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**Top:** Mikenna Clokey, Danelia Barjas, Jan Pratt, Angela Moore, Brittany Cantwell, Karen Fallon, Mike Kelley, Jenna Rubin (from left to right) stand in front of the hospital's new ambulance bay. [Photo courtesy of Moab Regional Hospital]

**Bottom:** Scots on the Rocks Moab Celtic Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary October 20th-22nd. [Photo courtesy of Dan and Marta Lamont]

**Magazine front cover:** An aerial view of the new emergency department and entrance at Moab Regional Hospital. [Photo courtesy of Moab Regional Hospital]



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2215 Salida Del Sol  
3 BD | 3.5 BA | 2,719 SF | 0.33 AC | Furnished  
\$1,495,000 | MLS 1875542

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## BE INSPIRED

4308 Blu Vista Drive  
3 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,656 SF | 0.50 AC  
\$945,000 | MLS 1879720

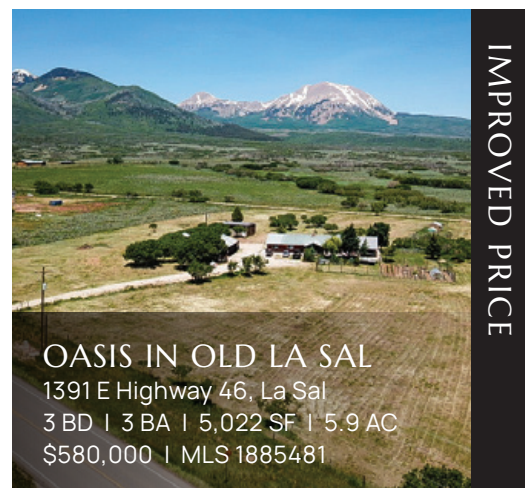
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## CASTLETON GETAWAY

877 E Gateway Road  
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,736 SF | 13.77 AC  
\$1,050,000 | MLS 1873488

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## OASIS IN OLD LA SAL

1391 E Highway 46, La Sal  
3 BD | 3 BA | 5,022 SF | 5.9 AC  
\$580,000 | MLS 1885481

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## LUXURY LOT

3459 E Red Rock Drive  
3.25 AC  
\$1,250,000 | MLS 1893183

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## MILL CREEK OASIS

1435 Powerhouse Lane  
7.95 AC  
\$1,995,000 | MLS 1864833

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## ESCAPE TO TRANQUILITY

684 Blue Mountain Ridge, Monticello  
2 BD | 2 BA | 1,643 SF | 12 AC  
\$849,000 | MLS 1890808

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**RIM VILLAGE Q2**  
 3686 S Spanish Valley Dr Q-2  
 3 BD | 2 BA | 1,551 SF  
 \$785,000 | MLS 1869610



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**RIM VILLAGE P-1**  
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 3 BD | 2 BA | 1,551 SF  
 \$719,000 | MLS 1884067

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**RELAXATION AND EXTRAVAGANCE**  
 1261 N Rubicon Trail #R3  
 2 BD | 2.5 BA | 1,532 SF | 0.12 AC  
 \$900,000 | MLS 1856293

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**VACATION TOWNHOME!**  
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 3 BD | 3 BA | 1,490 SF  
 \$660,000 | MLS 1873588

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**SUBLIME CASTLE VALLEY**  
 432 N Rimrock Lane  
 4.9 AC  
 \$333,000 | MLS 1845590

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**RED ROCK SITE**  
 237 N 300 E  
 24.5 AC  
 \$295,000 | MLS 1890587

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**WHITE HORSE**  
 4265 Lipizzan Jump, 18 | 0.50 AC  
 4122 Lipizzan Jump, 33 | 0.50 AC  
 \$295,000 | \$249,000

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**WILSON ARCH**  
 49 W Ryan Court, La Sal  
 1.33 AC  
 \$79,000 | MLS 1897370

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### MOAB CURB APPEAL

850 Huntridge Drive  
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,160 SF | 0.29 AC  
\$589,000 | MLS 1872074

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### WATCHMAN ESTATES

3340 E Watchman Trail  
0.25 AC  
\$259,000 | MLS 1896142

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### ADVENTURE PAD!

532 Oliver Street / Home with workshop  
4 BD | 2 BA | 2,016 SF | 0.25 AC  
\$749,000 | MLS 1892250

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### HELLO PARK LANE

324 Park Lane  
3 BD | 1.5 BA | 1,250 SF | 0.24 AC  
\$599,000 | MLS 1875946

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### COVETED PRIVACY

1925 Shumway Lane | 4 Homes  
WATER RIGHTS | SPRING IRRIGATION  
3.21 AC | \$740,000 | MLS 1866224

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### IDEAL HOME

4056 S Beeman Road  
6 BD | 3 BA | 3,968 SF | 1.0 AC  
\$725,000 | MLS 1864330

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### SWEET START

1167 S Austin Drive  
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,330 SF | 0.21 AC  
\$545,000 | MLS 1880596

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### BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND OUT

460 Bowen Circle  
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,196 SF | 0.14 AC  
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11.96 AC | \$400,000 | MLS 1888253

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Development Parcel

### THE BEST LOCATION

46 S 100 E  
0.62 AC  
\$2,700,000 | MLS 1895164/1895165

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Development Property

### PORTAL VISTA PHASE 3!

212 N Carmichael Loop  
1.61 AC  
\$1,250,000 | MLS 1865052

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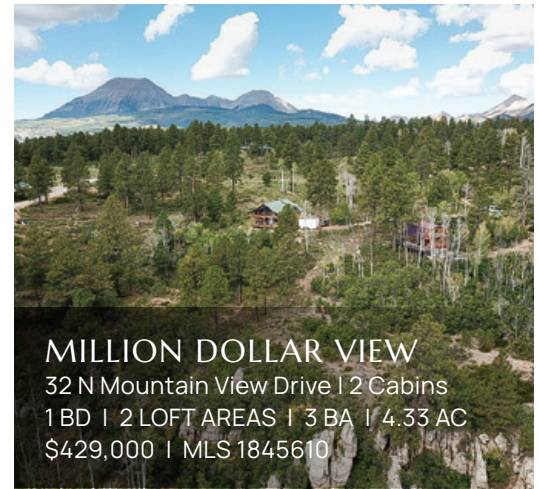


Development Property

### OLD TOWN INVESTMENT

195 East 200 North  
3 BD | 3 BA | 1,593 SF | 2.03 AC  
\$995,000, | MLS 1886995

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### MILLION DOLLAR VIEW

32 N Mountain View Drive | 2 Cabins  
1 BD | 2 LOFT AREAS | 3 BA | 4.33 AC  
\$429,000 | MLS 1845610

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Commercial Property

### HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL

1521 S. Hwy 191 | 0.89 AC  
1,546 Sq Ft Shop | Office | 1 Bath  
\$1,200,000 | MLS 1887028

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Commercial Property

### OPPORTUNITY ABOUNDS!

1053 W 400 N  
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,782 SF | 1.16 AC  
\$750,000 | MLS 1840654/1840657

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Commercial Property

### DOWNTOWN

144 Walnut Lane  
2 BD | 1 BA | 896 SF | 0.15 AC  
\$669,000 | MLS 1867240

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106C | 1 BD/1 BA, 440 SF | \$270,000  
106B | 1 BD/1 BA, 440 SF | \$270,000  
106D | 1 BD/1 BA, 440 SF | \$270,000  
107A & 107C | 1 BD/1 BA, 430 SF | \$260,000  
107B & 107D | 1 BD/1 BA, 440 SF | \$270,000  
402C | 1 BD/1 BA, 430 SQ FT | \$285,000  
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204B | 2 bd/1 ba, 590 sf | \$419,000

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### CURRENT AVAILABILITY

443 Kane Creek Blvd

B103 | Studio, 1 BA, 500 SF | \$299,000 | Rachel Moody Team (435) 260-8240

B112 | Studio, 1 BA, 500 SF | \$295,000 | Shannon Meredith (435) 260-7484

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3 BD | 3.5 BA | 3,000 SF | 15.58 AC  
\$4,950,000 | MLS 1877948

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### TREASURED LOCATION

3333 Far Country Drive | \$3,595,000  
4 BD | 3.5 BA | 4,704 SF | 6.85 AC | MLS 1865130  
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NEW LISTING

### SPACIOUS AND PRACTICAL

101 W Rio Grande  
4 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,120 SF | 0.28 AC  
\$990,000 | MLS 1890663

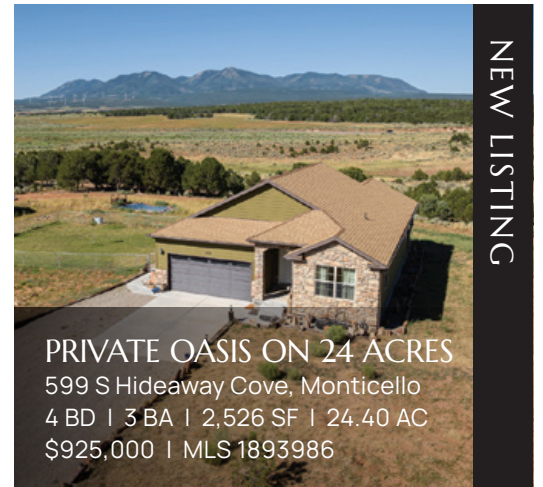
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### STUNNING SOLITUDE

3505 Juniper Drive  
2 BD | 2 BA | 1,380 SF | 2.36 AC  
\$1,500,000 | MLS 1848188

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NEW LISTING

### PRIVATE OASIS ON 24 ACRES

599 S Hideaway Cove, Monticello  
4 BD | 3 BA | 2,526 SF | 24.40 AC  
\$925,000 | MLS 1893986

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### RARE DOWNTOWN JEWEL

167 N 100 E  
1 BD | 1 BA | 1,568 SF | 0.10 AC  
\$419,000 | MLS 1897809

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### RUSTIC, MODERN, & NATURAL LIVING

440 McKay Place  
3 BD | 2.5 BA | 1,731 SF | 0.15 AC  
\$745,000 | MLS 1897822

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### MOUNTAIN & RED ROCK VIEWS

86 Velcar Court  
3 BD | 2 BA | 2,058 SF | 1.03 AC  
\$699,000 | MLS 1869088

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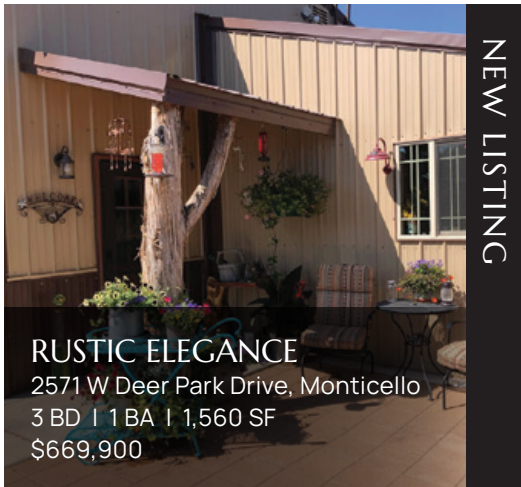


### COVETED LOCATION

491 Nichols Lane  
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,344 SF | 0.20 AC  
\$650,000 | MLS 1894357

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NEW LISTING



NEW LISTING

### RUSTIC ELEGANCE

2571 W Deer Park Drive, Monticello  
3 BD | 1 BA | 1,560 SF  
\$669,900

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### ENTERTAIN IN COMFORT

675 W Hale Ave  
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,463 SF  
\$649,500 | MLS 1897028

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### FRESH UPDATE

727 Palisade Drive  
3 BD | 1 BA | 1,056 SF | 0.22 AC  
\$520,000 | MLS 1897051

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### SPACIOUS LIVING

1196 Murphy Lane  
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,493 SF | 0.76 AC  
\$665,000 | MLS 1821167

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### THREE BEAUTIFUL PARCELS

15 E Peters Spring Road, Monticello  
3BD | 2BA | 1,708 SF | 38.98 AC  
\$649,995 | MLS 1850837

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### IN THE HEART OF MOAB

290 N Opal Ave  
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,512 SF | 0.17 AC  
\$629,000 | MLS 1879100

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### COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE

1113 S 200 E, Blanding  
5 BD | 3 BA | 3,520 SF | 3.17 AC  
\$549,000 | MLS 1897666

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NEW LISTING

### WILSON ARCH

167 S Joe Wilson Dr  
4.65 AC  
\$359,000

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### CHARMING COTTAGE

115 N 400 W, Blanding  
2 BD | 1 BA | 891 SF | 0.30 AC  
\$278,000 | MLS 1878105

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### 2-BEDROOM ABODE

164 E 300 S, Monticello  
2 BD | 1 BA | 715 SF | 0.10 AC  
\$198,975 | MLS 1896435

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NEW LISTING

### PICTURESQUE THOMPSON SPRINGS

1150 W Old Highway 6 & 50  
40 AC  
\$350,000 | MLS 1894545

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### BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME

2230 S Canyonlands Circle  
2.13 AC  
\$475,000 | MLS 1867474

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### PORTAL RV RESORT LOT

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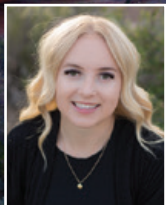
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# CUTTING EDGE EXPANSION

Moab Regional's \$30 million project  
is a great leap forward for local healthcare

Written by Rachel Fixsen

**M**oab Regional Hospital's Chief Clinical Officer Vicki Gigliotti has worked for Moab's healthcare system for over three decades. She remembers when the community's old hospital, Allen Memorial, needed an expansion in 1990. She also remembers when it was determined that Allen Memorial had to close, and staff came up with plans for what is now Moab Regional Hospital (MRH), which opened in 2011. Gigliotti had a leading role in making that building a reality; now, she's taken a lead role again in the hospital's current ongoing substantial expansion, which involves updating existing facilities, adding thousands more square feet of space, and bringing in new equipment and capacities.

Gigliotti's office is lined with stacks of three-ring binders full of design notes. She's held

hundreds of hours of meetings, not just with architects and builders, but with the medical care providers who will be working in the new spaces. That includes hospital staff and partner providers like Grand County EMS, San Juan and Green River EMS, and Classic Air Medical.

It's been a ton of work over the last few years, but Gigliotti isn't tired of the project.

"It's actually really fun to talk about," she says on a tour of the new emergency department and operating rooms, which opened in June of this year. She's proud of the collaboration among hospital leadership, builders and care providers in developing the designs, and excited about the improvements in quality of care for patients and quality of worklife for medical staff that the expansion will bring.





## A REFINANCING OPPORTUNITY

The initial construction of MRH was financed shortly after the economic crash in 2008, and the resulting interest rate was high, says MRH CEO Jen Sadoff. Hospital leadership knew they wanted to refinance as soon as the lock-out period was complete. A loan available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture provided an opportunity to do that. The loan offered a 2.15% interest rate, with a requirement that the hospital spend a dollar on new construction for every dollar of refinancing.

At the same time that the hospital was looking to refinance, the medical care needs of the community were growing and changing.

"The needs of the community had grown considerably from when the hospital was designed in 2008. There was a huge demand for additional space," Sadoff says. "Tourism wasn't the totally different beast that it is now," Sadoff says. In the decade-plus since MRH opened, visitation to the area has increased dramatically.

"Having a state-of-the-art trauma department and emergency department is really important—so many people come here with the intention to do crazy adventures that sometimes go wrong," Sadoff says.

Gigliotti adds that the population of residents has also increased, as well as aged—all circumstances that place more demands on the local healthcare system.

More space was needed in various departments, including the ER and OR, administrative offices, medical lab and imaging services. There will be more space dedicated to infusion and chemotherapy, a critical need in the community, and the hospital is working on bringing in more specialists. MRH conducts a Community Health Needs Assessment every three years to collect information on what specifically the community wants from its hospital. One of the prevailing responses in the last two assessments was more care for mental and behavioral health and substance abuse disorders.

MRH received a \$30 million loan through the USDA for expansion and renovation of almost every part of the existing hospital building, including the construction of an addiction recovery center which opened last year next to the hospital. A new medical office building will have clinic space for family medicine, mental health providers and specialists. A retail pharmacy, complete with a drive-through window, is nearly complete, and a new urgent care wing is under construction. The lab and imaging center will both get more room.



**Opposite page, top:** Moab Regional Hospital's brand new operating room. **Opposite page, bottom:** Vicki Gigliotti, Moab Regional Hospital's Chief Clinical Officer. **This page, top:** A view towards the new station for nurses and providers in the emergency department. **Bottom:** Gathered in the emergency department's new trauma room are Dr. Angela Alexander, Brittany Cantwell, Tracy Davis, Charlene Clarkson, Jenna Rubin, Karen Fallon, Mikenna Clokey, Georgia Russell, FNP, Sam Perna, Daniela Barjas, Karen Jeffers, Angela Moore, Dr. Paul Reay, Ryan Huels, Jan Pratt. [All photos courtesy of Moab Regional Hospital]





"Everybody got more space," says Christy Calvin, MRH director of marketing and community relations.

The hospital is continuing to care for patients even while construction is underway, which has been difficult.

"It's definitely an ordeal to try to build and remodel a hospital while also trying to take care of patients," Sadoff says. But staff eagerly look forward to more modern equipment, better flow, and more square footage. The design also incorporates "shell space," as yet undedicated, to accommodate future expansion without more construction.

Even with the loan and all the renovations, the refinancing arrangement means the hospital's monthly mortgage payments will be tens of thousands of dollars less per month than before.

## EXPANDED ER

Gigliotti points out the features of the most recently completed part of the expansion — the emergency and operating rooms. The entrances to the emergency department and the urgent care department will be right next door to each other (the urgent care is still under construction), allowing for close collaboration.

The ambulance bay allows for two ambulances to pull up simultaneously, if needed, and unload patients directly into the ER department and trauma rooms.

Next to the ambulance entrance, a decontamination room with access from both inside and outside allows responders to remove hazardous materials, such as diesel fuel or mine tailings, from patients when necessary. A floor drain can be switched between the standard sewer and a special

hazmat container. The room also has a negative air pressure system to prevent airborne material from leaving the room.

Not all ER visitors come via ambulance. The new walk-in ER reception area has a high ceiling, big windows and light-colored walls and flooring, giving it an airy feel. The new ER reception desk is protected by bullet-resistant glass, a standard feature of modern hospitals.

"There was a lot of participation from staff and end-users," Gigliotti says. "ER and Urgent Care asked for that to be super-secure." In the previous ER, it wasn't hard for the public to access staff areas, which had occasionally been problematic. The hospital also has a security guard, new this year, at the request of staff.

Walking through the staff area on the other side of the reception desk, Gigliotti proudly introduces nurses, doctors and administrative staff, some of whom have worked in Moab's healthcare system even longer than she has. The staff build each other up, describing their colleagues with phrases like "legendary," "the best," and "great."

"There's a lot of smiles here," Gigliotti observes, but adds that the team's positive attitude doesn't translate to a laid-back work ethic. "When the rubber meets the road, they're all over it," she says.

MRH staff have significant experience with high-level trauma patients. The hospital is a Level IV trauma center, a certification that's evaluated by the state every three years. Certification is not based on the facility or equipment at the hospital, but rather on the judgment and teamwork of the staff. Evaluators consider how cases are handled, the speed of decision-making, and record-keeping, among other metrics. MRH has been a certified Level IV trauma center since the mid-2000s.

"It's a very big deal," Gigliotti says. "We have to work really, really hard, all the time," to maintain that designation.

MRH can't handle all cases—it doesn't have an Intensive Care Unit, for example—but even for patients who need a higher level of care, staff are accustomed to stabilizing and quickly transferring them to the nearest advanced facility, Gigliotti says.

Close to the reception area is a triage room where nurses evaluate ER patients and decide whose needs are most critical. Staff asked for doors that open between the triage room and the rest of the ER staff area so everyone

**Top:** The new ambulance bay allows for two ambulances to pull up simultaneously, if needed, and unload patients directly into the ER department and trauma rooms. [Photo courtesy of Moab Regional Hospital] **Opposite page, left:** The hospital now provides a spacious, bright gym for its staff. [Photo by Murice D. Miller] **Opposite page, right:** In front of the newly completed construction are, from left, FCI Constructors' Paul Allemang, MRH Director of Maintenance Nick Auxier, MRH RN and Internal Project Manager Vicki Gigliotti, and FCI's Mark Leyba. [Photo courtesy of Moab Regional Hospital]



would be able to quickly hear the triage nurse's assessment of the patient.

The new trauma rooms are much larger than the old ones and are outfitted with the most modern equipment. Gigliotti notes that in some cases there may be 12-15 providers working around a patient at one time. A boom from the ceiling supports equipment that can move on all sides of the patient's bed.

Input from nurses helped in decisions like the installation of a deep sink with foot pedal-operated valves. They asked for the counter space that's available in one corner of the room. The computer station next to the bed, whose screen displays vital signs, is easily adjustable for nurses of different heights. There's another screen that displays emergency codes that's large enough and positioned so that everyone in the room can see it.

Grand County EMS director Andy Smith says he is impressed with the new state-of-the-art trauma rooms.

"The old trauma rooms were tiny," he says. "In the new ones, there's room to breathe—to move around, to help—and to not be in the way."

## ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Touring all the upgrades, it becomes apparent why Gigliotti needs so many binders to organize all the information. Among the other new facilities is a safe and secure room for patients experiencing psychiatric or behavioral episodes. There's an isolation room with negative pressure for potentially infectious patients. A new MRI machine will be temporarily housed in a mobile unit until its inside space is ready.

The in-patient pharmacy is being remodeled, and the new retail pharmacy is, Gigliotti says, "going to be dynamite."

In the medical lab, the two analyzers are nicknamed Chewy and Han, after the Star Wars characters Chewbacca and Han Solo. Larger-than-life decals of the movie characters decorate the walls above their eponymous machines, which look a lot like photocopiers but with a much more advanced function.

Brie Marsing works in the lab and says she's excited about the expansion: soon there will be three rooms for blood draws, instead of the one current nook. There will be a reclining chair for patients who experience faintness during blood draws.

There are new staff break rooms for different departments, with natural light and kitchens—upgrades from some of the previous break areas which Gigliotti compared to closets. In the ER break room, mugs hanging on the wall are labeled with staff names—and emblazoned with a tongue-in-cheek slogan: MERGA, for "Make the E. R. Great Again."

There's also a five gallon water jug partly stuffed with cash: it's a collection for a donation to the food bank, which will be made during the holiday season.

The new second story houses administrative offices, as well as a gym equipped with weights, exercise machines, and yoga mats, which is open to all of the nearly 300 hospital employees.

As the renovations are completed over the next year or so, hospital leadership hope to recruit more specialists. Current wait-lists indicate that a dermatologist and a cardiologist are among the most pressing specialty needs, Calvin says. The hospital is also looking to hire another orthopedic surgeon.

Because the expansion has touched nearly every part of the hospital, staff have had to strategize on how to continue care and necessary functions during the construction project.

"It's kind of a puzzle," Calvin says— "part musical chairs," as departments temporarily relocate or compress their

space, and "part Tetris," as they try to optimize available space.

Gigliotti says that as of mid-August, they're probably about 60-70% of the way through the whole project—though she points out that new construction is likely easier than renovating existing buildings, the next task for the contracting crews.

"Renovations are painful for patients, and they're painful for staff," Calvin says, echoing Sadoff.

In spite of the hardships, the new modern equipment, increased care options, and improved elbow room have staff optimistic about the expansion.

"I'm really proud of the hospital team for making it come together," Sadoff says. ■

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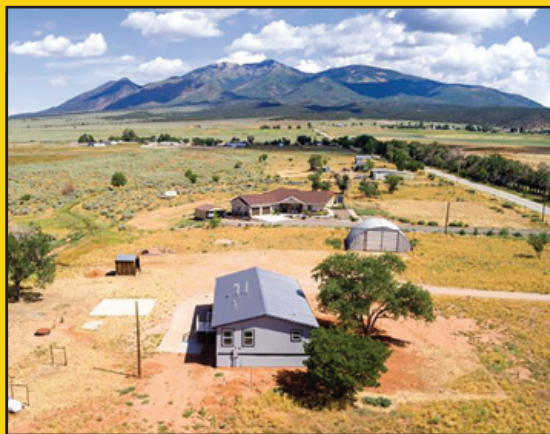
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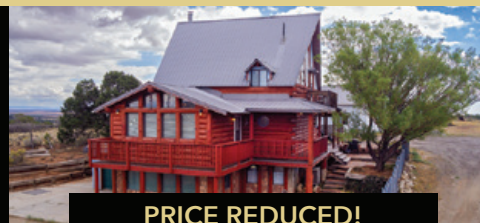
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# CELTIC CULTURE COMES TO THE DESERT

Scots on the Rocks  
Moab Celtic Festival  
features ancient  
athletics, live music,  
Highland dancing

Written by Sharon Sullivan

**W**HEN SCOTTISH PEOPLE BEGAN EMIGRATING TO THE UNITED STATES, MANY BROUGHT WITH THEM THEIR BELOVED HIGHLAND GAMES. THESE EVENTS WERE BASED ON CENTURIES-OLD ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS IN WHICH SCOTTISH WARRIORS DISPLAYED THEIR STRENGTH AND BRAVERY BY PERFORMING ATHLETIC FEATS BEFORE AN INVADING ROMAN ARMY, ACCORDING TO SCOTSONTHEROCKS.ORG. MODERN-DAY VERSIONS OF THESE FEATS CAN BE WITNESSED AT VARIOUS CELTIC FESTIVALS LIKE THE UPCOMING SCOTS ON THE ROCKS MOAB CELTIC FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 20, 21, AND 22.







The Moab Celtic Festival is celebrating its 10th anniversary event at the Center Street Ballpark, which will also include, in addition to the games, live Celtic music, Highland dance performances, Scottish food, and, if your family hails from Scotland, Ireland, England or Wales, you may be able to learn about your family's clan.

In 2014, Moab residents Dan and Marta Lamont founded Scots on the Rocks Moab, the nonprofit behind the annual event. "There are Scottish Highland games all over the United States," Dan Lamont says. "My wife and I had a wild thought about having (a festival) here."

Scots on the Rocks Moab kicks off Friday night with an evening of live Celtic music and dance performances. Gates open at 4 p.m., with music starting around 5 p.m., says Lamont. Clan information booths and various vendors will be set up in the ballpark that evening and throughout the weekend.

The festival opens Saturday at 8 a.m. for a day of athletic competitions, more music and dancing, bagpipe and drum band competitions, plus food vendors, and a general celebration of Celtic culture – including tastings of whiskeys distilled in Scotland. Various vendors will be present selling imported goods from Scotland. One event – a Highland Dance competition will be held at the historic Star Hall, 159 E. Center St. in Moab, at 9 a.m., Saturday.

Massed bagpipe bands will parade down Main Street starting at 11 a.m., ending up at the ballpark, where an opening ceremony will take place around noon. Saturday's festivities conclude at 9 p.m. On Sunday, the festival goes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



**Opposite page:** A Celtic fairy makes bubbles at a previous festival. [Courtesy photo] **This page, top left:** Marta and Dan Lamont, the founders of the Scots on the Rocks Moab Celtic Festival. [Courtesy photo] **This page, right:** Massed bands gather to perform at the Scots on the Rocks Moab Celtic Festival. [Courtesy photo]





Lamont discovered his family clan around 17 years ago, and enjoys helping others learn about their heritage. The Lamonts travel to more than a dozen Celtic festivals each year where they host an informational clan booth like the one they staff in Moab. They will have books and other documents at their booth to help festivalgoers research their genealogy. The festival has grown from eight clans being represented 10 years ago, to 20-25 clans in 2023, Lamont says.

### FEATS OF STRENGTH

Scottish Highland Games, also referred to as “Heavy Events,” are the modern-day version of an ancient Celtic tradition. The Caber Toss is one such athletic event, which involves a long-tapered pine pole or log that is held upright with the competitor running forward and tossing the pole so it tumbles end-over-end to land in the 12 o'clock position. There’s also the Scottish Hammer Throw where competitors whirl a round metal ball tied to a 4-feet long shaft above their heads and then throw it for distance. Another feat, the Stone Put is similar to the modern-day track and field shot-put event, but uses a rock or stone weighing 16 to 26 pounds for men, or 8 to 18 pounds for a woman, that is thrown for distance.

The Highland games also include events called the Braemar Stone, Open Stone, Weight for Distance, Sheaf, and Weight Over Bar. Highland Games competitors come from Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and



***This page, top left:** A young knight does battle at the Moab festival. [Courtesy photo] **Right:** A competitor ‘tossing the caber’ during a Highland Games in Scotland. [Photo by SteveAllenPhoto-istock.com] **Opposite page:** Los Angeles-based Wicked Tinkers will return to Moab to perform using traditional Celtic instruments to produce a Celtic rock sound. [Courtesy Wicked Tinkers]*





Idaho to compete in Moab. Participants strive for points to see who gets to go to the world competition, says Lamont. Some heavy event participants are professional athletes.

Though it's not happening this year, past events have included Strong Man Competitions where competitors display amazing feats of strength, such as pulling a car across the field, or throwing a full keg over some distance, says Lamont.

## CELTIC MUSIC

The Los Angeles-based Wicked Tinkers band will return again this year to perform traditional Celtic instruments to produce a Celtic rock sound. "Upbeat, loud and boisterous" is how Moab resident and MacKenzie clansman Cody McKinney describes the band. "They're a crowd favorite," Lamont adds. Also performing Scottish tunes during the weekend is solo musician Brian Caldwell, a native of Scotland.

Both Lamont and McKinney say they enjoy mixing with people who come to celebrate their Celtic heritage, and learn of their family clan. At his MacKenzie Clan booth, McKinney helps people chase down their family heritage. "We have lots of documents, literature we can research to tell people where they came from," whether it be from Wales, England, Ireland or Scotland, he says.

Of the 4,000 – 5,000 people who attend the festival, McKinney estimates two-thirds stop by his booth to try and learn their family clan. He says he especially enjoys meeting families, making new friends, and sharing information and stories. And, with various family members staffing the booth, there's always time to stroll the grounds to watch the different dance troupes, and athletic events inspired by the ancient Scottish games.

"There's really something for everybody," McKinney says. "The festival is family oriented."

The Scots on the Rocks Festival is also an opportunity to try some authentic Celtic food, such as haggis – a traditional Scottish food typically made from mutton organs mixed with oats or other grain. (Haggis can also be made with beef or pork organs). "You can't beat the haggis," McKinney says. "The festival is an excellent place to give it a try because it's authentic."

Andy Draper, of West Jordan, looks forward to the festival food, his favorite being the Scottish eggs – hard boiled eggs wrapped up in sausage and breaded, then either fried or baked. He also enjoys the meat pies and the "good old-fashioned fish and chips," he says.

Draper serves as vice-president of the Scots on the Rocks Moab board of directors, and helped the Lamonts organize the Moab festival early on by bring-

ing his music expertise as lead drummer for the Utah Pipe Band where he's played snare drum for the past 17 years.

The Utah Pipe Band travels around the western United States to perform in places like Las Vegas, Colorado, Salt Lake City, and California. Moab, though, is his very favorite place to come, he says. "It's fun, in a beautiful part of the country, with good music, and good food," he says.

The Utah Pipe Band will compete both Saturday and Sunday, and will perform during the massed bands ceremony at noon on Saturday. Members who arrive early will also perform on Friday.

Festivalgoers can expect to see a lot of kilt-wearing at the festival – there will be at least a couple of vendors selling the traditional Scottish clothing. Traditional kilts are handsewn and made from wool. Pipe band members wear kilts as part of their official uniform, Draper says.

"(At one time,) the English outlawed the kilt from the Scottish," he says. "The Brits saw (kilt-wearing) as a form of rebellion."

## SCOTTISH IMPORTS

Grand Junction, Colorado resident and Scotland native Sharon Taylor attends at least ten regional Celtic festivals each year. Taylor owns Taylor's Croft in Grand Junction, a shop that sells an array of imported items from Scotland. She'll have a booth in Moab offering kilts, bagpipes, drums, Highland wear, jewelry, gifts, toys, food and candies.

She'll also be selling Irn-Bru, a famous Scottish soda that Taylor says takes away hangovers.

"I love to see Scottish culture and heritage kept alive in America," Taylor says. "It brings American people closer to their Scottish roots or family. Some people have ancestors from Scotland. (These festivals) can make you feel a little closer to home, to your ancestors."

Taylor also plays drums in a Grand Junction-based group called Glenfinnan Highlanders, where her husband Sean Taylor plays bagpipes,

Draper, the Utah Pipe Band drummer, says he loves both the music and the camaraderie found at Celtic festivals. "I've met a lot of really great people," he says. "I've made friendships with people I see at the festival – it's the only time I get to see them."

Admission to the weekend festival is \$20 for adults; Kids 10 and under are free. Military and seniors are \$10. ■

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