# BENCHTALK

BY D. CLAPSADDLE

Be a drag queen (or king) at KBUT BINGO

The final edition of KBUT's off-season bingo takes place Friday, June 3 at the Red Room, downstairs in the Secret Stash in Crested Butte. Participants are encouraged to dress in drag and get their bingo on. In addition to game prizes, there will be a door prize for Drag King and Drag Queen. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the games begin at 9 p.m. Arrive early for good seating. Last time it sold out. The cost is \$10 for 10 games, with proceeds benefiting KBUT Community Radio for the Gunnison Valley.

#### Luke Mehall to speak on his new memoir, American Climber

Former Gunnison Valley resident Luke Mehall will give a presentation for his third book, *American Climber*, at Townie Books on Thursday, June 2 at 7 p.m. The presentation is free, and there will be a "love letter to climbing" contest for the audience on real typewriters provided by the author. *American Climber* is a memoir loaded with epic climbing stories and adventures. It contains two underlying themes: a compelling narrative of the author's tumultuous journey to climbing that ultimately saved his life, and a detailed look at the American dirtbag climbing culture, which has never truly been examined in a memoir. More information about the book can be found at www.climbingzine. com.

### Marc Berger to perform at Crested Butte library next Thursday

Marc Berger will be performing an outdoor concert at the Crested Butte library, Thursday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. Inspired by his lifelong love affair with the American West, *RIDE*, Marc Berger's current release, presents 10 cinematic recordings capturing the vastness and romance of the West's wide-open spaces. In this special concert, Berger will perform his critically acclaimed, cinematic American Western song cycle, accompanied by Rob Meador on mandolin and guitar. The program will also include tales of Berger's experiences in the West, and the ways those experiences influenced the creation of the songs.

## Gunnison County Libraries' "Food for Fines" summer program

Clear your library fines and help those in need by participating in Gunnison County Libraries' summertime Food for Fines food drive. Customers with outstanding fines for overdue materials may have their fines reduced by donating undamaged and unexpired boxed or canned non-perishable food or toiletry items to either the Gunnison library or the Crested Butte library until July 31. Each single food or toiletry item will be applied as a \$1 credit toward the reduction of existing overdue fines. Food donations should be brought to the libraries' main desks. The donated items will benefit the Gunnison Country Food Pantry in Gunnison and the Crested Butte Food Bank in Crested Butte. The Food for Fines program is applicable only to library overdue fines.

### "Dowsing and Earth Acupuncture" coming to Gunnison

Karen Rice King, master dowser, has worked with world-renowned Slim Spurling and is coming to the area for a workshop this summer in Gunnison, on Saturday, June 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A free presentation will take place Thursday, June 9 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Gunnison library. Register for the few limited spaces available for this workshop. Please call Barbara Haas at (970) 641-2093 to reserve your place.

#### Birthdays:

June 2- Ted Bosler, Zach Knoll, Edie Shuman-Gibson June 3- Rosie Gebhart, Jean Bell-Dumas, Anna Aronovic, Elizabeth Bond

June 4- Mark Alling, Gary Sprung, Veronica Walton, Jordan Preston, Ben Barney

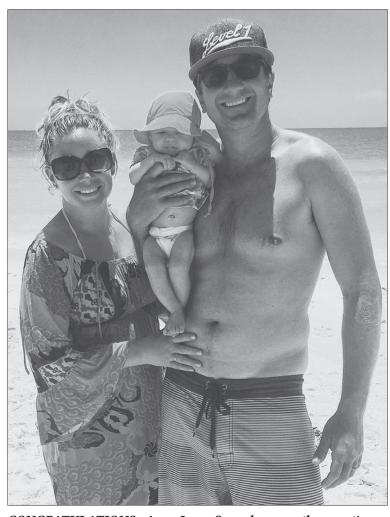
June 5- Jim Murry, Karen Saeger, Nathan Schield, Talie Morrison, Adele Bachman, Chris Sharpe, Max Lamb, Robin Cheney, Dave Carbonetti, Patti Kaech, Mary Lass, Rebecca Susan Ofstedahl, Carie O'Neal, Abby Norton

June 6- Paris Lumb, Ellyn Houghton, Toby Rippetoe June 7- Hasley Ralph, Jenny Clifford, Kate Mailly, Lori Mannella

June 8- Steve "Popcorn" Shaffer, Ron Chlipala, Lisa Sacco, Melissa Harrington



CONGRATULATIONS: June Rosemary Chase was born to Emma and Greg on March 30 at 2:29 a.m. weighing 6 lbs. and measuring 18 inches. COURTESY PHOTO



CONGRATULATIONS: Avery James Somrak, a seventh generation Crested Butte local, was born to Kate and Ben at Gunnison Valley Hospital (like her dad) on February 29. COURTESY PHOTO



BACKCOUNTRY BETROTHAL: In the snowy backcountry of Irwin, Colorado, on May 28, 2016, a small crew of friends made their way to the rolling hills for the wedding ceremony of Cayla Vidmar and Jake Tucker. The couple exchanged vows overlooking Kebler Pass. PHOTO BY CHRIS SEGAL

#### **CAMEOS**

#### HOW DO YOU KICKOFF YOUR SUMMER?



Playing soccer in a tournament. *Hannah Weil* 



Tight lines and beers. *Matt DePan* 



Poppin' wheelies on the GSXR. *Rob Weisbaum* 



With a float down the Gunnison. Robyn Perez and Moose



Sitting on the benches at Third and Elk. Taylor Reeves



Guess the movie quote! If you can identify what movie the following quotation is from, email jill@crestedbuttenews.com and win a free movie pass from the Majestic Theater. One winner per week.

"The water...it healed me."

No one won last week's movie quote "Go back to Jersey, sonny. This is the City of Angels, and you haven't got any wings." The quotation was from the movie L.A. Confidential.