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REACHING RANGITIKEI READERS

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Tremendous turnout to planting

Over 90 people turned up at Clifton School on Saturday morning to join the Tremendous Project to plant an outdoor classroom sponsored by Mazda.

The Mazda Foundation and the Project Crimson Trust launched Tremendous in 2007. Four NZ schools are chosen each year to have an area of their grounds turned into an outdoor classroom and so far, 40 schools have benefited. It's a prize worth \$10,000 and all primary and intermediate schools can apply. The initiative is about encouraging environmental awareness in schools and the wider community about the importance of caring for the environment. Clifton School principal Adrian Burn says, "It's wonderful for the school and for the kids. The community is out - all pitching in on the project. I'm sure it's going to be wonderful when it's finished. It will be a great resource."

Chair of the Mazda Foundation and chief executive of Mazda NZ, David Hodge said, "We're

proud to fund the project with the help of Project Crimson and the school provides labour. We book a barbecue (for the project workers) and enlist help from the local Mazda dealers; in this case Palmfield Motors, who also helped digging holes. We enjoy the project and the community feels good about it. It's soft exposure for Mazda. We give up four weekends a year which gets us into the community."

Nathan Baish, a teacher aide at Clifton School was overseeing the work on Saturday morning. He has a gardening background and his relation, Craig Martin designed the outdoor classroom space, which includes two octagon spaces and paths. Nathan says it took all day to lay the plants out on Friday - ready for planting and in time for the Tremendous crew to arrive.

All of the plants are native, designed to attract beneficial bees and insects. Ruud Kleinpaste, the 'Bugman', is an ambassador for the project.



Nathan Baish overseeing the Tremendous outdoor classroom makeover at Clifton School on Saturday.

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Sign points to skatepark project

The project to build an addition to the Marton Skatepark is well on track with its funding. To keep the community informed, Marton Rotarian Andrew Shand was busy last week, erecting a sign on Broadway with the names of the generous donors to the project and to keep a gauge of fundraising progress. The group is still seeking donations to do all the extras. The final landscaping will likely be done by a working bee that people with helpful skills and resources would be welcome to join. The planned addition to the existing Marton skatepark, is designed for more skilled users and will free up existing space to cater for all ages. It will also add barbecues and seating so families can enjoy the park.



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RSA Poppy Appeal shines light on veteran mental health



The theme for this year's RSA Poppy Appeal, not all wounds bleed - highlights the fact that mental health injuries are the most common, but least understood, of all

wounds suffered by NZ servicemen and women. The appeal, which raises vital funds to support the growing needs of New Zealand's 41,000 veterans and their families, was officially launched in Auckland this week and will culminate in Poppy Day on Friday April 20.

Post-traumatic stress injuries take a heavy toll on veteran's health.

RSA National President BJ Clark said the RSA was committed to providing a wide range of help to former members of the military who have served in deployments around the world.

"There's a growing demand for our support services, including an increasing number with service-induced mental health injuries. These are best described as any persistent psychological difficulty resulting from duties.

"These injuries may occur because of exposure to trauma or stress arising from combat, operational duties in a conflict zone, or other traumatic or serious events such as civil defence emergency or disaster relief," Mr Clark said.

NZ Defence Force medical director Dr Paul Nealis said stress injuries occur along a spectrum, ending with the most severe wound - post traumatic stress injury (PTSI).

"Symptoms of PTSI include reliving the event, including nightmares, flashbacks, or intrusive thoughts. In addition, sufferers can experience avoiding thoughts; feelings, or situations that serve as reminders of the event; feeling numb or cut off from others; being easily startled and being vigilant for signs of danger," Dr Nealis said.

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Beat the cold snap

Winter is coming with the first cold snap hitting the country but you can make your home cosier with some simple, quick DIY according to EECA Eneerywise.

The sate agency say prioritising cleaning the filters on your heat pump or dehumidifier so it runs properly. Technical expert Christian Hoerning says heat pump filters should ideally be cleaned every few weeks during winter because they can get clogged.

If you own a dehumidifier, run it while you are heating the room. "Dehumidifiers work best in warm rooms and all the electricity they use gets released as heat - so your heater needs to do less work."

If the cold draughts are whistling through your home, he suggests putting low-cost draught stopping tape around windows or doors and tightening up the hinges on doors and windows.

He says it's important to avoid lots of moisture in the home over winter because it increases the risk of mould. Air your home by opening windows and doors a few times a day, even in winter, he says.

Other top tips: dry clothes outside or in a clothes dryer that is vented to the outside - avoid indoor airing racks or clothes dryers that vent into your house. The moisture in the clothes will end up in your home, making it damp. Avoid unflued gas heaters which release toxic fumes and make your house damp. Cheap portable electric heaters are safer and cost less to run. Check your insulation to make sure it is up to scratch and hasn't been moved over the summer.

HEALTH SCENE

WDHB asks how safe is your home?

To mark April Falls Month, Whanganui District Health Board is urging Whanganui residents to ask themselves how safe their home is, given that many things we look at every day could be potential hazards that lead to a fall.

WDHB director of nursing and patient safety and quality general manager Sandy Blake says "while the risk of falling increases with age, the good news is - we can all do something about it."

"I suggest we sit down with a family member or friend and go through the easy room-by-room checklist of your home and garden, which ACC has produced," Mrs Blake says. "You will find it on their website by going to <http://ow.ly/MKLN30jk84q>.

"Remember to make a note of anything that might need to be fixed or changed. If you're still unsure about what needs to be done, ask family, friends or your health professional for advice."

The checklist asks questions such as:

Do your carpets or rugs lie flat, -without frayed corners or rolled up edges?

Are your rugs non-slip (with a rubber back) or secured to the floor?

Is the furniture arranged to provide clear walkways?

Are all your walkways clear of clutter (e.g. newspapers, boxes, shoes)?

Are electrical cords and wires kept away from walkways or taped down?

Is your lounge chair easy to get out of?

Can you reach the telephone easily from your lounge chair?

For more information on keeping your home safe, call 0800 101 996 or visit www.acc.co.nz.

Riskiest Takata airbags recall good for consumers

The compulsory recall of more than 50,000 vehicles fitted with potentially explosive Takata airbags will provide clarity, Consumer NZ head of testing Paul Smith says. Manufacturers and importers have 18 months to make repairs on affected vehicles.

"The recall was previously voluntary, covering about 452,000 vehicles, with more than 307,000 yet to be fixed. That's a poor return for a recall ongoing for almost five years."

The compulsory recall applies to vehicles fitted with older "alpha" generation airbags, while the remaining vehicles remain under voluntary recall."

Dr Paul Smith said: "Making the recall compulsory will provide clarity for consumers over whether their car is affected and reassure them that the riskiest airbags are being prioritised. It sends a clear message to the industry they haven't been acting swiftly enough to protect Kiwi motorists."

"Not all Takata airbags will explode on deployment, in fact it's unlikely - a one in 400 risk, is reported globally. But the older 'alpha' airbags, fitted to cars manufactured between 2001 and 2006, are more dangerous - tests have shown there's a chance every other deployment could be explosive."

The compulsory recall makes manufacturers and importers responsible for the fix and sets a timeline of 18 months to repair all vehicles fitted with "alpha" airbags. It also prohibits further import of vehicles with these airbags. Consumer NZ advises owners of cars manufactured between 2001 and 2006, to contact the manufacturer (for NZ-new cars) or importer (for used-imports) - don't wait for a letter to arrive. It can be difficult to track down the importer, so go to the dealer you bought the car from - they should be able to help and might even be the importer. The lists are always being updated, as more makes and models are implicated, so keep checking.

If your car is on the recall list, the manufacturer will contact you by letter.

If you haven't been contacted, or you are concerned your car is part of the recall, contact the local dealer for the brand of your car (if it was sold NZ-new) or the importer (if it was a used-import) for advice.

If you are contacted by the manufacturer or importer, take your car in and get it fixed. It won't cost you anything.

Consumer NZ members affected by the recall can contact the Advice Line for assistance: 0800 CONSUMER (0800 266 786).

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RSA Poppy Day on Friday April 20. Give generously.

Marton Players -Spotlight Theatre is holding after school youth drama classes at Marton Players theatre starting Term 2. Ages are from 5 years to teens. Contact them on 020 40161105 or 022 0141065- www.spotlighttheatre.biz

Marton Historical Society - Marton Museum and Archive Room open 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 1 - 3pm. Also open by request -ph 06 327 6099 or 06 327 6063.

Community environmental grants open

Horizons Regional Council is calling for applications to its community grants programme - with \$20,000 available to support environmental initiatives.

The programme helps encourage and support local community groups, schools, early childcare centres and iwi/hapū, with not-for-profit projects designed to enhance the region's natural environment.

Horizons chair Bruce Gordon says applications will be assessed on environmental benefits, feasibility, community involvement and long-term benefits.

"In the past we have granted funding to a range of projects such as sand dune restoration, native tree planting, wetland preservation and trapping to protect endangered species," says Mr Gordon.

"More often than not we help groups that simply need a little funding to get their projects underway. It's really satisfying to provide

this support and we also supply expert advice where possible."

Mr Gordon says applications that provide opportunities for the public to learn more about the environment and encourage greater use of the region's facilities and amenities will be considered favourably.

"We receive frequent proposals for beautification planting, vegetable gardens and edible forests. While these are great ideas, they don't focus on engagement with the natural environmental aspect of the programme, so we ask that applicants have a decent read of the grant guidelines."

Last year, Horizons funded 12 projects across the region and each of which received between \$200 - \$3,050 each.

The closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 18 May. For further information please visit www.horizons.govt.nz or phone Horizons on 0508 800 800.

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CLUB SCENE



to do. For your interest, we are looking at cake decorating, soap making, beading, felting with Karen Workman on May 12, papermaking, print and book binding (these are likely to be done consecutively).

If you would you like to participate in something at the centre, pop in and see us. It won't cost you a cent to visit and you can even stay for a cuppa.

If you have an interest in one of these workshops? Let us know...email Lorraine on bigtrees@orcon.net.nz or call 327 7975. We'd love to hear from you! New members most welcome.

Marton Contract Bridge Club

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Bulls Friendship Club

Just before Easter the club held its annual Just Friends Day for which we invite the membership of all the sister clubs to come and join us for an afternoon of fun and entertainment. It is a good way to meet people from a wider area as we received members from clubs as far afield as Levin and Ashhurst. They were made very welcome and at two o'clock the entertainment started with the Himatangi Goodtime Band (all two of them) giving us a rousing hour of good fun and great music. The raffles were drawn during the entertainment and before we retired to afternoon tea, the prizes were distributed. It was a good afternoon and we thank everyone who attended. We were particularly pleased to welcome members from the Marton club, from whom, unfortunately, we had become a little detached, since they meet the same day we do. Last week, our guest was our past president Peter Hales who, with his partner, entertained with a wide variety of songs and trumpet music, with a few risqué stories thrown in. Great Stuff. Next week, our guest will be Liz Davies. See you there. The Bulls Friendship Club meets most Fridays at the Friendship Hall on the corner of Daniell St with the programme commencing at 2pm, although someone will be there from about 1.30pm. We are a small but amiable club so if you would like to join us you would be very welcome. You can just turn up but if you want more information about the club you can ring our president, Elaine Jeffree on 06 322 1494 who I'm sure will be able to answer any questions you may have. Come on, don't be shy, give us a try.

Marton Friendship Club

Age Concern mentions continuously, elderly people unable to have contact with others - who are lonely and with no one to talk to. Friendship every Friday is just the place. You are welcome. We have an hour of entertainment, some raffles, time to chat and a nice cuppa to end with at about 3.30pm. You may visit us three times without paying or doing anything at all. Just come along and find out. Last week's raffles won by Sheila, Deana, Wendy, Colleen, Melva and Pat. Entertainer was Robyn Curtis from Koputaroa on keyboard. Always music from 60, 70 & 80s. Robyn is well liked at our club. She has a lovely voice and certainly knows how to get everyone up dancing. Those who are able that is! Next week, Gillian and Allan from Wanganui will be out guest artists. Well worth listening to. Our club is blessed with quality entertainers every Friday. See you there. Morris St, hall open 1pm, programme 2pm.

Companionship Group

A newish group, two years old last week, is for 50 year olds and over. It's held every Wednesday - 11am to 2pm. This group is for anyone by themselves. Bring a friend and learn to laugh again and have fun. If you are one of these isolated people, come and see us. No religion, no fees. Tea and coffee and a bun (if you're lucky). We provide it for you. Just bring your lunch. If you use a walking stick or a walker bring that too. We do table games like scrabble or housie (no money), colouring pictures, (nothing strenuous) or simply sit and chat. Anyone from rural Rangitikei can come along. Another group in Marton that is open to anyone who badly need some communication, is a friendship club - it has 62 years behind it. You will be made to feel welcome; you will never be lonely again. Our members go home with a big smile and always come back every Wednesday. We meet in the hall beside St Andrew's Church in Broadway. Come and learn how to laugh again, its fun.

Outward Bound community volunteer scholarships open

Are you, or do you know someone who shows passion and commitment to helping their community and is 18-26 years old? Such help could be in the form of volunteering for local organisations, supporting worthy causes or investing time in helping others. Scholarships are now available for Outward Bound's 21-day classic course in the Marlborough Sounds. Scholarships are available for courses happening during 7 May - 27 May, 4 June - 24 June, 30 July - 19 August and 27 August - 16 September 2018. The scholarship pays up to 75% of the full course fee. In addition, the participants just need to cover the cost of a medical appointment and travel to and from Picton. Call 0800 688 927, email jwilson@outwardbound.co.nz or head to <https://www.outwardbound.co.nz/scholarships/whos-the-finest-scholarship/> for more information and application closing dates.

A Taste of Rangitikei New face at Centennial Park

Liz Hartley is a friendly, enthusiastic addition to the happy staff at Marton's busy Centennial Park Dairy. Liz has been in the job since last week and is working full-time. Dairy owner Leanne encourages customers to, "Come and check out the extensive range of food items we have to offer." With the cooler weather approaching, Centennial Park Dairy's Country Fried Chicken, hot chips and range of burgers provides appetising and 'warming' lunch choices for the busy person!



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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR HEALTH

BOWEL SCREENING

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Achieving equity in screening rates for Māori, Pacifica, people living in socioeconomically-deprived areas and rural populations is a high priority for Whanganui DHB and the National Bowel Screening Programme.

Key points to remember are:

- adults in the 60–74 age group are eligible to participate
- participation in the programme is free
- eligible men and women will be invited to participate every two years
- registration to participate is not required. Invitations will be generated from a national population register.

COMPLAINTS AND PATIENT FEEDBACK

To help us improve the standard of the services we provide to our community, Whanganui DHB welcomes feedback and suggestions whether they are compliments, complaints or concerns.

Our investigation of complaints and concerns is robust and we make sure the learnings that come from these are shared to help us make sure mistakes are not repeated.

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Russell Simpson | WDHB Chief Executive



Dot McKinnon | WDHB Board Chair

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY/WHĀNAU FROM FLU THIS WINTER

Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) and the Immunisation Advisory Centre are advising people to start thinking about flu immunisations which remain the best way to protect family/whānau from influenza or the 'flu' this winter. Flu vaccines will be arriving in surgeries and participating pharmacies in April - the best month for people to get their annual flu shots to ensure they're protected before flu season strikes in winter.

This year's vaccines are expected to offer protection against the strain that circulated in the Northern Hemisphere during their winter season. Some media have been calling it the 'Aussie flu'. To better match circulating viruses, the two funded quadrivalent influenza vaccines will contain four inactivated virus strains, specially formulated for the New Zealand 2018 season.

Please note - you can't get flu from the vaccine because there are no live viruses in it.

Flu immunisation is free for Whanganui residents from your doctor, nurse or qualified vaccinating pharmacist from April till the end of December, if you are:

- Aged 65 years or over
- Pregnant (any stage of pregnancy).

Flu immunisation is free only from a doctor or nurse if you are:

- Aged under 65 years of age (including children) with long-term health conditions such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, respiratory disease (including asthma that requires regular preventive therapy), kidney disease and most cancers.
- A child, aged four and under who has been hospitalised for respiratory illness or has a history of significant respiratory illness.

Even if you don't qualify for free immunisation from your doctor, nurse or pharmacist, you may still be able to get one free from your employer. Flu shots are also available for anyone for a fee from a doctor, nurse or some pharmacists.

Please encourage your family/whānau who can get a free flu shot to see their doctor, nurse or qualified vaccinating pharmacist.

**GET YOUR
FLU SHOT**



Bulls business has plenty to offer Rangitikei. Read about this week's featured business ...

Massage Therapy in Bulls



Shirley Henderson in her Bulls 'Massage Cabin'

Massage and hypnotherapy services are no further away than Bulls. Shirley Henderson has been operating massage and hypnotherapy services from her Bulls clinic since mid-2017. A fully trained clinical hypnotherapist and massage therapist, Shirley practiced in the Manawatu for 17 years and last year decided to extend her services to include the Rangitikei. Shirley spends three and a half days of the week at her Palmerston North site and works from her Bulls clinic all day Wednesdays and Monday mornings. However, she will do her best to accommodate Rangitikei clients outside these times where necessary. Appointments need to be made (call 06 3564871 or call/text 027 2690655). Shirley says, "Hypnotherapy is the process of using suggestions and visualisations, designed to help people achieve desired goals or positive change, by facilitating new patterns of behaviour." "Most clients only need one session to address their issues." Shirley describes the massage therapy she provides as, "A classic treatment that helps alleviate stress, burnout, strains and pains." Massage and hypnotherapy are two separate but complementary treatments. Shirley welcomes all new business and adds that "I treat every client with respect and integrity. It's my goal to have everyone leaving my clinic feeling better than when they arrived!"

Shirley Henderson

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Amazing Alabasters bring home national titles



Sheree Alabaster (left) after winning her eighth New Zealand open woolhandling championship in Te Kuiti on Saturday night, with cousin Reuben Alabaster who, at the age of 14, won the NZ Junior championship shearing final on Thursday. Photo Doug Laing SSNZ.

Taihape is very proud of its two NZ champions who came out on top at the New Zealand Shearing and Woolhandling Championships in Te Kuiti last week.

It was "amazing" for the eighth time when Taihape school teacher, mother-of-one and former world champion Sheree Alabaster won the NZ open woolhandling title for an eighth time in Te Kuiti on Saturday. The 43-year-old, who earlier this year claimed her 50th win in open finals, dominated the blend, oddment and fleece components of a five-handler final of six second-shear fleeces each, in the Waitomo Cultural and Arts Centre, beating runner-up Logan Kamura, of Marton, by nine points. Third, almost five points further back after



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dominating on time and board work, was reigning world champion Joel Henare. Alabaster explained her repeated success in Te Kuiti, in contrast to being yet to win a Golden Shears Open, by saying: "I love it here. I love the atmosphere." Making it more "amazing" was that she was able to put the family name on the 2018 honours board for a second time, after 14-year-old cousin Reuben Alabaster's junior shearing final win on Thursday. Alabaster's mother, Libby, is a woolhandling judge and late-father Ray Alabaster competed at the first Golden Shears as a teenager in 1961 and was runner-up in two of his nine Golden Shears Open shearing finals. Sheree Alabaster, who previously won the national title, 3 years in a row in 2004-2006, and again in 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2014, had one of her better seasons in 2017-18 with seven wins. They included the North Island Circuit final during the Golden Shears, which claimed her place in the New Zealand transtasman series for next season with Henare, who retained his place by winning the New Zealand Woolhandler of the Year final in Balclutha in February.

Update on the Multi Sport Turf

The new multisport turf at Rangitikei College has been open for a number of months now and is being well used by both local schools and Rangitikei College, as well as members the community at large.

The turf is never locked so it can be used by anyone at any time when it hasn't been booked.

Some families have been playing tennis there and groups of children have been seen kicking a soccer ball around. Rangitikei College hosted the Mitre 10 triathlon at the

school recently, with the cycle leg departing from the acrylic netball surface at the front of the courts, whilst Nga Tawa was playing some of its interschool tennis matches on the adjacent courts.

During the school holidays, lights above the turf are going to be installed by The Downs Group. This is going to further extend the use of the facility over the winter months and Rangitikei Hockey Association will be running junior competitions on the turf.



The Rangitikei College multisport turf was opened in November last year and the surrounding fence features local sportspeople. The turf is now being well used by local schools and the public.

Recent controversy surrounding the turf project contractor Shane Gribbon who completed the ground work and is a board member, has been settled with the Ministry of Education by the school Board of Trustees which has explained its reporting error regarding conflict of interest associated with major spending.

NGA TAWA STUDENT BARCELONA BOUND FOR INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Nga Tawa Year 13 student, Lara Westraad has been selected to participate in the Barcelona International Youth Science Challenge (BIYSC) in the next school holidays from July 9 – July 20 2018. Lara, an aspiring doctor, was nominated to apply by her Biology teacher, Ms Daddy. She had to answer a number of questions and provide references to support her application.

100 students from 18 different countries were selected and assigned in groups of ten, to research projects. Lara was given her first choice and will be involved in researching Instructive biomaterials for regenerative medicine, at the Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia (IBEC). Lara and nine others will undertake a number of different experiments and observations using biomaterials to regenerate tissue cells which will one day hopefully, result in regenerating organs.

"I'm so excited to have been selected. I doubt I would have had the opportunity to go to Spain otherwise," she said. "I'll get some free time to explore Barcelona with the rest of the group and can't wait to visit the Sagrada la Familia, Gaudi's building and of course sample lots of tapas!"

Lara has contacted BIYSC to see if anyone else has been selected from New Zealand in the hope someone may be able to keep her company for the long-haul flight to Spain. In the meantime, she'll be busy applying for grants and brainstorming fundraising ideas over the holidays, to help cover the costs of her flights and the programme registration fee.



Escaped worst of weather

Stormy weather in Taranaki and central North Island and further north on Monday and Tuesday, missed most of the Rangitikei, except the Taihape area which experienced snow, when temperatures dropped to midwinter levels. Largely this district dodged the damaging winds.

Police worked with Fire and Emergency and Civil Defence as heavy rain and winds affected the Taranaki and central North Island regions. There was surface flooding on a number of roads, while trees and power lines were down in some areas.

The Lion King is all go!



At Hunterville School, Wendy Revell (left), Jane Nimmo and a host of other wonderful production workers are right into all the drama, directing, assisting, costuming, props creating, etc and it's shaping up to be a fabulous show.

Principal Colleen Dalley says, "We are so fortunate to have such support from our parents and wider school community and are definitely very appreciative. All classes and leads have been involved in rehearsals with Mrs Revell and her helpers. Lots of fun and laughter, strange language sounds and some very well-known songs have been echoing out from the hall during each session!" "Costuming and props are well underway, and soon there will be action in the scenery and set development areas. We have a volunteer sound techie and are talking with our usual professional sound and lighting person." The Hunterville School show is on stage for the community, on May 10 and 11.

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MARTON GOLF CLUB
 Saturday 7 April: 43 starters. Voucher from Ballance Agri-Nutrients: M Jones 40; R Win 39; B Bielby 38; G Calkin, S Ballard 37; R McDermott, P Singer, A Stewart 36; D Angove 35; D Singer 34; G Hughes, D Green, B Beck, C Skou 33. Being here: P Simpson, B Poppe. Twos: L Wake 3rd; P O'Connor 12th. Next week: 4/BBB Butterfield Cup. Choose own partners. Duty: G Jongen, A Bremner. Anzac Day tournament sponsored by Cook's Bar and TAB; Wed 25 April. Working bee, 9:00am Wed.

MARTON LADIES 18 HOLE GOLF
 Wednesday 4 April 2018. LGU medal & putting, Coronation medal, Aotearoa Cup, Vet's Cup, Gross Cup. Coronation medal; A Bary net 76. Aotearoa Cup; R Morrison net 67. Vet's Cup; M Poppe net 68. Gross Cup; G Burne, R Williams, A Bary tied on 94. Division one; G Burne 71, S Jensen 72, R Williams 74. Division two; R Morrison 67, M Poppe 68, A Fleming 69. Putting: A Bary & B Bielby; 29 putts. Sponsored balls; D Chapman, N McDermott, C Skou. Wednesday 18 April; mystery bus trip.

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB
 Wednesday 28 March; stableford: Bob Pittaway 39pts, Alan Torstonsen 38pts, Bill Patene 35pts, Graeme Stephens, Geoff Ingram & Steve Boyens 34pts, Clive Robinson, Dan Scotson & Peter Young 33pts, Henry Potaka, Julian Elliott & Neil Atkins 32pts, Brent Vann & Matt Brown 31pts. Twos: Neil Atkins 3rd. Lucky draw was Heather Craig. Club day Sunday 1 April: stableford; Michelle Mossop & Ken Boyle 41pts, Geoff Ingram 37pts, Alan Torstonsen 36pts, Manny Dreliazis 34pts, & Rob Giles 32pts. Wednesday 4 April 2018: stableford: Neil Atkins, Dave Wright & Brian Francis 39pts, Neville Berendt & Dan Scotson 38pts, Lynne McDonald, Julian Elliot, Henry Potaka & Joseph Tapper 37pts, Ash Reed & Jason Bowles 36pts, Rob Giles, Bill Patene, Lyndon Moore & Marty Field 35pts. Twos: Joseph Tapper & Dan Scotson 3rd, Jono Cotton 12th. Lucky draw was Stu De Burgh. Saturday 7 April: Scully's Gift Shop medal; seniors: Karen Yorke net 69, Bill Ward net 71, Geoff Ingram & Murray Bruhn net 72, Liz Kinloch & Wallace Miller net 73, Tim Wales & Ken Boyle net 74. Juniors: Manny Dreliazis net 69, Nepia Andrews net 71, Edith Leary net 72, Alan Torstonsen net 73. Twos: Ken Boyle on 3rd.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB
 Tuesday 3rd. Stableford; Garry Burgess on count back

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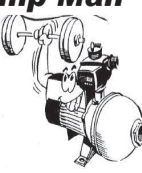
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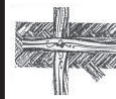
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against it in round 5, suffering their biggest loss thus so far; going down 9.5 to 2.5 vs Feilding at Manawatu. All's well though, as the team prepares for round 6 vs Foxton at Taihape on Sunday 22nd. Coming events: Tuesday golf - 9.30am tee off. Saturday 14th - round 3 Gracie Cup; 11 am tee off. President's v Wanganui at Hawkestone; 10.30am tee off. Taimui challenge; Grant and Spike bt Dave T and Weeksy. Next challengers: Joby and Larni. Visitors and casual golfers play 9, or 18 holes for only \$10. New members 1st year pay only \$250 to join. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB

The Taihape A grade pennant team travelled to an immaculately groomed Manawatu Golf Club, in the banana skin position, for a must win to keep their semi-final contentions alive. A loss to the bottom placed Levin would also provide a bottleneck battle to avoid relegation. Taihape mustered the same team, two games in a row and was too strong for Levin; prevailing 10 ½ to 1 ½. The Taihape foursomes were 4 nil - a clean sweep. Recent pairing Kerry Wells and Matt Booth won 3/2; Koke Cashell and Denny Thompson also won 3/2; Richie Nimmo & Duane Dick battled hard for their 2/1 win; uncle and nephew combination, Alan and Matthew Thomas came home strong for a 2/1 win. In the singles, Wells was a little unlucky going down 3/2; A Thomas won 6/4; Booth came back from the wilderness to halve; Dick had another strong win 3/2; Cashell's course management was too good 3/1; M Thomas won 4/3; Nimmo was back to full fitness winning 3/2; Thompson was too consistent, winning 2/1. The team stays in 5th position and has a tough road against Manawatu & Feilding to force a semi-final position. In the local competition, Marian Cleaver and Kevin O'Brien lead the way, with 41 points; John Booth 38; Jimmy Mickleson 37; Ken Cribb 36; Bruce Maher & Gary Thomas 35 and Dale Hunt (finding his feet) 34. This weekend, the president's trophy team takes on Apati, at home, with an 11am tee off. The local haggle is an 11.30am tee off.

RANGATIRA GOLF CLUB

Results 9 hole open day: 26 March. Women's division 1; 1 Maree Atkinson, 2 Barbara McDonald, 3 Jill Yortt, 4 Heather Grieg, 5 Anne Flipp. Women's division 2; 1 Elaine Pederson, 2 Heather Toy, 3 Carol Dickson, 4 Louisa Craig, 5 Marjorie Woodruff. Men's division 1; 1 Stephen Kupa, 2 Gary Willard, 3 Doug Muir, 4 Russell Parker, 5 Murray Crawford. Men's division 2; 1 Dave McDougall, 2 John Gregory, 3 Don Gregory, 4 Tom Trotter, 5 Sam Atkinson. Longest drive; men's division 1; Russell Florence. Men's division 2; John Gregory. Women's division 1; Lyn Boyle. Women's division 2; Sheena Marshall. Nearest to the pin. Men's division 1; Bryan Hammerton. Men's division 2; John Gregory. Women's division 1; Jill Yortt. Women's division 2; Shirley Russell.

ST FRANCIS INDOOR BOWLING

We had a great night of bowls this week. We welcomed Warren, Janice, Yvonne and Chance and hope they had a good night of bowls. We played the usual three games, with two teams having two wins and a loss. The winning team was Ray Harding and Erin Peddie. The winner of the raffle was one of our visitors, Janice. Next week, we are holding our senior singles tournament; starting at 7pm. There will be a normal night of bowls for others in attendance. See you all there.

BULLS INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

A big welcome to Jacqui and Ettiennne. With much laughter, we had a 21 end night and Booth trophy competition. This was won by Marilyn and Kevin Ellery, by one point, over Kevin Bootten and Tony Simms. We have also had the first of our mixed rinks evenings.

BULLS BOWLING CLUB

What a great week - a new Manawatu, over sixty five singles champion of champions in the Bulls Bowling Club! Leslie Wineera took on the best of the Manawatu area 65+ singles players and came home a winner. After a full day at Ashhurst bowling green, consistent play brought him home in front of a lot of very good players, after reverting back to his old, classic two bowls that he has handled very well for a number of years. Congratulations Les from all the Bulls members. Saturday saw Himatangi members arrive at Bulls for the second day of the river v sea challenge trophy. After the first day at Himatangi, Bulls was behind 11-7. A different day's play, in the gusty wind, saw that score change to Bulls 25, Himatangi 21; giving Bulls the bragging rights for the next 12 months. Thanks to all who played and those in the kitchen who turned on a great feed after the match. To all those who are playing, during the next few weeks in the Manawatu champion of champion competitions - all the best and may your bowls run true.

MARTON BOWLING CLUB

Thursday 29 March - Hospice 2 bowls triples tournament: 1st- John Evan's team, Hunterville, 2nd- Jennie Redshaw's team, Marton, 3rd- Andy Creagh's team, Marton. Another great day attended by teams from Gonville, Hunterville, Ashhurst, Aramoho & Whanganui - tournament sponsored by Mark Edwards. Saturday 31 March; club men's pairs championship: 1st J.D. & Graeme Morris. Congratulations gentleman. Wednesday 4 April, (sponsored by Jane Winstone Retirement Village, Whanganui) was a very enjoyable afternoon of social bowls with mixed teams, St Kilda's draw, prizes and a lovely afternoon tea. Results: skips- 1st Micky Neumann, 2nd Barbara Cromarg, 3rd Dawn Head. Booby prize: Joanne Simpson. Threes- 1st Neil Gardener, 2nd Mike Aldworth, 3rd Josie Bismark. Booby prize: Murray Coleman. Twos- 1st Ray Harding, 2nd G. Tyler, 3rd Russell Gillard. Booby prize: Noeline Schollum. Leads- 1st Sharon Gordon, 2nd Bruce Golhan, 3rd Bruce Alpin. Booby prize: Val Thompson. Up-and-coming-events: Thursday 12 April, Marton New World/ Whanganui Insurance Brokers 2 bowls triples charity tournament @ 1pm; entries welcome. Wednesday 18 April; club B- pairs competition @ 1pm. Saturday 21 April - club closing day @ 1pm. All members: whites and a plate please. Saturday 7 April, roll-up results: 1st Elaine Saywell & Russell Gillard. 2nd Andy Creagh & Noeline Schollum. 3rd Joanne Simpson & Joy White.

Right: Marton Bowling Club scribe Sharon Gordon celebrated her 60th birthday at the bowling clubrooms. Guests came in fancy dress and Sharon was a giant Easter bunny.



MARTON CROQUET CLUB

Monday 2/4/18 association; L Thompson/S Johnson 16 v Mary McNae/G Thompson 14, D Winmill/M Vallance 23 v Murray McNae/M Costello 22, E Ogden 13 v L Johnson 10. Wednesday 4/4/18; T Martyn/L Johnson 20 v Mary McNae/G Thompson 13. Golf croquet; L Thompson/J McDougall 7,4,6 v L Hughes/M Meek 4,7,7. On Saturday 7/4/18 the Manawatu-Wanganui Assn held their assn closing day at Marton for assn croquet and there were visitors from Wanganui, Rose Gardens and Levin. The senior section winners were M Hardman and M Charlton (RG) and the junior section winners were L Thompson and C Fitchett (Mtn). On Sunday the assn held the golf croquet closing day at Rose Gardens and the winners were R Oliver and N Flood (RG) with G & L Thompson(Mtn) second and M Vallance and L Hughes (Mtn) third.

CROQUET MANAWATU-WANGANUI

Season closing events. Association croquet championship doubles for the Nicholson mallets. Winners: Michael Hardman & Max Charlton (Rose Gardens). Results: Hardman & Charlton bt Anderson & Eyles 16-13, V&A.Neall 16-8, Murray & Mary McNae (Marton) 18-6; Vince & Annabel Neall (RG) bt M & M.McNae 26-8; Anderson & Eyles 18-13; Ted Anderson & Bob Eyles (Levin) bt M & M McNae 14-13. Association croquet doubles for the Bennett buttons. Winners: Krina Fitchet (Wanganui) & Lynda Thompson (Marton). Results: Fitchet; & L Thompson bt Lois Molloy (Levin) 11-6, S & L Johnson 10-9, Green & Costello 12-11; Pam Green (Rose Gardens) & Maurice Costello (M) bt Martyn & G Thompson 13-11, Reid & Back 21-8; Selwyn & Lyn Johnson (M) bt McLay & Eyres 11-7; Reid & Back 9-6; Tom Martyn & Gordon Thompson (M) bt Bruère & Oliver 15-9; McLay & Eyres 14-4; Dawn Reid & Irene Back (W) bt Bruère & Oliver 12-8; Liz McLay (M) & Rosemary Eyres (L) bt Molloy 16-6; Betsy Bruère & Rex Oliver (RG) bt Molloy 16-12. Golf croquet handicap doubles for the Rose Gardens buttons. Winners: Rex Oliver & Nicholas Flood (Rose Gardens).

TARGET SHOOTING MARTON

Results 9/4/2018. Some good shooting this week, especially the top three scores. Gary shot the first 100 on the new electronic targets but got pipped on inner count by Tony. Graeme Sixtus got over his first card hiccup by shooting a credible 96 on his second. Tony Bayler 98.04 99.07 197.11, Gary Cuff 100.03 97.05 197.08, Peter Lissington 96.04 99.05 195.09, Fred de Burgh 95.03 97.04 192.07, Kayla Gledhill 94.02 97.03 191.05, Samantha Gledhill 93.01 95.02 188.03, Allan Wright 94.03 92.03 186.06, Dave Gledhill 89.02 93.01 182.03, Guy Forster Pratt 88.01 92.00 180.01, Neville Rhodes 88.01 91.01 179.02, Graeme Sixtus 81.00 96.02 177.02, Bruce Galpin 85.01 88.01 173.02, Jacob Harris 82.01 85.00 167.01, Kevin Moody 83.01 77.00 160.01.

Hunters urged to identify their target

'The recent death of a hunter in the Kaimai Forest is a tragedy and sadly a timely reminder to all hunters that they need to take special care when hunting', says Joe Green, chair of the Firearms Safety Council.

'While all seven basic rules of firearms safety in the Arms Code apply, there are two of those rules that especially apply in this instance' says Joe as he reminds hunter to always ensure your firearm is pointed in a safe direction. This includes when hunting with a companion and if you lose sight of your companion. You both need to stop hunting until you have re-established contact.

'No direction is a safe direction simply because you don't know where your mate is', Joe says.

'Even if you think you see a deer, it could be your mate'.

"While not going into details about the recent tragedy, past incidents have often been attributed solely to failing to identify the target beyond all doubt. In about 50% of cases the hunter shoots a mate they are hunting with. They've become separated and lost track of each other.

It remains important to identify your target beyond all doubt. Never shoot at shape, colour, movement or sound. Any of these could be a person".



Right: Firearms Safety Council chair - Joe Green.

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SOLD
11 Ahuru Street, Marton **\$169,000**
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Are you looking to be more self sufficient? Then this property ticks a lot of boxes: with solar power & hot water on fire on wetback, energy efficient heat pump, vegetable garden, vegetable garden and even fresh eggs from the chooks. 3 bedroom weatherboard home, with wet floor bathroom. 6 garage lounge. Combined kitchen and dining. 974m² section with garage and workshop. Realistically priced to sell at \$169,000. **Property ID: M1331**



15 Ahuru Street, Marton **\$155,000**
STEP ONTO THE PROPERTY LADDER
This entry level home, or next rental, is realistically priced to sell on today's market at \$155,000, with the current tenant prepared to stay on. 3 bedroom weatherboard home, with open plan kitchen, dining and lounge. Bathroom with shower and bath. Separate toilet. Compact, easycare 506m² section. The property could be enhanced with redecoration - so has been priced at \$155,000 with this in mind. **Property ID: M1329**



Marton **\$535,000 +gst (if any) on land**
ENVIALE LIFESTYLE
Enjoy country life on this sheltered 4.18ha lifestyle property. 5 bedroom family home with space for everyone. Large, north facing lounge with open plan dining/kitchen. 3 bedrooms, bathroom, plus ensuite. Games room or 4th bedroom. Plus guest or teenager's bedroom. Full wet floor bathroom. Carport, plus double garage at the house. 2 separate older sleepouts/rooms. 4 bay hay shed, cattle yards, stables plus tackroom. Viewing by appointment only. **Property ID: M1317**



PRICE REDUCTION
Marton **\$597,000 inc gst**
EQUINE LIFESTYLE
Located in the heart of the Rangitikei, this private and sheltered 6.8ha property offers an enviable set up for horses, calf rearing, or country lifestyle. Divided into 8 paddocks, with 7 covered stables, tack room & washdown shed, 2 bay hay shed, 4 horse stables, plus sheep handling/shearing area. Farmhouse, with kitchen/dining, day lounge, 3 double bedrooms, games room with full slate pool table, formal lounge with north facing sunroom. Viewing by appointment only. **Property ID: M1326**



Marton **\$139,000**
FIRST HOME AFFORDABILITY
Ideal entry level home, or your next rental with potential. 3 bedroom villa, with open plan lounge, kitchen, dining and 2nd living area that opens thru ranchslider to the side yard area. The interior is very tidy in neutral colour and has relatively new floor coverings. The exterior requires painting to your colour scheme. 1,442sqm fenced section, with carport and garage/workshop. Realistically priced to sell at \$139,000. **Property ID: M1325**



Marton **\$165,000**
FIRST HOME OR INVESTMENT
Tidy 3 bedroom weatherboard home with separate lounge, combined kitchen and dining room. Bathroom with shower over bath. In recent years this home has been updated with a new roof, decoration inside and out, plus carpets and vinyl, and insulation in the ceiling and underfloor which makes this great opportunity for the first home buyer or retiree. Separate garage/workshop. 1,012m² section with minimal gardens. **Property ID: M1323**

Sections for Sale
If you are looking to build, relocate a home, or even create a motorhome base, then check out these realistically priced sections.

- 16 Racecourse Ave, Marton** 1,012m² **\$38,000** M1324
- 24 Alexandra St, Marton** 742m² **\$39,000** M1327
- 2 Purnell Place, Marton** 718m² **\$43,000** M1301
- 143 Broadway, Marton** 720m² **\$75,000** M1315