

business discussed at Chamber meeting

velopment at that time."

He detailed a recent experience where a company located in Moab, only to pull up stakes and move to Wyoming where there is no corporate tax. "In Utah, there is approximately 5 percent corporate tax," he added. This coupled with red tape on the state level for a request to change business status,

caused them to relocate. There were 6-9 jobs created and lost within a few short weeks. Chamber members discussed ways of keeping businesses after they are attracted to Moab. Suggestions included more communication with the chamber, especially if their business is having problems.

It was emphasized that small rural communities must stand in unison

on issues to be heard at the state and federal level. Letters of support from the Chamber, the City and County might be of help in some cases. The Chamber can also help with technical assistance or often guide them to the source that can help.

The idea of a "welcome" committee not only for new businesses in town, but for new residents, also was discussed. It was noted by several members that there are a lot of new faces in town, especially retirees.

Marion Eason, director of the Travel Council, reported on the increased numbers of visitors in the area for July. The travel council is continuing their mail-out campaign with the assistance of volunteers from the Grand County Training Center and RSVP senior citizens. "It's a lot of work but things seem to be going well," Eason said.

Joe Kingsley reported on the BMW motorcycle tour of 147 Italian executives that went through Moab last week. They stopped at Grand Tire for Pepsi and Poplar Place for pizza, then continued on their way to Green River where the town welcomed them warmly with banners and flags.

President Jim Corwin gave an update on the golf course project. A preliminary water study has been completed with the assistance of Sharon Myron of Utah State Extension Office.

Bette Stanton, CSU executive director, reported that the chamber mailed 29 retirement and industrial

packets this week. She also felt that the tourist numbers were increasing because of the number of complaints regarding local services is also increasing.

The film commission has received three more inquiries for major features, with two referred by production people who have filmed in Moab within the past year. She reported receiving very positive response to the film promotion video recently produced by the film commission. A Wrigley's Gum commercial is currently being filmed in Moab and a Marlboro ad was shot over the weekend. Stanton added that there are four seminars and conventions scheduled during the next four weeks.

Next week's speaker at the chamber luncheon will be Craig Bigler. His talk will be coordinating efforts and consolidating common concerns of the Class A Special Events. It is hoped that a full-time person may be acquired to help accomplish this very needed communication link

Lowdermilk gets contract to fix damaged road

Elbert Lowdermilk Construction Co. of Helper was awarded a contract late Tuesday to do major repair work north of Moab on U. S. 191 just east of the Arches National Park entrance road.

The firm was one of four contractors visiting the site of a major piece of flood damage, which destroyed the highway all the way to the centerline. That visit was on Friday, and the four bids were reviewed Tuesday.

Lowdermilk's bid amounted to \$60,019, just under engineering estimates of \$61,060. After reviewing the bid for accuracy, District 4 Director Dyke LeFevre informed the firm to proceed with the work immediately. It will consist of widening the dry-stream channel, and placing rock fill in the

damaged portion of the roadway, as well as paving and channel lining to protect Arches National Park lands from erosion as future floods occur in the rocky canyon.

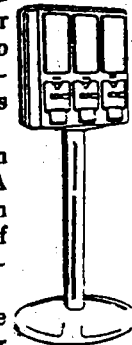
According to District 4 preconstruction engineer, Archie Hamilton, the work should be completed in two to three weeks.

VISITED IN GREEN RIVER

Flora Warbinton and Madge Warde drove to Green River Friday to take Kimberly Rynio to catch the Greyhound bus to St. George. While there they visited Betsy Hatt and enjoyed a nice Green River melon.

HOSPITAL NEWBORN

Born July 6, 1987 to David W. and Patricia L. Maki, a boy, David W., 19 in., 7 lb. 9 oz.



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Tremendous highway damage . . .

The tremendous forces of nature were exhibited in Arches National Park and surrounding areas just past 6 p.m. last Friday, Aug. 7, when a major thunderstorm which only dampened Moab with sprinkles, filled dry washes with thousands of second feet of water. Just west of the Arches entrance road, a tremendous wall of water coming through a narrow cut at the bottom of the canyon nearly destroyed U. S. Highway 191. In just a matter of a few minutes the water had undercut the highway, destroying it clear to the centerline and leaving guardrail hanging in mid-air. Arches National Park crews and Utah Department of Transportation crews immediately set up warning devices, and crews diverted traffic on a one-way basis day and night until Sunday morning when a temporary second lane was constructed. It is expected that eventual permanent repair will have to be done under contract, and could cost well over \$100,000 to widen the canyon opening and repair the roadbed. Other damage was reported in Arches, and on the Dead Horse Point road.

18 hole golf course now assured after state grant/loan awards

Construction leading to a full 18-hole golf course will start immediately in Spanish Valley, following the award of two major grants last Thursday to the City of Moab from the State Permanent Community Impact Board.

The second award, amounting to \$176,400, will be used to purchase a large block of Bureau of Land Management property on which much of the new 9 holes are being built. Moab City already controlled the land under a special recreation lease. Purchase of the property will now enable the City to more adequately monitor activities that might impact City springs in the vicinity, and may make it possible to ultimately sell some pieces of property between fairways for construction of homes. Of the latter award, \$161,400 was in the form of a 20-year 3 percent loan, which will be repaid with proceeds of land sales.

Making the presentation before the Board in its regular monthly meeting in Salt Lake City were Tony Lema, chairman of the Moab Community Development Agency Board, and City Councilman William D. McDougald. They were supported by a number of other interested Moab area residents, including Max Young, Salt Lake City, who with Moabite Hans Weibel will soon begin work on a condominium project on property they own adjacent to the golf course.

Mr. Young told the board that he feels that Moab is on the leading edge of tremendous growth in second and retirement homes surrounding the recreation complex, and that completion of a full 18 hole golf course will be a magnet to those seeking the types of dwellings he and his partner will build.

Mr. Lema told board members that in terms of local

into the project to date.

Mr. Lema and Mr. McDougald were supported in their presentation by Bette Stanton, director of the Central Services unit, who actually prepared the formal applications for the grant/loan packages. They expressed delight at the positive action of the state board, particularly since the applications were approved after the first presentation—a waiver of rules of the board which usually require projects to be discussed for at least two consecutive monthly meetings.

“Getting approval in August may well make it possible to get our planting done this fall, which is much preferred over spring planting,” Mr. Lema said.

After returning to Moab late Thursday, the Community Development Agency Board met Friday at noon to begin

charting their course of action, now that money is in hand to complete the project.

The Community Development Agency was created by joint City/County resolutions several years ago to gain a full 18-hole golf course for Moab, and to develop several hundred acres of City-owned property around the new golf course in condominium and home development. This year, the board has been meeting on a weekly basis in an attempt to bring the project to a head.

	WEATHER		
	High	Low	Precip.
Aug. 5	100	71	tr.
Aug. 6	96	68	.05
Aug. 7	87	64	.48
Aug. 8	91	60	—
Aug. 9	93	59	—
Aug. 10	96	60	—
Aug. 11	98	66	—

Miss Grand County 1978-79 named . . .

