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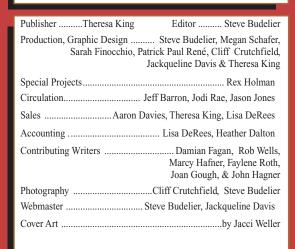
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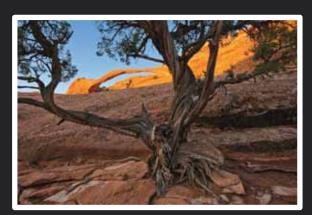




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# ROAD BIKE HAPPENINGS

# Skinny Tire Festival... March 10-13

Road cyclists from around the country come to enjoy four days of fully supported, world class routes through Moab's most spectacular landscape.

Participants are treated to rolling routes along the Colorado River, to Dead Horse Point State Park, and the crown jewel of a ride through Arches National Park. The Festival quickly became a pilgrimage for cyclists eager to brush off the winter cold and venture into warmer spring temperatures in Moab. This cycling season opener has attracted riders from not only regional states, but throughout the nation and Canada.

What is it about the Skinny Tire Festival that attracts roadies from all over? It's not just the amazing landscape where one's soul can come out and play, it's not just the inspirational views that make one feel both empowered and insignificant at the same time. It's a combination of that and the underlining

emotions of hundreds of others coming together sharing a passion, for a reason.

Established as a benefit ride for cancer survivorship

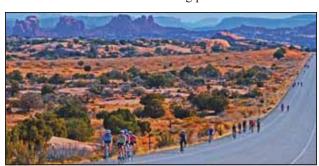
programs and research, all proceeds go back into changing the world of cancer. "We've had cyclists attending this event every year since its inception; we are like family. We've shared laughter and tears as we've all gone through some kind of cancer experience and put purpose to our cycling", said founder Mark Griffith. Cyclists register and are required to donate to a cancer related cause---of which there are many. A local group called TEAM MOAB will designate their fundraising efforts to 10 month old Dakoda Merritt. Diagnosed with embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma at the age of 10 months, this Moab boy's family will directly benefit from your donations.

The Moab community at large has directly benefited from the Skinny Tire Festival –every cyclist donates at least

\$25 to the Moab Regional Hospitals' Cancer Treatment and Resource Center. Phil Mueller, Moab's Citizen of the Year in 2011 commented that this infusion room has made such a positive difference in his cancer treatment schedule. "I've gone from treatment taking three days of travel to Salt Lake City to just a few hours in one day here in Moab. My medical team at Huntsman Cancer Institute works great with the excellent medical staff in Moab".

Help us keep local fundraising local. To donate online visit www.skinnytireevents.com or call 259-3193.

Remember; every rider, every dollar and every spin of the sprocket is one step closer to finding a cure for cancer, all in one of the most breath-taking places on earth.











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# MOAB AREA EVENTS CALENDAR



### Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum

660 West, 400 North, in Blanding, Utah. For more information please call the Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum at (435) 678-2238

Day Visits: \$5 per person or \$20 a carload Annual Passes are \$75 Park Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Year-round Open Monday-Saturday. Closed Sundays

Holiday Closures: Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Years Day

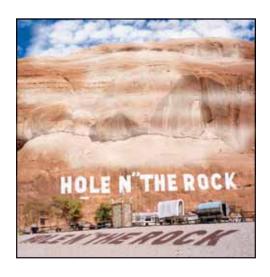


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### March 2012

- 2 Redtail Aviation Open House. Redtail Aviation invites you to spend the afternoon with us to see the new Quest Kodiak aircraft we have added to our fleet for tours, river shuttles, charters, and freight. With the merger of Slickrock Air Guides, we are excited to share our vision and direction with you as we expand our operations. 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Canyonlands Field (N Highway 191), www.redtailaviation.com.
- Live music at Buck's Grill House at the Vista Lounge featuring Sand & Sunnie. 6PM. No cover charge.
- Battle of the DJ's at Frankie D's- DJ "Kid Steve O" battles DJ "Manny P" 9:30 PM.
- Music by DJ "Manny P" at Frankie D's. 9:30 PM.
- Pancake Breakfast at Zax Restaurant. 7-11 AM. \$1.00 each (all other menu items regularly priced). All proceeds from the sale of pancakes will benefit the Moab Charter School Arts Program. For more information please call 259-2277.
- Puttin' On the Ritz is Seekhaven's premier annual fundraiser. Held at the Castle Creek Winery at the beautiful Red Cliffs Lodge, Puttin' On the Ritz is a gala event with fine dining, libations, live music and an incredible silent auction. Call Seekhaven at 435-259-2229 for more information.
- National Wild Turkey Federation 17th annual Membership Banquet. The Grand Center. Doors open at 5:30, dinner at 7:00. Tickets \$60 per single, \$85 per couple. For more information call John Smith at 260-1495 or Stan Baker 259-0341.
- Live music at Buck's Grill House- featuring Bob Greenspan 6PM. No
- Beginner Painting class at the Moab Arts and Recreation Center for information: www.moabcity.org/marc or 435-259-6272
- The Last Myth a literary event with Moab co-authors Mathew Gross and Mel Gilles. Join us at 6 PM at the Grand County Public Library with Mathew Gross and Mel Gilles, presenting their new book *The Last Myth:* What the Rise of Apocalyptic Thinking Tells Us About America.
- Paper Folded! Make Your Own Paper & Learn Origami. For information about classes at the MARC see www.moabcity.org/marc or 435-259-6272
- Moab Garden Club's monthly meeting- 7:00pm at Tricia Scott's home; 78 East Mount Peale Dr., Spanish Valley. The club is open to anyone who gardens or has an interest in gardening. Meeting is generally the first Tuesday of each month at a members' home. Contact Patty Larson 259-7941 or Tricia Scott 259-6342.
- Grief Support Group at the Grand County Library from 6pm-8pm. This groups meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Led by Antje Rath, Licensed Professional Counselor and Tracy Harris of Grand County Hospice. A safe place for people to share their story and receive support. The group is non-denominational, free and open to everybody. Contact Antje Rath at 719-5563 with questions.
- Navajo Taco Sale- by Chris and Walking Woman Blackhorse at the Blue Mountain Artisans Gallery, 215 East Center Street in Blanding. 3-6 PM.
- 10-13 Skinny Tire Festival- Channel the energy of riding through the grandeur of Moab's canyon country by putting purpose behind your cycling. This event raises funds for cancer survivorship programs. For more information contact (435) 259-2698 or visit www.SkinnyTireEvents. com or see page 4B.
- 10 Introducing the FRIENDS OF ARCHES AND CANYONLANDS PARKS: THE BATES WILSON LEGACY FUND in Arches National Park - La Sal Mountain Viewpoint, at 4 PM. Remarks by Charles Wilkinson. Refreshments and Slideshow of Bates Wilson following at the Arches Visitor Center. www.bateswilson.org or call 259-0108 for more information.
- 12 Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour in Moab. 7:00 PM at the Grand County High School Auditorium. The year's best films on Mountain Sport, Culture, and Adventure. For ticket outlets see ad on page 5B and article on page 6A.
- 14 Frankie D's live music by Lucky Tongue (Classic Rock).
- 15 Employment skills workshop- Join WabiSabi and Workforce Services for a workshop that identifies the fundamental skills employees need to learn the job, progress and succeed. At Zions Bank from 12-1PM. FREE and open to the public. Lunch included. Call 435-259-2553 for more information or to register.
- **16-17 Cuckoo for Cacao** workshop with AJ Wentworth. Refine your taste buds and learn about different regions of the world. 10am - 4pm at the MARC. \$60 or \$54 for MARC members. www.moabcity.org/marc



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# MORE MOAB AREA EVENTS

### March continued

- 17 Canyonlands Community Recycling is looking for people to help sort and recycle material after the Canyonlands Half Marathon. We provide the gloves and camaraderie. Call Rani at 435-210-4996 to volunteer or for more information.
- 17 Canyonlands Half Marathon, Course starts approximately 11 miles up scenic Highway 128, or the River Road, northeast of Moab and follows Hwy 128 as it winds alongside the Colorado River though a deep redrock canyon. The last two miles take runners into downtown Moab for a finish at Swanny City Park, home to the brand new Moab Recreation and Aquatics Center. The Five Mile Run starts approximately 3 miles up Hwy 128 and follows the same route as the Half Marathon.
- **19-22 CHALLENGE Course Facilitator Training**, at Adventure Park, Moab. Early bird fee, \$425 per person (30 day advance purchase) Certification. Test day March 23rd, \$175 per person. Call for more information, 435-260-2065.
- 21 Grief Support Group at the Grand County Library from 6pm-8pm. This groups meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Led by Antje Rath, Licensed Professional Counselor and Tracy Harris of Grand County Hospice. A safe place for people to share their story and receive support. The group is non-denominational, free and open to everybody. Contact Antje Rath at 719-5563 with questions.
- 20-22 Frankie D's live music by Johnny Rawls (Rockin' Blues).
- **22 Friends of the Library Members Only Sale-** 5-7 pm at the old Senior Center. Membership can be purchased at the door.
- **23 Friends of the Library Book Sale-** 9 am to 5 pm at the old Senior Center. All new books. Many westerns and sci-fi books and many VHS.
- **24** 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off- hosted by Grand County Hospice from 5:00-7:30 PM at the Grand Center. Tickets are \$10 at the door and benefit the new Hospice Garden at Moab Regional Hospital. If you would like to enter your chili call Tracy Harris at 260-1078.
- **24 Under a Sheet of Stars-** 8PM. Dead Horse Point State Park visitor center. Bring a flashlight and a chair.
- **24 Friends of the Library Book Sale-** 9 am to 5 pm at the old Senior Center. All new books. Many westerns and sci-fi books and many VHS.

24 Grand County Democratic Convention and Caucuses, 2:30 PM Caucuses - 3-5 PM Convention, MARC Stage Room, open to the public. For more information

call Mike Binyon at 435-259-1633.

31 - April 8 Easter Jeep Safari consists of trail rides, mostly day long trips, departing from Moab throughout this week long event. The Red Rock 4-Wheelers of Moab officially runs approximately 9 different trails every day, with "Big Saturday" culminating in the largest ever single trail ride departure happening - around 30 groups line up in down town Moab to head off in every direction for 30 different trails! For more info visit rr4w.com Note: This massive week-long event is one of the largest events of the year for Moab. Please make your camping/lodging reservations as early as possible!

### 2012 Moab Events

January 13-15 Bluff Balloon Festival
March 10-13 Skinny Tire Festival
March 12 Banff Mountain Film Festival
March 17 Canyonlands Half Marathon
March 31-April 8 Easter Jeep Safari
April 14 Moab Art Walk
April 26-29 Moab Spring Quarter Horse Show
April 27-29 April Action Car Show
May 5 Moon Shadows in Moab
May 11-12 Thelma & Louise Half Marathon
May 12 Gran Fondo
May 26-27 Moab Arts Festival
May 31 -June 2 Canyonlands PRCA Rodeo
Aug. 30-Sept. 10 Moab Music Festival
September 8 CNHA Navajo Rug Auction
September 21-23 Moab Century Tour
September 22-23 Moab Fall Quarter Horse Show
October 3-7 Outerbike
October 6-7 24 Hours of Moab
October 5-13 PleinAir Moab
October 9-11 Moab Rock and Gem Show
October 21 The Other Half
October 25-28 Moab Ho-Down Bike Fest
October 28 Pumpkin Chuckin' Festival
November 2-4 Moab Folk Festival
November 9-11 Moab River Rendezvous

Pick up your copy of the 2012 Easter Jeep Safari paper, available FREE at businesses all over Moab!



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### PICK UP AMERICA Moab Events

(and see article on page 14A)

Saturday, March 10th, 9 am - 11 am: Pick Up Arches National Park

Sunday, March 11th, 9 am - 12 pm: Pick Up the Moab Half-Marathon Trail

Tuesday, March 13th: 3 pm - 5 pm:

Design the Bottle Brick Bench Mosaic - We are partnering with the MultiCultural Center's green club. We welcome collaborators to our brainstorm with mosaic builders Erin Trim and Katy Brandenburg, as well as the fifteen 4th - 6th graders in green club.

### Wednesday March 14th, 12:15 pm - 2 pm:

Tamarisk Invasive Removal with Mrs. Walker-Irvin's Ecology Class - We will be identifying and removing invasive plants along Courthouse Wash in Arches national Park with students and arches employees.

### Saturday, March 17th, 9 am - 1:30 pm:

Table and collect bottle bricks at the half-marathon. We will also be volunteering at trash stations to tell individuals about diverting their waste into building a bottle brick for the 18th.

### Sunday, March 18th: 9 am - 7 pm:

Bottle Brick Bench Work Party - The Peace on EarthBench Movement will be leading workshops on natural building by using cob to mold our bottle bricks into Moab's very own Bottle Brick Bench. There will also be a potluck meal (bring a dish to share) and openmic performances (bring a talent to share) throghout the course of the day.

### Sunday, March 25th: 10 am - 4 pm:

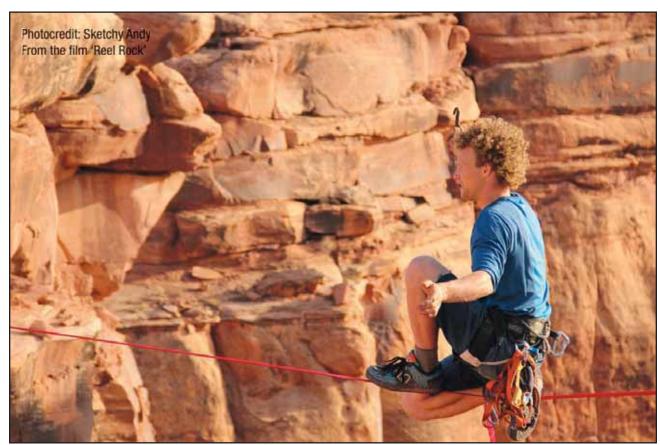
Mosaic construction and completion. A celebration of the completed bench!

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# FILM HAPPENINGS

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### Banff Mountain Film Festival 2012



Bringing together the year's finest films on mountain sport and culture, the 35th annual Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour is returning to Moab this Monday, March 12th.



On the Trail of Genghis Khan: The Last Frontier Photocredit: Tim Cope

After the Banff Mountain

in Moab this year. The films cover topics such as climbing, kayaking, skiing,

slack-lining, base jumping, an avalanche rescue cat, the Colorado River, environment and adventure travel. In addition to the individual sports the films

in their totality offer a global travel log. For the ninth year running, the headlamp and climbing-gear manufacturer Petzl is helping to bring the renowned festival, to Moab.

"These films are a celebration of the outdoor lifestyle and living life to fullest. It's a perfect fit for a brand like ours" says

Film Festival, held in November in the Canadian town of the same name, the World Tour picks up and spreads out across the globe, stopping in 30 countries for over 550 screenings. Each screening highlights a selection of the Festival films of particular interest to the local audience, as chosen by local organizers. Six films will be shown



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John Evans, Petzl's Marketing Director who had the idea to bring the Festival to Moab back in 2003. "We really owe the success of the event to local organizer David Erley, his tech guy Miso, and all the Moab sponsors. Without them, it wouldn't happen."



Many of the stops on the Banff world tour raise money for local outdoor programs, community causes and nonprofits. This year, the Moab stop will raise funds for the Access Fund Land Conservation Campaign, a multi-

> million dollar revolving grant fund that helps local climbing organizations across the United States to acquire land and preserve it for climbing or climbing access.

The films will be screened in the Grand County High School Auditorium (608 S. 400 E) at 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:15.

Tickets to event are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the

door and can be purchased at Back of Beyond Bookstore, Canyon Voyages Adventure Co., Pagan Mountaineering, and Poison Spider Bicycles. For more information, see the accompanying ad or call (435) 259-4859.

For more on the Banff Mountain Film Festival, visit:www. banffcentre.ca/mountainfestival For more on Petzl, visit: www.petzl.com For more on Access Fund, visit: www. accessfund.org



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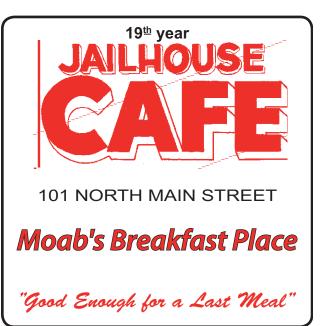
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### How To Get A Drink...

### ...In Moab, Utah

Recent changes to Utah Liquor Laws have made it less confusing and easier to get an alcoholic drink. You can now go to **some** restaurants and without ordering food, you can order a drink.

Some restrictions may still apply as to where you can sit in a particular establishment when

consuming alcohol. For example, Zax has an adult atmosphere in the Watering Hole where you can order a cocktail and watch your favorite sporting event on their 13 tvs, with or without ordering food. This

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restaurant
serves their
entire menu in
both the Watering
Hole and restaurant.
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the family dining
restaurant, you
need to order
food to consume

an alcoholic beverage.

The Moab Brewery, Moab's only on-site microbrewery, offers a variety of locally brewed beers in their bar, as well as being available at other restaurants in town. Many flavors are on sale at retail stores in Moab as well in the Salt Lake City area.

Eddie McStiff's Restaurant, Brew Pub and Bar has 12 beers on tap and a tiki bar where you can get a glass of wine or a cocktail or beer without ordering food.

The Rio Sports Bar & Grill boasts Moab's largest selection of liquor with indoor and outdoor seating (must be 21 years or older).

Also new is the addition of two upscale lounges in Moab.
Vista Lounge located inside
Buck's Grill House and

The Ghost Bar, upstairs at Jeffrey's Steakhouse.

Both locations have a sophisticated and casual atmosphere to relax and wait for dinner or to just stop in at the end of the day and have a drink to unwind.

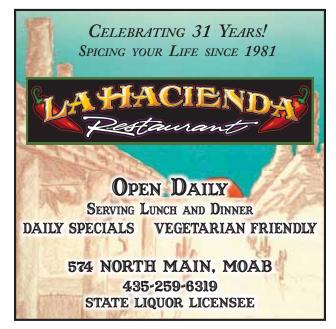
Moab has
two local wineries.
Castle Creek Winery
is located at Red Cliffs
Lodge, 15 miles from Moab
on Scenic Highway 128 (The
River Road). Spanish Valley
Vineyards is located just off Highway

191, south of Moab about 6 miles on Zimmerman Lane. Both wineries have on-site tasting rooms and wine available for sale. Utah State Liquor Stores also sell many local wines. If you would like to try some of these award winning vintages, look for restaurants serving these Moab wines.

The Utah State Liquor Store is the only location where you can purchase bottled liquor, wine and beer with an alcoholic content above 3.2%. The Moab store is located at 55 West 200 South and is open from Monday through Saturday (11:00 am to 9:00 pm - May 1st to November 1st and from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m - November 1st to May 1st). They are closed on Sundays and Holidays.

Beer (3.2% alcohol content) for take-out can be purchased at food stores and convenience stores for off-premise consumption only. On-premise beer (you can drink it here) is available at various licensed locations, including taverns, golf courses, bowling alleys, and restaurants that have the required beer license.

Utah law forbids open containers in or about any motor vehicle. A blood alcohol level of 0.08% (0.05% if you have a child in the car with you) is the maximum allowable under Utah Code to be declared "driving under the influence."











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53 West 400 North

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259-2212

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817 So Main (inside the Moab Chevron)

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259-6833

259-8800

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400 East and Millcreek Drive

259-7424

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259-6333

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### **Moab Coffee Roasters**

90 N. Main St.

259-2725

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189 South Main

435-259-4006

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98 East Center 259-0200

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### Pasta Jay's

4 South Main

259-2900

### **Peace Tree Juice Cafe**

20 South Main

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### Portal Grill at Moab Regional Hospital

450 West Williams Way

### Quesadilla Mobilla

83 S. Main

260-0829

### Red Rock Bakery & Net Cafe

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### Rio Sports Bar & Grill

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Sabuku Sushi

90 East Center 259-4455

### Singha: Authentic Thai Cuisine

92 East Center

259-0039

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Lunch: Mon - Sat 11-3 Dinner: Mon - Sat 5-9

Starting March 18 - Open Sundays

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### Slickrock Cafe

5 North Main

Lunch • Dinner

259-8004

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### **Sunset Grill**

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259-6555

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260 North Main 259-2595

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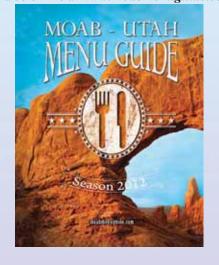
### Zax

96 South Main Street

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steaks. We offer an extensive menu that includes the best burgers in Moab, sandwiches, pastas, salads, seafood and our famous All-You-Can-Eat pizza buffet and salad bar. Dine inside or out on our all-weather covered patio. Watch your favorite sporting event on the 50" flat screen or one of the other 22 TVs throughout the restaurant. Featuring a full liquor license. Open 7 days a week. Locally owned and operated.

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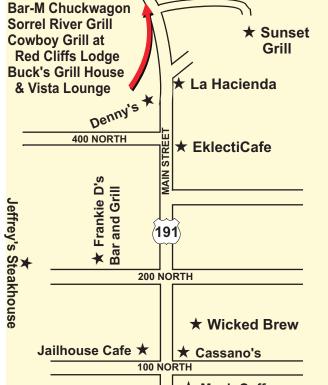
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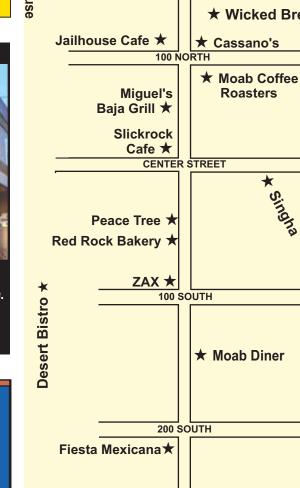
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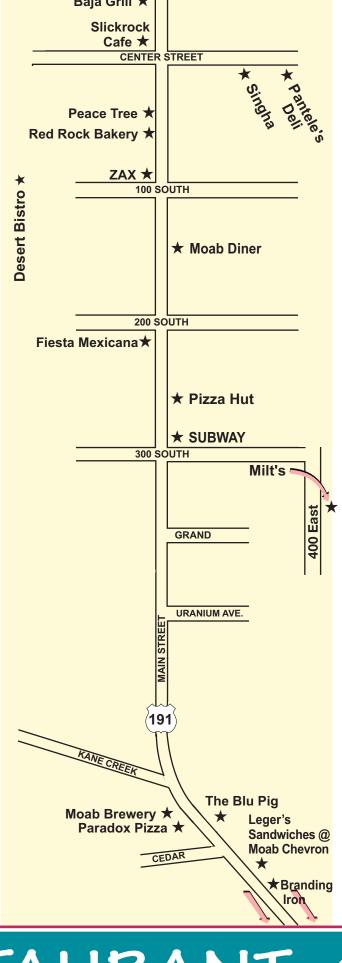














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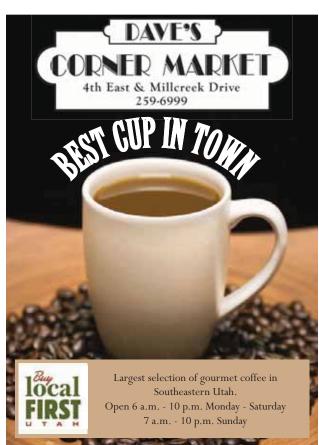
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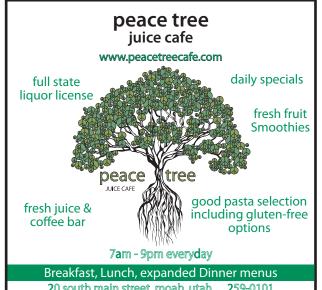


# www.moabsandwiches.com

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# The Sky for March 2012

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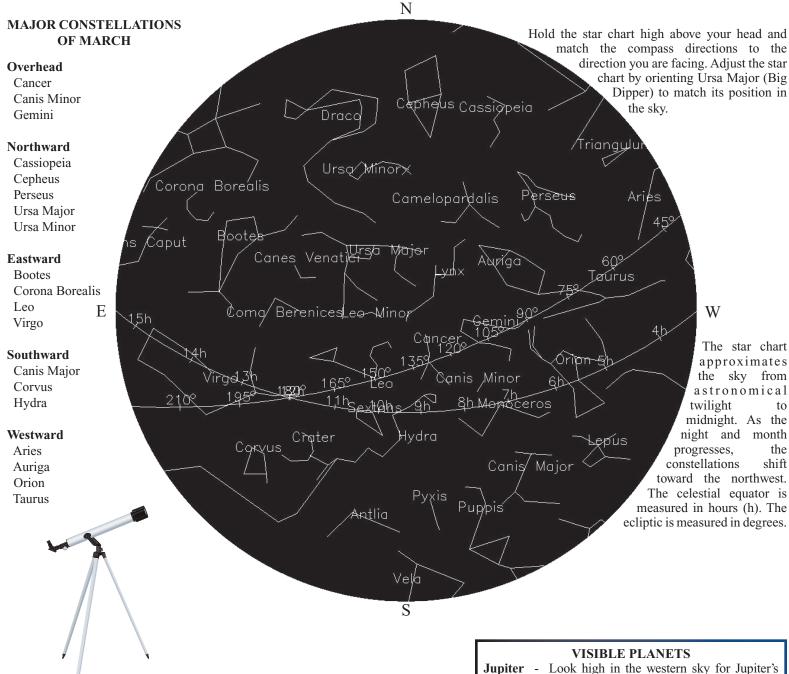
### SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES FOR MARCH

(The time of sunrise and sunset assumes a flat horizon. Actual time may vary depending upon the landscape.)

SUNSET DATE **SUNRISE** 6:50am 6:12pm 2 6:48am 6:13pm 3 6:47am 6:14pm 4 6:45am 6:15pm 5 6:44am 6:16pm 6 6:42am 6:17pm 7 6:41am 6:18pm 8 6:39am 6:19pm 9 6:38am 6:20pm 6:36am 10 6:21pm 11 7:35am 7:22pm 12 7:33am 7:23pm 7:32am 13 7:24pm 14 7:30am 7:25pm 15 7:29am 7:26pm 7:27am 16 7:27pm 7:25am 17 7:28pm 18 7:24am 7:29pm 19 7:22am 7:30pm 20 7:21am 7:31pm 7:19am 7:32pm 21 22 7:18am 7:33pm 23 7:16am 7:34pm 24 7:15am 7:35pm 7:36pm 7:13am 25 26 7:11am 7:36pm 27 7:10am 7:37pm 28 7:08am 7:38pm 7:07am 29 7:39pm 30 7:05am 7:40pm 31 7:04am 7:41pm

From east to west, Mars, Moon, Sirius, Jupiter, Venus, Mercury—the six brightest objects visible from the northern hemisphere—can be seen March 1-5. All shine at negative magnitudes. Mercury quickly slips below the western horizon.

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



### DAYLENGTH

March 19 marks the Vernal Equinox when the sun is above the horizon for 12 hours. Three days earlier, though, light overtakes the darkness of winter. The 12-hour day on March 16 is due to refraction (light rays curve as they pass through the earth's atmosphere) which makes the sun visible while it is still below the horizon. We gain 75 additional minutes of sunlight this month. Daylight saving time (beginning March 11—advance clocks forward one hour) transfers one hour of morning light to the afternoon. By month's end, earlier sunrises have restored one-half hour of the lost morning light.

### **EQUINOX**

Spring comes early this year to canyonlands. Many calendars mark March 20 as the first day of spring because astronomers use Universal Time (UT), which is six hours ahead of MDT, seven hours ahead of MST. So, in Utah, the vernal equinox occurs March 19 at 11:14pm MDT. Equinoxes mark the point when and where the sun's position on the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator. The March star map shows a point of intersection in Virgo, but it displays the night sky and reveals the sun's position at the autumnal equinox. The point of intersection at the spring equinox occurs in Pisces, a position which can be viewed in the night sky in September.

### ZODIACAL LIGHT

At the equinoxes the sun rises due east and sets due west, which means that at sunrise and sunset the rays of the sun shoot straight up into the sky in a line perpendicular to the horizon. For sky gazers this produces an unusual light show—the zodiacal light—for several weeks before and after the equinoxes. The light show appears about two hours before sunrise (before twilight brightens the morning sky), or about two hours after sunset (once twilight has faded from the horizon). Before the spring equinox, face the western horizon near where the sun set. Look for a faint, stationary, cone-shaped beam of light piercing the dark sky in a nearly perpendicular line (slightly angled to the left) passing near Venus and Jupiter. After the equinox face east, towards the point where the sun will rise, and look for a beam angled slightly to the right. The zodiacal light extends as much as 50-60 degrees above the horizon and illuminates a cloud of dust in the inner solar system well beyond our atmosphere.

### MOON HAPPENINGS

March 8 – Full Moon occurs at 3:39am and rises at 7:08pm.

March 14 – Last Quarter Moon rises several hours after midnight.

March 22 – New Moon occurs at 8:37am.

March 30 – First Quarter Moon sets several hours after midnight.

(The time of moonrise and moonset assumes a flat horizon. Actual time may vary.)

### COMET EVENTS

No major meteor events occur this month, but another astronomical event is on view in the circumpolar skies of the northern hemisphere. Comet Garrard promises to be a naked-eye event as it approaches its nearest point to the sun on March 5. Look for a greenish blur at the limit of visibility (magnitude +6) near the end stars of Ursa Minor's dipper. The comet, visible throughout the night, moves NNW until March 11, then turns SW and moves back through the Little Dipper during the rest of March. Use binoculars to view the tail.

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.



**Jupiter** - Look high in the western sky for Jupiter's brilliant yellow disk which sets around 10:00pm (in Aries). On the night of March 14/15 it approaches to within three degrees of Venus. (Magnitude -2.1)

Mars - On March 1 Mars rises within one minute of sunset. On March 3 it is at opposition (opposite side of Earth from the sun), which presents its face like a full moon. On March 5 its orbit brings it to its closest point to Earth for the next two years. Its deep red orb is easily recognized below Leo, and it remains visible throughout most of the night.. (Magnitude -1.2)

**Mercury** - Look for Mercury about 30 degrees below Venus (in Pisces) during the first week of March. On March 5 it reaches its greatest elongation, reaching about 18 degrees above the horizon at sunset. Mercury is headed for inferior conjunction (pass between Earth and sun) and will disapear into the sun's glare by midmonth. (Magnitude +1.2)

**Saturn** - Watch Saturn rise in the eastern sky about 10:00pm. It will be in the western sky by dawn. Saturn's bright yellow orb appears to the left of Virgo's bright star Spica. (Magnitude +0.4)

**Venus** - Follow Venus from Pisces into Aries this month. It moves into conjunction (close proximity) with Jupiter on the night of March 14/15. (Magnitude -4.3)

Note: Hold your hand at arm's length to measure apparent distances in the sky. 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 fist with the thumb extended at a right angle equals 15 degrees. The hand stretched from thumb to little finger approximates 20-25 degrees. The diameter of both the full moon and the sun spans only 0.5 degree. Adjust for the size of your hand.

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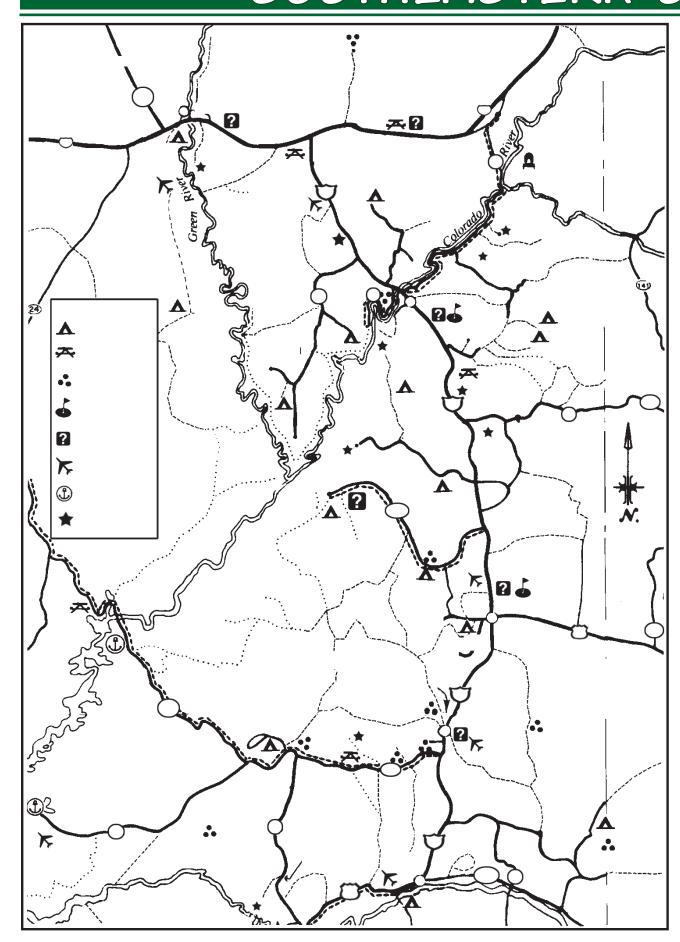
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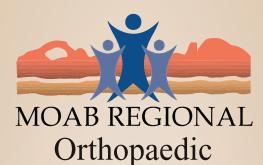
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Dr. Meininger received his M.D. from Rush Medical College of Rush University, and completed his



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Dr. Meininger is a published author of numerous articles

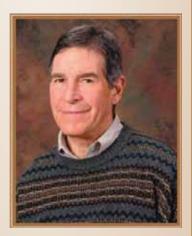
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and returned to New York for orthopaedic residency at the New York Orthopaedic Hospital of Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Dr. Weeks practiced in Salt Lake City for 25 years before moving to Moab.

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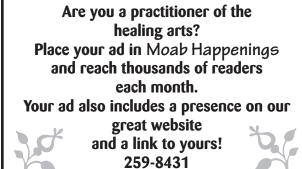
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# ASTROLOGY HAPPENINGS

## Horoscope March 2012

March starts very nicely but falls off sharply on the 3rd, when someone needs an ego stroke and they better get it. Avoid spending money to stroke that ego on the 4th, as that will be money poorly spent. You get a big mental hit from the Universe on the 5th and it could play out in an artistic way by the end of the week. The second week of March is quiet. If you spend any time outside, you'll be able to connect to the rising tide of the coming change of seasons. Mercury goes retrograde on the 13th, so triple check schedules, plans, accounts, files, phones, emails, texts, twitters, and your tank and tires. The 13th to 15th are big business days. Conclude matters started before the 13th, but hold off on committing to anything new for the next three weeks. The Sun moves into Aries on the 21st. Aries rules the head. Mercury rules the brain. The Sun and Mercury come together on this day...result: Brain Fry. Everyone is singing, "I Got to Be Me" on the 23rd, and they aren't very open to making any personal changes, so be advised. The last days of March are pretty much mellow. In like a Lion, out like a Lamb.

Mercury Retrograde: 12th to the 31st Daylight Savings Time Begins: Sunday the 11th Saint Patrick's Day: Saturday the 17th Spring Equinox: Tuesday the 20th





Pisces: Happy Birthday! You have an exciting month ahead. Don't over exert yourself early in the first week. Handle money frustrations; use some original thinking to promote an artistic effort at the end of the week and then consumes all of your second week of March. The third week of March is Fireworks Day

applied to communications and messages. The News Is Grand! You shift your attention to cash the last week of March and into April and it's all good news.



Mar. 21 - Apr. 20 Aries: Put your feet up and relax. You need this time. It is the calm before the storm, but in a good way. During the first week don't be stampeded into exceeding your limits. Use some original thinking to solve a problem. You spend most of the second week of March in some artistic project.

Week three is a major event. The aspects are over-the-top for financial success to find you. The last week sees you coming out of your shell and into the light of the coming year.



Apr. 21 - May 21 Taurus: You and your friends are having a big time party this month. Time to dream the coming year. Don't let a scuffle in the workplace put you off for the entire week, as a problem is solved with your original thinking at weeks end. During the second week an artistic dream could come true

for you. Romance and money are favored off the block during the third week of March, so cash in on both. Time to power down during the last week of March and just relax.



Gemini: The planets are highlighting your career sector this month. During the first week don't try to shoulder everything yourself at the office. Use some original thinking mid week and you'll be dandy. The heavens favor an artistic endeavor of yours during the second week of March.

Whatever it is has some incredible energies to boost it over the moon to success during the third week of the month. The last week of March sees you spending more time with your friends and tending to your heart's desire.



June 22 - July 22 Cancer: Groups like your church or social clubs are your centers for activity this month. Don't over do it while on a group project as it could keep you away from the office the first week. An inspired idea consumes the second week of the month. That same project grows into

something off the charts during the third week and you stand to really cash in on it. The last week of March your shift into career mode and focus on those activities for the last week and into April.

July 23 - Aug. 24



Leo: Tending to the joint monies is how you spend your time this month. For starters you get a jolt with the joint checking account is not right and that a new budget would help straighten out. Some creative savings ideas help, too. See?!? All in the first week! A business

tip at work could be in the works during the second week of March. And Then...the signs are through the roof to cash in on a big business deal during the third week of the month. Your church or social groups take up your time during the last week and well into next month.



Aug. 24 - Sept. 22 Virgo: Partnerships are aglow this month, but you could come on too strongly during the first week of the month and put your partner off. If you try a softer approach maybe you'll get further by the end of the week. Try an artistic pastime with your partner during the second week of the

By Robert Wells

month. Sharing a project can be great fun. Look to make some major cash on last weeks project during the third week of March. You shift to handling your joint partnership assets during the last week of the period.



Sep. 23 - Oct. 23 Libra: Guarding your health and your job will be your focus this month and an upsetting moment at t he first of the week can have your head and stomach spinning. Slow down and think. An idea can come to you that will straighten everything. During the second week you and try to brighten

your workspace on t he one hand or look at improving your appearance, on the other. There could be a big raise in pay coming during the third week of March. That should make you smile. Your attention turns to your partner's needs during the last week of the month.



Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 Scorpio: Romance is in the air and there are demands for your attention during the first week that could wear you out. Slow down and breathe. Try some artistic diversions during the second week to quiet matters down a little. The third week sees

some major money and love rewards coming your way. Remember to say "Thank You" to the Universe. You shift your gaze to matters of health and employment for the last weekly period of March. Promote yourself to higher-ups on the last few days of the month.



Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 Sagittarius: This is the time of year for you to look at where you live and any changes or improvements that may be needed. Trouble is it's a balancing act between your career demands and the home front always. One has been

neglected. Straighten it out during the first week of March. Work on something artistic for your home during the second week, so by the third week you can really see dome super benefits. Maybe even in cash. It sets the stage for the last week of the month when romance fills the air and your life for the coming sign of Aries.



Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Capricorn: The Universe has you on the run this time of the year but be double careful while driving and do no over tire yourself during the first week. A bright idea mid week could save you some steps. An artistic interest could consume you during the second week of March and

it could turn into a golden romantic opportunity for you during the third week. The romantic theme shifts into high gear during the four-week and the coming month, just in time for spring.



**Aquarius:** Money matters at this time of the year for you and during the first week activities could bring changes that seem to wear you or you partner out. Take a day off mid-week and find a distraction. During the second week of March try following an artistic urge and see where

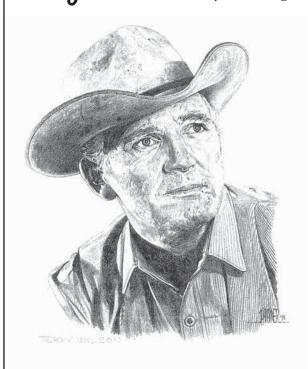
that takes you. If it's what it looks like, you could benefit money wise in a big way. The last week of the month has you running all over the town with errands and handling communications as they come in. It's a great time to call your brothers and sisters and re-connect with them, as well.



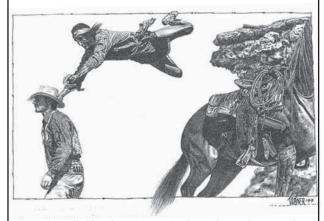
Rob has been an Astrologer for over 30 years. A student of Carol Green and the Ray of Light School in Salt Lake City, Rob is a member of the American Federation of Astrologers. "Astrology is a tool for living. It can be used in every aspect of life."

# Stunts, Stars and Legends:

Terry Wilson by John Hagner



An Honored Inductee in the Hollywood Stuntmen's Hall of Fame, Terry Wilson, stuntman and actor, was a native Californian who appeared in more than thirty-five films and television shows between 1947 and 1981. He was one of the stuntmen who trained with some of the legends of stunt world including Paul Baxley, Charles Horvath, Harvey Parry and Alan Pomeroy, over at Warner Bros. Studios back in 1947. He doubled for such stars as Robert Mitchum and John Wayne ("Hondo"). He was a member of the John Ford Stock Company, in which he worked as an actor as well as performed his own stunts and doubled for some of the other actors who were not allowed to do their own dangerous stunts, mostly in westerns. He was best known for his excellent portrayal of assistant wagon master "Bill Hawks" in 267 episodes of the television series "Wagon Train", going back from 1957 to 1965.



Terry Wilson, doubling for actor Leo Gordon is about to be pounced on by stuntman, X Brands, in "Hondo", starring John Wayne. Terry doubled for 'Duke' in the fight scene with indian in the film.

He also authored one of the series episodes titled "The Ah Chong Story". His last acting role was as "Norman Scroggs" in an episode of "The Dukes of Hazzard".

Portrait and Scene Drawing by John Hagner (Artist of the Stars), who has done 54 different portraits of John Wayne, three of which are in full color drawings.

John Hagner is the Founder of the Hollywood Stuntmen's Hall of Fame, which is a Non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of the stunt profession of motion pictures and television and to honoring stunt people the world over.

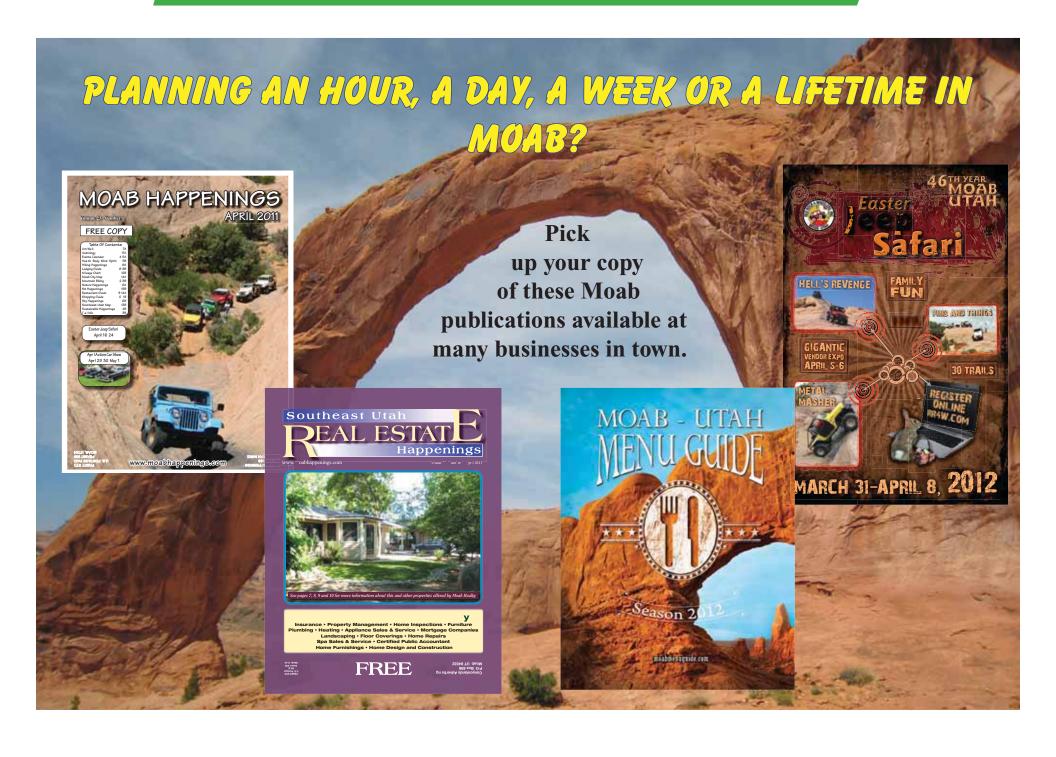
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On Saturday March 17, nearly 5000 runners will line up at the start lines of the 37th Annual Canyonlands Half Marathon and Five Mile Run. Among the racers will be returning champions, firsttime half-marathoners, families, locals and far-flung visitors. One hundred twenty participants will be running the race for at least the tenth year; 14 will be coming from outside the United States, and another 30 will be older than 70. Forty-four states will be represented, including Utah, whose residents make up just over half the participants.

Runners will descend on Moab on Friday, March 16th to pick up their bib numbers, race shirts and "goody bags" at the Packet Pickup Expo at the Center Street Gym the day before the race. In addition to a durable, reusable tote filled with goodies from sponsors, runners will receive a virtual "bag" stocked with coupons, info and promotions via email the week before the race. "We're excited about the Virtual Race Bag because it greatly reduces paper consumption and lets runners choose what promotions they want to pursue," says Assistant Race Director Katy Robertson.

Other green initiatives at the Canyonlands Half Marathon include the use of compostable cups at the expos, race starts, course and finish. Volunteers and race crew will collect these cups in special cans and bags, then transport them to a commercial composting facility in nearby Grand Junction after the race. Race participants are encouraged to look for and use the special cans for their water and Gatorade cups, in addition to the recycle and compost cans available.

Another of the Moab Half Marathon's objectives is to give back to the community. This year, the event has raised over \$12,000 for Moab Regional Hospital, Canyonlands Community Recycling, Moab Girls on the Run, and Grand County High School Cross Country. Other race beneficiaries include the Humane Society of Moab Valley, Community Rebuilds, the Youth Garden Project and the Moab Teen Center. "It's great to see so many local organizations and individuals come together to put on an event that brings real benefits to our community," says Race Director Ranna Bieschke.

Race start times are 9:30 am for the Five Mile Run and 10:00 am for the Half Marathon. Spectators are encouraged to come out and cheer for their favorite athletes along 500 West, 400 North and the

Finish Area Expo at Swanny City Park. While there, they can enjoy live music and visit the varied food and retail vendors around the park.

The Moab Half Marathon thanks participants and community all members for their support of this year's event. See you at the finish line!

Packet Pickup Expo Location: Center Street Gym, 217 East Center St, Friday 1st at 9 pm Saturday 7th at 7:30 am

Five Mile Run shuttles will load at HMK Elementary School at 7:30 am. Half Marathon shuttles will load at the south side of Swanny City Park at 7:30 am.

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# DEAD HORSE POINT HAPPENINGS

### Moab Artist Jacci Weller featured at Dead Horse Point State Park

The Bighorn Gallery at Dead Horse Point State Park will be showing original artwork by Moab artist Jacci Weller. "A Golden Year, Four Seasons of Canyon Country Color" is a collection of paintings on exhibit from March 3rd through April 27th. Join us for an opening reception with the artist on Saturday, March 3rd at 4 p.m. in the Bighorn Gallery.

Jacci Weller's paintings are inspired by her observations of the "colors and shapes of the rocks, the vibrancy of the light, the wildly diverse flora, and the amazing expanse of earth and sky." Her paintings offer an intimate, brilliant portrayal of her desert surroundings.

Jacci has a BA from UCLA in fine art, drawing and painting, and an MA from California State University in fine art, sculpture. She worked as a public muralist in Los Angeles, taught design and drawing at Lane Community College in Oregon and conducted fiber workshops at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Jacci continued to do sculpture work for several years, then became a full time business person, moving to Moab 18 years ago. She returned to her art five years ago and has incorporated her love of desert hiking into her creative works that represent



This painting by Jacci Weller is featured on the cover of this Moab Happenings.



her "absolute delight" in the natural world. Many of Jacci's paintings are in private collections throughout the western states.



During the art exhibit at Dead Horse Point State Park, each painting is available for purchase. more information about the artist, visit www.jacciweller.com

Dead Horse Point State Park is located nine miles north of Moab on US 191, and 23 miles south on SR 313. The visitor center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the winter and from 8 a.m. to

6 p.m. mid-March to mid-October. Park admission is \$10. The park admission fee will be waived during the opening reception on Saturday, March 3rd 2012. For more information, please contact the park at 435-259-2614.



### Spring Riding at Dead Horse Point State Park

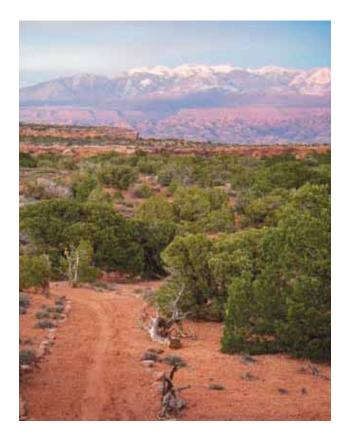


March is here and with it comes the onset of the tourist season at Dead Horse Point State Park. Park staff is looking forward to a great season of interpretive programs, school field trips, guided hikes, and the daily assortment of visitors from around the world. The abnormally warm and relatively snowless winter has paved the way for abundant outdoor activities this spring. Despite the fact that March retains a bit of chill in the air, it is an excellent time for both fat and skinny tire cyclists to get rolling.

The Intrepid Trail System at Dead Horse Point State Park offers enjoyable riding for novice mountain bikers and their seasoned counterparts. These trails offer a fun riding experience and astonishing views. Since its' inception, the Intrepid Trail System has yielded a steady increase in use each season. The varied terrain of all three trails in the Intrepid Trail System are ideal for preparing any rider for the challenge of Moab's more advanced trails. Many riders have already begun to take advantage of the trails and get a jump start on the riding season. March weather provides good riding conditions, enough daylight and lacks the extreme heat of summer.

Riding at Dead Horse Point isn't limited to mountain bikers. Road cyclists choose Scenic Byway 313 for a challenging ride, ending with the breathtaking view from Dead Horse Point. The expansive views and rolling roads within the park make for an excellent ride. Many riders of the skinny tire crowd are gearing up for the 2012 Moab Skinny Tire Festival and on Saturday, March 10th, some event participants will set their sights on Dead Horse Point. This annual event brings cyclists to Dead Horse Point for a great day of riding.

Dead Horse Point proudly offers mountain biking and road cycling for all ability levels. This March is an excellent time to plan a day riding the Intrepid Trail System or Scenic Byway 313. Whatever the width of your tires, any day of riding ends best with an unforgettable sunset from the world famous view at Dead Horse Point State Park.



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# TRAIL HAPPENINGS

### Trail Safety in Grand County

by Trail Mix

Carefully planned and maintained trails help keep visitors safe in Grand County, which has the dubious distinction of requiring the most rescues of any county in Utah. Thousands of visitors and locals enjoy a variety of sports in the backcountry around Moab, but those sports present risks, and Grand County covers a vast area. Arches and Canyonlands National Parks as well as Dead Horse Point State Park have many rescues as well.

In addition to the Moab backcountry's complex system of roads, trails, washes, canyons, cliffs, rivers, and mountains, trails and waypoints can have many names and nicknames. The Grand County Non-motorized Trail Mix Committee has also recently added many new mountain bike trails to the Moab area. The group keeps

Grand County updated with the most current trail maps at http://www.grandcountyutah.net/trailmix/Maps.htm

Lost or injured in the Moab area? Even the most experienced outdoors individuals following well-marked trails can have accidents. You will hopefully be able to connect by 911 to emergency personnel. However, being prepared is your responsibility, and preparation could save your life or the life of someone else.

The most serious injuries are often in ATV, motorcycle, and mountain bike accidents,

including road rash, broken bones, and scraped up legs, arms, and faces. The usual causes are loss of control and lack of skills, though helmets and proper body and footgear can keep an accident from becoming a fatality. Fortunately, there was only one ATV fatality in 2011.

Every river rafter, kayaker, swimmer, and floater needs a life vest. Wearing a life vest on the Colorado River is required by law. There were two river fatalities in 2011, perhaps partly due to it being a very high water year on the Colorado. Among hikers, rock climbers, BASE jumpers, and Jeepers, there were some incidents in 2011—most of them avoidable—but no fatalities. Hikers sometimes got caught after dark, didn't know the trails, or did not have a map, light, or compass. Trail safety can include wearing proper hiking footwear, following cairns and obeying signs, and packing a headlamp and appropriate trail and topographic maps. Climbers, jumpers, slackliners, and Jeepers should have training, proper gear, and repair and first aid kits for emergency situations.

Travel with a friend who can go for help or assist the injured person. If you are the one going for help, note the injured person's location so you can lead others back to the accident site. Alert someone to where you are going and when you plan to return, including the name of the trail, road segment, site, or area. Bring a map and a GPS (and know how to use it). Pack extra batteries, and carry a cell phone,

although many backcountry areas will not have service. It is possible that 911 or texting may still work, and, if there is coverage, many cell phones now report your GPS location.



When a 911 call is initiated, trained rescuers and medical staff are dispatched. On call 24/7 year round, these first responders may have trouble locating an

individual if they don't know where the individual is. Know your trailhead name and location, specific trail name, and nearest road. To expedite a potential rescue, carry a satellite-based SPOT tracking device or GPS.

St Mary's helicopter services, a 4x4 van or a 4x6 Ranger vehicle may come into use via Moab's 911 service to transport ill or critically injured individuals. When these options are not available, injured people will be manually transported on a wheeled litter to the closest medical transportation available.

Natural light will help you stay safe, so if you start

early and know when sunset is, you won't get caught trying to follow a trail in low light. Even with a headlamp, hiking in the dark can be challenging. Bring, rent, or buy the proper gear: life vests (including for your dogs), hiking boots and good socks, bike helmets, seat belts, etc. Dress for the weather: layers of light-colored, natural-fiber clothing plus a wide-brimmed hat will help keep you comfortable. Visitors have come to Moab thinking it's universally hot. Though it is hot in the summer, if you travel into the La Sal Mountains above 11,000 feet, you might encounter storms and nighttime cold weather.

Heat-related incidents and accidents during the summer are common. Don't underestimate problems created by high temperatures. Match your adventure to your conditioning, and carry and drink plenty of water. Be aware that you can also get dehydrated in cold-weather conditions.

Enjoy a safe and fun experience in the Moab backcountry, but prepare for your adventure. Trained emergency personnel are ready if and when an emergency does

happen, but visitors will prefer experiencing the trails and the red rock scenery, not our new hospital's emergency



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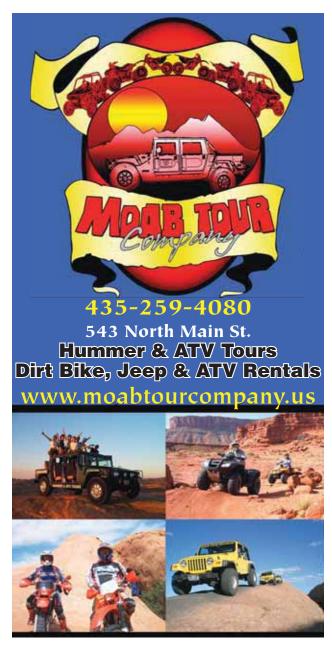






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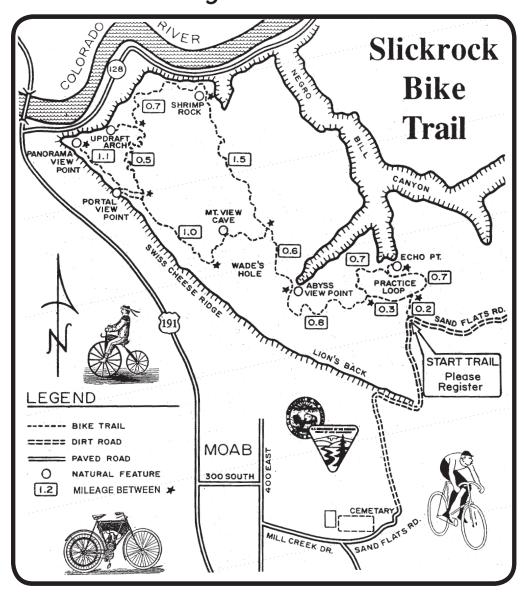




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# MOUNTAIN BIKING

### Mountain Biking Mecca



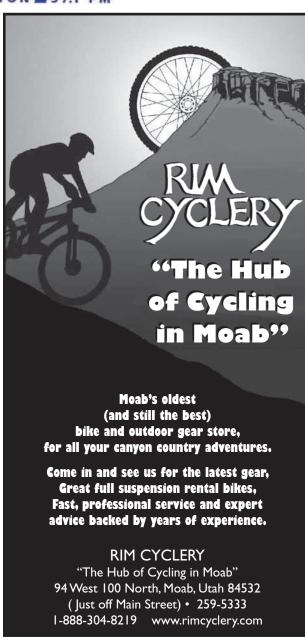
Moab has become known worldwide as a mountain biking mecca. The canyon country around Moab offers some of the most unique and varied landscape on earth, from 13,000 foot peaks and high alpine meadows to high desert vistas above the sandstone canyons. Varied terrain and spectacular scenery bring riders 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.

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- SKINNY TIRE FESTIVAL March 10-13, 2012 Three rides of the Skinny Tire Festival highlight Moab's different road riding opportunities. The first day follows the mighty Colorado River corridor downstream passing by ancient Puebloan petroglyphs. The next two days leave the valley and climb the beautiful canyon roads into red rock country to Dead Horse Point State Park and through Arches National Park. Channel the energy of riding through the grandeur of Moab's canyon country by putting purpose behind your cycling. This event raises funds for cancer survivorship programs. For more information contact (435) 259-2698 or visit www.SkinnyTireEvents.com.
- MOONSHADOWS IN MOAB May 5, 2012 Enjoy this fully supported 44 or 60 mile ride by the light of the (almost) full moon. As you gain 2700 feet in climbing elevation the moon has risen and illuminates the desert sagebrush casting a silvery glow throughout the vastness of Canyonlands National Park. Arrive at Dead Horse Point State Park for a light dinner at the outdoor Moonshadows Café overlooking the Colorado River. Drink in the ambiance at the most unique AID/food station you may ever visit. Enjoy a thrilling return to the Start/Finish area then enjoy post-event revelry at Frankie D's Saloon.
- 3RD ANNUAL GRAN FONDO MOAB May 12, 2012 The Gran Fondo Moab will be emulating an old Italian tradition. We will be riding the most spectacular mountain pass in the Manti-La Sals, widely known as the Loop Road. We will start and finish in the beautiful red rocks of Moab and will climb over 5000 feet in 64 miles. This event will not be run as a sanctioned race, as a majority of the riders will be participating for the enjoyment of riding a signed route through beautiful scenery with their friends and teammates.
- MOAB CENTURY TOUR September 21-23, 2012 This annual event is a weekend packed with road cycling benefiting the Moab Cancer Treatment and Resource Center and other cancer survivorship Programs. Time trials, pasta dinner, warm up and recovery rides complement the main cycling event Saturday over the famous La Sal Loop Road. Rolling and Climbing Routes ranging from 42 to 100 miles on this fully supported road cycling tour. Visit www.skinnytireevents.com or 435.259.2698.
- OUTERBIKE October 3-7, 2012 Outerbike is a chance for you to test ride next year's bikes on world-class roads and trails in Moab, Utah. For three days, the world's best bike manufacturers will be set up at the Outerbike Expo site. You can walk through and see next year's innovations, pick a bike you'd like to try, and take it for a ride. Repeat as needed. There are 20 miles of connected loops that range from fun and easy to technical and gnarly, plus a paved bike path leading to two National Parks for road rides. Your \$150 registration fee buys you lunches, shuttled rides, prizes, movies, and entrance to our evening parties! For sign up, information and scheduled events go to www.outerbike.com.
- 24 HOURS OF MOAB October 6-7, 2012 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!
- MOAB HO-DOWN Mountain Bike Festival October 25-28, 2012 Presented by Chile Pepper Bike Shop this festival includes mountain bike races, dirt jump competition, townie tour, costume party, movies at Star Hall and loads of fun! Please call 435-259-4688 or visit www.moabhodown.com for more information.

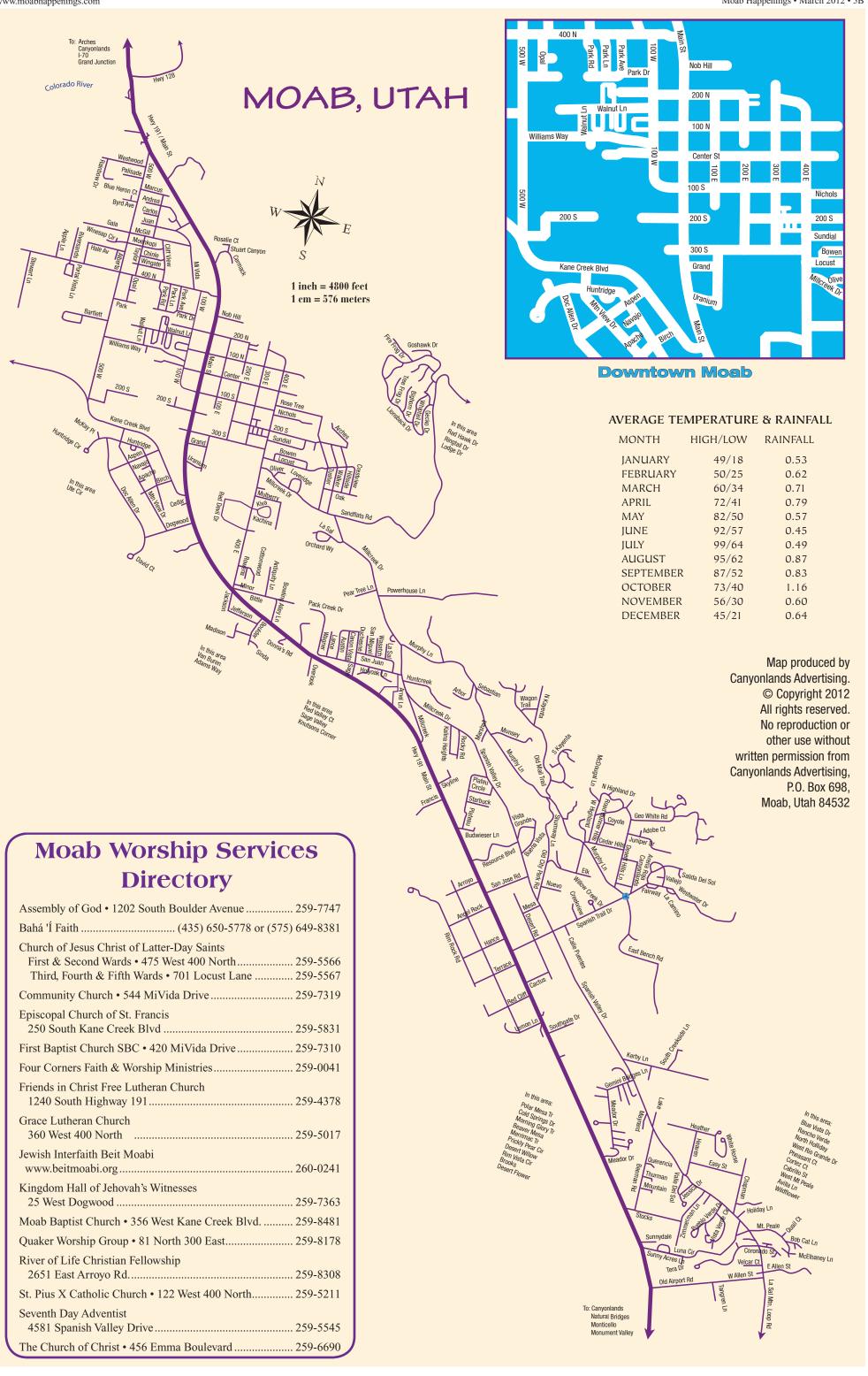






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# NATURE HAPPENINGS

### March Madness

"The March hare ... as this is May, it won't be raving mad – at least not so mad as it was in March."

-Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

The European brown hare's courtship antics gave rise to the saying "as mad as a March hare." Of course, our own hares can go a bit "crazy" in spring, as well.

Here in Canyon Country there are several representatives of the Hare or Rabbit Family (Leporidae): black-tailed jackrabbit, desert cottontail, Nuttall's or mountain cottontail and the American pika. The jackrabbit and cottontails may be observed year-round, but the mountain dwelling pika gets cut off from the visiting public in winter due to snow.

Jackrabbits, desert cottontails and other leporids (from the Latin name "lepus" meaning "a hare") are key species in the cycle of predator-prey. A vast majority of large predators: kit foxes, coyotes, bobcats, red-tailed hawks, golden eagles, great horned owls, gopher snakes and rattlesnakes prey on rabbits and hares. Though a full grown jackrabbit might be too much for a gopher snake to digest, the constrictors could prey on the smaller cottontails or young rabbits known as "leverets".

Even the Ancestral Puebloans hunted the jackrabbits and cottontails, herding or rounding them up into woven nets or corrals. They ate the rabbits and sewed the skins into warm blankets; so much for the concept of the lucky rabbit's foot.





Desert cottontails are one of the commonest mammals observed in the local National Parks. These animals feed on a variety of plant material and woody shrubs, and even

consume their own fecal pellets. Known as caprophagy, cottontails ingest the soft, green pellets made up of partially nutrients. The harder, brown pellets contain fully digested material.

digested vegetation to obtain additional

Black-tailed jackrabbits, with their mule-like ears, are more nocturnal than cottontails. Drive down a dirt road at night and your headlights will often illuminate one of these hares as they zip and dart down the road like a halfback in the open field dogging tacklers. Why they don't just run off to the side is one of the great

"Why?" questions.

One other difference between cottontails and jackrabbits is that the jackrabbit's young are born with their eyes wide open and are ready to leave the scrape soon after birth. Cottontails take several weeks to develop before they depart from their nest. A female rabbit may have 2 to 6 litters a year



By Damian Fagan

with 1 to 8 young per litter; a population explosion kept in check by predators.

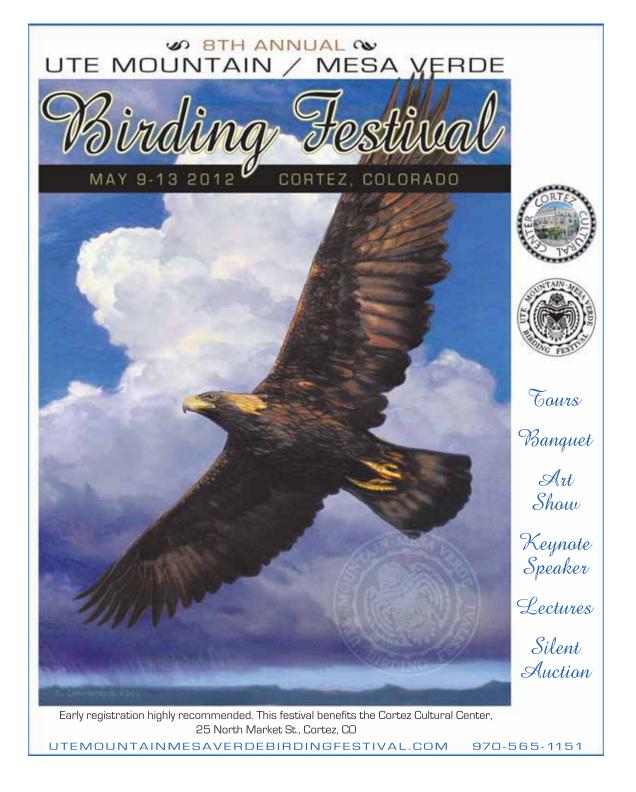
Although the American pika is also a member of the Hare Family, it more resembles a guinea pig than a rabbit. Unlike their grassland dwelling cousins, the pika inhabits rock slides, talus slopes and mine rubble at higher elevations. From these rocky haunts, a pika will make numerous foraging trips out into nearby meadows to

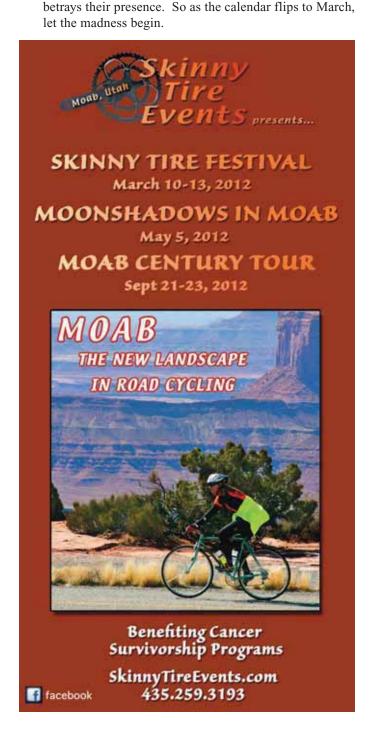
> unlike their leaping cousins, the pika caches plant material in hay piles for winter use.

feast on grasses and herbs. And

Even though the rabbits and pikas aren't considered "charismatic megafauna," these creatures are interesting

and commonly observed representatives of desert wildlife. In some areas, the abundance of their tracks





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# INNOVATIVE HAPPENINGS

### Mitch and Mary Williams

by Joan Gough

From the early 1900's until the present there have been people who recognized the potential for tourism in the Moab area. Sightseers have been guided out into the red rock country on horseback, in boats, and four-wheel drive vehicles. One of the early guides and tour operators was a native Moabite named Mitch Williams who started Tag-A-Long Tours in the early 1950's. Mitch and his wife Mary, who had met in Texas and married in 1942, would build a "1950's something Jeep" and three Army surplus rafts into an international business.



"What impressed me about Mitch and Mary Williams was the team they were", Bob Jones, current owner of Tag-A-Long Expeditions, observed in a recent interview.

Mitch remade himself many times in his lifetime. As a young man, he had cowboyed for his father along the Colorado River bottoms. Before World War II started for the U.S., he enlisted in the Army and was accepted into flight school. He flew missions over the Pacific for most of the war. After he was discharged, he worked for a gas company in California, went into the U.S. Air Force, and finally moved back to Moab where he and his dad built the "first trailer village" in the valley. Before settling down to his final career as tour operator, Mitch also tried his hand at prospecting for uranium. He described these and many other events of his life in 2004 for the Eastern Utah Human History Library. "We staked about 35 claims. Many other people had claims down there too [below the mesas between the Colorado and Green Rivers]. There were no roads so we had to build one." He was speaking of the old Shafer cattle trail. Years later, the Shafer Trail in Canyonlands National Park would be one of the most popular tours for Tag-A-Lon 's famous fleet of To ota Land Cruisers.



Mitch was also flying rafting customers off the river after their Cataract Canyon trips with Georgie White who, as Mitch said, inspired him to get into the river business. This is when he bought those three army surplus rafts and he and his employee, Lee Herron, ran Cataract Canyon on their maiden voyage "without a bit of trouble" as Mitch put it.

In addition to raising their son John, Mary Williams owned a dress shop on the corner of Main and 100 North until, as Mitch recalled, he talked her into joining him in the tour company business. She managed a travel agency and Western Union office in addition to the business office of Tag-A-Long. Their son John continues to live in Moab running his own river company, Navtec Expeditions.

By the late seventies, marketing Moab as a tourist destination was well underway in Europe, and it was the vision of Mary Williams. She started going to the trade shows in Paris, meeting other travel agents and learning about how to market land and river trips in France and the

rest of Europe. She got Tag-A-Long listed with Explorator, a large French travel group. Today Tag-A-Long is featured in three and half million European brochures. Bob Jones likes to tell about walking down Main Street in Salt Lake City in 1982 conducting this simple poll. He asked people, "Have you heard of Moab"? Eight out of ten passers-by said yes. When he asked, "Have you been to Moab"? Four of ten had. He did the same thing on the street in Paris. Eight there had also heard of Moab, but six had been here.

Like many of those who helped Moab through the lean times of the '80's, Mitch loved Moab. He was proud of his father, the first doctor in the area, as well as his father's skills on the river or on the back of a horse. Jean Eardley believes a good part of the reason Mitch hired her in 1978 to work in the Tag-A-Long office was that as boys he and her mom's cousin had sneaked a smoke together behind Star Hall. Later, he and Jean also worked together sorting and labeling the photo collection at the Museum of Moab, a time when his love of Moab was obvious. Bob Jones observed that it was hard for Mitch to watch the large numbers of new comers of the boom years come into the valley with little understanding and often little respect for what the town had been.

Mary's creativity came out in the marketing side of the business, while Mitch developed the destinations and created the means of exploration, as in the case of the two and a half pontoon J-rig. The advantages of two and half pontoons instead of two or even three were more storage space for gear and more seating for customers. People loved to sit on the "nose" of the pontoons for maximum view and splash. Mitch describes building rafts to fish the sloughs (Matheson Wetlands) as kids, then his first boat which he built with two or three friends while still in high school. "Someone found an old car engine. Someone else found the drive line and I scrounged up some of Dad's lumber." They started on Mill Creek, but eventually were running up and down the Colorado. "On one trip, there was a lot of slush and ice on the river. The water ran through a funnel on one end of a pipe, through the engine to it and then was dumped back out over the side of the boat. The slush water was much too cold. . ." It jammed up in the engine repeatedly, leaving them with no choice but to clear it with a rusty nail and their bare hands as they floundered back up to the put-in.

Mitch was also far-sighted when it came to the river business. He bought Ken Sleight's Cataract Canyon operation, which included acquiring the permits for that section of the river. Ken described the deal recently when I talked with him at his home in Pack Creek. "We met at a

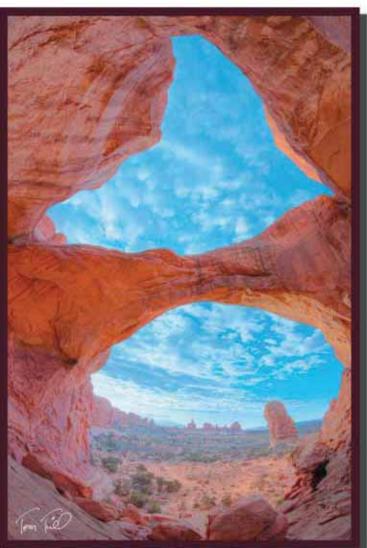


Mitchell and Mary Williams photo provided by John Williams

restaurant in Moab. As we ate and talked, we discussed the transfer of my Cataract operation to him. Within half and hour, we came to an agreement of terms. I wrote on a napkin, 'Sold to Mitch Williams, the portion of my Cataract Canyon operation, including permits.' We shook hands. I followed through on my end of the agreement and Mitch followed through on his."

"Mitch had a massive amount of information about the area and shared it with customers," observed Bob Jones. "He thought it was important enough to hire Slim Mayberry, a Park Ranger, to instruct his guides in natural history."

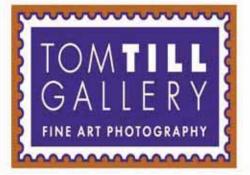
The team that was Mitch and Mary Williams professionalized tourism in Moab. They became part of familiarization tours and traveled all over the world--Africa, Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Hong Kong, and most of Europe-to see what other travel agents were doing and bringing them here to have the canyon country experience. In his oral history, Mitch pays Mary his highest of compliments, "Mary became as enthusiastic about living in Moab as I was. She became a true Moabite."



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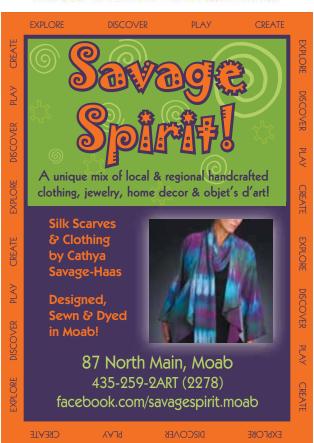


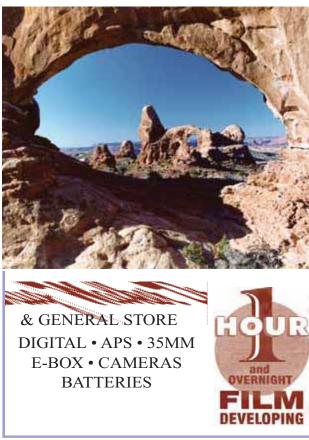
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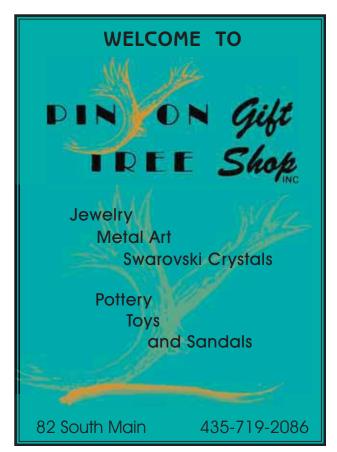
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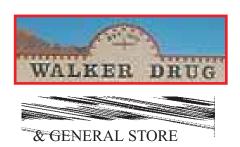
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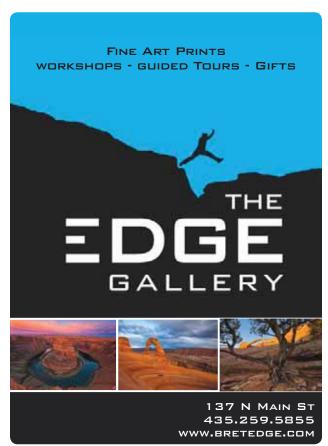
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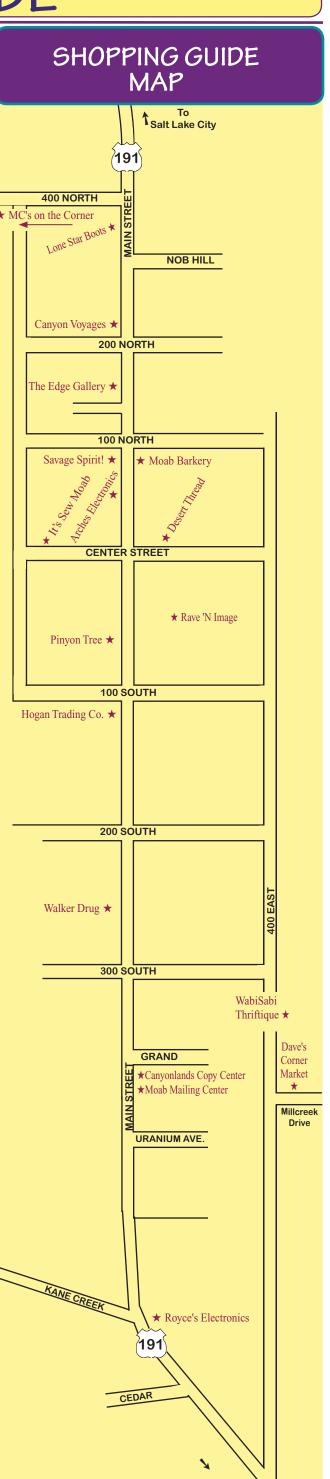
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# GALLERY HAPPENINGS

### Savage Spirit! Brings Color to Main Street

One look into Savage Spirit!, Main Street's newest

store, and you know that you're in for a refreshingly different

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experience. Inspired by the vivid, contrasting colors of the landscape that surrounds Moab, owner Cathya Savage-Haas painted the store in orange, purple & green and then filled it with a colorful array of unique, handcrafted clothing, jewelry, gifts and objet's d'art.

Cathya creates the beautiful clothing. Since moving to Moab in 1996, Cathya has been creating delightful, colorful clothing. If she seems familiar, her clothing line "Desert



Savage" was carried by Cave Dreamers here in Moab, a store owned by her husband Jim Haas. After closing

Cave Dreamers, Cathya created Savage Spirit! silks, a line of silk clothing designed, sewn & hand dyed by Cathya. For the past 8 years Cathya & Jim have been traveling around the country participating in art festivals.

Wanting to spend more time in Moab & tired of the stress of travel, a couple of years ago, Cathya began to conceptualize a new store. Letting her

imagination run wild, gradually the ideas began to coalesce. From there it was a matter of trusting the Universe to provide a great location. And then, returning from it was a great opportunity to find artisans and craftspeople for the store. Cathya has two simple guidelines for deciding what to carry in Savage Spirit!, the work itself has to attract her attention and she has to click with the person that makes it. In an era of mass manufactured, impersonal things, Cathya wanted to have a place to provide a more personal connection to one-of-a-kind pieces hand crafted with love and has created a idiosyncratic mix of unique arts and crafts.

This winter, Cathya closed the store to paint & create an environment to showcase the unique, hand crafted

clothing, jewelry, gifts and objet's d'art. Since most of the store's displays are preowned, in addition to painting the walls, Cathya was busy giving old items Savage Spirit! reopened in February and is gradually filling in with an eclectic variety of arts & crafts.

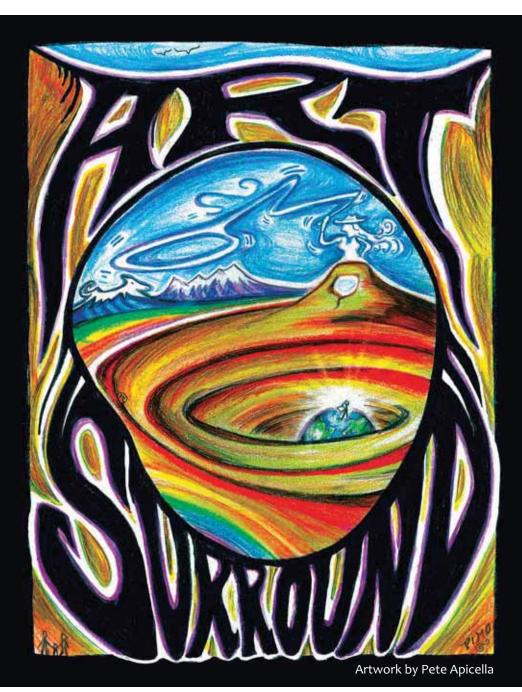
Colorful Savage Spirit! silk and cotton clothing created by Cathya is prominently featured along with Stoneage Jewelry, silver & stone jewelry, by her husband Jim Haas, both made here in Moab. Additionally, Savage Spirit! carries porcelain jewelry made in Moab by Leigh Metz,



a run of 8 arts festivals in 9 weeks, there it was!!!! And in that inexplicable mystery of the Universe, the location where Cave Dreamers had been was available! Cathya had a deep attachment to that space. In 1999, Cathya and Jim put several months of hard physical labor into transforming the space from an office building into a retail space. And although Cathya's plan was to look for a space this past winter, she jumped at the opportunity and everything fell into place. Last year, there was an overlap of opening the store and still doing art festivals. At the same time

pottery by Joanie Post from Grand Junction and painted feathers and bags made by Janet LeRoy in Hotchkiss, CO plus work by several other local and regional artisans.

Drop by and watch the store evolve, as Cathya continues to discover new, exciting artisans as well as exploring and developing her own creative endeavors! Savage Spirit! 87 N Main (next to Back of Beyond Books) 259-2ART (2278)



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by Marcy Hafner

### Fins & Things - From "E" To "F"

The Sand Flats Recreation Area is renowned for the Slickrock and Porcupine Rim bike trails and the almost 40 miles of off-road jeep routes. But don't let that biker-jeeper perception mislead you. With its spectacular big picture scenery, this backyard gem is compatible for hikers, too. Since it is a very short drive from downtown Moab, I come here often, especially in the off-season, to savor the stunning full circle horizontal panorama of Arches National Park, Porcupine Rim, the La Sal Mountains and Behind The Rocks—a wide screen composition bordered by lofty alpine peaks that contrast sharply against the red rock desert thousands of feet below.

Touching its borders with two wilderness study areas – Negro Bill to the north, Mill Creek to the south - this



unique playground receives almost 100,000 visitors every year. In response to the recreational overload, the Moab community, Americorps, Grand County and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) collaborated in 1995 to preserve this precious resource. This coalition precipitated a unique partnership between the county and the BLM so they could manage, protect and rehabilitate while also providing access to the public for an environmentally friendly experience.

During the Jurassic period, way back 150 million years ago, it's mind boggling to realize that the Colorado Plateau was situated near the equator in a hot, dry land of shifting sand! Over the eons these huge sand dunes petrified into Navajo Sandstone, leaving behind the rounded domes and fins that are so characteristic of the landscape we see today throughout Sand Flats.

To get to this outstanding recreational area, turn east off Main Street at the Moab Information Center on to



Center Street. At 400 East go right. Then turn left at Dave's Corner Market on to Mill Creek Drive and continue up the steep winding road to the entrance booth.

The entirety of the Fins & Things jeep trail is 9.4 miles, but since it parallels the Sand Flats Road you can easily enter and exit at various intervals for a much shorter hike. Two miles beyond the entrance a less known portion starts in Campground E between campsites five and six, and ends at Campground F.

The up and down roller coaster sensation of this trail steadily alternates from slickrock mounds to sandy hills with a few flat spots in between. With the white

dinosaurs painted on the slickrock and metal signs regularly placed along the sandy sections, this 1.8 mile route is easy to follow. The only requirements essential for completing the course are a reserve of stamina to march up the steeper hills, and a pair of hiking shoes that grip well, particularly on the downhill.



The entrance to

the trail is posted with a brown metal "Fins N Things" sign while the bulletin board provides valuable and interesting information. In the mailbox I find booklets that include

maps, which are very useful.

Up the first rocky hill, I'm immediately peering down on the campground. After that, it doesn't take long before I'm noticing leftover patches of snow on the north-facing slopes. The road, however, mainly traverses along a southern exposure where a dry path makes me very happy.

Quickly I gain enough elevation to have that full



circle view. On this blustery day the majority of the La Sals have disappeared in thick, swirling clouds. The only peaks not engulfed are Haystack and South Mountain, which stick out in sharp relief against the whirling haze. The lower landscape in the Mill Creek Wilderness Study Area projects a jumbled land of giant sized fins and mounds - a stacked deck of uprising slabs of rock suggesting an overwhelming maze that won't release you from the towering sandstone structures.

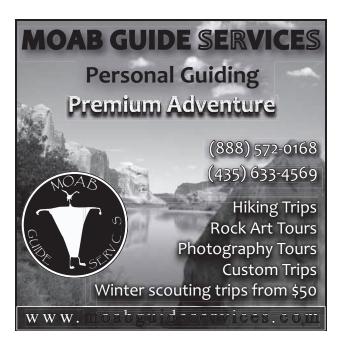
After a while the trail splits and I travel left for a slightly longer loop. Power walking up a long humpback of slickrock, a cutting breeze greets me at the top. For the descent, I struggle to keep my feet from sliding out as gravity pushes me along. This off-road obstacle course must be a huge challenge for four-wheel drivers - the swath of black left on these incredibly steep slopes tell the tale of a lot of tire spinning!

Gradually the trail starts swinging down a sandy slope. Many steps later, a faint image of Campground



F appears—my tantalizing goal, still so far below! But a gradual, gentle-on-your-knees grade allows for an easy-going walk down. Now I am searching for a wind-free spot, which I know is wishful thinking! A rock wall buffered by a juniper, however, provides adequate protection, and I snuggle in for a much needed, only slightly breezy break.

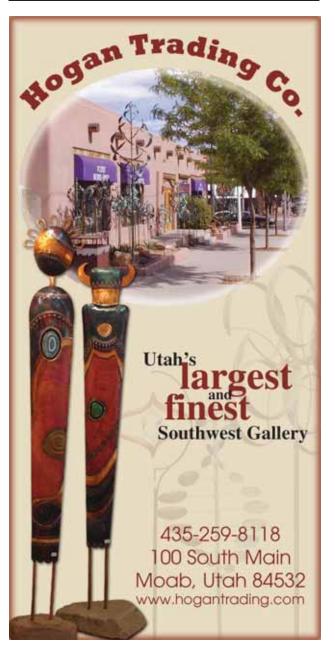
Not a soul is in this campground and I feel blessed to have this lovely spot all to myself. The peace and quiet washes over me as I listen to the soothing chortle of a juniper titmouse. Twisting around to seek him out, he flies down to check me out - just five feet away! He's obviously used to people, and I relish this special opportunity to



watch this charming gray crested bird so closely. As the name implies, these energetic, acrobatic sprites are usually found in pinyon-juniper woodlands. Like their chickadee cousins, they are hardy and tenacious. Through the wind, the cold, the snow and our desert heat, these endearing birds persist and thrive.

Finally my curious titmouse departs and so must I. With a sigh, I shoulder my pack and head back into the wind for my return trip to Campground E.





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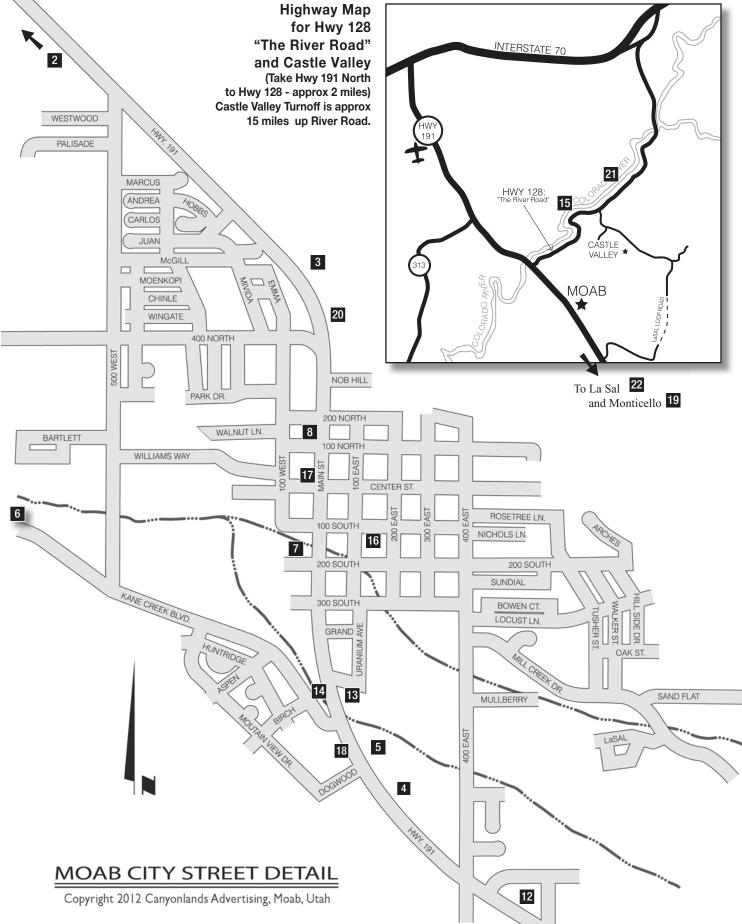
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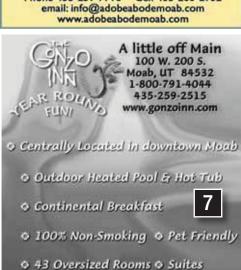












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# NON-PROFIT HAPPENINGS

### Community Unites to Transform Litter into a Useful Work of Art

On Sunday, March 18, members of the Moab community of all ages will join hands (and feet) to build Moab's first Peace on Earth Bench at the Youth Garden Project. The volunteers of Pick Up America, who have picked up over 2,000 miles of litter between Maryland and Moab, will join the community in gathering building materials from the roadway. Eco-artist Brennan Blazer Bird, who has committed to building 1,000 Bottle Brick Benches by 2014, will lead the building efforts

"In an interconnected world, there is no 'away' in 'throw away' says Pick Up America co-founder Davey Rogner. "That's why it's so important to engage communities in recycled art projects like this one. So much of what we send to the dump could be composted, reused, or recycled into a useful application. It represents a huge waste of resources for my generation."

The bench-building party will take place on Sunday, March 18, from 9 am-7 pm. The event is family-friendly, free and open to the public. Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to stop by for a few hours. Bring a dish to share and an instrument to play for the potluck lunch in the garden. The Youth Garden Project is located at 530 South 400 East, Moab, UT, 84532.

Bird discovered bottle brick building techniques in 2009 and has been building Peace on Earth Benches ever since. "Throughout the week, students in Moab will stuff their landfill material into plastic bottles until they're compressed like bricks," Bird says. "Most people say they never realized how much trash they produce until they started saving it. The whole idea is that we're landfilling it into a useful space, like this bench, rather than a wasteful space, like the landfill." Bottle brick benches are constructed with bottle bricks lined up and then covered in cob, an earthen building material that consists of clay, sand and straw.

This project would not have been possible without community support. In March, Pick Up America will be presenting at schools about the importance of zero waste and environmental stewardship. After class, students will be encouraged to pick up litter with the Pick Up Artists along the half marathon route on River Road and also at Courthouse Wash, bordering Arches National Park.

"I am thrilled to see students, non-profits, educators, and members of the Moab community coming together to build this bench," said Delite Primus, executive director of The Youth Garden Project. "The bench-building day will be a party full of laughter, cobstomping, music, and food. We are excited to host the event and bench to create a lasting, youth-led art piece on our property."

For more information about the event, Pick Up America, or the Peace on Earth Benches, please contact Lily Berman, Pick Up America's Image and Awareness Coordinator, at (301)915-6572 or by emailing lily@pickupamerica.org.

A schedule of Pick Up America activities in Moab is in the Events section on page 5A.



Add small pieces of

soft inorganic DRY trash

PLEASE NO FOOD GOOP

or WATER!

### How to Make a Bottle Brick

a.K.a. a portable landfill device

### Step 1

Find a dry plastic soda bottle (water bottles are too flimsy). Keep the cap in a safe place for when the bottle is full and start filling.

Some items commonly found in the bottle brick:

Plastic Bags Dental Floss Vegetable stickers Netflix plastic tear off Plastic wrappers

Neceipts Styrofoam Old Pens Twistie ties Broken rubber bands

Step 3

Stuff as you go. Get a stick, or wooden spoon, to TAMP the items down inside the bottle.

> This will start compacting the items inside so the bottle can become as hard as a brick.

Keep on pressing the trash down to get as much trash as possible into the bottle

Screw the cap shut. Squeeze your bottle. If there's any space inside, stomp it again and add more trash.



find out more at earthbench.org

# MOAB CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

For a community to prosper and grow, its residents have to be **INVOLVED**. If you would like to participate in any club or organization, **PLEASE CALL THEM.** Many of these groups are always looking for a helping hand or two.

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AARP, Chapter 1539	
Alcoholics Anonymous/Alanon	
Alpha Rho Sorority (Bobbie Long)	
American Legion Post (Bill Smith)	
Arches Adult Education (Trish Hedin)	259-2293
Arches New Hope Pregnancy Center (Debbie Nelson)	259-LIFE (5433)
BEACON (Stephanie Dahlstrom)	
Boy Scouts of America (Kent Dalton)	
Canyonlands Field Institute (Karla Vander Zanden)	
Canyonlands Film Society (Becky Thomas)	
Canyonlands Rodeo Club (Kirk Pearson)	260-2222
Community Rebuilds (Emily Niehaus)	
Canyonlands Wildlife Federation (Dave Bierschied)	259-8217
Center for Water Advocacy (Harold Shepherd)	
Daughters of Utah Pioneers (Hallie Tibbetts)	
Deadhorse Motorcycle Club (Terry Flynn)	259-3878
Delicate Stitchers Quilt Guild (Shauna Dickerson)	259-0906
Elks Lodge #2021 (Dan Stott)	259-7334
Fallen Arches Square Dancers (Bob & Flora Erickson)	
Friends of Arches and Canyonlands Parks (Joette Langianese)	259-0108
Friends of Indian Creek (Sam Lightner, Jr.)	
Friends Of the Grand County Library (Adrea Lund)	
Grand County Public Library	
Girl Scouts of The U.S.A. (Cynthia Williams)	259-6683
Grand Area Mentoring (Dan McNeil)	260-9645
Grand County Democratic Party (Mike Binyon)	259-1633
Grand County 4-H (Marion Holyoak)	259-7558
Grand County Extension (Michael Johnson)	259-7558
Grand County Food Bank	
Grand County Hospice (Tracey Harris)	259-7191
Grand County Prevent Child Abuse	
Humane Society of Moab Valley	
Ladies Golf Club (Chris Corwin)	259-5344
League of Women Voters (Cynthia Smith)	259-5306
Lion's Club (Tom Warren)	
Moab Aglow Lighthouse Fellowship (Murine Gray)	
Moab Arts Council (Bruce Hucko)	259-4176
Moab Arts Festival (Theresa King)	259-2742
Moab Arts & Recreation Center	
Moab Bird Club (Nick Eason)	
Moab Chamber of Commerce (Kammy Wells)	259-7814
Moab City Recreation (John Geiger)	
Moab Community Theater (Kaki Hunter)	
Moab Country Club (Rob Jones)	
Moab Duplicate Bridge Club (Gail Darcey)	

Moab Garden Club (Tricia Scott)	259-6342
Moab Half Marathon (Ranna Bieschke)	
Moab Horse Racing Association (Chuck Henderson)	
Moab Horse Show Association (Tosha Audenried)	
Moab Lodging Association (Britnie Ellis)	
Moab Masonic Lodge #30	
Moab Music Festival (Andrew Yarosh)	
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Order of the Eastern Star (Fran Townsend)	
Parent Teacher Association (Tiffany Saunders)	
Plein Air Moab (Sandi Snead)	
Plateau Restoration/Conservation Adventures (Tamsin McCormick)	
Red Rock Astronomers	259-4743
Red Rock Forests	259-5640
Red Rock 4-Wheelers (Ber Knight)	259-7625
Retired Senior Volunteer Program RSVP (Jody Ellis)	259-1302
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# Lessons Learned About Cats...From My Cats

Part 2: Mr. B's Great Adventure

One Christmas Eve many years ago a cat with some serious injuries showed up on the porch of the Castle Valley Inn. My mother, the owner of the inn at the time fell in love instantly and she spent the next year trying to tame one

wild beast. She named him Buster (which is very close to the word busted, and that was a good explanation of his condition). Buster was feral and had been attacked by something large a dog, coyote, or maybe a mountain lion. He is brilliant white with some small black details on his head and tail and in addition he is 15 lbs so his size and coloring meant he didn't stand a chance out in wild Castle Valley. We fed him a can of food that evening and in the morning he was still hiding under the porch. So we called the

feral cat program and got a trap to catch him.

We trapped him the next day and took him to one of the local vets to get checked out. They were able to neuter him and tend to his serious neck and facial wounds, but his prognosis was not great. He had 37 teeth removed because of a seriously broken jaw, and was paralyzed on the right side of his face. One ear was bitten off and the other had been seriously damaged by frostbite. His wounds had become infected and he smelled well, terrible. Because we couldn't touch him to help clean the wounds, it would be antibiotics in his food and some luck to keep this kitty going. With some luck and

persistence, it worked.

After his trip to the vet he remained outside but stuck close to the house, the porch was his "safe place". He healed well and his face is now shaped similarly to a snake, no real ears to speak of and a jaw that healed together in a point at the front of his face. His right eye only blinks with the pink inside eyelid, and the eye remains open when he sleeps, just like Rambo! At first he would run if you got within two paces of him, but as the months passed he let

you get closer as he ate. My mother was not deterred by this stand-offish demeanor and in fact took it as a challenge. She would get closer and closer and he would swipe and hiss the whole time. After many more months he would come and be near you on the patio rubbing his funny little head against your shoes, but wouldn't allow any petting.

One day he ventured inside the house with the back door open, the door shut behind him and he proceeded to climb the drywall. Illegal fireworks inside weren't as scary as this poor cat; he was beside himself and explosive. We decided to all evacuate the house, and leave the back door open and stayed quiet and out of sight to reduce his stress. After a few hours of hiding behind the toilet he ventured back out to the patio. We knew it was too much too soon. My mother was so excited at the idea of him being inside that we made it a goal, devised a plan and all stuck to it. The back door was left open whenever weather allowed and basically paid no attention to him if he ventured inside

to look. Eventually we started setting his food bowl just inside the door to help him associate good things with being inside.

The inn was up for sale, and there was now a serious

offer. My mother was looking at moving into town here in Moab. She knew the new owners had a dog, and Buster was not OK with dogs. It was getting obvious that he may be forced into being inside. The closing and sale got closer and closer, and Buster was still making no progress towards being touched, or staying inside. Then it happened, the week before the closing someone who didn't know him picked him up, we gasped! Usually there was blood involved

in such action, usually your own. He let them hold him and pet him, even if it was just for a moment it still happened, then he let us do it again, it was like he knew that time was running out.

The big move came, and he handled it like a champ. His new home had two new kitties in it and although they were not fond of him he didn't mind them at all. He was required to stay inside and didn't mind that at all either. In his first new home, we put a litter box in the room he stayed in temporarily, and hoped he took to it. Again like a champ the next morning there was a poop in the box, not

on the floor. Buster got more and more tolerant of petting, and even began to seek out human attention after a few more months. Then a kitten was brought as a gift to my Mom and that's when we found out Buster had a fantastic nurturing side. This little kitten was wild and was named Allover and Buster just loved him and when this tiny kitty wanted to nurse, Buster even gave him a belly to kneed and suckle.

My mother passed away a few years ago,

and we inherited Buster. We have known him since the beginning of his great adventure, and he is the sweetest most tolerant kitty we have ever had. That being said, he does still have his limits, and we respect those huge claws

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of his. Because of his mouth injuries he is on a strict diet of grain-free wet food. We found he was more likely to throw up when he ate kibble because he can't chew, so we avoid it. For a few years he was shaved in the summer because his coat was so hard to maintain, but now as senior it is unsafe to put him under for this procedure so we switched to better food and a Furminator de-shedding tool weekly to deal with all that fur.

by Jessica Turquette of the Moab BARKery

All in all he is one of the best kitties ever, but he and most feral cat come with some unique challenges. We tried our best and made mistakes in his rehabilitation, but we also know many people have tamed and taken in feral cats, and in all, we hear they have made amazing pets. It takes some patience and persistence but it's really rewarding too! Moab has a pretty serious feral cat problem, so if you are feeding a stray remember there is a great program here in Moab that will spay/neuter plus vaccinate each kitty for \$15, call 435-259-8823. Help us keep the feral population under control.



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