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REACHING RANGITIKEI READERS

December 13, 2018

Track opened after hard slog

South Makirikiri School opened a new, 520 metre fitness track on Friday afternoon; following a three-year project to build the track around the edge of the school's sports field.

Parents and sponsors joined the school to undo the ribbon on the track, with the help of District Mayor Andy Watson, Yr 8 pupil Aleesha Managh and Yr 1 pupil Angus Webb.

Principal Gregg Allan welcomed visitors, after which Hayley Grant, representing Friends of the School, described the project's progression, while acknowledging many hours put in by parents and generous sponsorship provided.

The project was conceived in July 2015 and, by December that year, the trees on the eastern boundary had been removed. Stage 1 - forming of the track began. In March 2016, construction of a boardwalk was followed by a massive community working bee where the track was to be laid. During the holidays, tree slash piles were burnt but a wet winter delayed Stage 2 - building of the stations. Drainage work was required to ensure all-weather use of the track. In March 2017, the south side trees were removed, followed by a huge clean-up effort. The first three stations were built by June when Stage 3, a planting plan, was initiated as part of Arbour Day. The final push for completion was last month.

At last week's ceremony, Hayley Grant said, "Thanks to all the people, businesses and sponsors and those who have donated time, materials and money. South Makirikiri School and community is incredibly grateful for all your support. This has been a true community effort of voluntary time and expertise and the track will be valued by children for years to come." Past students also helped out. The low overall cost of \$27,000 was an indication of the big voluntary contribution.

Hayley especially thanked Tony Hansen and Jono Rayner for their huge contribution in time and effort. Sponsors names are listed on signage at the track.



Undoing the ribbon across South Makirikiri School's new, 520 metre fitness track is Mayor Andy Watson, Year 8 pupil Aleesha Managh and Year 1 pupil Angus Webb.

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Safety Day a hit with kids



Karen Shell, a vet nurse at Southern Rangitikei Vet Services, teaches a group from Marton Child Care Centre how to be safe around dogs. The group was at a Holiday Safety Day, held at the Marton Memorial Hall last week, offering plenty of information to keep children safe over summer. The Fire and Emergency New Zealand inflatable Escape Challenge was a huge hit with a group from Marton Child Care Centre, who all dived in and crawled through the dark maze several times. Other stalls included information on water safety, safe car seats and safe sleeping for babies.
 Story and photos Belinda Howard.

Looks like Christmas snow!



No, its not snow or hail, like the downpour in Taihape at about the same time. Around lunch time last Thursday, a customer from the Marton Z petrol station drove away with their petrol cap off, spilling diesel on the road. Workmen alerted the driver and the Marton Fire Brigade was called to clean up the spill.

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Warratahs distinct NZ sound



The famed NZ band The Warratahs, played to a full house at Marton Players theatre last Saturday night presenting a night of songs in their distinct country sound. The mostly Wellington based band was brought to Marton by professional musician Brian Baillie and Marton Players for the concert sponsored by McVerry Crawford Motors. The seasoned Warratahs musicians presented songs from their current limited edition, double CD compilation album as well as a couple of covers. Led by engaging lead singer Barry Saunders on guitar and harmonica, Nik Brown played violin,

mandolin, Michael Knapp on drums and Nick Theobald bass and vocals. Their music has a distinct NZ echo and a familiarity that resonated with the local audience. Caroline Easter opened the show with a few songs from her album coming out next year. Caroline is no stranger to Marton Players having acted the role of a 'munchkin' on the Marton stage in the Wizard of Oz in the 1970s. Her mother Barbara Easter was a well-known Marton actor and her father Peter Easter, was a Marton barrister. She says she will be back next August in Marton with her own band. The Warratahs have taken their unique NZ country sound from Cape to Bluff and now they have added Marton to their list. Marton Players already has several live bands lined up to appear on stage next year, beginning with a return visit by Paul Ubana Jones in March.
 Story and photo Liz Rayner.

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Bulls centre project begins



Digging the first sod last week, at the Criterion St site, to launch the construction of the new Bulls Community Centre - from left: RDC chief executive Ross McNeil, Jenny Meads, Ryder Richardson, Glen Wadsworth, Andy Watson and Jane Dunn. W&W Construction Ltd of Whanganui has been confirmed as the contractor to build the new Bulls Community Centre. The Centre will house a new town hall, library and information centre, town square, car-park and bus interchange and it was announced at the sod turning ceremony that a new motel will also be built on the site.

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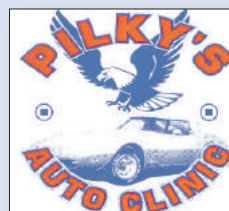
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols - St Stephen's Church, Maunder St, Marton - Sunday, December 16 - 6.30pm. Join them for this traditional carol service.

Spotlight Theatre - Twisted Tales show - matinee Saturday 15 December 3.30pm and Sunday December 16 at 6.30pm. Marton Players Theatre, 366 Wellington Rd. Tickets at Journey On In (next door) and Anoinette 020 401 61105. Adult \$15, child \$5 - family 2A/2C \$30.

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CLUB SCENE



passed away among friends. We wish all his family and friends our sympathies. Robert was a very long time member of our club and will be sorely missed. We met, again at our normal time last Friday and started with a minutes silence for Robert. We had our normal meeting, with a guest speaker Mrs Kingi from Edale; explaining all the facts of needing about moving into Edale permanently or respite care, along with renting a unit

or buying on an agreement with Edale of one of the two bed-room units. This was followed by raffles won by Jennifer, Tari, Mary, Betty, Audrey T and John winning our monthly raffle. This was followed by The Crochets men's choir who helped share us up with an afternoon of Christmas carols and jokes. Hope to see you all buying raffle tickets in New World or Ballentynes. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the owners and staff of Cooks Restaurant, for time and dignity given to us at the time of Roberts passing. Also to all the services who attended; St John Ambulance, Marton Fire Brigade, Marton Police and Dr Corser and also Wendy Lee our club president who gave Robert a lovely closing prayer. Robert will be sadly missed.

Carols in Mangaweka



Mangaweka Catholic and Community Church was buzzing with song on the evening of Friday 7 Dec, as the Arcadian Singers from Taihape, brought their wondrous voices for the biennial Carol Service.

Around 50 locals packed into the small, ornate church and began the proceedings with a lively rendition of Come All Ye Faithfull, led by Helen Gordon on electric organ; as head of the choir. Fr Bernard O'Donnell welcomed the congregation and proceeded with prayers and a reading. Further jubilant carols were joyfully sung, interspersed with readings from various locals. Mangaweka Assembly of God Pastor Gordon Collins said the final prayers and a blessing, before the final carol, Hark the Herald Angels Sing was performed, as the Arcadian Singers choir filled out in full voice, while exiting through the centre of the congregation, towards the doors at the rear of the church. Afterwards, most of those who attended, headed to the nearby AOG church in Broadway, for a seasonal social gathering.

Story and photo Richard Aslett.

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Rangitikei Country Quilters will hold their final meeting for the year this Saturday December 15, at the earlier time of 11.30am at the Marton Arts and Crafts Centre. Please bring finger food to share for a Christmas lunch, which will be followed by our meeting. The theme this year is blue and silver, so feel free to dress up – best outfit may win a prize. There will be our usual block of the month, fabric strip swap, show and tell and an update on any new books that have been purchased for our extensive library. This month' we have extra raffle prizes so be sure to bring some money for tickets. Also required this month, is a bottle containing something up to the value of \$7 (not the original contents). So use your imagination and don't forget to wrap it up. This is your chance to catch up with old friends and perhaps meet some new. New members are always welcome and we look forward to meeting you. Come for a visit and see if it's something you would enjoy.

FROM THE PULPIT



God rest ye merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour,
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r,
When we were gone astray,
Oh tidings of comfort and joy.

One of the great parts of Christmas is carols. And the carol above is one of the great old ones. Personally, it's one of my favourites -good melody, easy to sing, I know the words and, most importantly – it so clearly shares the meaning of Christmas!

At Christmas we remember that Jesus Christ, the son of God, came to earth to save us all from sin and from evil – from corruption, fear, depression, anxiety, poverty, powerlessness (Luke 2:10-11).

At Christmas time we remember the good news of comfort and joy that Jesus shared: God loves us all (John 3:16). God wants us to know him and be known by him (John 1:12-13). God wants us to have life in all its fullness (John 10:10).

The true message of Christmas is this: no matter what you've done; no matter where you've been; no matter what pain you face, or suffering you live with; God wants to meet you in that, forgive you and lead you to a life full of hope, peace, joy and love – a life with Him. All you have to do is ask.

I pray that you will be open to meeting Jesus this Christmas and that he will transform your life.

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Young people get Council voice

Young people in Rangitikei will get a voice at the council table from next year. Rangitikei District Council voted last month to establish a Youth Council for the district. "It's about young people having a voice and being at the table for decisions that affect them," Council's strategic advisor for youth/Rangatahi, Nardia Gower, says. "It's also a way for young people to learn how the process works, so they can see that their voice matters and that they can have an influence. It will also help councillors make well-informed decisions." Youth councillors will be

selected, rather than elected, to make sure there is a good balance of representation from around the district. As part of RDC's commitment to the Youth Council, all costs including transport and training, will be covered, so there won't be any cost to Youth Council members. As well as providing a youth perspective on issues facing the district, the Youth Councillors will have the opportunity to get involved with community projects. "The Youth Council will set its own work programme," Gower says. "We'll give them some ideas at the start, but it will be up to them to decide what their priorities

are." Applications to join the Youth Council are open now and close on February 1, 2019. Information is available on the Rangitikei District Council website www.rangitikei.govt.nz, on Facebook at TRYBnz, or call Nardia on 021 021 811 93 for more information. "We hope the RDC will help create a more positive youth life in the district-to help young people feel engaged; that they're part of the community and that this district really is home."



RDC strategic advisor for youth/rangatahi, Nardia Gower, is "pretty stoked" that a Youth Council is being established in Rangitikei. Story and photo Belinda Howard.

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shopping bags for Taihape New World customers.

Supermarket manager, Adrian Rees, was delighted at the quality of material used and the children's handiwork. A large amount of material had been donated by the school's Rural Delivery postie; Mary Strange.

Mrs Gilbert says, "In 2017, Mary had seen a newspaper article about Pukeokahu School eco-warriors interviewing Adrian, on the use of plastic trays and single-use plastic bags. He was, as he is now, most enthusiastic about their concerns. Pukeokahu School is grateful that Adrian has allowed their bags to be offered to Taihape New World customers."



Delivering Pukeokahu School bags to Taihape New World, from left: Heather Gilbert, Annie Mattock-Turner, Keeva Harrison, Tor Melville (proudly holding bag aloft) Pippa Melville, Taihape New World manager Adrian Rees, Isla Harrison, Tiana Kavanagh, Kawana Cashell-Kavanagh, Hunter Morley. Photo contributed.

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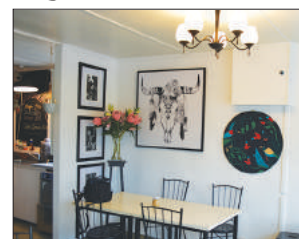
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THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Now that summer is here, we encourage anyone planning to swim to familiarise themselves with the Water Safety Code's four simple rules.

1. Be prepared

- Learn to swim and survive.
- Set rules for safe play in the water.
- Always use safe and correct equipment and know the weather and water conditions before you get in.

2. Watch out for yourself and others

- Always pay close attention to children you are supervising when in, or near, water.
- Swim with others and in areas where lifeguards are present.

3. Be aware of the dangers

- Enter shallow and unknown water feet first and obey all safety signs & warning flags.
- DO NOT enter the water after drinking alcohol.

4. Know your limits

- Challenge yourself within your physical limits and experience.
- Learn safe ways of rescuing others without putting yourself in danger.

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Raffle Results

Rangitikei Rose Society Raffle

1st - Gingerbread Cake - 147 - P Rayner
 2nd - Christmas Cake - 329 - M Marshall
 3rd - Rose - 149 - J Bellamore
 Many thanks for everyone's support

Lions Club of Marton Christmas Raffle

1st - No 1395 - M Morland (Marton)
 2nd - No 1673 - T Bradley (Waiuku)
 3rd - No 1452 - Alan Willis (Marton)
 Thank you to all concerned for your support of the Lions Club during the year.

Te Puna O Te Aroha Xmas Raffle

1st - Piki Katene
 2nd - Ngahuia Hemara-Wahanui
 3rd - Piki Katene
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Public Notices

Marton Christian Welfare Opp Shop

Closed for the morning only, Monday December 17, 2018. Will be open 1pm. Closing hours for the Christmas break; Closed Wednesday December 19, 2018 Reopen Monday January 14, 2019. During our Christmas break, while the shop is unattended, we advise against leaving donated goods outside the shop. For any donated goods or for other services, please contact: 06 327 7867 or 027 228 6844



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Community Christmas Lunch

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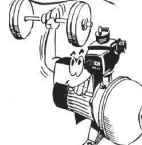
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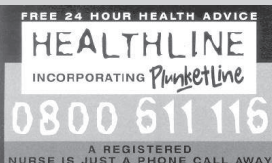
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40, Nick McGuinn 39, Peter Valentine 38, Alec Hall 37, Gary Cleaver 37, Richard Millner 36, Gary Thomas 36, Roger Yorke 35, Robert Bourke 35, James Renata 34, Nigel Belsham and James Fannin both had 33. In the senior men, Ross Geary smashed an extraordinary 71 off the stick, winning the gross prize of the day. Kevin O'Brien survived his festivities from Saturday evening to shoot 40 points, Matt Thomas managed 39 points. Missing out on the half ham toss was Danny Mickleson with 39 points, Ken Cribb 38, Alan Thomas 38, Richie Nimmo 37, Malcolm George 37, Denny Thompson 36, Troy Calkin 35, Dave Worsfold 35, Rex Harding 34, Aaron Bremner 34 and Ben Cribb 34. This weekend, Taihape members are asked to travel away - to support Buckley with their Christmas cheer on Saturday and the Waimarino Christmas cheer on Sunday.

MARTON GOLF CLUB

Thursday 29/11: A Bates 48, F Ravn 43, L Wake 43, R Yorke 42, G Velvin 41, R McDermott 39, T Hammond 38, A Stewart 38, H Bremner 37, B Beck 37, A Duncan 36, T McVerry 36, D Clark 35, G Calkin 34, D Angove 33, P Connolly 33, J Calkin 32. S Muir - crunchie. 6/12: H Bremner 39, T Arnott 38, T Hammond 38, T McVerry 37, M Jones 37, D Angove 36, A Duncan 35, R McDermott, 35 G Velvin 34, D Clark 33, A Stewart 3. G Calkin - crunchie.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 4 Dec, Mitre 10 Mega stableford. PGC Wrightson Real Estate no results to hand. Saturday 8 Dec, Feilding Scrap Metal summer stableford. S/men; J Stella 40, G Cunningham 37, G Bond 36. J/men; G Edwards 42, N Skelton & R McDermott 40, D Todd 37. Women; D Todd 42, S Wells 38. Two's; G Forbes, M Porter #5, N Skelton #2, S Wells #14. Jackpot struck #14. Nearest pins; s/men = G Cunningham. J/men = N Skelton. Women = S Wells. Coming events: Tuesday golf 9.30 am tee off. Saturday summer stableford. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members please inquire about our membership rates. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Saturday 1 December - summer stableford - with men's & ladies' best 1st round; cup winner's: men - Lyndon Moore 40pts by c/b. Ladies - Lynne McDonald 38pts. Bob Wilson & Lyndon Moore 40pts, Ian MacKay & Joe Yorke 38pts, Lynne McDonald & Jackson Dreliozis 38pts, Heather Craig & Tim Wales 36pts. Twos: Jackson Dreliozis - 12th.

MARTON 9 HOLE GOLF

Last day of the summer series was played in ideal conditions, with 27 players competing. A sausage sizzle, cooked by Adrian and Bob, was enjoyed by all players and invited guests. The winner of the Peter & Jill Yortt trophy for the summer series, was won by Richard Peirce, with his combined stableford points of 68. The raffle was won by Barry Florence and lucky card by Brian Short. The days results were: 1st division: 1st Brian Shaw 21, 2nd Dave McDougall 20 c/b 3rd Bryan Hamerton 20. 2nd division: 1st Peter Whale 26, 2nd Richard Peirce 23 c/b 3rd Mike Donlon 20 c/b. 3rd division: 1st Marg Leersnyder 22, 2nd Jill Bryant 20, 3rd Gillian Campbell 18. Adrian Penning shot a 2 on the 6th hole.

MARTON BOWLING CLUB

Wednesday 5 December roll-up results: 1st Russell Gillard & Jean Coleman- 2 wins, 14 ends 28 points. 2nd Ron McDermott, Bruce Aplin & Graeme Morris- 2 wins, 13 ends 25 points. Saturday 8 December club junior men's singles were played on another very hot day. Ron Harding and Murray Coleman played a very close and entertaining finals game, with Ron taking 23 ends to cement the win. Congratulations to both of you on a great competition! Sunday 9 December Xmas hams 4s moo tournament results: 24 teams from Marton, Aramoho, Laird Park, Whanganui, Johnston Park, Bulls and Palmerston North enjoyed a day of good competition in great weather. Results were as follows: A section- 1st D. Taylor's team (Whanganui) with 4 wins, 30 ends 79 points. 2nd Bobby Caldwell's team (Bulls) with 3 wins, 25 ends 53 points. 3rd Andy Craegh's team (Marton) with 3 wins 25 ends 48 points. 4th Jenny Redshaw's team (Laird Park) with 3 wins, 24 ends 47 points. B section- 1st Ian Creighton's team (Aramoho) with 2 wins/2 draws, 25 ends 36 points. 2nd Franks Cottis' team (Johnston Park) with 3 wins, 21 ends 37 points. 3rd Allan Springer's team (Whanganui) with 3 wins, 21 ends 36 points. Up-and-coming events: Saturday 15 December- club xmas party @ 6.30 pm for all members and their guests. Names required asap for catering purposes. Buffet food provided \$10 per head. Tuesday 18 December @ 11 am - steady-as-you-go Xmas party - please bring a can for Xmas food bank. Also Tuesday 18 December @ 3pm- card group's Xmas party- please bring a plate and a can for Xmas food bank. Friday 18 January & Friday 1 February 2019 - Marton Bowling Club is looking to run a bowls 3Ffive evening, as televised recently and proved popular viewing. You can enter your own team, or we can find a team for you to play in. Teams consist of two men and one woman, or vice versa. This is open to anyone, bowlers and non-bowlers alike and will have a 5.45 pm start. If you want to have a go and you enjoy a social time, come along and have some fun. Entries to Enid 327 8694 by 11 January 2019.

MARTON SARACENS CRICKET

Matt Burke Engineering Saracens recorded their first win of the season when they defeated Wicket Warriors in Wanganui on Saturday. Saracens captain Justin Lock won the toss and elected to bat on what looked to be a surprisingly hard and well-prepared Victoria Park wicket. The Marton side's opening batsmen Andrew Spence and Allan Pond got the team off to a brisk start, running well between the wickets and being helped by some wayward Warriors bowling - a number of wides contributing to the total. The pair put on 78, at better than 5 runs an over, before Pond was adjudged lbw for 24 in the 14th. Thomas Westwood replaced him at the crease and had scored an attractive 19 when he was well caught in the outfield. Spence was bowled for 38, Freddie Lane contributed 18, Lock 10 and Robert Daines 0. Phil Galpin batted extremely well for the second week running, getting out for 49, while trying to push things along towards the end of the 40 overs. Mike Jacobs was 2 not out, when the innings ended at 200 for 7. Wickets fell regularly in the Warriors reply and they were dismissed for 160 in the 29th over. Liam McAleese was the star for Saracens, taking 4 for 24. Daines took 1 for 33, Rhys Watson 2 for 30, Lachie Burke 2 for 22, Lane 1 for 17 and Galpin 0 for 35. Catches were taken by; Jacobs, Daines, Lock, Galpin and McAleese. McAleese was named Active Physio player of the day and Spence was dick of the day, for leaving early...with a pathetic excuse...and missing the team's first win of the season. This Saturday, Matt Burke Engineering Saracens will host Wanganui Renegades at Centennial Park.

MARTON CROQUET

Interclub G C Marton versus Rose Gardens. Rose Gardens defeated Marton by 5 games to 2. Monday 3rd December: association croquet: Daid Winmill and Eila Ogden 13 def 12 Annette Winmill and Selwyn Johnson. Golf croquet: Lyn Johnson 7 def 5 Derek Lees, Gordon Thompson and Brenda Isaacs 7 def 4 Mary Meek and Jenny Vickers. No play Wed 5th. Thursday 6th Dec: AC interclub - Marton defeated Levin by 2 games to 1. Marton are joint leaders with Rose Gardens, halfway through the season. Saturday 8th December: A C; Selwyn and Lyn Johnson 15 def 11 Gordon and Lynda Thompson. G C; Marilyn Vallance and Annette Winmill 7 def 2 Eila Ogden and Jeanette McDougal, Marilyn and Eila 7 def 6 Annette and Jeanette, Marilyn and David Winmill 7 def 3 Annette and Eila.

Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture

Last year's Rangitikei College top Gateway student Nikita Shackleton claimed that honour again, as well as a swag of other accolades at the recent college prizegiving.

Nikita was the inaugural recipient of the Godden award for dedication in the study of primary industries for her involvement in Level 3 Agriculture and the establishment of a school Teen Ag Club.

She also received the Ag Challenge trophy for outstanding achievement in dual pathways agriculture. As a student of the government funded dual pathways programme, Nikita spent two days a week at a tertiary provider to achieve the New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (vehicles, machinery and infrastructure) Level 3.

To top off her final college prizegiving night, Nikita was also presented with the Rangitikei College Cup for excellence in Gateway in which she studied Agriculture and spent one day a week working at a local farm.

Nikita achieved her Level 3 NCEA and has enrolled at Otiwhiti Station, an agriculture farm training school in Hunterville, to further her career pathway.

Gateway teacher, Sheree Osgood and coordinator, Judy Proctor, say, "This was an outstanding effort from Nikita, considering her very full timetable for the year and these results were all achieved through sheer hard work and staying focused on what she wanted to achieve."

Year 13 student, Nikita Shackleton, has completed her secondary schooling by claiming three top agriculture awards at the recent Rangitikei College prizegiving.



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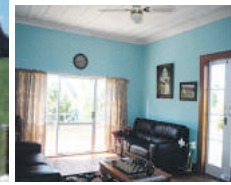


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