

BENCHTALK

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Candidate's Forum

It has been a great warm fall thus far and the October school break was pretty sweet in town. It is also voting season in the valley and time to start paying attention the upcoming election. If you are a registered voter, you should be getting your mail ballot within a few days. And for those interested in the Crested Butte town council election, don't forget there is a Candidate's Forum this Sunday, October 18 at the CB Center for the Arts. It is your opportunity to directly question the candidates and hear about the proposed sales tax issues. The forum starts at 6 p.m. and will also be broadcast on KBUT.

Halloween Paint-Your-Own-Pottery!

It is also Halloween season, a sort of Crested Butte holiday in its own right. Join The Art Studio on three dates in October to paint Halloween pottery. Jack-o-lanterns, candy bowls, skulls and more await your creativity. Pottery is fired and ready for pick up on Thursday, October 22 from 3:30 to 5 p.m., so you can display and enjoy your pieces in advance of Halloween.

Pay only for what you paint with prices ranging from \$5 to \$55. No reservation required—just choose a day and come paint! *Painting Days:* Sunday, October 18: 12 to 5 p.m.; Monday, October 19: 3:45 to 5:45 p.m.; Tuesday, October 20: 3:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Verizon heads-up

Verizon Wireless will be working on Thursday, October 15 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. to double its high-speed data capacity in the Crested Butte area. Customers may experience slower data connections during that period.

Art Opening at the Piper Gallery Monday

Join the Mason Family as they present an off-season showing of Zane Mason's artwork at The Piper Gallery at the Center for the Arts. Zane's dedication to his work, his unique style, and his varied approach touched and inspired many, and this is a great opportunity to see the volume and diversity of what he produced. At this show, there will be an option to purchase and order prints. The proceeds from the sale of Zane's work benefit The Zane

Mason Memorial Fund, which will be awarding scholarships in the arts, fitness, and sports. Show runs Monday, October 19 through Monday, November 30. Artist Reception: Friday, October 23, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Discovery of Personal Symbols

Every person projects a unique set of symbols, shapes and colors that reflect their personality and energy. Are you cornflower blue, introverted, and compassionate? Are you fiery orange, outgoing, and pragmatic? This interactive art workshop has you engaging in a small group endeavor to discover, interpret, and draw these characteristics for each other, using high quality colored pencils on colored paper. Instructor Carol Conner leads the group through

how to read each other. After the drawings are finished, each participant gathers the drawings that were done for them by the other members of the group and attach them into unique book forms. A minimum of six participants are needed for the class, so bring a friend. No artistic experience is necessary—just the desire to explore art and intuition. It takes place at The Art Studio from 5:15 to 7:45 p.m. on October 22.

Silent Tracks

Silent Tracks, the newly formed nonprofit group will host its Gunnison Kick-Off membership drive on Thursday October 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at High Alpine Brewing Company (111 N Main Street) in Gunnison. Come to the brewery to learn more about Silent Tracks, winter travel management

planning in Gunnison National Forest, and the benefits of human-powered winter recreation. Food and drink will be available for purchase at the event. For more information, email info@silent-tracks.org or go to www.silent-tracks.org.

Birthdays:

October 15- John Hopper, Eva Loflin, Laney Giannone
 October 16- Kiley Flint, Jen Hawley
 October 17- Terri Parr
 October 18- Ella Donovan, Jess Leonetti, Jim Starr
 October 19- Andrea Schultz, Trevor Baim, Emma Coburn
 October 20- Eric Reinhardt, Elior Bilow-Makler, Malcom Boyce
 October 21- Ashton Wyckoff, Jackie Vellardi, Malcom Bailey, Tylor Byers, Rusty Reycraft



JUST MARRIED: Sarah Ekstrom and Brandon Bivans were married in Mt. Crested Butte on Friday, September 18, 2015. PHOTO BY NATHAN BILOW



RECOGNIZING INCREDIBLE EFFORTS: The Colorado Lottery presented the Starburst Award to Crested Butte Land Trust supporters and community members for their work conserving 108 Acres at the Snodgrass trailhead. From left to right: Kelly Tabor, Charla Brown, Erica Mueller, Bill Reimer, David Clayton, Karen Janssen, Joe Fitzpatrick, Peter Kennel, Ann Johnston. COURTESY PHOTO



CONGRATULATIONS: Kristy Winser and Tim McDonald eloped on September 10th, 2015. Kat Hassebroek officiated. PHOTO BY ALISON WHITE

CAMEOS WHAT WOULDN'T YOU SKIP FOR A POWDER DAY?



Riding the Rim Trail through the fall colors
Adam Curtis



An all expense paid trip to the Moon with country singer Luke Bryan
Amanda Donni



Learning how to surf waves
Benton Jackson



Elk Hunting
Bill Basore



Nothing. More powder please!
Stephanie Gerber

MOVIE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Guess the movie quote! Can you identify what movie the following quotation is from?

"If I'm going to trust you, I need to know your name!"

No one won last week's movie quote "A heart can be broken, but it will keep beating just the same." The quotation was from the movie *Fried Green Tomatoes*.