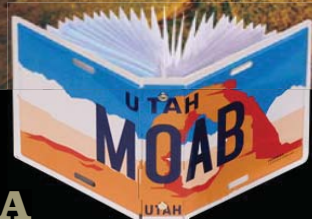


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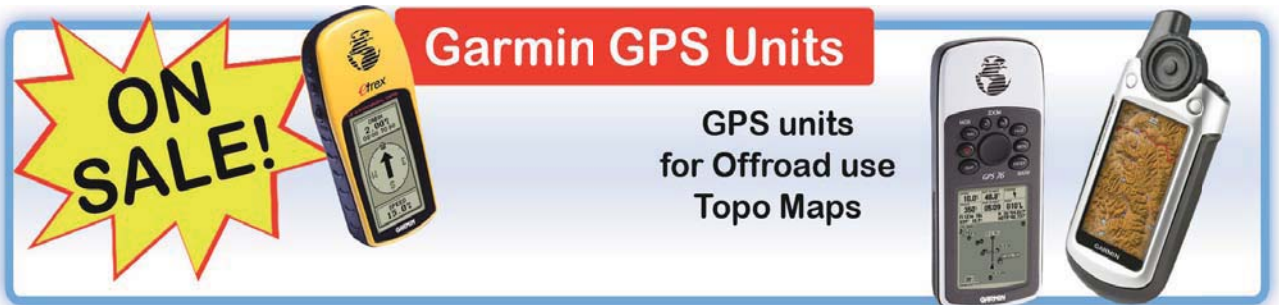
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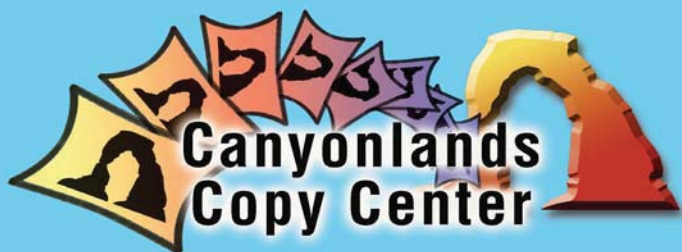
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43rd Annual Moab Jeep Safari – April 4-12, 2009

The 43rd Annual Easter Jeep Safari in 2009 is a collection of trail rides, mostly day-long trips, that will depart from Moab, Utah, during the nine days from April 4th through Easter Sunday, April 12. Visiting families provide their own four-wheel-drive vehicles, bring their own lunches and non-alcoholic beverages, and load up good-to-have items like sun lotion and perhaps protection from the chance of rain or even snow flurries.

There are no restrictions as to manufacturer of the vehicle, but high clearance four-wheel-drives are expected. ATV's, UTV's and Motorcycles cannot be included. We will be using 8 or more trails most days, and 28 groups will be part of the departure spectacle on "Big Saturday" April 11th. A few trails are barely out of the two-wheel-drive class, but the most difficult trails need vehicles that have serious after-market improvements. The 2009 Big Saturday trails, and Hole In The Rock two night camping trail will be offered again.

All of the trips travel federal and Utah state lands on established roads, most of them left over from busier mining days. The trails are used throughout the year for 4WD recreation and for business by mineral searchers and by ranchers, who use the lands seasonally for grazing. Old trails are easy to find. The problem in finding the Safari routes is knowing which of the many old trails to take.

On Big Saturday (April 11), 1000 or more vehicles that have lined up in trail groups near the center of

Moab will do a controlled "big bang" departure in all directions. This is said to be one of the biggest parades in the world in terms of numbers of vehicles involved in a single event. If you happen to be in town on Saturday morning, don't miss this motorized madness starting at 9:00 AM.



4X4 Trade Show

A little known but popular event during "Jeep Safari" is the vendor trade show and exposition, scheduled for Thursday & Friday, 9th and 10th the Old Spanish Trail Arena (large brown building on the east side of Hwy 191 five miles south of the center of Moab).

There will be over 100 indoor and outdoor displays of 4-wheel drive products. Manufacturers come from all over the United States to display their 4x4 related products to the attendees. The show is free and is open to the public. The product displays are mostly items of interest to the "4-wheel crowd," but some spaces have been donated to worthy causes that are directly related to Easter Jeep Safari activities.

Many vendors have contributed products to a raffle which is held on Friday evening after the annual Boy Scout Dinner, which is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm. This annual product give-a-way is a major benefit to the registered participants of the Safari.

The drawings have been popular enough to create real traffic jams near the Arena, so please be patient with parking and traffic control officials.

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From the Colorado River and thousand foot canyons, to the snow capped peaks of 12,000 foot mountains, Moab, Utah, is an outdoor odyssey and the grandeur of the scenery is matched only by the adventure experience which can be enjoyed by convention participants, either on their own or as a group for teambuilding activities.

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April 2009

- 3 Moab Clothesline Project on display, Wicked Brew**
 April is Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Month. Teal ribbons will be hung around town to raise awareness. The Clothesline Project has been created by survivors of violent acts or by friends and family of those who have died due to violence. Anyone is welcome to come and see these works of art as well as make a shirt for themselves or someone else. Bring your own shirt to hang or all supplies will be available to make shirts at the event. Display from 10 am to 5pm. Shirt supplies are also available at the Seekhaven Resource Center. T-shirts donated by WabiSabi.
- 4 Cat & Kitten Adoptions, 11am - 1 pm, Moab BARKery**
 There's still time to adopt a lovable lap warmer. Cat Adoptions. Pictures & info in Advertiser & www.moabpets.org
 Event sponsored by Humane Society of Moab Valley
- 4-12 43rd Annual Easter Jeep Safari**
 Easter Jeep Safari consists of trail rides, mostly day long trips, departing from Moab throughout this week-long event. Hosted by the Red Rock 4-Wheelers Inc., the local four wheel drive club of Moab, participants provide their own four wheel drive vehicle, take care of their own food and non-alcoholic beverages for the trip. The club officially runs approximately 9 different trails every day, with "Big Saturday" culminating in the largest ever single trail ride departure parade - around 30 groups line up in downtown Moab to head off in every direction! This is one of the largest events of the year in Moab. see article on page 3A
- 7-11 Area BFE Events during Jeep Safari**
 Tuesday Open for day wheeling. Thursday/Friday/Saturday - Day and Night wheeling. For more info visit areaBFE.com. Donations are requested, but not required. Area BFE is located just south of Moab. Go south on Hwy 191 approx 13 miles. Just after the uphill passing lane comes to an end, take the first left (this comes quickly, be prepared). Follow the maintained dirt road and signs for about 3 miles to the cleared parking area on the left.
- 11 Moab Art Walk, 6:00 - 9:00 pm**
 Enjoy an evening stroll, meet artists and view some of their work in a variety of downtown locations. See map and article on page 2B. www.moabartwalk.com
- 11 Dog & Puppy Adoptions, City Market**
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- 12 EASTER**
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- 17-19 NADAC Dog Agility Competition, Old Spanish Trail Arena**
 Free Event to spectators. see article on page 14A
- 18 Cat & Kitten Adoptions, 11am - 1 pm, Moab BARKery**
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- 22 Denim Day at WabiSabi Thriftique**
 Wear your Jeans and participate in a day-long observance to raise awareness about sexual violence. WabiSabi Thriftique will host Seekhaven's Moab Clothesline Project and sell all denim products for 50% off!
- 23 Thursday Night Movie Night at the Library**
 Film: Encounters At the End of the World, a Werner Herzog Film. 7:00 pm This event is FREE. Everyone is invited. For more info visit the Grand County Public Library at 257 E. Center Street or call 259-1111
- 24 Contra Dance, Moab Arts & Recreation Center**
 Friday evening 7:30 pm lesson for beginning contra dancers; 8:00 pm dance begins. Live music by the Moab Community Dance Band. \$5 donation to benefit a local charity or non-profit. No partner or experience needed. Everyone welcome!
- 24-26 NADAC Dog Agility Competition, Old Spanish Trail Arena**
 see article on page 14A
- 24-26 17th Annual April Action Car Show, Swanny City Park**
 see article on page 1B - Classic Car show - hot rods, trucks, custom, street rods, muscle cars, classics and much more. www.moab-utah.com/aprilaction for more info. This is one of the largest events of the year in Moab.
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see ad on page 5B
- 25 Dog & Puppy Adoptions, City Market
Come meet your new best friend, 10 am - 12 noon. Dog adoptions.
Pictures & information in Advertiser & www.moabpets.org.
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- 25 17th Annual April Action Car Show, Swanny City Park
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- 30-may 3 AQHA Horse Show, Old Spanish Trail Arena
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- April 4-12 Easter Jeep Safari
- April 17-19 NADAC Dog Agility Competition
- April 24-26 April Action Car Show
- April 30 - May 3 NADAC Dog Agility Competition
- Moab Photo Symposium
- Moab Spring Quarter Horse Show
- May 8-10 NADAC Dog Agility Competition
- May 22-24 Desert Rocks Music Festival
- May 23-24 Moab Arts Festival
- May 30 The Durga Tour- belly dancing
- June 4-6 Canyonlands PRCA Rodeo
- June 6 Moonshadows in Moab
- July 4 Moab Independence Day Celebration
- August 7 Relay for Life
- Sept. 3-19 Moab Music Festival
- Sept 18-21 Tribal Sands Belly Dance Festival
- Sept 19 Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival
- Sept 19-20 Moab Century Tour
- Sept 23-27 Skydive Moab Festival
- Sept. 24-27 Moab Fall Quarter Horse Show
- October 8-10 Gem & Mineral Show
- October 10-11 24 Hours of Moab
- October 17 Castle Valley Gourd Festival
- October 18 The Other Half
- Oct 20-25 Confluence, A Celebration of Reading and Writing in Moab
- Oct 30 - Nov 1 4th Annual Moab Ho-Down Mtn. Bike Festival
- October 31 Pumpkin Chuckin Festival
- November 6-8 Moab Folk Festival
- December 5-6 Winter Sun Festival

May 2009

- 2 Indian Art Market, Blanding - Edge of the Cedars State Park/Museum
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- 8-10 12 Hours of Mesa Verde Mountain Bike Race
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- 8-10 NADAC Dog Agility Competition, Old Spanish Trail Arena
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Grand Area Mentoring Continues Successfully

Grand Area Mentoring (known locally as GrandAM) is nearing the close of its fourth year serving Moab students. Since 2005, GrandAM has been matching volunteer mentors with students in Kindergarten through 11th Grade. Mentors and students meet for an hour each week in one-on-one sessions at school or in small groups throughout the community. They develop a friendship by pursuing a diverse range of activities including board games, sports, reading, artwork, and learning new skills like sewing or rock identification.

GrandAM's success is confirmed by a marked improvement in pro-social skills and academic performance. National research suggests that mentored students will have:

- improved attitudes toward school
- higher grades
- improved relationships with peers and adults
- higher self-confidence.

School-based mentoring could not exist in Moab without the participation of two important groups: Financial contributors and volunteer mentors. GrandAM donors include: George and Dolores Eccles Foundation, Grand County School District, Rocky Mountain Power Foundation, Synergy Company, Footprints Inc, Wells Fargo Foundation, Moab Half Marathon, Fulghum Family Foundation, Energy Solutions, St. Pius X Catholic Church, and many generous citizens.

As the heart and soul of GrandAM, the following mentors have given one or more hours each week to help our children reach their potential during the 2008/2009 school year:

- Barb Caraway
- Shirley Cather
- Lynn Koon
- Tom Warren
- Stephanie Bergner
- Colleen Tibbetts
- Megan McGee
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Grand County Extension (Michael Johnson).....	259-7558	Rotary Club (Kyle Bailey)	259-6879
Grand County Food Bank	259-6456	Seekhaven Crisis Center (Jaylyn Hawks).....	259-2229
Grand County Hospice (Tracey Harris).....	259-7191	Senior Center (Verleen Striblein)	259-6623
Grand County Prevent Child Abuse	260-1039	Sierra Club (Mike Stringham).....	259-8579
Humane Society of Moab Valley	Animal Services 259-4862 Administration 259-4089	Solutions - www.moab-solutions.org - (Sara Melnicoff).....	259-0910
Ladies Golf Club (Chris Corwin).....	259-5344	Southeastern Utah Back Country Horsemen (Helen Sue Whitney).....	259-7239
League of Women Voters (Cynthia Smith).....	259-5306	Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (Liz Thomas).....	259-5440
Lion's Club (Tom Warren).....	259-7834	Toastmasters International (Al Boyd)	259-5767
Moab Aglow Lighthouse Fellowship (Murine Gray).....	259-5514	Trail Mix Committee (Sandy Freethey)	259-0253
Moab Arts Council (Bruce Hucko)	259-4176	Valley Voices (Marian Eason).....	259-6447
Moab Arts Festival (Theresa King)	259-2742	Veterans of Foreign Wars (Fred Every).....	259-5428
Moab Arts & Recreation Center (Bailey Rogers).....	259-6272	WabiSabi (Jeff Cohen).....	www.wabisabimoab.org - 259-3313
Moab Bird Club (Nick Eason).....	259-6447	Word Watchers (Nancy Kurtz).....	259-0734
Moab Chamber of Commerce	259-7814	Youth Garden Project (Jen Sadoff)	259-BEAN (2326)
Moab City Recreation (John Geiger)	259-2255		

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VISITING ELKS: The Moab B.P.O.E. 2021 invites you up to the lodge Wed, Thurs, & Fri evenings. Up hill behind La Hacienda on North Main Street

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Utah's Liquor Laws...or "You must be kidding, I can't do what?"

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In addition, wine only is available at two local wineries - Castle Creek Winery located at Red Cliffs Resort on Hwy 128 (259-2002) and Spanish Valley Vineyards & Winery located at the southwest corner of Stocks Drive and Zimmerman Lane (259-8134).

Beer (3.2% alcohol content) for takeout can be purchased at food stores and convenience stores for off-premise consumption only. On-premise (you can drink it here) is available at various licensed locations. Taverns, golf courses, bowling alleys and also restaurant locations that have the required beer license. Restaurants may also be licensed to serve mixed drinks and wine by the glass, provided that they meet the state food requirements. You may become as confused as most of the people who wrote the laws in some restaurants. To satisfy the variety of demands of the public, many locations will have two or more licenses. You may be sitting at a "beer" bar and see the bartender mixing a mixed drink. If you try to order one, you will be told that you have to go into the "restaurant," which may be less than 10 feet away.



The last category of license is the "Private Club" -membership establishments - but don't let this keep you from stopping in to have a drink because private clubs are easily accessible to non-members. When you enter the club you can pay a minimal fee to either join the club or to receive a visitor card which is valid for three weeks of visits. Moab has four private clubs... Club Rio located at the Rio Sports Bar & Grill on West Center Street, Frankie D's Bar & Grill at 44 West 200 North, World Famous Woody's Tavern at 221 South Main and Zax Restaurant on Main and 100 South.

Last, but not least, Utah law forbids open containers of alcohol in the passenger compartment of motor vehicles. Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a serious crime and is prosecuted aggressively in Utah.

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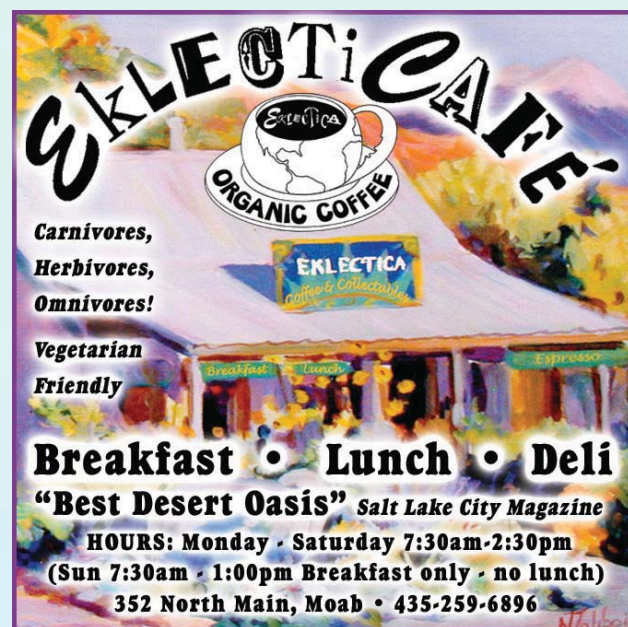
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Dinner
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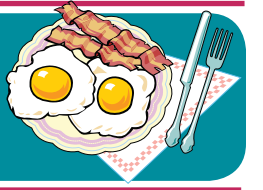
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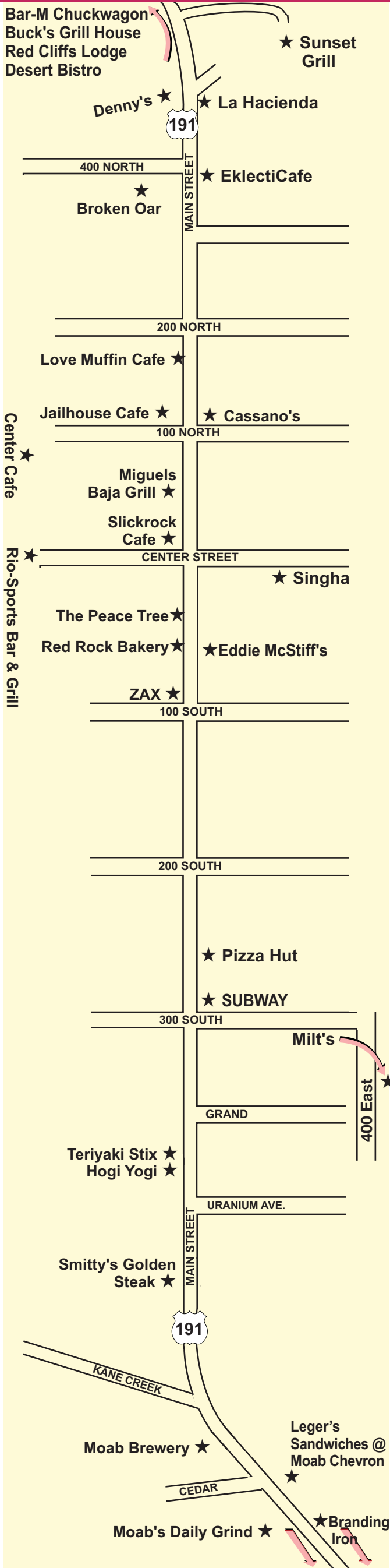
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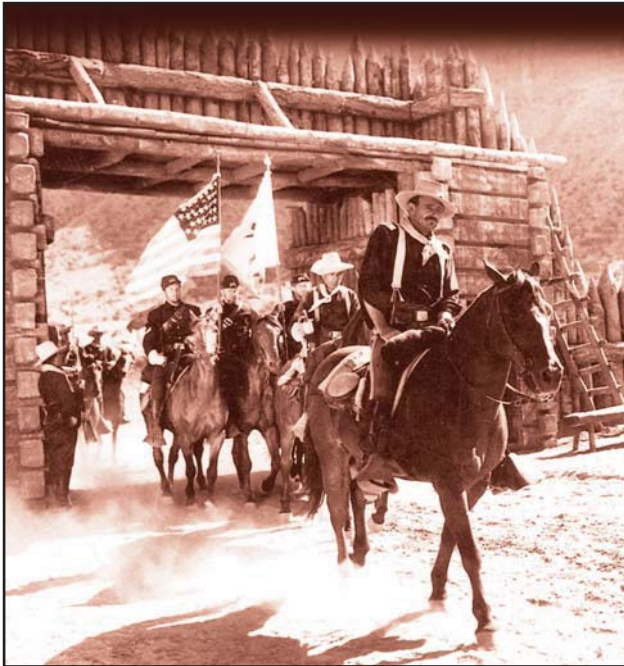
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MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Movie & Western Memorabilia Museum at Red Cliffs Lodge

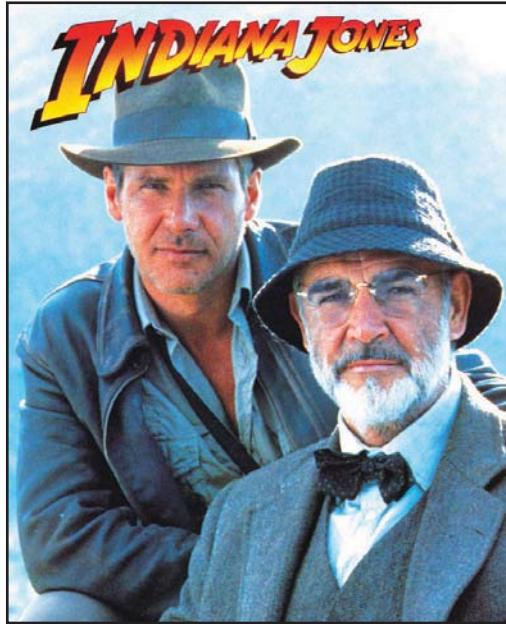
Red Cliffs Lodge, on the banks of the mighty Colorado river, is home for the Moab Museum of Film & Western Heritage. The lodge is built on the old George White Ranch, a key location for nine of the big westerns including *Rio Grande*, *Cheyenne Autumn*, *Ten Who Dared*, *The Comancheros*, and *Rio Conchos*.

The late George White was founder of the Moab to Monument Valley Film Commission, the longest ongoing film commission in the world.



John Wayne leads his troops into the fort at Red Cliffs Ranch, in the movie *Rio Grande*, directed by John Ford in 1950

In the museum one can learn more about film locations, how the sets are built, and how the filming process is managed on nature's own sound stage. On display in the museum



are production photographs, movie posters, autographed scripts, props from the many pictures filmed in the area, and displays about the western ranching heritage. For information, call Red Cliffs Lodge at 259-2002.

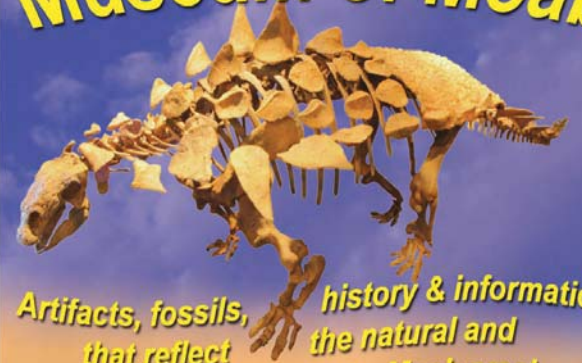
Through the magnificent landscapes of southeastern Utah, writers have been inspired and stories born here. Zane Grey, the famous western novelist, traveled through the area in 1912. His visit inspired him to write his book *Riders of the Purple Sage*. The book was made into a movie starring Ed Harris and Amy Madigan, and filmed on locations around Moab.

A partial list of stars that have made movies in Moab

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EDGE OF THE CEDARS STATE PARK MUSEUM 2009 Four Corners Indian Art Market

The Edge of the Cedars Museum is pleased to present the fourth annual Four Corners Indian Art Festival, May 2nd from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM. This year's Art Market promises an exciting celebration of Native talent, including original artwork by at least forty artists representing fifteen Tribes and Pueblo Nations, demonstrations, music, traditional dances, and juried art competition. There is something for everyone at the Festival: taste-tempting foods, the silent auction, children's activities, and art to please just about everybody. The best part is that it's all free and family-friendly!

Kids can learn about people in the past with games and art activities, hosted by the National Park Service and Canyonlands Outdoor Education. Have you ever thrown an atlatl? Have you ever made a coiled clay pot or a dream catcher? Kids can have fun while parents shop the market.

Folks looking for the perfect Mother's Day, wedding, or graduation gift can select one-of-a-kind artwork from award-winning artists coming from as far away as Flagstaff and St. George, as well as from artists representing the Four Corners region. Collectors seeking the newest in contemporary Native art will want to be on hand when the awards for the art competition are announced at 2:00 PM Saturday.



In addition to the dozens of Native artists selling their unique, hand-made creations, visitors are invited to talk with and observe award-winning artisans who will be demonstrating their traditional talents throughout the day. Visitors can watch and learn about textile weaving, pottery techniques, carding and spinning wool, bead artistry, Hopi, Navajo, and Ute basket weaving, and carving.

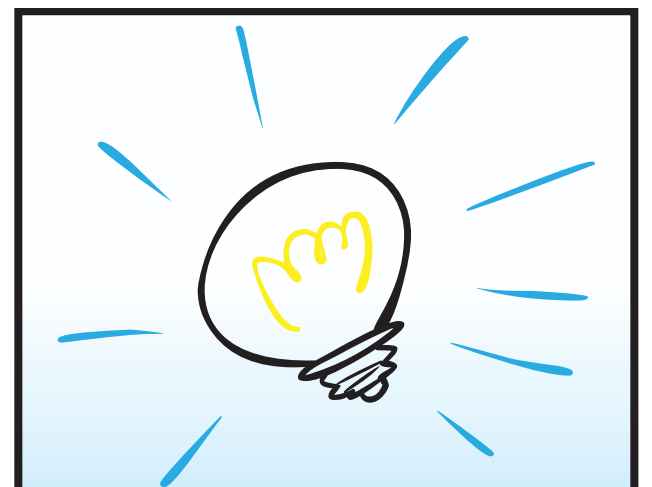
Be sure to peruse the hourly offerings at the Silent Auction and bid on all of your favorite art offerings.

Enjoy a fry bread taco, Navajo burger, or bowl of corn stew from one of the excellent food vendors, while watching the performances.

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For more information, please call 435-678-2238. The Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum, one of Utah's forty-two beautiful State Parks, is located at 660 West 400 North in Blanding, Utah.

When you visit Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum be sure to mention you read about it in Moab Happenings.



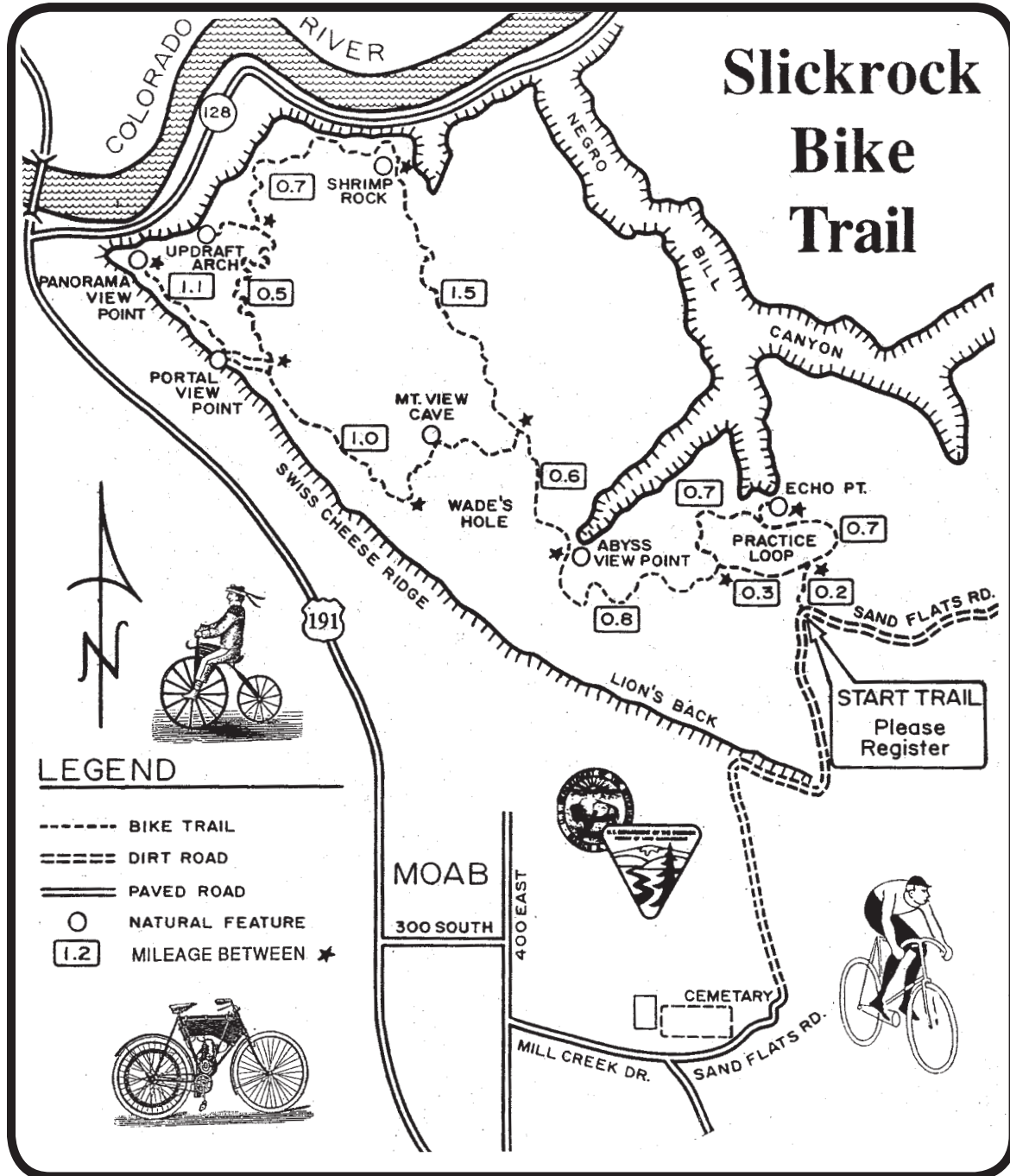
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Moab has become known worldwide as a mountain biking mecca. Varied terrain and spectacular scenery bring riders from all over the world to Moab to try the trails. One of the most famous and popular is the Slickrock trail. This trail is 12 miles of moderate-to-difficult riding on Navajo sandstone, located a few minutes from Moab.

There are many other trails and old jeep roads in the area which provide a complete variety of mountain biking challenges. Several companies in the area can provide rentals and information.

The major annual bicycle events include:

• **MOAB SKINNY TIRE FESTIVAL, March 14-16, 2009**
Four days of supported road cycling benefits the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Includes Celebration Party, silent auction with VIP autographed items and workshops. Visit www.SkinnyTireFestival.com

• **MOAB CENTURY TOUR, SEPT 19, 2009** - This annual event is a weekend packed with road cycling benefiting the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Time trials, pasta dinner, warm up and recovery rides complement the main cycling event Saturday over the famous La Sal Loop Road. 45, 65, and 100 mile route options on this fully supported road cycling tour. Visit www.skinnytirefestival.com or call 435-259-2698

• **24 HOURS OF MOAB October 10 & 11, 2009** - an endurance team race which is growing in popularity with each year. The four-man teams ride a rugged course approximately 12 miles south of Moab called the Behind the Rocks area. Produced by Granny Gear Productions. a world-class event that draws teams from all over the world. There is a field limit of 450 teams plus solos and the race books up faster every year, so get your team entered early. Don't miss this incredible race! See article on page 19B.

• **CHILE HO-DOWN October 2009** - Come join Chile Pepper Bike Shop for 3 days of a rockin' good time! Bring your fat tire bike and your dancin' shoes. Group shuttles, a townie tour, bike industry vendors with demos and swag, a big air contest, and a mountain bike race DH style. Oh, and we can't forget the Halloween costume party with lots of rock'n roll. Sound like fun? You bet, so don't miss it!!! See article on page 17B.



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Negro Bill Canyon – A Delightful Surprise

by Marcia Hafner

The desert is filled with wonderful surprises—when you discover them it's like getting up in the morning to find an unexpected bouquet of flowers on your kitchen table.

More than one surprise is tucked away in Negro Bill Canyon. This gem, with its gift of free-flowing spring-fed water, is just a few miles away from the busy streets of Moab. To get there take Highway 191 out of town for three miles and turn right on to Highway 128 (the river road). Then drive three more miles to the parking area on the right.

A perennial stream rushes through Negro Bill Canyon, a precious commodity in a parched habitat that begs for rain. Even in the dry years, it faithfully dances along all through the canyon. This everlasting source of water has created an oasis, a lush riparian growth zone of Fremont cottonwood, Gambel's oak, water birch, tall reedy grass and coyote willow that is a magnet for wildlife. Beavers swim up canyon from the river and build their dams. Fish and crayfish, which look like miniature lobsters, show a particular fondness for the crystal depths of the pools. The bouncy down-the-scale song of the canyon wren is often heard cascading from its home on the canyon walls, while at the lower level rock wrens trill back and forth from one stony outpost to another. Closer to the creek, house finches, bushtits, ruby-crowned kinglets and spotted towhees prefer the protective shelter of thick vegetation.

This canyon is named after William Granstaff, an

African-American prospector, who came to the Moab Valley in the spring of 1877. He grazed his cattle in the canyon and supposedly built a cabin in one of its side canyons. Accused of selling liquor to a tribe of Utes, an offense that outraged many settlers in the area, Granstaff found it expedient to move to Colorado in 1881 where he lived until his death in 1901.

At the mouth of the canyon the expansive Navajo Sandstone walls are coated with desert varnish, which looks like streaks of black-brown paint dumped over the top of the rim. This phenomenon usually happens where water drips down the canyon wall on to exposed, stable rock surfaces that are protected from frequent precipitation, fracturing or wind abrasion. The necessary ingredients for a desert varnish recipe are fine-grained clay and a host of bacteria and oxides—especially black manganese and red iron, which add the rich colors to the varnish. The goininess of the clay holds the substances together allowing

them to chemically react upon the sun-baked walls. None of this happens overnight—as many as 10,000 years may be required to complete the process.

To walk

your route through this riparian paradise, just follow the water that courses along next to the well-marked trail

for two miles where another surprise is waiting – Morning Glory Natural Bridge. At 243 feet it's the sixth longest span in the United States. The title is deceiving. It received its name not for any flower, but for the sunlight that hits it early in the morning.

The trail passes through the Negro Bill Wilderness Study Area, and that means no motorized or mechanical vehicles, including mountain bikes, are allowed. It begins with a sharp

drop down to the left side of the stream. Then it crosses back and forth over the creek numerous times. The rushing sound of water as it gurgles over rocks and in and out of knee to waist deep pools is soothing. The crossings are not difficult when the water is low, and using a walking stick offers an extra third leg to make that leap from rock to rock easier. During the spring runoff it's harder to keep your feet dry, but on a warm day getting wet is nothing to complain about. Pay close attention for the final crossing to the bridge. The

sign can be overlooked because it is on the other side of the creek where the trail climbs up a side canyon and drainage before ending at the bridge.

At the bridge water flows down a crack and into a dark, secretive pool. Even from a short distance the bridge is not always readily apparent, and a walk into the deep shadows underneath it is necessary to appreciate the scale of its wide expanse.

Negro Bill Canyon has a lot to offer year round—a profusion of wildflowers in the spring, cool refreshment from the hot summer sun, idyllic Indian summer days ripe with the glorious colors of fall, and enormous columns of ice that feel like you're walking through an ice palace. During the uncrowded times, it's a quiet, magical place - a sanctuary that is filled with wonderful surprises. Be sure to get there early so you can enjoy that unquiet time of day. If you go in the winter, keep in mind walking on the ice can be very treacherous

A note of caution: Watch out for poison ivy, especially along the pool under the bridge. Don't forget that the oil can be carried on the fur of dogs, which consequently can be transferred to your skin. This plant is a woody vine that grows throughout North America and can be identified by its characteristic cluster of three shiny leaves with few or no teeth, which turn a bright red in the fall. It has no thorns and produces grayish white berries.



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DOG AGILITY HAPPENINGS

Agility Comes Back to Moab!

The Old Spanish Trail Arena will be the site of three dog agility trials, sponsored by the North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC) dog agility trial in Moab, on April 17-19, April 24-26, and May 8-10, 2009. Competition begins at 9 a.m. each day. Dogs from all over the intermountain west, as well as several Moab canines, will be competing over timed, judged courses of jumps, ramps, tunnels and the ever-popular-with-spectators weave poles. Mixed breed as well as purebred competitors are judged on their speed, accuracy and safety as they zoom around a variety of courses, ten to twenty obstacles long. The two-legged member of each team is responsible for keeping the dogs on the correct courses (most four-leggeds haven't learned to read the numbers!), as well as ensuring safe performance of each obstacle.

The North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC) is one of several organizations that sponsor agility competitions. NADAC was formed in 1993, to provide North American dogs and their handlers with a fast, safe and enjoyable form of the sport of dog agility. The purpose of a NADAC agility trial is to demonstrate the ability of a dog and its handler to work as a smoothly functioning team. With separate titling divisions for Veterans and Junior Handlers and a variety of games, NADAC agility offers something for everyone! Based in Oklahoma, NADAC sponsors competitions all over North America and Australia. The annual Championships will be held in Gillette, WY on September 23-27, 2009.

What obstacles are used?

• Jumps – Jumps are set at the proper height for each class, determined by the height of the dog at the withers (shoulders). Veteran dogs or those running with veteran handlers, junior handlers, and the Skilled class dogs can jump lower than their normal height. Dogs must clear the full height of the jump without knocking a bar off. Handlers sometimes run into the uprights and knock bars; that's also a fault!

• Tunnels – An easy obstacle to train, many dogs suffer from "tunnel suck!"

• Contact Obstacles - The contact obstacles, so called because of the "contact zones" at lower end, include the A-frame and the dogwalk. To perform these obstacles correctly, the dog must get at least one paw in each contact zone when they descend the obstacle. The contact zone rule is for safety considerations.

• Weave Poles - The dog must enter to the right of the first pole and zig-zag through to the end. They must not miss a pole. If a dog "pops out" before the last pole, they must restart from the beginning.

How are runs judged?

Faults occur if the handler touches the dog or an obstacle while on course, or if the dog runs the wrong course, misses a contact zone, misses a weave pole or fails to complete the set, displaces a jump bar, or exceeds the amount of time set by the judge for running the course. Different classes allow different numbers of faults to be considered "qualifying." A certain number of qualifying rounds will result in a title being earned.

Dogs are entered, depending upon their experience and previously-earned titles, at the Novice, Open or Elite level. There are special divisions for Veterans (dogs age 7 years or older, or handlers age 60 years or older) and Junior Handlers (age 17 or younger). In addition, NADAC offers the Proficient class, in which dogs must have no faults to qualify, and the Skilled class, in which dogs can have five faults (e.g., one knocked bar) or be up to five seconds over time and still qualify. In addition, dogs running in the Skilled class jump one height lower than their usual.

What events are offered?

• Regular Class requires that the dog, under the direction of the handler, perform all of the agility obstacles in the order and under the time limit set by the judge. There are usually two regular classes offered each day.

• Chances Class offers tests in direction, distance, and discrimination between two obstacles. There are 10 to 15 obstacles, and each level has one, two or three tests (Elite having all three). All dogs have 40 seconds to complete this class.

• Jumpers Class is composed only of jumps and tunnels, and can be fast and furious!

• Touch 'n' Go consists of the contact obstacles (A-frame and dog walk) and tunnels.

• Weavers consists of just weave poles and tunnels. Each level has a different number of poles, with either six or ten/twelve poles per set. Novice dogs will run three short sets, while Elite dogs see three long sets.

• Tunnelers –yep! You guessed it! –consists of just tunnels!

• Hoopers – a new class, where "ground speed obstacles" which look like hula-hoops on edge must be negotiated. The rules are rather complicated to explain – suffice to say, handlers can get easily confused, and most end up in hysterical laughter before the end! Hoops are now being used in some of the other classes as well.

Why Do People Do This?!

Agility is great for dogs and people for a number of reasons.

- It can build confidence in shy or nervous dogs. Once they figure out they can do the obstacles, they tend to love it!

- It provides a safe and fun outlet for a dog's energy.

- It provides a competitive environment where a dog and handler can compete not against other dogs, but just against the course and themselves.

- It builds a strong

and loving bond between dog and handler. Training should always be more fun than work, and trainers should always set it up so the dog is never wrong. Dogs respond much better to positive reinforcement, and it shows in their success.

What happens at an event?

When the course has been set up, the handlers gather together for a "judge's briefing" where the judge summarizes how the class is judged. Then the handlers may "walk the course." They do this as a group, without their dogs, following the numbers to become familiar with how the course goes. Most handlers try to walk the course as many times as they can in the time allotted, to plan their strategy. You may see handlers during a course walk actually running the course with an imaginary dog, giving the commands as they would during their competing round. Sometimes handlers gather in little groups and discuss challenges and how they are going to handle them.

The dogs run the course individually, in a predetermined order, off leash and without collars (for safety reasons). The timer will tell the handler when he or she may begin, starting the stopwatch as soon as the dog crosses the start line and stopping it when the dog crosses the finish. As each dog runs, the judge indicates the faults, which are noted on a sheet of paper by the scribe. At the completion of the round, the scribe records the dog's time. The information is then conveyed to the scorekeeper, who calculates the qualifying performances and top placements. These are usually then posted somewhere for competitors to see.

Spectators are welcome; non-entered dogs are discouraged from attending.

A few rules will keep everyone happy and healthy:

- Before you reach out to pet a dog, always ask the owner/handler FIRST. Please especially be sure your children observe this rule. Please supervise your children at all times.

- Feel free to sit or stand ringside and observe, but please remember to stay back a reasonable distance from the ring itself and especially stay away from ring entrances and exits.

- It is against the rules for spectators to assist or coach the handler/dog team by, for example, yelling out the correct obstacle order from the sidelines. (Yes, handlers do sometimes get confused or lost on course!) It is also not appropriate to shout the dog's name, since this would distract the dog from the handler's commands.

- But please feel free to applaud and cheer the dogs on, and show your appreciation at the END of a particularly good or entertaining run.

Several Moab dogs are entered in these trials. Come and cheer for them and all the others!



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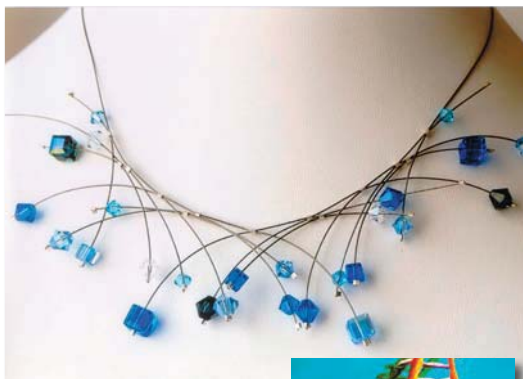
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Section B

April 2009

For one weekend a year you can step back in time and enjoy the past. Dust off your classic car and get out that poodle skirt, it's time for the 17th Annual April Action Car Show and there is plenty of fun for both spectators and participants!

The car show will have hundreds of classic cars from the early 1900's to the newer vehicles. You will see Street Rods, Muscle cars, Classics, Customs, Trucks, Hot Rods and more. So come and join in on the fun at our April Action Car Show Weekend.

On Friday, April 24th from 9am to 5pm is pre-registration at Swanny City Park. Also on Friday is

a Rod Run on Scenic Highway 128. Travel along the Colorado River to Castleton. There will be winery tours and Western Museum & Memorabilia tours at Red Cliffs Adventure Lodge and Castle Creek Winery on the return trip. Lunch will be available at Red Cliffs for show participants.

On Saturday, April 25th, the car show (at Swanny Park) will begin at 7:00 am (rain or shine). J.C. Hackett will be playing your favorite oldies music. There will be great food provided by Smitty's Golden Steak & The Lion's Club.

There is no charge for spectators at the car show on Saturday.

Sunday, April 26th a continental breakfast will be served at Swanny City Park for show participants from 8-9am followed by a Rod Run at 9:15 to Deadhorse Point State Park.

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April Action Car Show Saturday, April 25th

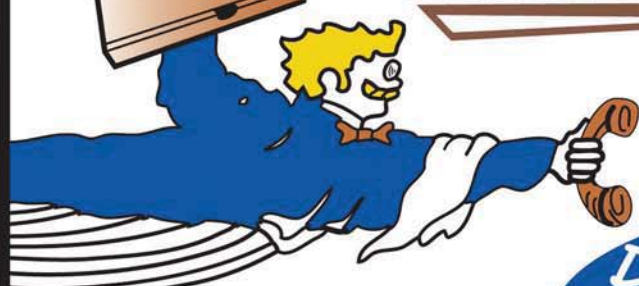


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 Throughout April, the Moab Arts and Recreation Center (MARC) hosts the annual District Art Show featuring artwork from Grand County School District students grades K-12.

Cat's Lair Collection

59 South Main Street #3, Moab, UT
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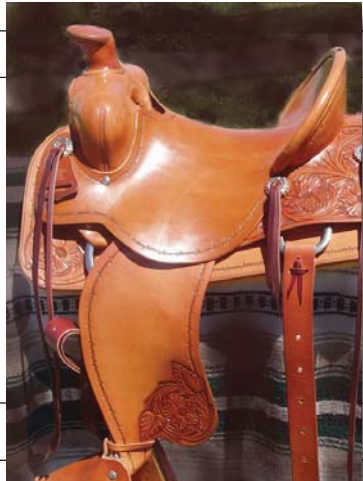
Cat's Lair Collection Art Gallery invites you to come and see our 3 new artists which our gallery is happy to represent: colorful paintings of Marie Fouche' and intricate glass work of Tim Wilson and Jack Bowman. www.catslaircollection.com



The Western Image

16 W. 100 N. Moab, UT 435-259-3006 moabpage@frontiernet.net

The Western Image welcomes leather artist Shane Deeter to the Moab Art Walk. Shane is an award winning custom boot and saddlemaker. Shane uses leather as his medium to create beautiful yet functional works of art. www.moabartists.com



Cloudrock Land Company

79 North Main Street 435-259-0444 In an effort to showcase local and regional fine art, Cloudrock Land Company presents a rotating exhibit of selected artists. www.cloudrock.com

Overlook Gallery

83 E. Center Street Moab, UT 435 259-3861 overlookgallery@yahoo.com
 From his home base in San Juan County Utah, Kelly Pugh creates realistic landscapes, wildlife and western historical paintings rendered in luminous glazes of oil colors. www.moabarts.com



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Aleff then started creating landscapes and shamanistic "spirits" out of flat and recycled steel. Jim also likes to use found objects such as rusty metal parts, copper wire and stones. He enjoys the freedom of working with steel and also makes gates, arbors, tables, shadow casters (solar and lunar), outdoor sconce covers, bed frames and much more.

Moonflower Market

39 E 100 North Moab, UT
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An avid nature lover, Jim Aleff grew up in Wisconsin where he worked as a glass blower and moved to Moab in 1996. He quickly became fascinated by the geography, texture and the petroglyphs of the southwest. Soon after, he taught himself how to weld and cut steel with an electric plasma cutter.

Framed Image

Fine Art Gallery

59 E Center Street Moab, UT
 435-259-4446

Framed Image is proud to present ceramic works by Colette Webster. A former Moab resident, Colette has been creating in her new studio near Dolores, Colorado. www.framedimagemoab.com info@framedimagemoab.com



Love Muffin Café

139 N. Main Street Moab, UT 435-259-6833

The Love Muffin Café introduces Martin Kazan from Detroit Michigan. At seventeen, Martin's exhibition entitled "Domestic Silence" shouts out about the domestic problems America faces, and the huge need in this country for rehabilitation and employment.



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MOAB, UTAH, located in southeastern Utah has become a mecca for the adventurous. Moab was first settled in 1855 by Mormons who quickly abandoned their remote outpost because of conflict with the area's Native American population. It was resettled in 1876. Moab and its people have carved an existence as changing as the eroded desert around it. Moab has served as a river-irrigated fruit growing center, a dock for ill-fated steam powered paddle boats on the Colorado River, and in the 1950's, a uranium boom town. In the 1980's the uranium market fell and Moab was forced to look to other means of economic income. Some locals decided to build a bicycle shop, rent bicycles, and offer guided tours. Tourism became a significant part of Moab's economy.

ARCHES NATIONAL PARK: Located 5 miles north of Moab, Arches National Park features the world's largest concentration of natural stone arches. There are over 2,000 arches, along with other unusual formations found throughout 74,500 acres of National Park land. Landscape Arch is the park's longest arch at 306 feet. Arches is open year-round. An entrance fee is charged to enter the park. Peak visitation occurs from March through October. The colder weather months, when snow occasionally blankets the red rocks and crowds are small, are great times to visit.

The Devils Garden Campground at Arches is 18 miles from the park entrance. The fee for individual sites is \$20 per night. Advance reservations for camping can be made by contacting the National Recreation Reservation System at 1-877-444-6777 or www.ReserveUSA.com. Sites may only be reserved for the nights of March 1st through October 31st.

If you do not have a reservation and would like to camp in the campground, you must pre-register for campsites at the visitor center between 7:30 and 8 a.m., or at the entrance fee station after 8 a.m. These individual sites are on a first-come, first-served basis. The Arches campground fills daily, sometimes by early to mid-morning.

The popular Delicate Arch is a 3-mile round-trip hike that begins and ends at Wolfe Ranch. The Fiery Furnace area requires an additional fee. Ranger-guided hikes are available, or permits may be obtained to hike on your own.

CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK: Moab is located in the heart of Canyonlands. The Green & Colorado Rivers divide Canyonlands National Park into three sections. The Island in the Sky section is 35 miles north of Moab. The Needles section is 80 miles south of Moab, and the Maze section is approximately 140 miles to the southwest of Moab. All sections of the park are open year-round.

DEAD HORSE POINT STATE PARK: Dead Horse Point State Park is located 30 miles north of Moab. Perhaps Utah's most spectacular state park, Dead Horse Point towers 2,000 feet above the Colorado River - providing a breathtaking panorama of the pinnacles and buttes of Canyonlands. There is a visitor center at the park with interpretive exhibits, rest rooms, and a 21-unit campground.

Visitor Centers

Moab Information Center

Main & Center Street, downtown Moab

Hours: Open Every Day - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Hours listed below may change seasonally. Please call ahead for availability.

Arches National Park

5 miles north of Moab • - (435) 719-2299
Visitor center open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily
<http://www.nps.gov/arch/>
Camping Available

Blanding Visitor Center

12 North Grayson Pkwy
On the north end of Blanding, Utah
(435) 678-3662

Canyonlands National Park

Park Information (435) 719-2313
www.nps.gov/cany

Island in the Sky District

35 miles paved road from Moab.
(435) 259-4712 • Open 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. daily
Visitor Center located two miles inside park.
Camping - call for information

Needles District

50 miles from Monticello, 80 miles from Moab
(435) 259-4711 • Open 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. daily
Starting March 11: Open 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. daily
Visitor center located 3 miles inside park boundary.
Camping - call for information

Maze District

140 miles from Moab via Green River
Ranger station at Hans Flat - (435) 259-2652
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LA SAL MOUNTAINS: The La Sal Mountains grace the southeast view of Moab. The second highest range in Utah, these alpine mountains offer excellent opportunities for hiking, camping, cycling, mountain climbing, cross country and hut-to-hut skiing, fishing, ATV riding, and are a perfect place to escape the summer heat. The La Sals also serve as the beautiful backdrop for Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. Campsites are available at Oowah Lake and Warner Lake on a first-come, first-served basis.

SLICKROCK BIKE TRAIL: The Slickrock Bike Trail has become very popular in recent years, and is known worldwide. The loop is 10.3 miles of wild ride with the route marked by slashes of paint on raw rock. First-timers should try the 1.7-mile practice loop - a good ride in its own right. The Slickrock Bike Trail is physically and technically challenging, but the giant vistas and the

thrill of the ride are worth the effort. The Slickrock Bike Trail is located in the Sand Flats Recreation Area and managed through a unique partnership between Grand County and the BLM. Trail maps are available at the entrance and a day-use fee is charged.

COLORADO RIVER: The Colorado River is located 2 miles north of Moab. The river cuts through a red rock gorge with incomparable vistas, meandering along in some sections, rushing boldly in others. Whitewater rafting, kayaking, canoeing, and jet boat tours abound. The drive along the Colorado River - Scenic Byway 128 and Scenic Byway 279 - offer incredible views, petroglyphs, dinosaur tracks, arches, famous movie locations, red rock spires, and rock towers that loom 1,500 feet above the valley floor.



Dead Horse Point State Park

32 miles northwest of Moab on paved roads
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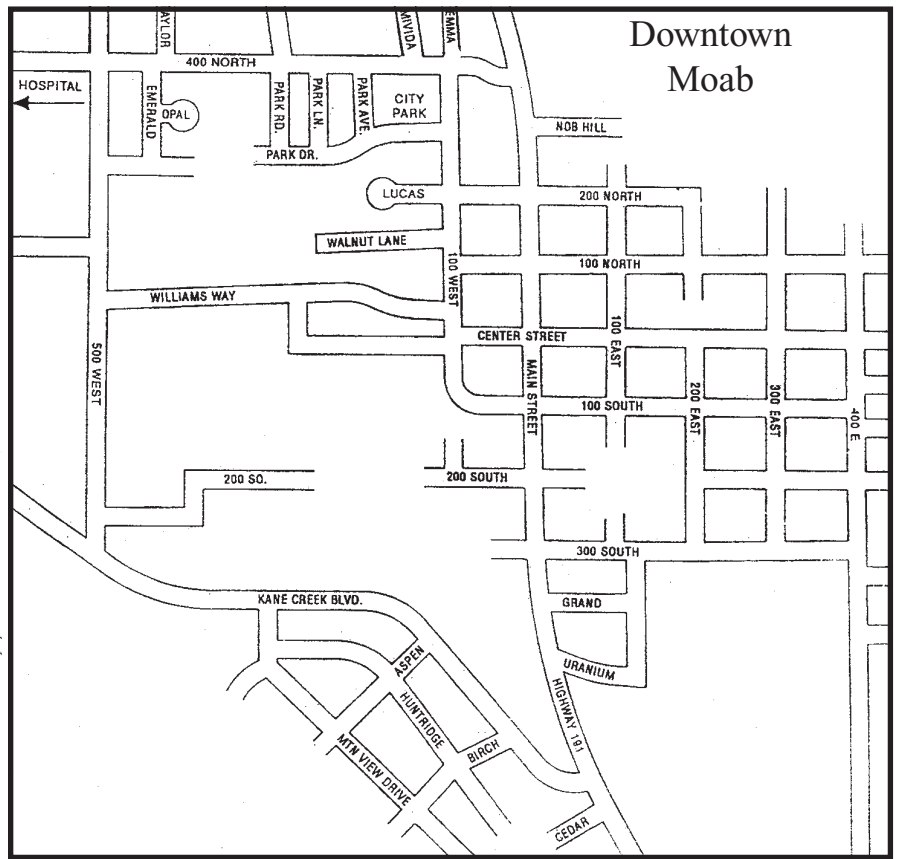
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Friends (Quakers) Meeting for Worship, 10am Sundays Location: Seekhaven, 81 N 300 East	259-8664

MOAB, UTAH



MOAB, UTAH AVERAGE TEMPERATURE & RAINFALL

MONTH	HIGH/LOW	RAINFALL
JANUARY	49.6/18.0	0.53
FEBRUARY	50.4/25.5	0.62
MARCH	60.2/34.2	0.71
APRIL	72.5/41.9	0.79
MAY	82.4/50.1	0.57
JUNE	92.0/57.5	0.45
JULY	99.0/64.1	0.49
AUGUST	95.3/62.8	0.87
SEPTEMBER	87.1/52.8	0.83
OCTOBER	73.8/40.8	1.16
NOVEMBER	56.0/30.6	0.60
DECEMBER	45.1/21.4	0.64

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SKY HAPPENINGS

The Sky for April 2009

By Faylene Roth

Moab UT (at City Hall)
 38°34' N Latitude
 109°33' W Longitude
 4048 ft - 1234 m Elevation

Bright winter constellations give way to a faint spring sky of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th magnitude stars. Leo dominates the overhead sky with Regulus at its front flank and Saturn below its hind flank.

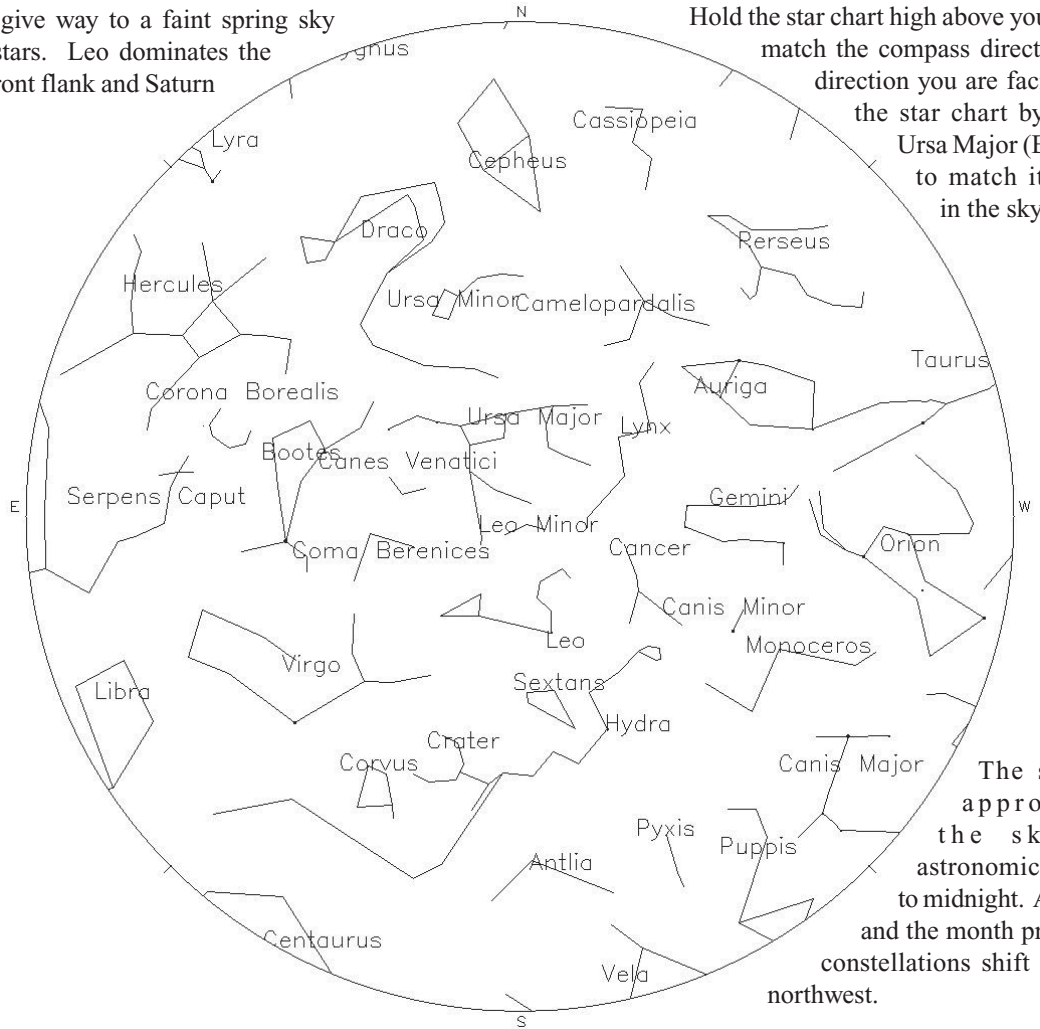
Hold the star chart high above your head and match the compass directions to the direction you are facing. Adjust the star chart by orienting Ursa Major (Big Dipper) to match its position in the sky.

April 2009

DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
1	7:03am	7:42pm
2	7:01am	7:43pm
3	7:00am	7:44pm
4	6:58am	7:45pm
5	6:57am	7:46pm
6	6:55am	7:47pm
7	6:54am	7:48pm
8	6:52am	7:49pm
9	6:51am	7:49pm
10	6:49am	7:50pm
11	6:48am	7:51pm
12	6:46am	7:52pm
13	6:45am	7:53pm
14	6:43am	7:54pm
15	6:42am	7:55pm
16	6:40am	7:56pm
17	6:39am	7:57pm
18	6:38am	7:58pm
19	6:36am	7:59pm
20	6:35am	8:00pm
21	6:33am	8:01pm
22	6:32am	8:02pm
23	6:31am	8:03pm
24	6:29am	8:04pm
25	6:28am	8:05pm
26	6:27am	8:06pm
27	6:26am	8:07pm
28	6:24am	8:08pm
29	6:23am	8:09pm
30	6:22am	8:09pm

MAJOR CONSTELLATIONS OF APRIL

- Overhead**
Cancer
Canis Minor
Gemini
Leo
- Southward**
Canis Major
Hydra
- Westward**
Auriga
Orion
Taurus
- Northward**
Cassiopeia
Perseus
Ursa Major
Ursa Minor
- Eastward**
Bootes
Corvus
Crater
Virgo



The star chart approximates the sky from astronomical twilight to midnight. As the night and the month progress, the constellations shift toward the northwest.

VISIBLE PLANETS

- Jupiter** - The bright planet high in the morning sky is Jupiter. Look for it in the southeastern sky as it rises about one hour before sunrise. It shines at magnitude -2 throughout the month.
- Mars** - Look for Mars in the southeastern sky this month. It rises about one hour before sunrise, following much brighter Venus into the morning twilight. If you can find the faint crescent moon on the morning of April 23, then look for Mars a little below Venus. Mars shines at magnitude +1.2 this month.
- Mercury** - The last half of April promises a glimpse of Mercury when it will be setting more than an hour after the sun. On the evening of April 26 it appears just below a faint crescent moon soon after sunset. Look for Mercury in the western sky after April 15. It will be shining at magnitude -1, brighter than Saturn. By month's end, its apparent brightness fades to +0.7, about equal to Saturn.
- Saturn** - Look for Saturn high in the night sky below the hind flank of Leo. It shines at magnitude +0.8, a little brighter than Leo's major star Regulus, which shines at +1.7
- Venus** - Watch Venus claim the mantle of morning star. It rises within minutes of sunrise for the first few days of April but quickly distances itself from the sun. It rises about one hour after Jupiter for most of the month. Venus outshines everything in the sky at magnitude -4.2, increasing slightly in brightness as the month progresses.

Note: Apparent magnitude values range from -4 to +6 for most planets and visible stars. The lower the value the brighter the object. A decrease of 1.0 magnitude is 2.5 times brighter.

DAYLIGHT

We gain an additional one hour and 9 minutes of sunlight this month. The period from sunrise to sunset is more than 13 hours for most of the month. Twilight adds another one and one-half hours to each end of the day. Civil twilight provides about 30 minutes of adequate light before sunrise and after sunset. Nautical twilight stretches the fading light for another 30 minutes both morning and evening. The skies reflect some light during astronomical twilight which spans another 30 minutes. Sunrise and sunset times are calculated for a flat horizon. Actual times may vary up to one-half hour or more depending upon the surrounding landscape.

MOON HAPPENINGS

April begins with a first quarter moon high in the western sky in Gemini. On April 6 a waxing gibbous moon appears below Saturn. A nearly full moon sets on the morning of April 9 around the time that the sun rises. Full moon occurs at 8:57am. A slightly waning moon rises again soon after 8:30pm. Virgo's bright star Spica will be above it. A third quarter moon is high in the morning sky on April 17. On the morning of April 19 a waning crescent moon rises in the southeastern sky with Jupiter trailing within two degrees to the east. On April 22 an emerging crescent moon rises with Venus and Mars just before sunrise. New moon occurs on April 24 at 9:23pm.

METEOR ACTIVITY

Look for increased meteor activity April 16-25 during the Lyrid Meteor Shower. The radiant for this event lies in the constellation Lyra. Best viewing is from midnight to 4:00am when Lyra is high in the northeastern sky. It rises

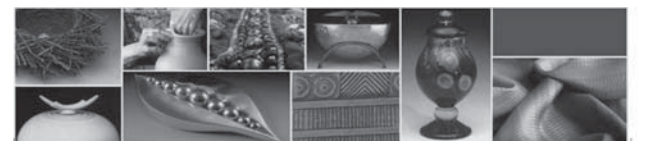
just before Cygnus the Swan (aka Northern Cross). Expect 10-15 meteors per hour during peak time on the morning of April 22.

The April fireballs promise random meteor activity over the last two weeks of April. These fireballs can emanate from any region of the sky. They are extremely bright and usually exhibit long, lingering trails of light. These large meteors are the ones most likely to reach earth as meteorites. Best viewing is after midnight and before the moon rises.

OCCULTATION OF VENUS

An occultation is similar to an eclipse, but the term is used when a planet or star is eclipsed. On the morning of April 22 a faint crescent moon will rise with Venus then pass in front of it. The occultation will only be seen on the west coast. From Moab the moon and Venus will form a close conjunction with Mars a little to the east.

Note: Hold your hand at arm's length to measure apparent distances in the sky. Adjust for the size of your hand. The width of the little finger approximates 1.5 degrees. Middle, ring, and little finger touching represent about 5 degrees. The width of a fist is about 10 degrees. The hand stretched from thumb to little finger equals 20 degrees. The diameter of both the full moon and the sun spans only 0.5 degree.



Moab's Local Arts & Crafts Fair

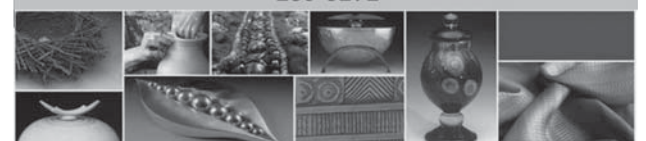
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HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Allergy Remedies from Moonflower Market

Spring is here and so is allergy season. All the lovely green and blooming plants are loading the air with irritants. While most people are putting on shorts and sandals feeling a sense of renewal and joy, others are dreading the season of sneezing, coughing, headaches, runny nose, scratchy throat and watery eyes associated with increased pollen in the air. There are many strategies for the allergy sufferer to alleviate symptoms and get back in the spirit of spring. Moonflower Market has its shelves stocked with product to make this season a little

more enjoyable for allergy sufferers. Seasonal allergies are reported to be of epidemic proportions with almost 20% of the population affected. There are many drugstore medications available to allergy sufferers. Unfortunately most of these are just masking symptoms, perpetuating their use. Some have strong side effects, causing more discomfort. Those looking for alternatives to prescription drugs will find mother nature's pharmacopeia well stocked. Basic lifestyle strategies including diet modification can help reduce suffering as well.

Some studies suggest that staying indoors during peak pollen hours in the early morning can help. Exercising indoors during peak season can stave off a major allergy attack. Smoking or second hand smoke can magnify allergic reactions. A diet high in fresh vegetables, fruits and cultured foods that are high in vitamin C and EFAs is beneficial. They support your immune system and liver and their ability to neutralize allergens. Avoid mucous forming foods such as dairy products and highly processed items. Drink lots of water and other fluids to help cleanse your system. Local Bee Pollen or raw unprocessed honey (which contains pollen) is a nutritive tonic for the system and help hay fever symptoms. Many people find relief from the Ayurvedic Neti Pot. The neti pot gently rinses your nasal passages removing irritating allergens. While many initially balk at the idea of rinsing their sinuses, they are sold on the profound relief afforded them.

Homeopathic remedies are available that can relieve allergy sufferers. Euphrasia, or eyebright is helpful for red swollen eyes. Bryonia, Allium cepa, and urtica urens are other constitution specific remedies that can help.

Master Herbalist Molly McClish says "This time of year can be overwhelming for allergy sufferers." She has discovered the herbal remedy that combats the intense frustration and irritation that her son suffered each year. Elderflower, high in bioflavonoids, "addresses all pollen related allergies, dust allergies, has shown successful results with pet allergies, and even soothed and diminished chemical allergies." It is her first choice for allergy relief and prevention of future inflammation. "Another positive aspect of

Elderflower is that it has no known side effects and doesn't conflict with other medicines."

"My sister keeps it in her backpack and finds that if taken before an outing and when on a ride, she is able to circumvent reactions and can continue to be outdoors in the season we all want to get out there." Molly also recommends

quercetin, a bioflavonoid, but feels that "it works best if taken 6-8 weeks beforehand. Remember this for the other plants that spark allergic reaction for you later in the season." Bioflavonoids decrease histamine release that causes allergy and asthma attacks. They can work in acute situations as well. Nettles is another herbal antihistamine. Nettles can relieve your runny nose. "Nettles is an excellent spring tonic as it nourishes and cleanses the blood and is beneficial for the entire system." Other allies include "chamomile which will reduce the intensity and duration of a reaction. However, some people are allergic to this plant. Ginger capsules reduce inflammation of allergies. Horseradish in foods relieves sinus congestion and can reduce future reactions."

McClish also suggests aromatherapy with thyme and eucalyptus in boiling water. After boiling a few minutes, pull from heat and inhale the steam with or without a towel over the head. These essential oils can help ease the congestion and open air passages.

Molly McClish is the brains behind Wise Raven Herbs and offers many tinctures for sale at Moonflower Market including Elderflower and an Allergy Relief combination.

If you are feeling frustrated by allergy season this year know that there are options for you. Herbs, nutritional supplements, aromatherapy, and homeopathic remedies coupled with a few simple lifestyle strategies and diet modifications can make this time of year more bearable.



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ASTROLOGY HAPPENINGS

Your Monthly Horoscope - April 2009

By Rob Wells

Mar. 21 - Apr. 20



Aries: Happy Birthday Aries. This month rocks for you. You have some very lucky days on the 4th and the 10th when your friends could give you some great tips. Be very careful on the 15th when things you can't see will get you from behind. After the 18th the Sun moves into your 2nd house of Cash and the purse strings loosen a bit. From the 26th on avoid letting someone try to run your life and you do the same.

Apr. 21 - May 21



Taurus: If you feel like the things you've created are running your life that would be a good analogy. Time to let life go and give it all a rest for the next three weeks. Lucky breaks come to you in your career on the 4th and the 10th. Be careful if you are out with friends on the 15th as to avoid any accidents. After the 18th the Sun moves in to your 1st house of Self and you'll feel renewed. Closely watch your partners spending from the 26th of the month and into May.

May 22 - June 21



Gemini: Time to plan your year ahead. Take suggestions for friends and see what they have to say about the matter. The 4th and the 10th could be very lucky with matters at a great distance. Avoid dangerous situations with your career on the 15th. After the 18th the Sun moves

into your 12th house of Behind the Scenes and you'll be wanting a little alone time for the next 30 days. From the 26th to the end of the month a friend could give you serious grief.

June 22 - July 22



Cancer: The Sun lights up your career this month and it's supported by many other planets. A job promotion or raise could catch you on the 4th or the 19th and there could be a move in the workplace that pleases you as well. The 15th could find you needing to take a long trip. USE

CAUTION. After the 18th, the Sun moves into your house of Friends and Hopes and the party is on. Think about what you want for the coming year and plan well for its arrival. From the 26th to the end of the month you could encounter manipulations from a partner or spouse. Be warned.

July 23 - Aug. 24



Leo: You could really find yourself enjoying the friendship and good times of your local church or academic group this month. Extreme luck comes to you from your partner or your spouse on the 4th and the 10th. Be careful with other people's possessions on the 15th when

you're more of your clumsy self than usual. After the 18th, the Sun moves into your career sector and lights it up for the coming month. From the 26th to the end of the month, there could be some power plays in the work place that may not make you smile.

Aug. 24 - Sept. 22



Virgo: Saturn still holds the handle on your life's directions this month. You're the paradigm of discipline and duty. Luck finds you on the 4th and 10th and there could be a raise or a promotion in

it for you. Your partner could hand you a shock on the 15th so be prepared. After the 18th, the Sun moves into your house of Church and Higher Learning and you may feel a tug or two in that direction. Go and you'll have fun. From the 26th to the end of the month a romance could be giving you fits and frustrations.

Sep. 23 - Oct. 23



Libra: It's a totally fun month as the Sun passes through your house of Partnerships and Marriage. The 4th and the 10th could bring you some very lucky breaks romantically. Look out for the 15th when accidents on the job are possible. After the 18th, the Sun moves into your house of Shared wealth and the good times continue. From the 26th to the end of the month watch for turns around the house that could ruin your day.

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22



Scorpio: Health and employment plans you made last month could show early signs of going your way this month. Lucky breaks from the housing market could really perk you up on the 4th and the 10th. A creative effort could turn hurtful on the 15th, watch your fingers and toes. After the 18th, the Sun moves into your house of partnerships and lights the romance lamp for a month. Get away if you can. From the 26th to the end of the month watch everything that is said for hidden agenda that is not to your benefit.

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21



Sagittarius: You're a romance magnet this month. It happens every April for you. Just line 'em up and knock 'em dead. You get some lucky moments on the 4th and 10th when you receive insider information. Act on it. On the 15th be very careful around the house as there are accidents lurking to find you. After the 18th the Sun moves into your house of Health and Employment and it's like a breath of fresh air. From the 26th to the end of the month don't flash your cash anywhere. Someone could try to separate you from it.

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20



Capricorn: Home is where your heart is this month. Some home improvement projects and a little gardening and you'll feel better. You hit it lucky on the 4th and the 10th when a bet or two could payoff big. Be so careful with your words on the 15th. They could really start a war. After the 18th the Sun moves into your house of romance and you'll be way busy with your love life for a month. From the 26th to the end of the month don't get in any property disputes. It won't go well for you.

Jan. 21 - Feb. 18



Aquarius: You seem to be spreading the happy word everywhere you go this month. All the lines of communication are open. Lucky days for you are the 4th and the 10th. Guard your cash carefully on the 15th. Pirates and thieves abound on that day where you are concerned. After the 18th the Sun enters your house of Home and you'll be getting started with the summer details around the house and yard. From the 26th to the end of the month be wary of dark places and strange people.

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20



Pisces: Money, money, money. That's really got your attention this month. You get a nice break or two on the 4th and the 10th in this regard, as well. How nice can this be? You'll need to take extra precautions with your person on the 15th as you'll be accident prone. After the 18th the Sun moves into your house of Talk and Listen and you're going to be equally as busy in this regard for awhile. Don't let double errands burn up all your gas. From the 26th to the end of the month be aware that a friend could turn on you and your friendship. It could be ugly.



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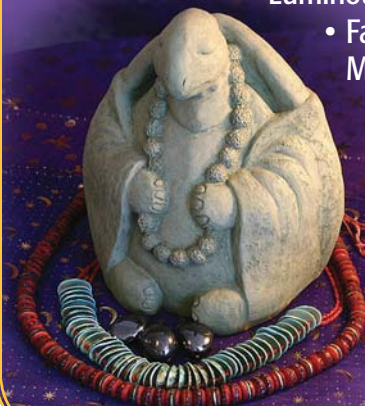


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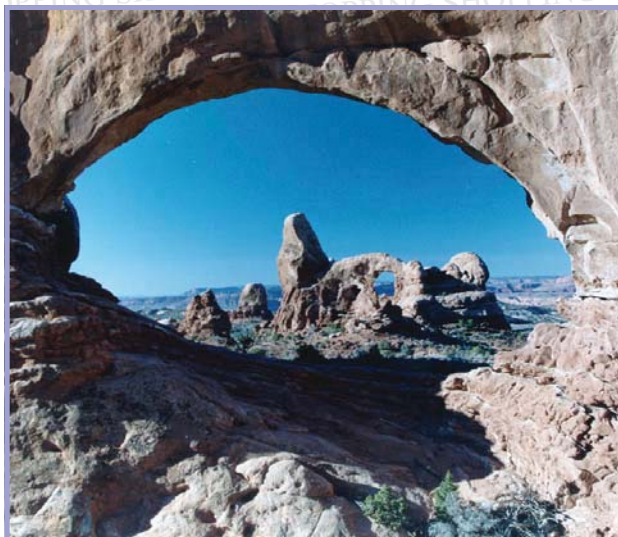


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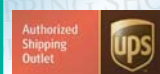
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This month we would like to talk about 3 new artists whom we happy to represent in our gallery.

Marie Fouche`

Marie Fouche` was born and raised in San Diego. She have lived all over the country including Florida, New York, Texas, New Mexico, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Canada and now she lives in Western Colorado.



“Many people ask me where my ideas come. I don’t sit down and plot out the images that I paint. Most of them come to me in my dreams, and they hang around until I finally commit to working with them. I would say that 95% of the time the image chooses me for some unknown reason to paint it; which is a blessing to me. Every animal that I paint is also an animal

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Jack Bowman

Jack Bowman moved to Utah From Michigan and here

in Utah he finally realize his life long dream of working with hot glass. He start his study with Gerry Newcomb, Mark Ditzler at The Studio at the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, NY. Then he went to study with patty Grey in British Columbia. His desire to expend his knowledge in glass working techniques led him to a Stevens Hot Glass Studio and more study in Corning, NY with Rudi Gritsch, Roger Thomas, Josh Simpson, and Gabrielle Kustner. From now on He was able to combine furnace working and kiln working techniques which expand his horizons tremendously.

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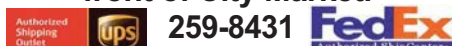
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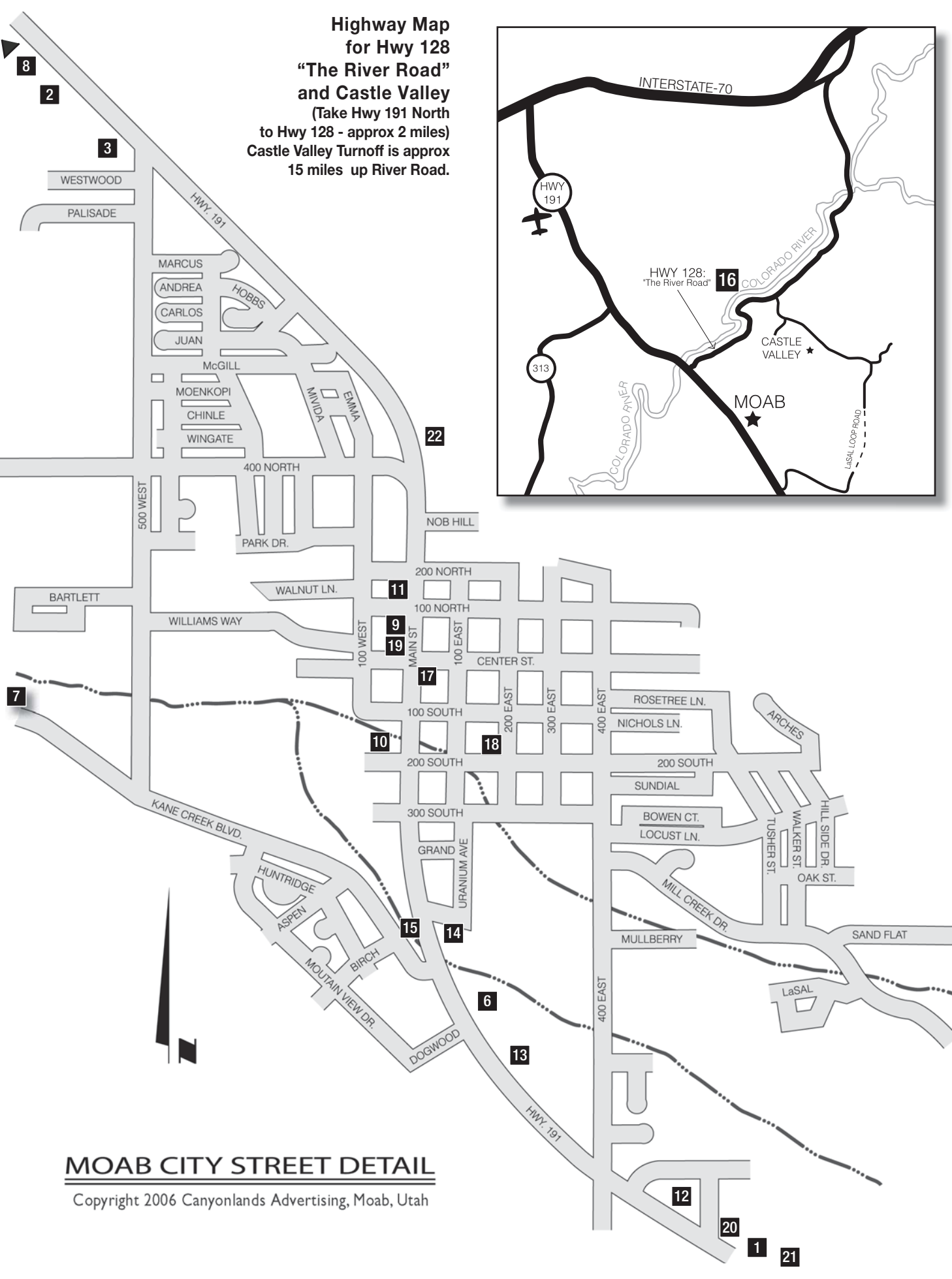
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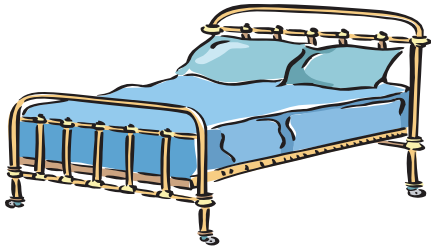
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HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

Who Named Matrimony Springs?

by Vicki Barker

Matrimony Springs north of Moab is a legendary site -- one that some say equals the icon status and international renown of Delicate Arch. But no one seems to know who named it Matrimony Springs, or when.

Those questions, put to many old-timers this spring when closure of the springs opened a flood of public debate, drew a wide range of responses, memories of good times at the springs, and consensus that fresh, free-flowing water is the way to go.

"I think they ought to just open it up and put up a sign that says 'drink at your own risk,' and let it go. I think those people who've been drinking it all their lives look pretty good to me," said Mel Dalton, 86, a Moab native who served the city 11 years as police chief. He added, "I think it may add a little life."

Dalton is among longtime local residents and others who have used the spring for decades who were queried about the site's history, who named it Matrimony Springs, and when did that name stick?

"I have no idea," said Virginia Fossey, 91, a regular "fixture" at the Dan O'Laurie Museum of Moab. "I wondered if somebody got married out there or something." Fossey has lived in Moab 52 years, and Matrimony Springs is what she'd always heard the site called.

"When I was going to school, it wasn't called that," recalled Jode White, 75. "Somewhere along the line, it just popped up." Born in Moab, White grew up on Tommy White's ranch (now Red Cliffs Lodge) on the Colorado River, and remembers stopping to fill jugs and quenching his thirst from the water spilling into his palms after a quick hike to the site from the road, single lane back then. "When I was a kid, they just called it the river springs."

"I have heard it referred to as 'river springs,' too," Dalton said. "In the last 30 or 40 years, I've only heard it called Matrimony Springs. That's what I've always called it."

Dalton said it was always a good time to go on "watermelon busts" out there, and anytime his family headed to the mountains by way of the river road, they would always stop enroute to fill up water jugs at the

spring -- an activity he continued to engage in three or four times a summer, even as the thirsty crowds grew with increasing tourism and word about the freshwater springs, and "you'd have to wait in line."

The legendary source is said to be snowmelt from as far as the LaSal Mountains, 20 miles away. Another resident claims he heard the water can take as long as 40 years to seep through the porous sandstone and make its way to the river.

Whoever named it, Matrimony Springs has tended to live up to the legend attached to it. According to Fossey, "if anybody drinks from the springs, they're married to Moab." A variation on that version is that those who drink the water and are wed to Moab will always return. Another variation is that those who share the water will later wed, like a couple from Longmont, Colo., Jessica and Ryan Vachon, who told their story at the springs recently.

Separately filling their bottles there for years, they eventually met and got married a year ago at Sorrel River Ranch upriver. "We stop here every time we come here because we like the taste of the water so much," Vachon said.

White wonders if the word "matrimony" developed from humorous stories of "the campfire girls," a handful of men from Moab who were divorced or had otherwise fallen into disfavor with wives or girlfriends and would gather at the springs, build a fire, and proceed to imbibe and commiserate with each other.

Another twist on the story is that high school students traditionally partied at the spring on graduation night, and a few weddings resulted.

The original setting of the springs -- which Carol Hines, now in her 90s, remembers was full of native flowers -- changed when the state blasted out some of the rock to widen the river road to two lanes, White said.

White, and his son Jerry Tommy White, have joined in peaceful entreaties to authorities to reopen the spring, which was closed to public access in February. They attended a gathering at the springs mid-March that drew more than two dozen supporters, some with signs imploring officials to "Let it flow"

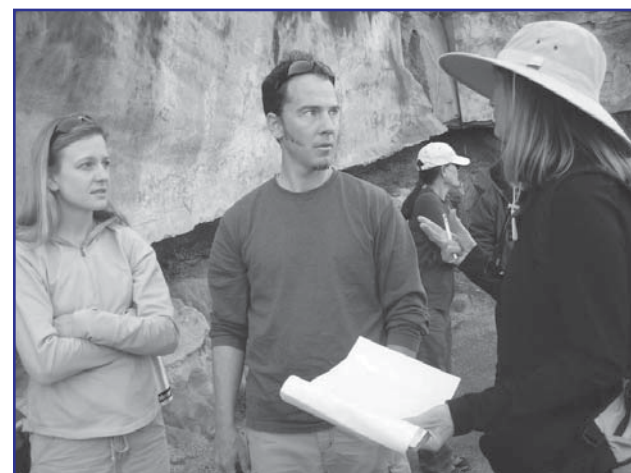
and "Free Matrimony."

Officials are reluctant to reopen the springs because of testing by the Southeastern Utah District Health Dept. that showed coliform content. Sanitarian Jim Adamson, health district director, first posted a sign in February to discourage use of the untreated water after informing the county and state that his testing revealed coliform organisms in the water in July and October 2008, and again in January.

Disappointed at the news of the closure was Raney Walden, 22, of Salt Lake City, who had friends waiting in her car while she sallied forth to fill a half-gallon milk jug on her monthly pilgrimage to Moab. Finding the pipe had been plugged, she said, "This is a travesty, I know, not only for me as a visitor from Salt Lake City...but I know a lot of Moab people who come out here to get water."

Walden said she'd brought her friends down on her most recent trip to Moab, and "last time I came here they got married to Moab." Her friend, John, had brought her to the springs, telling her, "You've got to get married to Moab."

"So I did," Walden said. "This place has changed my life."



A Colorado couple, Ryan and Jessica Vachon of Longmont, talking to Diane Walker of Moab, drank from Matrimony Springs for years and got married a year ago upriver. Photo by Vicki Barker

MILEAGES TO MOAB

Distances used on this chart are based on main numbered routes from point to point. Shorter distances may be available using different routes.

MILEAGE CHART

	Albuquerque, N.M.	Arches	Blanding, Utah	Bluff, Utah	Bryce Canyon N.P.	Canyonlands N.P.	Canyonlands Needles	Canyon Rims	Capitol Reef N.P.	Cortez, Colorado	Dead Horse Point	Denver, Colorado	Durango, Colorado	Gooseheads	Grand Canyon N. Rim	Grand Canyon S. Rim	Grand Junction, CO	Green River, Utah	Hovenweep	Lake Powell Halls Csg.	Lake Powell Hite	Las Vegas, Nevada	Los Angeles, CA	Mesa Verde N.P.	Mexican Hat, Utah	Moab, Utah	Monticello, Utah	Monument Valley	Natural Bridges	Newspaper Rock	Page, Arizona	Phoenix, Arizona	Price, Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	Zion National Park
Albuquerque, New Mexico		367	329	355	608	398	359	353	487	249	396	444	218	389	535	407	430	415	291	419	416	587	805	278	382	362	307	324	376	335	456	449	548	730	575
Arches National Park	367		81	107	361	31	62	80	244	119	29	356	165	142	499	325	110	49	116	171	168	447	722	149	134	5	60	159	129	58	285	480	110	230	404
Blanding, Utah	329	81		26	279	113	58	74	158	83	111	446	130	56	322	242	196	130	45	90	87	358	630	99	52	74	22	77	47	47	199	393	192	321	322
Bluff, Utah	355	107	26		301	139	84	100	180	82	137	477	152	30	296	220	222	152	35	110	107	332	604	125	26	103	48	51	65	74	173	367	214	343	296
Bryce Canyon National Park	608	361	279	301		310	347	353	100	361	418	553	406	331	219	159	308	221	320	282	192	205	477	390	323	356	301	277	232	327	151	378	280	324	86
Canyonlands National Park	398	31	113	139	310		109	86	275	151	2	377	196	169	435	359	142	80	158	203	200	478	750	180	165	36	91	190	150	89	316	506	142	362	435
Canyonlands N.P. Needles	359	62	58	84	347	109		70	230	106	107	434	151	114	380	314	188	126	113	148	145	524	746	135	120	73	46	145	115	20	271	451	188	308	390
Canyon Rims Rec. Area	353	80	74	100	353	86	70		236	112	84	411	157	130	396	320	165	103	119	164	161	501	773	141	126	50	52	151	121	50	277	467	165	285	396
Capitol Reef National Park	487	244	158	180	100	275	230	236		244	273	422	289	209	319	259	177	75	199	161	71	336	608	273	202	239	184	227	111	209	353	509	134	257	217
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Dead Horse Point	396	29	111	137	418	2	107	84	273	149		375	194	167	433	367	127	78	156	201	198	392	664	178	163	34	89	188	148	87	314	504	140	260	433
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Lake Powell Halls Crossing	419	171	90	110	282	203	148	164	161	172	201	536	220	138	404	324	286	220	127		90	562	838	201	134	164	112	155	43	137	281	471	171	411	400
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Mesa Verde N.P. Colorado	278	149	99	125	390	180	135	141	273	29	178	550	54	168	434	357	233	197	76	201	198	595	867		163	144	89	188	158	115	314	504	259	388	433
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NATURE HAPPENINGS

Springtime Roses

by Damian Fagan

Gertrude Stein's famous line "A Rose is a rose is a rose is a rose," may have been intended for something other than desert plants. Often interpreted as "things are what they are," desert roses are also just that - Rose Family members that share floral similarities with their fanciful garden cousins.

Three common roses that grow here in Canyon Country are blackbrush, serviceberry and cliffrose.

Blackbrush (*Coleogyne ramosissima*) is a low-growing shrub in the Rose Family that may dominate vast tracts of open desert benchlands. The shrub's gray-green appearance darkens during a rainstorm, hence, the common name. Blackbrush often forms a monoculture across the landscape. This abundance indicates that the plants are wind pollinated, because other vegetation does not restrict

it; the flower's sweet aroma is overpowering. Unlike blackbrush, cliffrose does not grow in vast monocultures, but is randomly distributed.

Unlike the smooth, hard seeds of blackbrush, cliffrose seeds are slender, sharp-tipped and sport a long, feathery tail that helps "auger" the seed into the ground.

Native Americans collected cliffrose leaves to brew a refreshing tea and shaggy bark to use as a soft lining.

Cliffrose may enter into a second blooming phase later in the summer if there is sufficient soil moisture.

The scientific name honors Frederick T. Pursh (1774-1820) a preeminent botanist who authored one of the earliest flora texts of North America. The species name "mexicana" refers to the plant's southwestern distribution.

Serviceberry (*Amelanchier utahensis*) also blooms in the spring, with small clusters of white flowers appearing



pollen movement.

During years of above average winter or spring precipitation, the plants will produce an abundance of yellow flowers that cloak the plants. The solitary, 1/2 inch-wide flowers arise from the thin, spiny branches.

The flowers produce fairly large egg-shaped seeds that are enclosed in a woody sheath and do not disperse well from the parent plant. Seedling survival rates are also generally minimal. Though the recruitment level is low, this testifies to the hardy and long-lived nature of the plant.

The genus name comes from the Greek words meaning "sheathed fruit," and "ramosissima" which means "many branched" in Latin. Although livestock tend to avoid the many-branched blackbrush, deer and bighorn sheep utilize the small leaves for forage, especially in winter.

Cliffrose (*Purshia mexicana*) is another shrub that may explode with white or cream-colored blossoms in the spring. You may smell this plant long before seeing

before the leaves emerge. The flower's five petals are thin, and the flowers form a stark contrast to the plant's

reddish bark. The fragrant flowers also attract insect pollinators, and the small fruits were collected by Native Americans and mixed with meat and animal fat to form pemmican.

Growing in dry, well-drained soils, serviceberry is a host plant to apple-cedar rust, a fungus that shows up as orangish spots on the plant's leaves and berries. Mule deer, porcupines and bighorn sheep browse on the shrub, and birds and other wildlife species consume the ripe berries.

There are other desert roses that grow here in Canyon Country like wild rose, mountain mahogany and rockmat, a mat-forming perennial that grows in moist alcoves. Though these roses differ from one another, they do share certain characteristics. The big one being that roses elicit amorous emotions, and such responses to these beautiful desert flowers indicates that spring is alive and "a bloom" in the desert.

Matheson Preserve Re-Opening

Public Invited to May 9 Celebration of Preserve Re-Opening

Morning of Free Tours, Booths, and Kids' Activities at Scott M. Matheson Preserve

Moab residents: mark your calendars! On Saturday, May 9, The Nature Conservancy and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) invite the public to a celebration marking the re-opening of the Scott M. Matheson Wetlands Preserve. From 9 am to 12 noon, visitors to the preserve will find a suite of fun-filled, hands-on activities, tours and educational displays for adults and children.

The day will also feature a special bird-watching tour, led by acclaimed birder Bill Fenimore, beginning at the preserve at 8 am. While the 9 am to 12 noon preserve event is open to all, space for the morning birding tour is limited and RSVP required (contact Linda Whitham at 435-259-4629).

"This is a beautiful time of year to visit the preserve," said Linda Whitham, the Conservancy's Preserve Manager. "Bring your friends and family for a unique discovery tour of the wetlands, and help us celebrate this special place." Many community partners will be participating in the grand re-opening event, and booths will include birding information, wildlife displays and experts, and a native seed treasure hunt for kids.

The May 9 event celebrates the official re-opening of the preserve to the public after fire damage forced its closure in late October. Flames tore through the preserve on October 21 and 22, burning over 400 acres of tamarisk, bulrush, and native vegetation. In addition, much of the preserve's trail system was damaged and parts of the boardwalk, wildlife viewing blind and teaching circle were completely destroyed.

For the past several months, the Conservancy and DWR have worked to repair damaged visitor structures, improve wildlife viewing areas, and restore and reseed native vegetation. "The preserve's ecosystem has proved very resilient to the fire damage," said Whitham. "We're really excited to welcome the public back to the wetlands just in time for the spring migration season."

Protected in 1990 by The Nature Conservancy and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, the Scott M. Matheson Wetlands Preserve spans 895 acres, and is the largest intact wetland system on the Colorado River in Utah. This desert oasis is a haven for more than 200 species of birds, amphibians, including the northern leopard frog, and aquatic mammals such as the beaver, muskrat and elusive river otter.



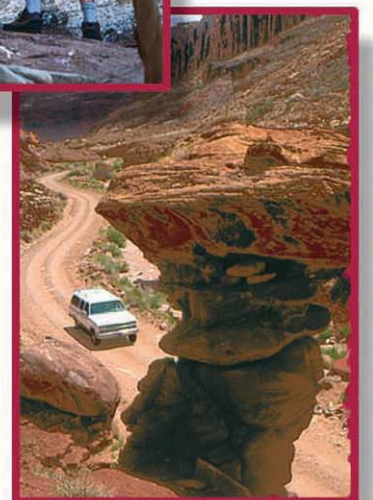
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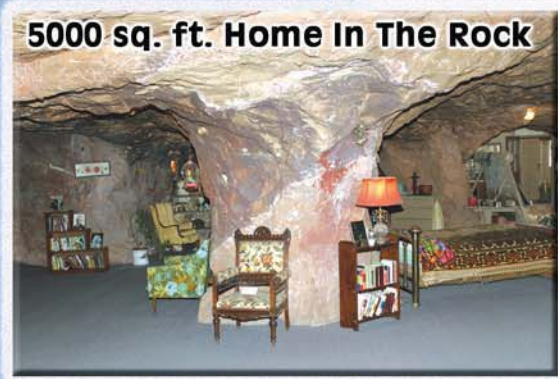
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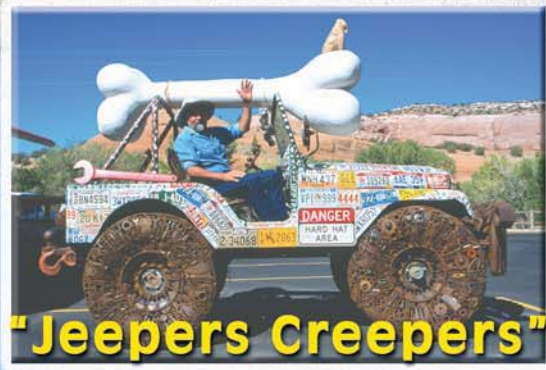
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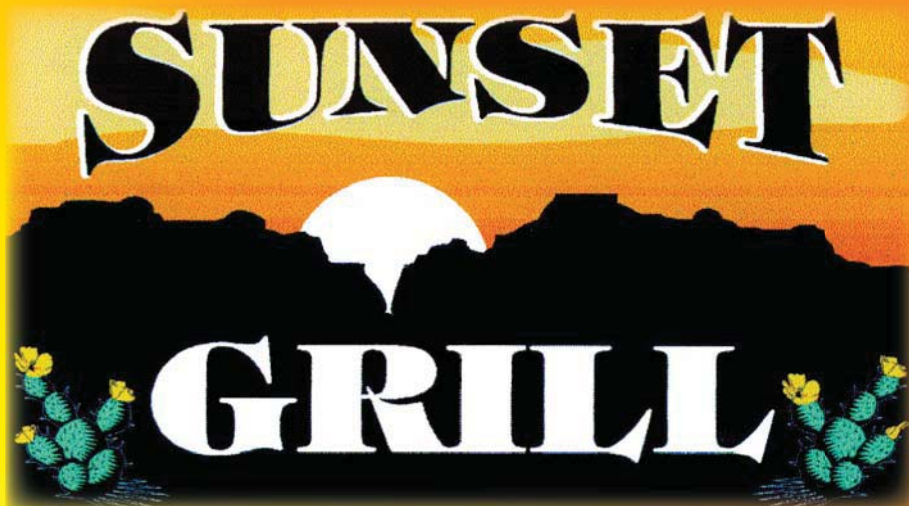
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