to quiet their minds and pay attention to the sounds, smells and views" of their surroundings, Bercel explains.

The following day, Bercel leads students to nearby Professor Creek, for a riparian field science activity where they talk about soil, desert plants and water. They test soil permeability by pouring creek water through a canister filled with pebbles, and other soil particles separated by screens. They observe how water flows quickly past bigger pebbles, and more slowly through the silt and clay — giving plants time to soak up the scarce resource. They learn the difference between acidic and alkaline soils, and how the mineral-rich soil of Professor Valley is good for desert plants.

Students also learn to measure the cubic feet per second (CFS) of the creek which tells them how many cubic feet of water is flowing every second. This lesson takes on greater significance later in the week, when the group goes rafting on the Colorado River, where it's important for river guides to know the river's CFS, and how it changes with the seasons.

After lunch, students make a map of the Colorado Plateau in the sand, using various materials — rocks for towns and cities, sand for mountains, a blue cam strap (used on the boats) to depict the Colorado River. "We talk about what the Colorado Plateau is; how it was formed, and its features," says Bercel. "Where are the big mountain ranges, on or off the Colorado Plateau? Where are the rivers coming from, and going? Who's using the water?"

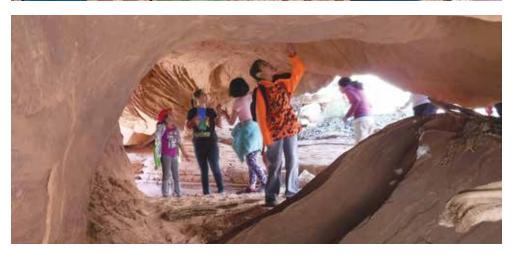
On the students' final river day, there's an informal "talent show" where everyone usually shares something simple, like a joke, a song, or a dance. Bercel recalls a student who was determined to create a bow drill fire (fire by friction) for his talent, using a bow, string, and another stick after observing a chaperone demonstrate the technique. "It's very difficult; it usually takes hours to get smoke, or a fire," says Bercel. "We went to a spot by the beach, and circled around. It was silent, and he created smoke after 15 minutes."















# A boost to young professionals • meriCorps and VISTA volunteers, and interns, come to work

MeriCorps and VISTA volunteers, and interns, come to work and learn at CFI. "An important part of our mission is providing young adults with professional development," explains VanderZanden. "We're very proud of the many who have come to CFI and gone on to careers, and positions of leadership."

Resford Rouzer, CFI's communications manager, first began working at CFI as an AmeriCorps Vista volunteer in October 2015. The following year, CFI hired him.

Born and raised in Moab, Rouzer, 30, left to attend college with no intention of returning to his hometown. While attending graduate school at the University of Utah, however, he met noted naturalist/writer Terry Tempest Williams and her husband, Brooke, who reside in nearby Castle Valley. The two served as mentors in Rouzer's environmental humanities program. "I worked with both Brooke and Terry; I became interested in history and land issues. They urged me to come back to Moab," Rouzer said.

CFI's mission is to provide "quality outdoor education on the Colorado Plateau, to inspire care of wild places, and renew the human spirit." That goes not only for students, but adults and families. Rouzer recalls a six-year-old boy who attended a CFI river trip with his parents. When they got off the water, Rouzer says, the boy was insistent that his family return to Moab and live by the river, so they could go rafting every day.

For a complete schedule of CFI's programs, visit cfimoab.org.

**Top left:** CFI Director Karla VanderZanden leading a hike. [Courtesy CFI]

**Top middle:** CFI Marketing and Communications Manager Resford Rouzer. [Courtesy CFI]

Middle left: Evan Smiley teaching at the Professor Valley Field Camp. [Photo by Murice D. Miller]

Bottom left: Kids from the Moab Valley Multicultural Center "Amigos a Amiguitos Club," out for a field program in Hunter Canyon near Moab. [Courtesy CFI]



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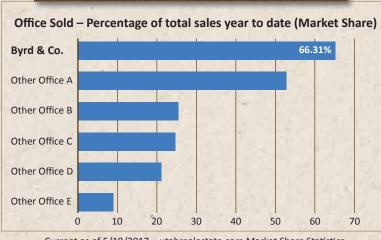


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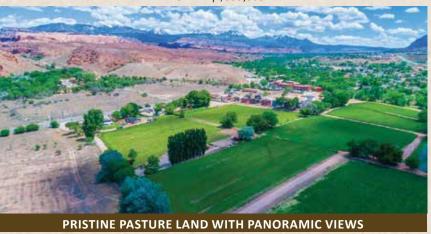


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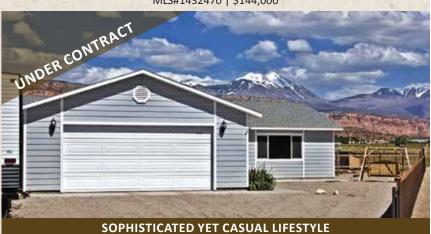
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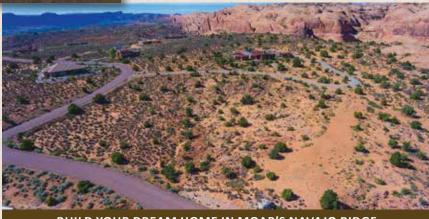


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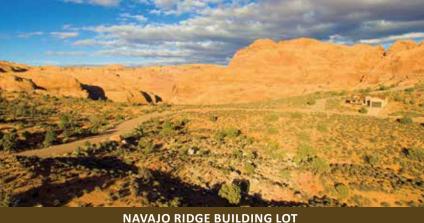
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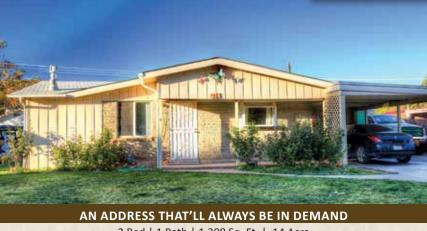
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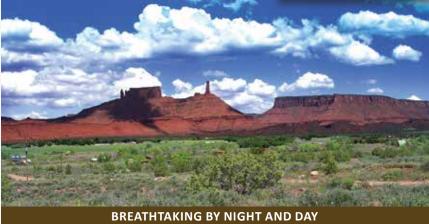






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Written by Sharon Sullivan and Sam McLaughlin

anyonlands Field Airport may be small — befitting a rural town like Moab — but big plans are underway for two expansion projects that will allow it to accommodate large jets by next spring. The result will be more choices for travelers, and a boost to the local economy.

Located roughly eighteen miles northwest of downtown Moab, the county-owned airport is in the process of doubling its infrastructure to attract airlines with larger aircraft. "The next 10 months will more than double what we've done in the first 42 years" of the airport's existence, says Grand County Airport Manager Judd Hill. "The airport is developing infrastructure to provide for both travel and general aviation needs for all of southeast Utah."

The catalyst for the airport's runway expansion project was in 2014, when SkyWest Airlines, which was serving the Moab airport with its 30-passenger turboprop planes, announced it would discontinue use of that airplane and move to an all-jet fleet — something

the airport could not accommodate. As a result, Moab was left without air service for several months in 2015. The switch to larger airplanes mirrors a change that is taking place in the industry, Hill says. "So in 2014, we began planning to expand." A new master plan was completed in 2015.

San Francisco-based Boutique Air filled the void left by SkyWest's departure. The U.S. Department of Transportation announced in December of 2015 that it had chosen the airline to be Moab's so-called Essential Air Service carrier. (EAS allows the government to subsidize air service in smaller markets by reimbursing the air carrier for the cost of providing flights.)



During Moab's busy tourist season, Boutique Air offers five flights a day: three to Salt Lake City, and two to Denver, Colorado.

Construction on the new addition to the terminal is expected to begin this fall, and work on the larger runway is slated to start by early January. "We're in the process of widening our runway to accommodate 50-passenger jets," says Grand County Airport board member Bill Groff. The terminal, meanwhile, will double in size: "The plan is to have both the terminal and the runway done by April 1."

This summer, after the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management complete their review of an environmental assessment of the proposed changes and the agencies have given their approval, members of the Moab community will have an opportunity to weigh in on the project. In 2007, the park service and the Federal Aviation Association developed a memorandum of understanding that set new guidelines for airport development; the agency has a say because of the airport's proximity to Arches and Canyonlands national parks.

Developing core infrastructure at the airport will benefit not only the town's tourism economy; it will also help diversify the general economy and "tie us in with the rest of the country and world," Hill explains. New businesses are already drawn to Moab's quality of life and sizeable workforce — an improved and expanded airport will provide the transportation hub that all industries depend on to do business, Hill says.



Magazine front cover: Grand County Airport Manager Judd Hill at Canyonlands Field in May 2017. [Photo by Murice D. Miller]
Opposite page: Upgrades to Canyonlands Field Airport will allow it accommodate 50-passenger jets like the Bombardier
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**Top:** An architectural rendering of the renovated terminal at Canyonlands Field Airport. [Courtesy Archiplex/Canyonlands Field Airport] **Sidebar:** Grand County Airport Manager Judd Hill [Photo by Murice D. Miller]

Bottom: Passengers aboard a Boutique Air flight prior to takeoff from Canyonlands Field Airport. [Photo courtesy of Moab Sun News]

#### A PASSION For Aviation

rand County Airport Manager Judd Hill was always enamored with flight. He grew up with a father who owned his own plane; as a child, Hill became involved with the Experimental Aircraft Association, one of the largest flying organizations in the world, which sponsors air shows around the country. "My first job during high school was working for a hot air balloon company," he recalled. "On weekends, I helped crew for the hot air balloons. I did that to pay for getting my pilot's license" — which he earned just a week after graduating from high school.

Hill's professional background is as a research scientist. But his enthusiasm for aviation never left him, and by 2014, although he was working as a chemist, Hill was also employed part-time at the airport as an aircraft rescue fire fighter. He became Canyonlands Field Airport manager in October of that year, after former airport manager Kelly Braun, who had accepted another job, encouraged Hill to apply for the position.

"We appreciate having Judd at the helm," says Grand County council member Curtis Wells. "His vision and passion for aviation and Moab has really instilled confidence in developing the airport, from the county council's perspective. He's planning for the future. We have markets we want to tap into that are coming into Moab and will require (additional) infrastructure," he said. Which is why the county is investing significantly in the airport: "We're transitioning from a small, rural airport to a county asset that better reflects the direction that the community is going. It's clear that developing the airport is a priority for the county. Judd has the vision that is needed."









#### **BUSTLING AIRPORT**



**Top left:** Canyonlands Ballooning offers hot air balloon rides out of Canyonlands Field Airport. [Photo courtesy of Canyonlands Ballooning]

**Top right:** Canyonlands Field Airport staff participate in an annual fire training at Salt Lake City international airport. [Courtesy photo]

Middle left: High above the Utah desert with Skydive Moab. [Photo courtesy of Skydive Moab]

Middle right: Pilot Larry Van Slyke in a Redtail Air vintage-style WACO biplane. [Photo Courtesy Redtail Air] Bottom left: Grand County Airport Boardmember Bill Groff. [Courtesy photo] anyonlands Field Airport is already busy with the one commercial airline, and another company, Redtail Air Adventures that offers charter service plus an array of scenic aviation flights that tour Canyonlands and Arches, Monument Valley, and Dead Horse Point State Park. Other scenic flights offer day trips to Navajo Tribal Park, where passengers stop to hike with a Native guide and enjoy a meal of Navajo tacos, and to Mesa Verde National Park, where passengers deplane in Cortez and travel by van to the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center for lunch and to learn about the area's archeology.

Redtail also provides shuttles to various outfitters, dropping off clients at river-trip put-ins and take-outs, and at trailheads for mountain-biking or backpacking adventures. As a "fixed-base" operator, the company also offers aircraft fueling, mechanics, and flight instruction. Its 11 aircraft includes turbine-powered Quest Kodiaks, Cessna turbo 207s, Cessna 172s, a twin engine Beechcraft Baron, and a vintage-style WACO biplane.

The WACO plane is actually a new biplane, purchased in 2016, built on the specifications of the vin-

tage model. One or two passengers sit in the front cockpit, while the pilot is seated in the rear cockpit for an "adventure ride" (as opposed to the company's longer scenic tours across greater distances). Most WACO biplane trips take place from March through November, although, despite the open cockpit, "we've had some intrepid souls flying all winter," says Redtail reservations manager Rebecca Martin.

Companies that offer helicopter tours, hot air balloon rides, and skydiving adventures are also based out of the airport. A number of Moab business owners park their single-engine planes there. Additionally, car rentals, private transportation and shuttle service all operate out of the airport.

Each airport-based company provides jobs for locals. In fact, "it's one of the largest places to work in Moab," Hill says. "There are more companies and employees working here on a daily basis than on a single block of Main Street. Once we're through with the expansion, there will be more than a hundred people employed, plus a half-dozen companies," at the airport.

#### COSTS ADD UP To future benefits

Last year, the airport secured funding from Utah's Community Impact Fund Board, known as the CIB, for a new terminal building. Additional monies are currently being sought to widen and lengthen the runway. Hill hopes to get a low-interest loan from the CIB before the August deadline for FAA grant applications. The loan would be paid off by the county's Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, Convention and Airport Facilities tax — revenue collected from a 1 percent surcharge to restaurant bills, and a 3 percent tax on car rentals

Local governments statewide apply for the CIB funding. "We've made our airport funding request a top priority," Wells, the county council member, says. "Some of the development was needed to meet current demand. Investing in the airport will not only attract larger airlines, but will also open up new markets for the economy. The airport is a (reflection) of the development in Moab, which is (transitioning) from a small rural Utah town to a world-class vacation destination."

Total runway expansion costs are estimated at \$12.8 million, of which the Federal Aviation Administration will pay for a little over 90 percent. The Utah Department of Transportation will pay half of what remains, leaving Grand County responsible for the remaining \$600,000 — an amount that airport board member Bill Hawley calls a "bargain."

Moab's airport is located at 110 W. Aviation Way. It was built in 1965. Prior to that, in 1947, the community had established an airfield south of town in Spanish Valley. According to "A History of Grand County, Utah" by Richard Firmage, Moab was known during that era for having the second highest rate of plane ownership per capita in the nation due to southeast Utah's poor roads and its wealth from mining activity.

Boutique Air's contract as the Essential Air Service carrier will expire next February. With a new and bigger runway, the airport board is hoping an airline with a 50-passenger jet will bid on the new FAA contract. An increase in the number of passengers able to fly out of Moab every day could mean more federal dollars once the number of enplanements (passengers boarding a non-scenic tour for a different destination) reaches a certain amount. "Once we have 10,000 enplanements, we will get a million dollars a year (for each year there are 10,000 enplanements) from the FAA that the airport can use for capital improvements," says Groff. SkyWest, the airline that formerly operated out of Canyonlands Field Airport, has expressed interest in returning to Moab.

"SkyWest thinks they would meet that (quota) in the first year. They're excited about bidding again," Groff says. "If the airport gets really busy, we will get other airlines here. That's the long-term vision. I see great things coming for the airport."



Grand County Airport Manager Judd Hill, right, and airport board member Bill Hawley, talk in front of a new hangar that will house seven aircraft. It is the first of six new privately funded hangars being developed at the airport this year, in addition to the county-funded terminal and runway expansions. [Photo by Murice D. Miller]

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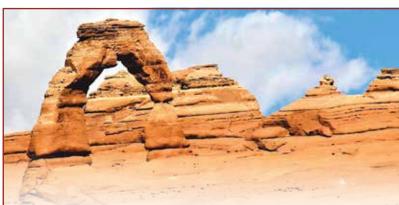


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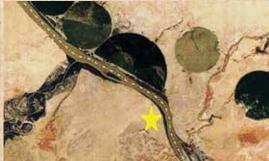
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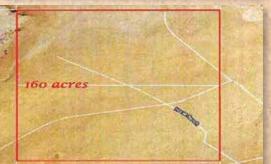
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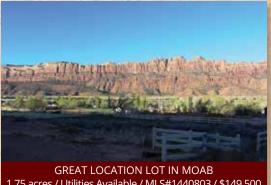
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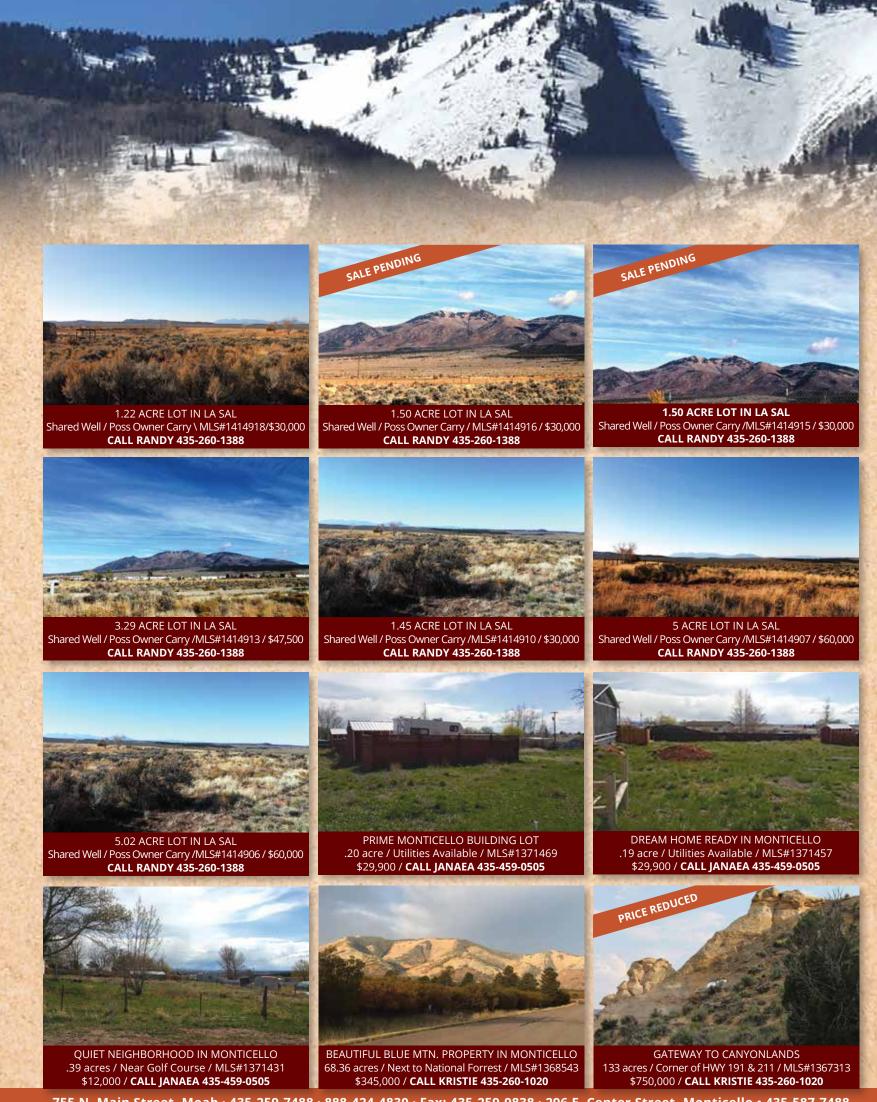


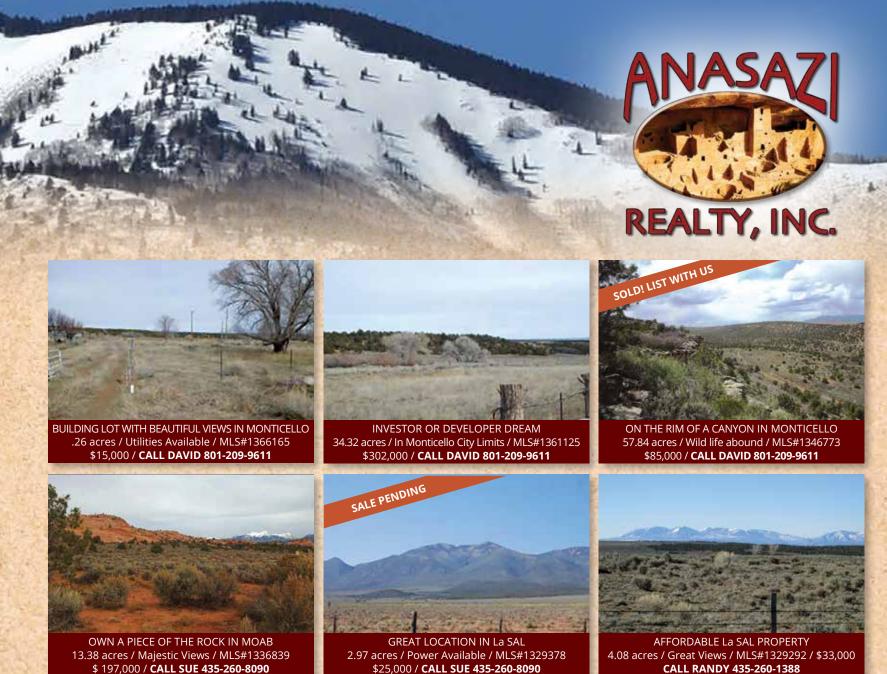


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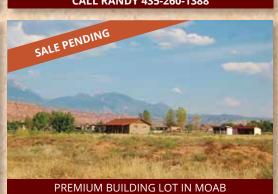
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# Moonflower In Full Bloom

Moab's cooperative food market expands and thrives

Written by Lara Gale

egend has it, that before there was Moonflower Community Cooperative, there was a small bulk-goods distributor called Life Line, and German immigrant Gerda Stoltz' miniature veggie and bean pies. Baked from scratch with ingredients trucked weekly from Salt Lake City, the pies made loyal customers of everyone from river guides to miners, and often sold out within a few hours. Imbued with such nourishing grit and determination, the tiny bakery and bulk goods distributor has grown, and now stands as a thriving cooperative with more than 700 members.



In the bright, open deli of the newly renovated Moonflower Community Cooperative, convenience foods fly out of the refrigerated case almost as fast as they're displayed. True to the nature of a natural food store, the ingredients are fresh, organic and often locally sourced. There is always an array of meat-alternative and allergen-free options, and the bakery items are usually sweetened with something other than sugar. Pesto tortellini pasta salad, Italian turkey sandwiches, vegan cheesecake and almond-butter cookies quickly disappear into the hands and baskets of happy customers.

With a little keener observation, the real magic of Moonflower reveals itself. About every third customer greets employees in the store by name, often with an aside about weekend plans. They are usually easily within conversing distance, wiping down the soup station or restocking food, home goods, personal care products and supplements, and customers know them all by name, too.

Located at 39 E. 100 N., a block north of Moab's city center, across from the U.S. post office and one of the busiest coffee shops in town, the nearly 6.5 thousand square foot store is a natural hub of activity in this creative community. It's not unlikely to bump into the professional artist who created the installation that decorates the walls, or to see a farmer delivering fresh produce just before it hits the shelves. In this small town, customers learn that the craftsperson who made their sunscreen or favorite morning tea blend sold at the co-op, may also be their bike mechanic or veterinarian.

Alan Schenk is one of the deli team members well known by his community, who remembers working at the cooperative in his late teenage years. At that time, the store was located on 100 West in an old building constructed of cement-filled, World War II-era wooden ammunition cans.



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It was truly a "magical time," Schenk says. Moab was economically depressed following the closure of uranium mines that had employed most of the population, and the hard work and faith of a community that refused to give up on itself became in many cases the lifeblood of the economy.

Only half of the old cooperative was devoted to distributing retail goods; the other half was devoted to art, music and literature. The community space was furnished with large comfortable couches, musical instruments and books that were available to residents.

"A lot of what went on there was just community," Schenk recalls.

The spirit of the cooperative answers human need in those situations perfectly, says Doni Kiffmeyer, a long-time Moab resident. His lifestyle as a young river guide often meant that he was experience-rich, but cashpoor, and cooperatives were a lifeline.

"I knew I could go to any big city and find the local cooperative, and work there for awhile and get paid in food," he says.

In the beginning, what brought most people into the store were the

homemade pies, says Schenk. Stoltz toiled for eight hours at a time in the kitchen creating her now-legendary savory and sweet pies.

"I would arrange my work schedule around those pies," Kiffmeyer says. "I think she made them on Wednesdays."

Two passionate and eccentric foodie friends loom large in the genesis story of Moonflower. Conrad

Sorensen the co-op's self-proclaimed "benevolent dictator" who, in the early days, trucked food from Salt Lake City to Moab himself. A quiet man with a long gray ponytail and piercing blue eyes, Sorensen is still a frequent patron of Moonflower. He speaks about his friend Gerda and her pies with a twinkle in



his eye, and concedes that they very likely were key to bringing enough patrons to the original cooperative for it to take off.

Sorensen and the present-day General Manager, Derek Whitworth, are good friends who respect and appreciate each other's contributions to both the place and idea of Moonflower Community Cooperative.

"I had a vision of a business without ownership,"

Sorensen says. That vision was unrealistic, he adds. He appreciates that today within the guidelines of the cooperative business model, it is possible to sustain distribution of goods and services, "and to a degree, capture the humanity of that vision."

With the financial support of its large member pop-

ulation and an even larger transient clientele, the store is secure and growing. On that footing, as a small and independent grocer and employer, Moonflower is able to access unique local resources in a way a larger, less flexible corporation can't.

Farmer and owner of Manzana Springs Vegetable Farm, Chris Kauffman, has sold produce to Moonflower since 2002, and says that for several years the store has been one of their primary distribution outlets. The consistent cash flow and production schedule it allows is key to his farm's success and longevity.

"It's not easy (for grocers) to accept local produce," Kauffman says. "It's people coming in with whatever they have at the time, and it's a lot of work, especially for the produce buyer. I'm very cognizant and appreciative of the efforts that go into

keeping local produce stocked."

Whitworth feels the responsibility of stewarding the vision of a healthy community hub. "I know what Moonflower means and has meant to the community," he says.

"Having a sense of family, openness, and empathy for the community is important to all the people who support and get involved in this cooperative."





This winter, Moonflower moved into yet another new phase. After just under three weeks of closure during the most intense part of a three-month renovation process, the store dazzled the community on March 17 with an expanded, completely reimag-

ined physical space. With more than 1,200 square feet of additional room, including a brand new commercial kitchen where foods are prepared 12 hours a day to meet the huge demand for its deli offerings, in its newest iteration, the store is poised to absorb clientele from Moab's swelling population during the tourism season. Revenues increased an average of 30 percent daily as soon as the doors reopened.

The entire staff, volunteers and a dedicated construction crew made the renovation possible, Whitworth says, and their efforts continue to gain momentum.

"The cooperative model is important," Whitworth says. "But the people involved are the most important. The individual personalities, and the intention with which they work within the cooperative model, are what make a cooperative work."

A cooperative is legally owned by the people who choose to join as members, usually by buying in. It costs just \$100 to become a lifetime member

of Moonflower. Annual payment plans are also available. The term "member owner" is literal; cooperatives don't pay business income tax, because the business itself makes no profit. Members share proceeds earned by the cooperative enterprise above

cost as personal income (which is taxable), and can turn some or all of it back into improvement of the business. An elected board guides the cooperative's long-term vision, while the employed staff executes that vision in the store's day-to-day operations, programs and systems.

Today Moonflower attracts new members and non-member patrons in additional ways, from hardto-find offerings like a huge array of bulk spices and

teas, to locally-produced nutrition supplements, to catered member events and educational opportunities. For example, on any given day a customer might find a local clinical herbalist offering a free evening class showing how to make an herbal digestion tonic. A local physical therapist has been known to lead exercises to improve respiratory health.

The membership and shopping experience has evolved over the last four decades, but as Moonflower has been lovingly and passionately shaped by innovative, passionate and determined community members, nurturing the community has remained at the fore. The vision stated in Moonflower's operating guidelines is to "serve as a hub for the exchange of ideas and inspire prosperity through a culture of inclusion and collaboration that nurtures a

healthy mind, body and spirit in harmony with nature."

Although those who knew Gerda swear her pies can't be replicated, they see her spirit in the cooperative as it continues to evolve.

**Top left:** Moab resident Casey Lawson picks up some fresh deli items. [Photo by Murice D. Miller] **Top right:** Shane Huggar wheels a new shipment of beverage products into the store. [Photo by Murice D. Miller] **Bottom:** Moonflower Community Cooperative Manager Derek Whitworth rings up the purchases of Moab resident Kelly Coffman. [Photo by Murice D. Miller]

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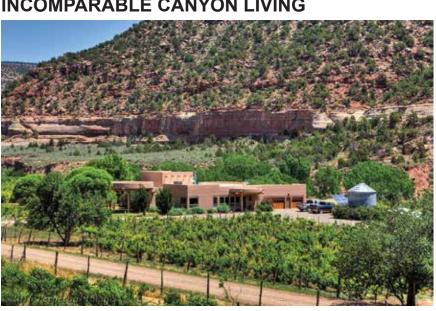
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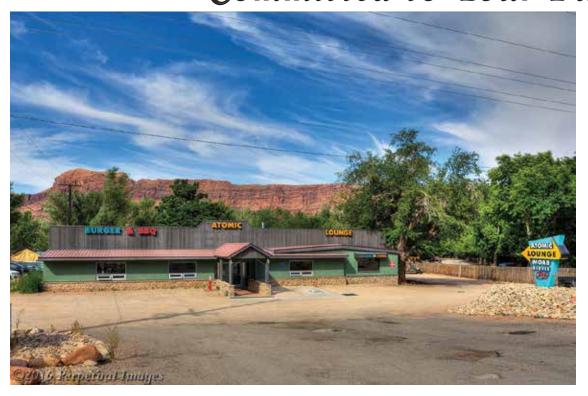


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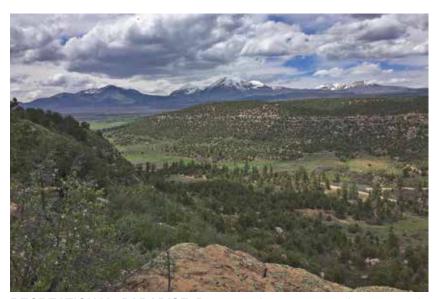


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# CALENDAR of EVENTS











#### JUNE 1-3 Canyonlands PRCA Rodeo

moabcanyonlandsrodeo.com 435-259-4852

#### JUNE 3

Thelma & Louise Half Marathon and Relay

Potash Road moabhalfmarathon.com 435-259-4525

#### JUNE 10 Moab Art Walk

Venues throughout town moabartwalk.com 435-259-6272

#### JUNE 17-18

Rockwell Relay: Moab to St. George

rockwellrelay.com 801-888-3233

#### JUNE 19-25

**Desert RATS Stage Race Grand Junction to Moab** 

geminiadventures.com/running-events-2/desert-rats 303-249-1112

JULY 4 Independence Day Holiday

#### JULY 7-28 Moab Free Concert Series

Various Venues facebook.com/moabfreeconcerts 435-259-3198

#### JULY 22

#### Moab Natsu Matsuri

Japanese summer celebration Fundraiser held at 77 East Center moabtaikodan.org 435-201-0209

#### JULY 24

#### **Pioneer Day Ice Cream Social**

Museum of Moab 118 E Center Street moabmuseum.org 435-259-7985

#### AUG 25th

#### **National Parks Fee Free Day**

Arches & Canyonlands National Parks Hovenweep & Natural Bridges National Monuments

#### AUG 31st - SEPT 11th 25th Annual Moab Music Festival

Various Venues moabmusicfest.org 435-259-7003

#### SEPT 2-3 Moab Artist Studio Tour

Various locations in Moab and Castle Valley moabstudiotour.com 435-259-6447

#### SEPT 2-4

#### **Red Rock 4wheelers**

Stay with Us, Play With Us Labor Day Campout rr4w.com/events.cfm 435-259-ROCK

#### SEPT 8-12 Blazer Bash

Various Jeep Routes blazerbash.com 970-834-2884

#### SEPT 9 Art Walk

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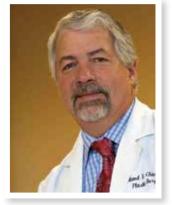
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County: Grand Zip Code: 84532 Elevation: 4,025 feet Year-round population: 5,000

**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

LOCAL SHUTTLES:

Coyote: 259-8656

Porcupine Shuttle: 260-0896

**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

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

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Sanitarian: 587-2021 Assessor: 587-3221 PEST INSPECTORS

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

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

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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

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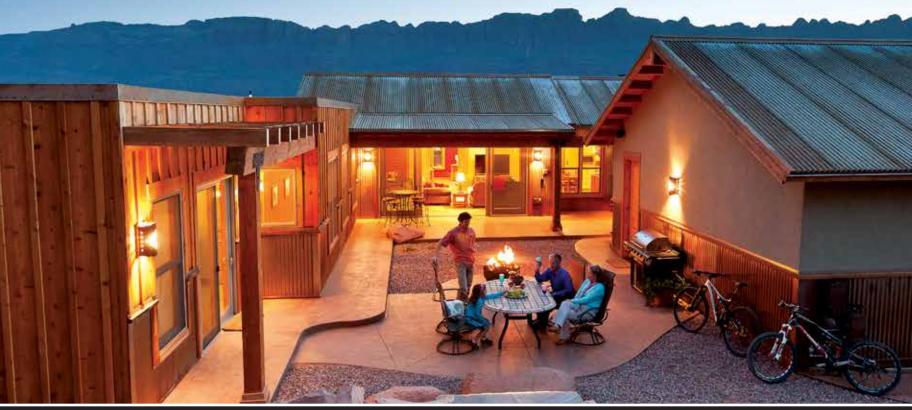
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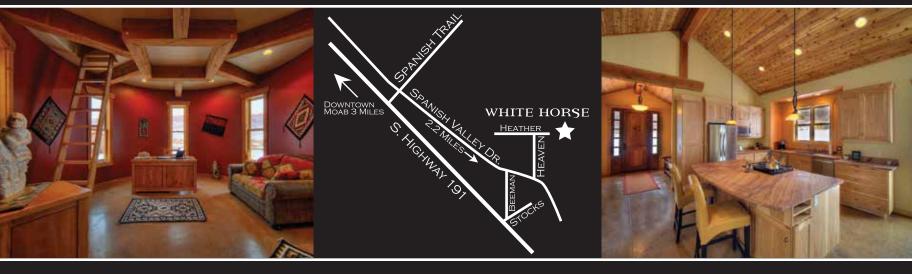
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