



The busy South Makirikiri School clean up crew - Molly Burne carrying a big load and Rebecca Johnson (back).



10 year old Joe Hansen from Marton takes his stand in the Farmlands youth/novice chop and comes out as the winner.



The Marton Junction Axeman's Club wood skills event last Saturday was all action, with competitors as young as 6 years old, through to veteran woodchoppers, taking part. The weather was helpful, with cloud cover and overall, it was a great success; according to organiser Trish Tasker. Pictured are Gisborne double sawyers Jody Knowles and Kylie Keton. The Knowles family featured in prizes, as well as the Grant family from Turakina. Results from this event and other woodchopping competitions run by the Marton Junction club are on page 7. Photos by Terry Stillman.



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New Anglican priest installed

St Stephen's Anglican Church in Marton was packed with an enthusiastic congregation on the afternoon of Saturday 3 February, for the installation of the Rev Tim Duxfield as the new priest in charge of the Parish of Rangitikei.

The service was conducted by the Bishop of Wellington, Rt Rev Justin Duckworth and it was a very colourful ceremony, with local and visiting clergy in white robes and red stoles, the choir leading the singing in their smart black and white and the bishop and archdeacons in their beautiful cloaks.

Representatives of the church presented Tim with symbols of ministry, followed by the presentation of symbols from various groups in the parish. Some of these raised a smile, such as the plate of food from the ladies' lunch/catering team and the young children carefully carrying up a pot plant from the Children and Families Ministry as a symbol of helping the parish grow. There were practical gifts – from Men's Fellowship, a chopping board made by one of the members, Women's Fellowship gave a book of NZ psalms and a handworked bookmark, Woolly Blessings presented a handmade blanket and the Education for Ministry group gave a circle of friendship, representing their theology study theme for the year.

The church choir leader presented Tim with a scroll of music and, as an extra gift, the choir sang a beautiful prayer.

Following prayers for the new priest in charge and his whanau, members of the community brought their greetings to Tim and his family. They came from Mayor Andy Watson, representatives from other churches in Marton, including greetings from the Samoan Methodist church minister who represented all the Samoan ministers and from neighbouring parishes. The principal of Nga Tawa Diocesan School (where Tim's wife Rev Kim Duxfield is chaplain) accompanied by a group of pupils, made a presentation.

Tim's first duty in his new role was to give the blessing at the conclusion of this joyous service, after which, a lavish afternoon tea was served in the church hall.



Talking to children at his installation as priest in charge of the Parish of Rangitikei. Reverend Tim Duxfield (bottom right). An archdeacon in his robe, looks on.

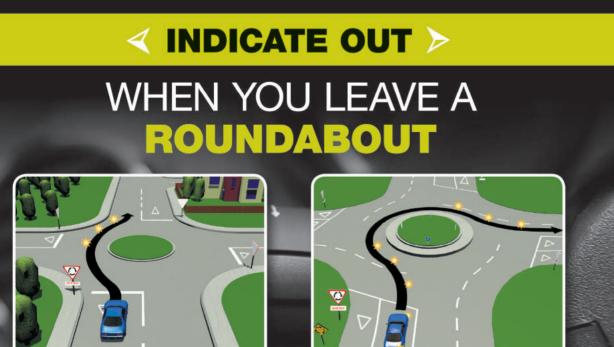
Celebrating couple's 60 years together

Marton couple Shirley and Len Kane celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday January 27 with a small gathering of immediate family.

They have lived in Marton for 50 years, in the home they built in Marumaru St in 1964. They have two children, Nathan and Gillian, along with 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren with the youngest Zaria Max Petelo born in Brisbane, Australia on 19 January this year.

Len and Shirley's actual wedding date was 9 September, 1958 but celebrations were held, along with their son Nathan's 60th birthday (left in stripes) to allow family from Australia to attend the celebration of both milestones.





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Sweet Dreams and other stories in song. Marton Players' Theatre – 7.30pm,, Friday 23 February. Tickets from Ray

Rangitikei Faith Trail -Saturday 24 February, 9.30am -4pm. Join the Anglican Parish of Rangitikei to tour eight

Mangaweka Day- Saturday 3 March from 10am - at

Mangaweka Museum and Mangaweka Fire Station. Take

a walk around the village and visit cafes and galleries. The

museum will be open. Bring your own memorabilia. Cuppa

available ... see photos on the Mangaweka School Facebook

Marton Harvest Festival - Sunday 25 March Marton Park.

page. For more info, contact Margaret 06 3825702.

historic churches. Phone Sue 021 201 4483.



Here's a note from Mayor Andy Watson's desk "We live in an amazing district. Over the Christmas break

and the start of the New Year we have had so many events Christmas parades right across the district, the Taihape A&P Show, Turakina Highland Games, Marton Country Music

Festival, Kiwiburn and many more. We also have a number of events to still come, amongst them is the regional kapa haka competitions at Ratana and the Marton Harvest Festival, to name a couple. It has often been said that Rangitikei has

more events relative to our size than anywhere else.

These events are staffed, organised and powered by local groups such as Lions, Rotary, Jaycees, cricket / rugby / league clubs and interest groups. They not only run these events but they

often build facilities with or without council help.

How many of you have been into the Hunterville Town Hall, totally refurbished by community volunteers; or walked through the replanted native trees to the new lookout at Mt Stewart in Taihape or used the refurbished Shelton Pavilion and courts at the Centennial Park in Marton or the new courts at Rangitikei College?

Work is planned for the new skatepark in Marton; tidying up and grassing of the Elim Church site and the Papakai Park upgrades. Is it time not only to thank those people that do these things but also to ask if I can help?

This year we need to have an event that recognises some of our community stars - who would like to help make that happen? I recently attended the farewell for the principal of Hunterville School, Stephen Lewis. Fittingly the community turned up on mass to pay tribute to a great educator, community man and to a person we all have the greatest of respect for. Good luck Stephen in your new job, I am sure that you will still be used as a school volunteer.

On a business front, Council is currently finalising the public consultation document for our Long Term Plan. This plan covers what council will spend money on and how that will be funded. I, supported by our councillors, will hold many public meetings to explain this plan but if you are an organisation that would like a separate briefing, please contact me. Or if you would like me to pop in for a private chat over a cuppa, feel free to ask."

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Andy.



VIEWPOINT

Letters to the editor - 200 words. Include name, address and phone number

No audience for performing arts in Marton

Marton Players theatre group is at a crossroads. We hear so frequently that people are keen for the arts to be fostered in Marton, but these words need to be backed up with action from our community.

This has been driven home to us again by the very unfortunate decision to cancel the first of the "Sweet Dreams" performances by acclaimed artist, Chris Green.

Marton Players Theatre were very keen on supporting a return visit for Chris and his group of wonderful musical theatre friends. The reality is that Chris has learned from us that there are insufficient bookings for his performances to make it possible. He is really disappointed to be contemplating cancelling, but out of professional respect for his colleagues, he cannot just hope that all the people who have expressed their best intentions will turn up for door sales. Chris is particularly disappointed as his last visit to Marton, with Coaltown Blues last year, was so highly successful and enjoyable - resulting in the scheduling of an extra show!

It's part of his passion to support the arts in our small and rural communities, but this is how he earns his living and he cannot be reckless and expect to continue.

We have accepted that Chris is not left with any choice but to cancel the first scheduled performance on the 17th. Those who have booked can either get a full refund, or exchange tickets for the 23 February. We are really hoping that people will take up the chance and book for the February 23 show before we make a call on whether that can go ahead at the end of this week.

Come on, Marton!

Chris has just finished a close to sell-out season of a new play in Wellington which he would happily bring to Marton as part of his national tour next year. Do you value the chance to

have a thriving theatre here in Marton? If you do, we need your support now. In return, you get a fabulous performance in your own town at an amazing price – seems like a no brainer! **Annie Whitfield - Marton Players** president.

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Bulls Museum

Have you seen our new display, at the Bulls Museum, on the Sanson Tramway?

This was in service from 1884 – 1945, built and owned by the Manawatu County Council.

The restoration on the Scott's Ferry Barge is underway, even in this heat - special thanks to Kevin Ellery, our project manager and Allan Giles one of our museum

volunteers. A shout out also to those helping down at the Ferry by way of labour, equipment and local community financial donations.

Our thanks to major sponsors Fletcher Steel, Bunnings (Feilding) Mirage Signs and Rangitikei District Council and the ongoing support and interest from Heritage NZ.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Bulls Museum for a couple of hours a week, please come and make yourself known to us. This will give you a chance to see how Bulls got its name and how the community evolved, with the historical written and photographic content. Open 7 days.

www.bullsmuseum.co.nz

Marton Friendship Club

We meet at Morris Street every Friday 2pm, hall open 1pm. Last week was a good attendance despite of a few away due to illness. Our music was by John McLeod and Rosemary. Always good listening. Country, quite a few popular Maori tunes, which we all know and everyone joins in. raffles won by Jennifer, Billy, Rosa, Vic, Ken and Jean E. Tomorrow we entertain ourselves with a fashion parade. Theme will be classy, funny and a little crazy. Should be fun. Come along, visitors welcome. See you from 1pm.

Rangitikei Country Quilters

Rangitikei Country Quilters will hold its first meeting of the year this Saturday February 17 at the Marton Arts and Crafts Centre. Start time is 1.30pm and we will have our AGM prior to the normal meeting. We also have Liz Halford, a multi-talented crafter as our guest speaker. There will be the usual block of the month, fabric strip swap, raffle and show and tell, which should be prolific as members have had 2 months to sew between meetings. A reminder too that the annual member fee of \$25 is due - to ensure another year of workshops, ideas, trips, speakers and friendship with like-minded people who enjoy patchwork and quilting. New members are always welcome and we look forward to meeting you. Come for a visit and see if it is something that you would enjoy.

Rangitikei Forest & Bird

The Rangitikei Forest & Bird group is starting this year's activities with a visit to Rangiwahia Bush Reserve, also known as Iron Gates on Saturday February 17.

This reserve has been restored by a group of locals who have worked hard making the track and labelling the trees. Rimu, miro, matai, kahikatea, rewarewa and several species of rata can be seen along the track. It is about a 90 minute, medium walk and is well worthwhile taking the time to experience what the Rangiwahia district used to be like before settlement. Anyone who want to join the group going this Saturday 17 Feb, please meet at the Rangitikei College bus park in Bredins Line at 9am. Bring your lunch, drink and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

Please phone Hugh Stewart, 327 8064, to let him know that you are coming.

Bulls Toy Library



Bulls Toy Library has some great new toys. Ellen McSweeney from the group says they are grateful for the Rangitikei District Council's support, enabling the group to buy more toys to replace old and worn out ones. She says "We received \$1254 and have been able to replace wooden balance bikes with metal bikes, buy scooters, a new activity garden, another Ezyroller and lots of smaller toys that will suit a wide range of ages. These new toys have been a big hit with the children of Bulls so far!"

She invites locals to pop in and have a look at the Bulls Toy Library, 58 High St, Bulls - open Tuesdays (2:30-4pm) and Saturdays (11am-1pm).

Celebrating Women - Past Present and Future International Women's Day is on 8 March.

As part of the "La Fiesta" programme of events in Wanganui, Marton Women's Institute in association with Ballentynes, McGruer's and the Marton Players are celebrating women in our community with the Past - Future Fashion Parade...3 March, 1.30pm at the Shelton Pavilion, Centennial Park, Totara St, Marton. Tickets are \$15 and include afternoon tea. Limited tickets can be purchased from Ballentynes or email Gillian Futcher (agfutcher@gmail.com) 06 327 7352.



Most of us Martonians will have, at some time, travelled to Whanganui by road in the winter.

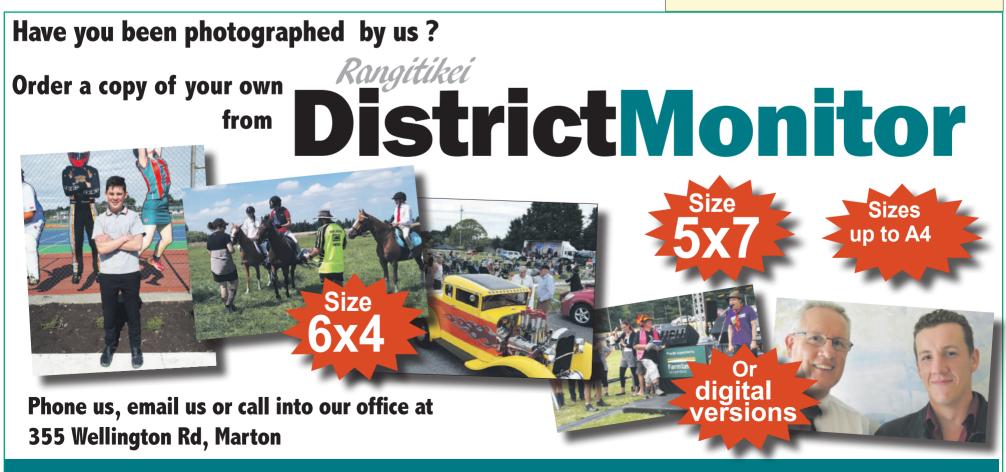
Or more specifically, on a day when thick fog fills the lower lying river valleys en route, while there is clear sunshine on the higher flat stretches in between. Crawling along in the fog patches you can barely make out the painted side and centre lines and the odd headlight that pops out at you not far ahead.

Not unlike the times in our lives when challenges present themselves and the way forward (along with the end results) seem quite uncertain.

From an emotional and psychological point of view, the effect of that sort of "fog" tends to be depressing and we can easily succumb to a negative frame of mind. Fortunately, there is usually a number of people who have passed that particular way before us and we can often access their encouragements through their writings, both secular and Christian. By tapping into their thoughts they can help us to focus our thinking on the light at the end of the tunnel. Many of us can recount personal experiences of receiving help and confidence from God's Word – just what we've needed to carry us through in tough times. (For example, Psalm 23). And so it does mostly turn out that there IS sunshine after that "fog" experience.

What came to mind for me though was the situation that originally affected us all - lost in the "fog" and blindness of the state of sin that the whole human race was born into. What is worse, we had no idea that anything other than that "fog" ever existed – it was the norm! So how do we motivate ourselves to escape to the sunshine on the road on higher ground above the fog (let alone have the means to get there!) when in fact we deserve to remain for ever in that fog with it's damning consequences? The Good News is that there IS sunshine on the higher ground! And through the Lord Jesus Christ we do have a way to get there. Maybe, from time to time, you have experienced that niggle deep within that hints that there must be something more fulfilling in our human experience – something above the murky fog. The start of that journey is to acknowledge the fact and seek the help of someone to guide you (perhaps a Christian friend or a church pastor), but above all to learn about the One who can personally guide you. Jesus claimed to be The Light, The Way, The Truth, The Life (John's gospel 8:12, 12:46, 14:6) He invites us to come to Him with our questions and worries and find rest in Him (Matthew 11v28). You'll meet Him in His Word, the Bible - a recommended start is John's gospel.

John Marsh, Marton Bible Chapel



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READ-A-BULL

Historical Wanderings from Then to Now

The Anglican Parish of Rangitikei is giving you the opportunity on Saturday 24 February to visit the eight historic churches in the parish, 9.30am-4pm. Hear about the church built with no nails, where the first Bishop of Wellington, Bishop Hadfield, is buried, and other interesting facts. From Sanson in the south of the parish to Hunterville in the north, you can drive on a pre-set tour to each church, where you will hear its history, stories, hear historic organs, and can look around and ask questions.

Tickets cost \$50 per person, or \$80 for two, available from Sue Ph 021 201 4483 or on the day at St Thomas's, Sanson. This includes morning tea, available from 9.30am St Thomas', plus lunch and afternoon tea. Get a carload together and enjoy this unique day! Hard work pays off for Bulls All About Children



The teaching team at All About Children - Bulls received exciting news this week when the Education Review Office recognised the positive learning opportunities they provide for their young children.

All About Children – Bulls, formerly Bulls CALF changed ownership in 2015 and has since been working hard to develop exciting new learning spaces and top quality teaching practices so that the children that attend can develop and grow to be the best they can be.

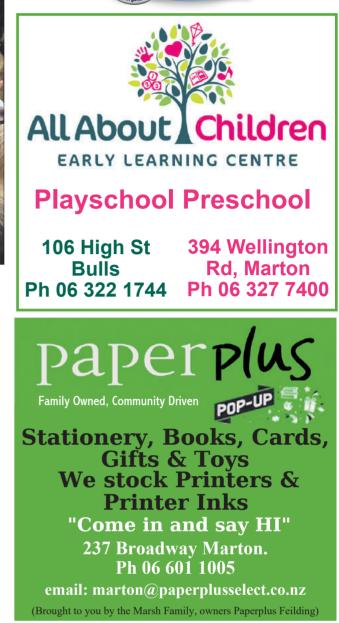
The Education Review Office recognised this work, stating that "teachers collaborate to provide a settled environment for children... teachers notice, recognise and respond to children's learning and their planning for this is collaborative and visible. The focus question for all reviews conducted by the Education Review Office is how

well placed is this service to provide positive learning outcomes for children?". All About Children – Bulls, as a result of this review has moved from a "not well placed" to "well placed" rating.

You can visit the eight historic churches in the Rangitikei Anglican Parish.



The teaching team is excited to celebrate their growth as a service and is currently planning a community fun day to share itssuccess with the local community. This is due to be held in March 2018.





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February gardening by Wally Richards

ITS NOT TOO LATE

February is the last month of summer and unless we have an early winter, we have about 3 good growing months in front of us.Daylight hours are progressively decreasing which means shorter growing days as the weeks roll by.

The first priority is two weekly or monthly plantings of winter vegetables, getting the first small lot in as soon as possible and as summer crops are finished, planting more seedlings of vegetables for winter harvesting. If you grew corn through the summer then your crop of sweetcorn has been harvested and the stalks are still standing. Cut the stalks off at the base and lay them across the bed and do the same with any weeds that are growing between them. Then spray them with Wallys Super Compost Accelerator at 40 grams per litre of water. You can increase this to 80 grams for faster breakdown.

(If you have a chipper you could run the stalks through that and lay the mulch over the bed. Alternatively, if you chop up the stalks with secateurs, they will break down faster, then spray with above). Leave for a week then cover with chicken manure or any other animal manure you may have available. Over this sprinkle garden lime, blood & bone, sheep manure pellets, Rok Solid, BioBoost and a little BioPhos. (Some or any of those items are good value)

Finally, cover all with a good purchased compost such as Daltons Compost, the reason is because they don't use green waste and it is weed free. Sweetcorn is a gross feeder and you need to put back into the soil what has been taken out plus a bit more. Using the corn stalks and weeds is recycling them with the other natural goodies added, to ensure your next crop is going to be great.

Now you can plant your seedlings. If planting brassicas such as cabbage, broccoli etc check purchased plants for white butterfly eggs on the leaves. (Little yellow looking eggs)

Wipe them off with your fingers. In the planting hole place a little Neem Tree Powder and also sprinkle some of the same around the soil surface. Because white butterflies are really prolific at this time, I make a few hoops out of rigid alkaline pipe to go over the plants; placed about 50cm apart and about 60 to 90cm tall in centre. Over this place Crop Cover or as some retailers call it, Bug Mesh.

On one side and at the ends, use earth to hold it down. On the final side, bits of old 50x100 or stones which you can easily

Giant pumpkins can win prizes in the giant pumpkin and giant produce competition run by the Rangitikei District Monitor and Stewart Street Surgery on Marton Harvest Fair day





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If you have grown a pumpkin that is potentially over 100kg contact Liz Rayner at the District Monitor 06 327 7881 All other Pumpkin entries to be at Harvest Fair Pumpkin Area by 10am Sunday 25 March

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remove to allow you to tend the plants as needed. This will keep butterflies out and create a micro-climate, which will encourage better growth.

Silverbeet, spinach and lettuce are good hardy plants for growing now as seed or seedlings. If planting hearting type lettuce at this time plant somewhere which only gets morning or late day sunlight. Planting in all day sun can cook the inside of the lettuce head, which causes it to rot.

When the weather cools, then plant winter lettuce in full sun areas again.

Carrots, parsnips and onions seeds can be sown now but remember, with any seeds sown, that the area must be kept moist by watering regularly so it does not dry out during establishment. With carrots and parsnips, sprinkle Neem Tree Powder along with the seeds and when the tops are up about an inch or so, then side dress the row with the same. This helps reduce or prevent carrot fly damaging them.

Broad beans can be planted now but I prefer to leave them till later about May or June, as you need bumble bees around to pollinate them when they flower, plant too early and its still winter when they start to flower and no pollination as no bees around.

If you like to grow peas or sugar snap peas, then do so on areas you are not going to use for growing other winter crops. They are then used as a cover crop or fodder crop with the advantage of having peas to harvest before you turn the crop in.

Gardeners who live in warmer areas, or have the advantage of a glasshouse, can have an extended season of growing more sensitive plants such as tomatoes and capsicums.

Capsicums and chillies are perennials, not annuals and it is only the cold or frosts that can cause them to fail in winter. If grown in containers, they can easily be moved to a sunny, protected place or into a glasshouse for winter.

If growing currently in open ground, then you can lift and put them into a reasonable sized container. To do this, without knocking them back too much, spray the plant with Vaporgard on a nice sunny day. Endeavour to spray the whole plant, under and over foliage, as this takes stress off the plant and facilitates transplanting.

Do this as soon as possible, while there is still good growing time and pick all fruit that is usable before spraying and transplanting a few days later.

As I am fortunate to have four glasshouses, I have just sown some tomato and cucumber seeds to grow into the winter period. Ideally, the tomato varieties should be cold tolerant such as Russian Red.

Cold tolerant will produce pollen in lower temperatures compared to heat loving varieties, which will flower but produce no pollen.

If you have suitable tomato plants growing, then you can strike new plants quickly from the laterals.

The quick way to do this is spray laterals on the parent plant with Vaporgard, leave for a day or two then nip them off at the base/junction and put into a small pot with a compost mix. Keep mix moist and they will soon root up and produce new growth. Once the plant has filled the allowable root zone of the container, repot into a large container that is 20 litres or more.

Plant the young plant much deeper, as they can produce roots all the way up the trunk making for a bigger, better plant faster.

Use my secret tomato food, to ensure steady growth and you should be able to set a number of trusses with fruit to mature as we go into winter.

This will provide you with a late crop at a time when the cost of tomatoes has increased.

As the weather cools you have to be very careful with your watering allowing the mix to dry between waterings and not to apply too much water at any one time.

Cold weather and wet feet will bring an end to the life of a heat loving plant very quickly.

If you have dug up a capsicum or chili plants and potted them up, go extra careful with watering, as the earth mix will retain a lot more moisture between waterings in winter. If you are successful in keeping these plants alive through winter then in the spring you can cut back and repot and have a mature plant to give you a big head start in the new season.

Any problems: phone me at 0800 466464 (Palmerston North 3570606). Email:wallyjr@gardenews.co.nz Website:www.gardenews.co.nz



winners



Marion Todd (left) presenting Jenny Greener with first prize in the recent Diabetes Wanganui raffle. Other winners were Liz Macpherson (second prize) and Anne Kawana (third prize). Diabetes Wanganui thanked Wanganui businesses for their sponsorship in providing the prizes plus Rangitikei District Council, which has also supported the Marton group. Members meet monthly at St Stephen's Church Hall from 2pm on the fourth Sunday - February to November. The next meeting is 25 February. Guest speakers regularly share knowledge and update members on new diabetes related issues. For more information call Rosemary Blair on (06) 343-

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Team Red - giving blood a team effort

A group blood donation programme launched by NZ Blood Service, is giving Kiwis the opportunity to save lives alongside friends and workmates, by giving blood as a team.



s and workmates, by giving blood as a team. It is the latest NZBS initiative designed to boost donation rates across the country; with 3,000 donations required each week to keep up with demand for life-saving blood products.

It allows companies, organisations or groups with three or more people who want to roll up their sleeves – including friends, sports

teams, and social clubs – to sign up and donate blood together. Asuka Burge, from NZ Blood Service says that teams who donate together, are a huge help to NZBS, because employers are providing their staff with an opportunity to donate where otherwise they might not be able. Team Red is about making blood donation more convenient and fun and less daunting for some, as well as appealing to the social responsibility initiatives of corporate enterprises.

"Anecdotally, we know that one of the reasons many people choose not to donate blood is because they just don't have the time. Donating blood is a great way for companies, both big and small, to actively demonstrate their social conscience, as well as to foster a team environment where employees feel they're making a real and immediate difference to the lives of 29,000 people who are treated with blood every year," she says.

Team Red also allows groups to receive tallies of their total donations, which they could choose to share in company reports or social media. What's more, by showing their support for the community, companies can potentially generate positive publicity, which can help to boost their reputation."

Mr Burge says the first step for those wanting to get involved is to find out whether their company is already a member of Team Red by checking on the Team Red website and if not, talk to people within their organisations about joining the initiative. "Less than 4% of all eligible blood donors in NZ currently donate. Team Red is our challenge to NZ's businesses and organisations to step up and become lifesavers." See the Team Red website at www.nzblood.co.nz

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Local students help out

traffic started.

Taihape Community Board completed a community project to brighten up the the township recently, with the aid of students from the Taihape Area School (pictured).

Community board member Ann Abernethy says, "On behalf of the Taihape Community Board, I would like to acknowledge the work of the Year 7 and 8 students from Taihape Area School, their teacher Mrs Leah Collings and assistant, Shaun Potaka.

"The students did an excellent job of painting picnic tables



District woodchopping results

Results from three Marton Junction Axeman's Club competitions.

Marton results, February 10, 2018: BJW Motors Ltd - 250mm standing; 1 S Greig (Taupo), 2 L Buchanan (Turakina), 3 S Betteridge (Upper Hutt), 4 Angus Grant (Turakina). Danny's Auto Services Ltd - women's underhand; 1 K Heaton (Hamilton), 2 R Molan (Wanganui), 3 C Stebbing (Taupo), 4 J Tocker (Taumarunui). Mad Tom's Function Centre – single hand sawing; 1 S Knowles (Gisborne), 2 Aidan Grant (Turakina), 3 P Barrett (Otaki), 4 A Stother (Manakau). Danny's Auto Services Ltd - restricted standing; 1 Angus Grant, 2 J Airey (Upper Hutt), 3 K Te Hina (Taupo), 4 S Houpapa (Taumarunui). Marton Brick & Tile Co Ltd – veteran's standing; 1 W Knowles (Gisborne), 2 N Bowen (Tauranga), G Smith (Upper Hutt), 4 G Rasmussen (Otaki). McIlwaine Mitre 10 – under 21 underhand points competition; 1 R Petersen (Taihape), 2 L Buchanan, 3 Angus Grant, 4 G Petersen (Hunterville). Agricom – double hand sawing; 1 Aidan & Angus Grant, 2 N Bowen & W Knowles, 3 J Taylor (Upper Hutt)& J Airey. Centennial Park Dairy – 325mm underhand; 1 H Ogden (Otaki), 2 J Street (Retaruke), 3 S Greig, 4 W Tasker (Taihape). Payne Transport Ltd (Wanganui) - restricted underhand; 1 G Petersen, 2 K Te Hina, 3 S Houpapa, 4 J Airey. J & J Walters Ltd combination championship; 1 P Barrett, Q Fawcett (Masterton), 3 S Knowles, 4 Aidan Grant. Robbie's Mechanical Services - local lads; 1 L Buchanan, 2 R Petersen, 3 Angus Grant, 4 I Grant (Turakina). Go Ahead Hair Design – Jack & Jill sawing; 1 K Heaton & J Knowles (Gisborne), 2 A Strother & C Pearson (Manakau), 3 I & H Grant, 4 R & K Petersen. Farmlands – youth/novice chop; 1 J Hansen (Marton), 2 M Houpapa (Taumarunui), 3 B Street (Retaruke), 4 C Knowles (Gisborne). Nicol Farm Kill – 300mm standing; 1 W Knowles, 2 P Betteridge (Upper Hutt), 3 J Knowles, 4 P Barrett. Farmalnds – youth/novice chop; 1 Angus Grant, 2 G Petersen, 3 A Martin (Kimbolton), 4 S Stebbing. WD Buchanan Contracting - Jill & Jill sawing; 1 K Heaton & R Molan, 2 K Petersen & J Tocker, 3 P Dye-Hutchinson (Waiouru) & H Grant (Turakina), 4 C Stebbing & C Pearson. Hourigan Shearing Services Ltd - 275 underhand; 1 K Te Hina, 2 H Ogden, 3 J Airey, 4 O Petersen (Hunterville).

Ohingaiti and Hunterville districts sports club - 114th annual family picnic sports, January 23, 2018: 250mm standing; 1 L Buchanan (Turakina), 2 Angus Grant (Turakina), 3 M Tasker (Marton), 4 W Tasker (Mangaweka). 300mm underhand; 1 Angus Grant, 2 Aidan Grant (Turakina), 3 H Rasmussen (Otaki), 4 H Ogden (Otaki). Double hand sawing; 1 O & R Petersen (Hunterville), 2 A & A Grant, 3 G & K Petersen (Hunterville), 4 K Heaton (Hamilton) & R Molan (Wanganui). Jill & Jill sawing; 1 R Molan & K Heaton, 2 H Grant (Turakina) & P Dye-Hutchinson (Waiouru), 3 K Peterson & A Bradley (Upper Hutt). Under 21; 1 A Grant, 2 R Petersen, 3 L Buchanan, 4 G Petersen.Ohingaiti & Hunterville district sports 300mm standing; 1 L Buchanan, 2 I Grant (Turakina), 3 O Petersen, 4 Angus Grant. Jack & Jill sawing; 1 R Molan & H Ogden, 2 W Tasker & A Martin (Kimbolton), 3 O & K Petersen, 4 P Barrett (Otaki) & K Heaton. 275mm underhand; 1 G Rasmussen (Otaki), 2 W Tasker, 3 H Ogden, 4 Angus Grant. Youth/novice chop; 1 G Petersen, 2 A Martin (Kimbolton), 3 Angus Grant, 4 Abbey Grant (Turakina).

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Roads to be closed:

- Stage 1: Waiouru 11.67kms, Road Closure 08:50 12:50hrs
- Start: On Waiaruhe Road, 300mts from its intersection with SH1
- Past Maukuku Road (no exit)
- Left onto Turakina Valley Road at its intersection with Owhakura Road Finish: On Turakina Valley Road, 300mts from its intersection with Kaimatawi Road

Stage 2: Mataroa - 20.26 kms, Road Closure 09:10-13:10hrs

- Start: On Ruanui Road, 300mts from its intersection with Turakina Valley Road Past Harakeketangi Road (no exit) Past Tihoi Street (no exit)
- Past Turehu Street (no exit)
- Left on to Mataroa Road
- Finish: On Mataroa Road, 300mts from its intersection with SH1

Stage 3: Taihape South - 13.11kms, Road Closure 10:15-14:15hrs Start: On Wairanu Road, 300mts from its intersection with Gorge Road Right into Torere Road at intersection with Mangapapa Road (North Street) (no exit) Past Kotukuraeroa Road

Left into Pukeokahu Road at intersection with Mokai Road Finish: On Pukeokahu Road. 300mts from its intersection with Moawhango Valley Road

Stage 4: Taihape North – 13.38kms, Road Closure: 10:40 – 14:40hrs Start: On Moawhango Valley Road, 300mts from its intersection with Hiwera Road Left into Pungatawa Road Past Kotukuraeroa Road Past Waikakahi Road

- Finish: On Pungatawa Road, 300mts from its intersection with Spooners Hill Road

Stage 5: Gentle Annie West - 39.92kms, Road Closure: 12:25 - 18.25hrs

- Starts: On Te Moehau Road, 300mts from its intersection with Spooners Hill Road Past Moawhango Valley Road
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- Past Burridges Road (no exit)

Past Makokomiko Road (including Moore Road) (no exit)

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- Finish: On Taihape-Napier Road, 300mts from its intersection with Mangaohane Road

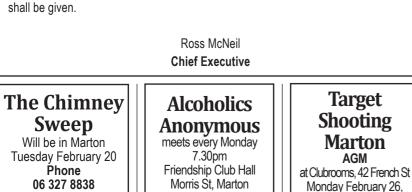
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- Past Lawrence Road (no exit)
- Past Willowford Road (including Tareha Road) (no exit)

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Any person objecting to the proposals is called upon to lodge notice of his/her objection and grounds thereof in writing, before 4.00 pm, (Friday 16 March 2018), at the office of the Rangitikei District Council, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741.

Should the Rangitikei District Council decide to close the said roads, a public notice shall be given.





Public Notices



Changes to Parking Restrictions - Marton and Bulls

In late 2017, Council adopted the Traffic and Parking Bylaw (2017). The parking related provisions came into force on 6 November 2017, with current parking restrictions becoming applicable from this date.

Given the parking restrictions throughout the District were likely to have been in place for a significant period of time, Council requested the community committees/ boards consider whether the parking restrictions (or lack of restrictions) are still appropriate or require amendment.

Following recommendations from the community committees/boards Council approved the following changes at their 25 January 2018 meeting:

- The extension of the 10 minute parking restriction to 108 High Street, Bulls to include a drop off area for All About Children Childcare.
- The removal of the P15 sign next to the corner of High Street and Wellington Road, Marton.
- The removal of the P5 sign outside the
- former Palm Dairy on Wellington Road, Marton. The addition of an accessibility park near
- the Council building at 46 High Street, Marton

In accordance with section 8 of the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017 these changes will come into force on 1 March 2018.

If you have any questions, contact Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner on 0800 422 522.

> Ross McNeill **Chief Executive**



- 3. Chairman's Report
- 4. Financial Reports 2015 to 2017
- 5. Review of Trust Order
- 5.1 Clause 4 apply to Court for
 - approval if trustee is employed - in any capacity whatsoever by
 - the trust
- 5.2 Clause 7(a)(iii)
 - Reduce Quorum owners
 - To eight (8) instead of 15
- 5.3 Clause 4(e)(ii) apply to Court for
- Reduction of trustees to 5 (five)
- 6. Election of five trustees - Provided Item 5.3 is approved **General Business**

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Rangitikei **Squash Club** AGM Thursday March 1, 7pm Clubrooms, Wellington

Road, Marton

2018 at 7.30pm.

All Welcome



Creative Communities Funding Scheme Opens 1st March

Each year Creative New Zealand provides Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) funding to city and district councils throughout New Zealand to distribute in their area. The scheme supports more than 1,800 projects every year.

The aim of the scheme is to increase participation in the arts at a local level, and to increase the range and diversity of arts available to Rangitikei communities.

Prospective applicants may find it helpful to speak to an Assessment Committee member prior to lodging their application. Please contact the Grants Administrator (Christin Ritchie) if you would like to speak to an Assessment Committee member.

Applications close: 12pm (noon) Thursday 29 March 2018

Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Opens 1st March

This fund is provided by Sport NZ and is administered by the Rangitikei District Council. The fund was developed in response to concerns raised about the lack of participation in sport by young people living in rural communities.

It is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years, and is open to all rural sports clubs and schools with eligible members who require financial help with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

Applications close: 12pm (noon) Thursday 29 March 2018

Applications for both grant schemes will be considered by the respective committees on 24th and 26th April 2018. Applicants for both schemes should be resident in the Rangitikei District Council area.

Application forms and further information for both grant schemes are available by:

Downloading from the Council's website: https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/ grants-funding Visiting the Council's offices: 46 High Street, Marton 92 Hautapu Street, Taihape Phoning the Council: 0800 422 522

Marton Arts & Crafts Centre

Annual General Meeting Monday February 26, 2018 at 7pm. To be held at the centre, the corner of Grey & Signal Sts, Marton

Marton Historical Society Meeting Tuesday February 20 at 2pm.

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RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Results from Wednesday 7 February: competition stableford: Bob Pittaway & Rex Wilson 43pts, Julian Elliot & Bill Patene 41pts, Keith Williams Bob Wilson, Rob Giles & Brian Frnacis 40pts, Ann Robinson, Peter Young, Matt Brown, Mark Nevile & Lyndon Moore 39pts, Karen Yorke 38pts, Bruce Kinloch, Pat Pearce, Edith Leary & Heather Craig 37pts. Twos: Ron Harris, Henry Potaka & Rex Wilson on 3rd. Rob Giles 12th, & Mark Ryan (Australia) 16th. Jackpot holes 8 & 9 - Bob Pittaway 7pts. Lucky draw: Neil Atkins. Saturday 10 February: NZ Community Trust stableford: seniors: Nic Bligh 42pts, Geoff Ingram & Ron Harris 40pts, Graham Stephens & Liz Kinloch 39pts, Ian Harvey, Michelle Mossop & Murray Bruhn 38pts. Juniors: Jackson Dreliozis 46pts, Mark Nevile 44pts, Joseph Tapper 43pts, Ann Robinson & Peter Young 42pts, Josephine Tipene, Pire Wehi & Al-lek White 37pts. Twos: Pire Wehi - 3rd, Geoff Ingram, Heather Craig & Joseph Tapper on 12th. Waitatapia Cup - (for 65years and over) Mark Nevile with 44pts.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 6th. Nine hole stableford; B Hills 24, J Stantiall 20, G Burgess 19, L Neumann 19, L Churchill, J Van Loo, and R Little all 16, B Parlane 10. Nearest pin; L Neumann. Saturday 10th The Tax Helper season opening day: Canadian foursomes: men; R Orielly & J Stella nett 56. P Scott. G Cunningham & G Forbes 60, R McDermott & D Rohde 63, G Bond & P Weeks 65, N Skelton & G Franks 66. Mixed; M Porter & S Wells 62, B Hantz & P Charlesworth 65, D & D Todd 69. Nearest the pins; s/men= G Cunningham. J/men = M Porter. Women = S Wells. Sunday 11th family fun day & 2017 prizegiving: summer shield & Gracie Cup N Skelton. Glad Beaman pairs; A Baker & D Rohde. Handicappers trophy; A Baker. President's trophy; G Bond. Bush Cup; G Bond & Suzanne Wells. Jock Wasson memorial mixed & mixed H/stone handicap; S Wells. Captain's trophy P Maitland. Vice president's trophy; J Stella & P Maitland. Karkariki Cup; J Stella. Black jacket, Hawkestone handicap & eclectic Upchurch memorial trophy; G Forbes. Taimui Cup; M Porter & G Forbes. Wilton Cup; L Neumann & Pam Charlesworth. Hawkestone Rosebowl; A Corbett. Mick & Eileen Woods memorials; G Stanton & Larni Tipu. Maori pakeha; pakeha bt maori. Kereama trophy; D Nicholls. Manakau Cup; M Pickford. Ladies' Maori Pakeha Cup; Rae Karatea. Battle of the Bridge; G Burgess jnr & east bt west. Right bt lefts. Lovelock Cup; men bt women. Onepuhi Cup; H McDonald. Greenkeeper's trophy & club person of the year; N Kreegher. Men club champions. Vets; Grant Forbes. Junior; B Dave Wright. Junior A; Graham Bond. Intermediate; Dave Worsfold. Senior; Michael Taiuru. Coming events: Tuesday summer golf; 9.30 am tee off. Saturday 17th; Gracie Cup; 11am tee off. Sunday 18th February, A grade pennants vs Levin at Wanganui. Visitors and casual golfers play 9 or 18 holes for only \$10. New members pay only \$250 to join. All welcome. Contact Grant; 0210 572 931.

MARTON GOLF CLUB

Thursday 8 Feb: D Morrison 43, G Calkin 39, F Ravn 37, B Cameron 36, B Francis 36, A Stewart 34, T Arnott 33, D Angove 32, G Velvin 32, C Murphy 32, B Craig 31. Most golf G: Marshall.

Right: opening day winners Morrison Rosebowl (foursomes) Linda Peina and Mark Gilmour.



TAIHAPE GOLF

A strong field braved the predicted wet weather to compete for the annual McGinniss trophies. Play was delayed for the weather to pass and thus presented a fantastic day on receptive greens. With the newly rated course, the ladies found a drop in a couple of shots a bit of a surprise, with Ngaire Bond and Karen Clark spinning off for the whole ham on net 73 each. Fran Robertson finished in third place with 75 net. The men's competition was hotly contested, with Gary Thomas and Merv Tapp scoring exceptionally well, with 65 net each and also spinning off for the whole ham. In third place, Alan Thomas is working on his form for A grade pennants with a 66 net. Denis Robertson drove well all day with a 67 net. Dave Pollard found his short game; scoring an impressive 68 net. Jimmy Mickleson and Kevin O'Brien both registered 70 net. Matthew Thomas 71, Richard Millner 73, and JJ Walker 74. Twos were all potted on Arnold Palmer's favourite 12th hole by K Cribb, M Tapp and M Thomas. Longest putt on 11 went to M Thomas. The last round of the Partners Collerton Cup was taken out by father and son combination Gary and Matthew Thomas. The day was also the last qualifying for the Shergold trophies. Merv Tapp finished on top in the juniors, with combined two net scores of 131. Alan Thomas was top senior with 132 net. The A grade team start against a very strong Palmerston North team in Whanganui Belmont this weekend. Please contact Merv Tapp if you want to play twilight golf - 5.30pm Friday evenings; golfers and non-golfers are all welcome.

FEILDING & CRAIG'S TOURNAMENT

Feilding Golf Club ventured up with a fantastic number to take on the Taihape locals, on their home course, during the Craig's Investment Partners 18 hole open. Craig's provided complimentary water for the 50 strong contestants in the superb golfing conditions. Leading the field was the 24 handicapper Hamish Rose, with an impressive nett 58, which included birdies on 18 and 1. Tony Boxall managed his best round in Taihape with a 70 nett. Taking out the stableford prize in the ladies was Ngaire Bond, with 39 points and the gross prize went to Manawatu player Rebecca Hopper, with an 84. Notable stableford performances were: R Early 40, P Valentine 40, K Cribb 40, R Morgan 39, J Fannin 39, M Tapp 39, S Cairncross 38, D Robertson 37, D Mickleson 37, J Beilski 36, M Boshoff 36, B Mananui 36, M Sparckman 35, A Thomas 35, F Robertson 35, R Geary 34, D Dick 34, K O'Brien 34. The men's gross was won by M Thomas with a 75. Twos registered were D Mickleson 6th, T Boxall 8th, P Valentine 8th, B Mehrtens 8th, K Cribb 14th and K Wells with an eagle on the par five 9th. This was the first visit to Taihape for a few of the members of the Feilding team and they have learned how to negotiate some of the strategic dog's leg for next year's competition. The inter club trophy was regained by Taihape, with an impressive average of 35.55 over Feilding's 29.95. Waitangi Day Tuesday was the traditional maori v pakeha chicken run. Two years in a row, the matches were tied and the shield was shared by the captains. Top scoring of the day was K Cribb and JJ Walker with 44 points, M Tapp 41, D Mickleson 39, and J Mickleson, K Cashell, B Randall, and Diane Mickleson all on 36 points. K Cribb registered the only two on the 6th and M Tapp won the chocolates with the longest putt on the 18th.

Wednesday 31 January, roll-up results - skips: 1st Neil Gardener, 2nd Peter Saywell, 3rd Murray Coleman. Twos: 1st Ray Harding, 2nd Kevin Redshaw, 3rd Jean Coleman. Leads: Wayne Pudney. Saturday 3 February, roll-up results: 1st Kevin Mullany, 2nd Mike Aldworth, 3rd Andy Creagh. Twos: 1st Josie Bismark, 2nd Wayne Pudney, 3rd Tania George. Leads: 1st Joy White, 2nd Sharon Pudney, 3rd Des Timmons. Sunday 4 February McVerry Crawford 2 bowl moo tournament results: 1st Andy Creagh's team Marton, 2nd Ken Mason's team Taihape, 3rd Colin Rowatt's team Aramoho. Friday 2 February, Keesing Cup challenge: showers interrupted play during the morning and Whanganui East won by a very narrow margin. Wednesday 7 February, roll-up results: skips: 1st Joanne Simpson, 2nd Tania George, 3rd Kevin Mullany. Leads: 1st Jennie Redshaw, 2nd Graeme Morris, 3rd Ces Allen.

MARTON CROQUET

Results Monday 5/2/18; association; L Thompson 18 v G McIntyre 8, Mary McNae/G Thompson 16 v L Johnson/E Ogden 14. Golf croquet; M Meek/S Johnson 7 v M Vallance 5, S Johnson 7,7,v M Vallance/M Meek 3,4, M Meek 5 v M Vallance 7. Wednesday 7/2/18 assn; D Winmill 19 v T Martyn 12, E Ogden 13 v G Thompson 8. Golf croquet; M Meek/C Burne 5 v J McDougall/S Spooner 7, S Spooner/M Meek 5 v C Burne/J McDougall 7. Tuesday, Waitangi Day, we held an open day, attended by 15 people and had a very enjoyable day. It was pleasing to have a few new people come along and have a try and we will welcome you all to come back any Monday, Wednesday, or Saturday at 1pm. Saturday 10/2/18; T Martyn/G Thompson 15 v G McIntyre/S Johnson 13, L Thompson 16 v K Fitchett 12. Golf croquet; D Winmill/L Johns8on 6 v M Vallance 7, D Winmill/M Vallance 5 v L Johnson 7, M Vallance/L Johnson 7 v D Winmill/P Dobson 5.

CROQUET MANAWATU-WANGANUI

Association croquet interclub competition; week 6. This is the final round of the competition, but with an outstanding match to play between Rose Gardens and Marton/Wanganui. Levin is one point behind Rose Gardens, but, as their programme is complete, the best they can do is finish in second place. Marton/Wanganui are in third place, two points behind Rose Gardens, and, with a match to play against the leaders, could finish in top position, if they score the maximum 3 points. Any other result will see them finish in second, or third place. Everything hangs on the result of the outstanding match. Levin 1, Rose Gardens 2. Marton/Wanganui 1, Feilding 2. Individual results: Janice Coleman (F) bt Krina Fitchett (M/W) 11-9; Selwyn Johnson (F) bt David Harrison (M/W) 19-11; Sandra Haycock & Fiona Francis (F) bt Tom Martyn & Lyn Johnson (M/W) 15-13.Points to date: Rose Gardens 10, Levin 9, Marton/Wanganui 8, Feilding 6. Feilding and Levin have completed their matches, Rose Gardens and Marton/Wanganui have to play a delayed match against one another, to complete the competition.

MARTON SARACENS PREMIER 2 CRICKET

Central ITM Saracens suffered their second consecutive close loss on Saturday, going down to Wanganui Warriors at Centennial Park by 3 runs. The visitors batted first and were dismissed in their 31st over for 169 Some very loose bowling from the Marton opening attack got Warriors off to a rollicking start, before Vern Kohi and Brett Cunningham pulled things back somewhat for Saracens. Cunningham was the bowler of the innings, taking 3 for 9 from his 8 overs. Kohi finished with 3 for 45, also from 8. Dave Woolston continued his great form with the ball this season, taking 2 for 33 from 8 and Mike Maher claimed 1 for 7 from 2.2 overs Opening bowlers Jayden Lane and Phil Galpin failed to complete their allocation, taking 1 for 50 from 5 and 0 for 23 from 1, respectively. Ronan Spence, Andrew Spence, Dave Woolston and Cunningham (3) took catches. Wickets fell regularly in the Saracens reply and, at 79 for 6 in the 24th over, the chase seemed a lost cause. Dave Woolston had scored 28, Andrew Spence 4, Justin Lock 1, Pete Woolston 0, Mike Maher 17 and Ronan Spence 2. However, Galpin joined Kohi at the crease at this stage. This pair proceeded to bat sensibly and with commitment, sharing an 80 run partnership and taking the home team to within 10 runs of victory before Galpin was caught hitting out for a very well-made 33. Kohi followed soon after for 37 and Lane was run out for no score in the last over. Cunningham was left not out 9 and Chance Hausman not out 0 at the end of the innings, with the score at 166 for 9. Vern Kohi was the Alf Downs Limited player of the day for the Marton team. This Saturday, Central ITM Saracens play Wanganui Renegades at Victoria Park, Wanganui.

OVER 60s CRICKET

The national over 60s cricket championships concluded in Wellington on Thursday 8 February. After losses to Otago and Wellington earlier in the week, Central Districts played defending champions Canterbury on Wednesday. Canterbury batted first and reached 228 for 9 in their 40 overs, with contributions throughout the order. Marton's Allan Pond was the most successful CD bowler, taking 3 for 41 from his 7 overs. In reply, Central lost two early wickets but Pond batted freely at the other end, eventually being dismissed for 37, in the 12th over, with the total 50 for 3. Captain Peter Nixon scored a solid 40 in the middle order but CD could only reach 180 for 7 in their 40 overs, to lose by 48 runs. Canterbury and Otago qualified for Thursday's final, with Canterbury proving comfortable winners. Central Districts played Auckland on Thursday and lost a tight match, by 3 wickets. Pond was run out for 12 in the CD innings and took 0 for 31 from 7 overs when Auckland batted. At the tournament dinner on Thursday evening a NZ squad was named to contest the Australian Vintage Cricket Festival in Sydney in November. NZ will field two sides in Sydney and the squad of 27 includes five CD players; Bruce Hooper-Smith, Allan Pond, Peter Nixon, Gordon Kuggeleijn and Kim Whittington.

BULLS BOWLING CLUB

The ladies gala on Thursday Feb 8 went off very well, with a good field and not much separating the winners. First place went to Francis Ardern's team, with three wins and in front on ends. Second place went to Herbert's team from PN, with 3 wins and ahead on points from Mailyn Soames' team; third. What a great day for the ladies playing the regional interclub championship at Northern on Saturday. The team of Anne Connelly (singles). Maria Jones and Pat Hartley (pairs). Gay Baxter, Yvonne Moss, Jean Parris and Barbara Way (fours), played Wairarapa and won 3-O. Played Hawkes Bay and won 2-1. Played Poverty Bay and won 2-1. They now go to Wainuiomata, in about three weeks, to compete for the national title. Congratulations and all the best in the nationals. Saturday and Sunday saw the men's triples championship played. After a round robin, two teams had four wins each and played off in a final. Scott McGavin, Mark Smith and Bob Caldwell faced off against Warren Hausman, Edgar Jones and Kevin Sprott. With a lot of consistent bowls and skilled reading of the head, Scott McGavin's team won by a handsome margin - just too good on the day. Now we see if they can pull off the centre title again. Congratulations to them. Enjoy the company at Bulls Bowling Club. Ph 06 3221284.

JOIN IN PEDAL 4 PLEASURE

The inaugural cycling event held by Marton Rotary last year was a great success, with over 100 participants cycling the Tutaenui area of the Rangitikei in beautiful, almost windless, autumn weather. The event is on again this year, on Sunday 18 March, with similar courses to last year. There are three courses. Each is designed to suit the fitness and/or age and/or determination of the participants. The longest course is around 70km and involves a number of hills. Fewer hills and only 40km typifies the next course, while the 15km course with gentle hills, is just right for the less able or less determined. They all leave from Marton Park. Marton businesses are again being very generous in providing many spot prizes, but the top spot prize will be a Lazy Boy chair from Wards' Furniture. Details of the course are: Wards Furniture 73.3km long course: this takes in Makohau, Waimutu Roads circuit, plus Galpins, Warrens, Griffins, Jeffersons, Leedstown, and Tutaenui Roads. BJW Motors Ltd 40km ride medium course: this course involves the Makohou and Waimutu Roads circuit. The Downs Group 15km ride short course: family friendly, this heads around Fern Flats and Bryces Line. Entry fees are \$30, \$20 and \$15 and to register, go to SportWhanganui. co.nz/events. There is also a business house competition, sponsored by Broadway Colour Plus and a schools' competition, sponsored by McVerry Crawford Motors. Marton Rotary is behind the event, with Andrew Shand and David Smith being the main organisers; ably assisted by Marie Kinloch of Sport Wanganui.



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