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CANDIDATES

Candidates present their views

The first of three Meet the Candidate meetings in the Rangitikei District took place at Rangitikei College last Friday night, hosted by the Lions Club of Marton.

Central Ward candidates and Horizons Rangitikei-Manawatu Constituency candidates put their views forward and answered questions from a crowd of over 160 people.

David Woodbridge was MC, along with Hunter Morgan from the Rangitikei Youth Council.

The two groups of candidates were asked two questions, which they all answered. Nine candidates from the new Central Ward (which combines Marton and Hunterville and rural surrounds) were asked "What would you change? and "If ratepayers gave you \$5Million, what would you do with it?

Nigel Belsham would change community engagement, saying council communication could be better.

Sandra Field would do better recycling and give schools access to RDC Waste Transfer Stations.

Coral Raukawa Manuel would change the way council reports to the community and educate people. Fiona Dalgety would review rural zoning, to create smaller lifestyle

blocks, to encourage more people to the district. Richard Lambert would make sure rural roading is ready for the logging of pine forests and address the huge pressure it could have

on ratepayers. Bryan Hamerton would improve publicity about the Rangitikei region

and promote the positive aspects. Dave Wilson would encourage people to engage with council, which spends lots on surveys with results that are often disappointing.

Peter Woolston would like to rescind the taking of poisonous substances into the landfill in our backyard. They all had interesting solutions for spending \$5m. The Horizons candidates were asked "what 1 or 2 things would you

change in your Horizons constituency?"

Current Horizons chair Bruce Gordon said he would like to return to Rangitikei representation, not be included in Manawatu and risk not having a Rangitikei councillor in future.

Teresa Shultz would encourage investment in industrial hemp with all it offers.

Gordon McKellar would lobby central government to restore flood protection scheme funding and for freshwater improvements to create less burden on ratepayers.

Soraya Peke - Mason would change lobby tactics to central government, as it sends an avalanche of policies but doesn't provide funding. She would work with others affected to lobby collectively.

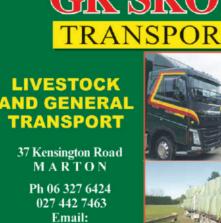
Candidates for both councils answered questions from the floor. A candidate meeting was held in Taihape in Tuesday night and a meeting is due to be held in Bulls tonight, 26 September - 7pm at the Bulls RSA

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Right: Four of the Horizons Regional Council Rangitikei – Manawatu **Constituency candidates** participated on Friday night.



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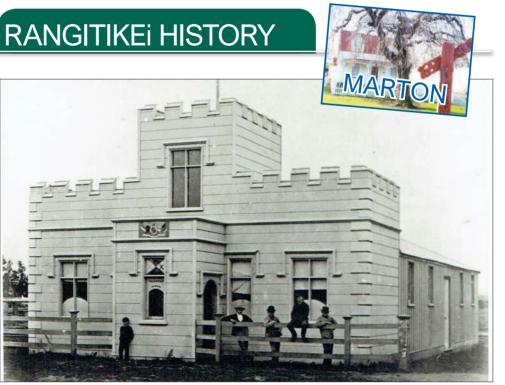
60 top secondary school Māori speakers from around the country competed recently in New Zealand's premier secondary school speech competition, Ngā Manu Korero, in Palmerston North. Rangitikei College student Waiatatia Ratana-Karehana, rocked the packed Regent Theatre with an impassioned speech in English on the theme 'I tried to keep quiet but my ancestors wouldn't let me'.

Waiatatia, of Ngāti Apa, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Porou and Te iwi Morehu descent, was awarded equal points as the eventual winner but on countback won second place and the Moni Taumaunu Trophy.

'I loved it, it was a brilliant experience. I find it easier to speak in front of strangers than my own peers. For me, this speech was 200 years in the making and I felt all my tipuna standing there with me, behind me and beside me whilst making my speech' said Waiatatia. Her grandmother was sitting onstage, and tears flowed as she was overcome with pride and emotion hearing her moko speak with such passion and grace. And in the audience were many supporters from her whānau, Rangitikei College, and Marton Junction School where she went to primary.

Waiatatia, who is hoping to become a lawyer, believes that people need to understand the stories of the past in order to make sense of the present. "That can be hard," she says, "But not facing up to what happened, won't help the hurts go away and makes it very difficult to move on. But it is also important to stand tall with dignity where you are now, and know you can make a difference. If my ancestors

didn't keep quiet," she said in her speech, "then why should I?" A pōwhiri was held at Rangitikei College to honour Waiatatia's return to school. and her whānau. Senior student Te Arawa Ratana addressed the college on her behalf, and Principal Tony Booker acknowledged the tremendous hard work Waiatatia had put into achieving her goal, and the vital support she had had from her whānau. "As a college community", he said, "we share in your pride and support your precious taonga growing into a young wahine of humility, of strength and of mana."



The Rangitikei Royal Rifles Drill Hall in Marton stood on the site of today's Cobham Plumbing in upper Broadway. It was a large building, much bigger than the Marton Memorial Hall. The headquarters of the Rangitikei Royal Rifles, it housed their training facilities, many military balls, dancing in full military regalia and parades. The community also held many grand ball in the hall. The building was destroyed by fire on November 1926 - a huge spectacle, with ammunition exploding in the flames. Marton will celebrate 150 years since the naming of the town in 1869, on Saturday October 5 starting at 10am. There will be a re-enactment of the town committee meeting when the name was decided.

Local Firearms Buy Back dates

Firearms Buy Back event dates: This week's Local Collection Point will be at the Whanganui Racecourse - Access off Ingestre St, Whanganui. The event will run Friday September 27 to Sunday 29 September. From 10.30am to 3.30pm both days.

For any extra information check out the New Zealand Police website.



Rangitikei College Maori speaker, student Waiatatia Ratana-Karehana was warded second place in the NZ speech competition. Photo supplied.

150 years since Marton was named

Project Marton, RDC and the Historical Society will be in Broadway with a town crier next Monday at noon, letting people know about the Marton 150th naming celebrations on October 5. Marton Historical Society has organised local groups and businesses to set up displays as well aspalnning the historical society's own displays for the coming 150 Year Marton Naming celebration on October 5 in and around the Marton Memorial hall and historic village starting at 10am.

The celebration will include historic static displays and photographs, historic stalls, the historic village open day, vintage and veteran cars and a re-enactment of the 1869 naming of 1869 Marton meeting at 10.30am. Descendants of William Henderson and the Signal, Morris, Beaven, Gibbons, families are invited to come along as well as Poppe, Nitschke, Freidrich and any descendants of early pioneer families. The public of Marton is especially encouraged to come along and learn about the 150 year history of the town named Marton .

Locals are encouraged to decorate their businesses in the one of the eras of Marton 's long history and everyone is asked to dress up for the occasion in vintage gear from whichever era you might still have in your wardrobe.

For further enquiries contact: Project Marton re stalls - projectmarton@xtra. co.nz or phone 06 327 7633 or Marton Historical Society - Sharon McKandry 06 327 7903.

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In regards to Haylock Park.

I would like to use this as an opportunity to clear up some misunderstandings that are in the Bulls community over the sale of part of Haylock Park for subdivision.

Letters to the editor - 200

address and phone number.

words. Include name.

The potential sale is not a new idea. When the decision to build the new civic centre was made, the funding included the sale of that land. Consultation was extensive, including long term plans, annual plans, leaflets, shop window explanations and public meetings. Contrary to what you may have been told, it always included the sale of Haylock Park. On the back of that process, the district agreed to fund the building of the centre. Dr Haylock did provide funding for part of the purchase of Haylock Park - not all of it, as you may have believed, for a recreational park although Council always had discretion about its use. I have spoken to the people who were involved at the time and they have said that a subdivision was part of that discussion and the roads were aligned to facilitate that and potential further subdivision later.

At no stage, then or now, has there been a request for rugby and extensive sport fields.

I have been to the park several times and the latest configuration of the park play area was suggested by some Bulls residents and agreed to by Council.

It has been suggested that the play area is not large enough but it is considerably larger than the Marton skatepark area and the planned extended area for Memorial Park in Marton.

For Council, yes the money from the sale is useful towards the new centre, costing close to \$6million in total, but it is also about allowing for housing. Housing is incredibly short and, in the near future, the Ohakea expansion will result in more people looking to settle in Bulls. This land was always targeted to be part of that solution. If there are issues at the Bulls Domain, let's have a conversation about fixing them.

I am happy to meet with any parties around how you can work with Council to develop Haylock Park or the domain. Council has shown a willingness to seed-fund community groups to make such things like this happen.

Andy Watson - Mayor of Rangitikei

Haylock Park

The Council Bulletin reporting of the council meeting on 29 August 2019 and included in the Rangitikei District Monitor on 5 September 2019 is creative, confusing and deceptive.

Fact: Haylock Park was officially named on 28 October 1986. Refer Bulls District Community Council minutes on above date. Fact: Haylock Park was previously known as Johnson Street Reserve. (Refer to the same minutes).

Fact: Haylock Park is now being referred to by the Rangitikei District Council as Johnson St/Walker Crescent Block, Bulls. This may be an internal reference and should stay there. Will they be referring to Marton Park as Follett St/Maunder St Block, Marton?

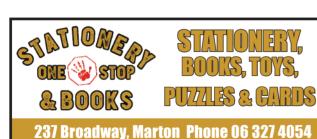
Further, in the piece, they refer to the land available for development and for public use. When giving any measurement, the same measurement should be used to save confusion.

Your rate demand and town maps are recorded in hectares and this measurement should have been used in the article.

Fact: Land for development will be 1.6143 hectares and land for public use will be 0.3124 hectares.

If the Council feels the need to report in square metres then 16,143 sqm is for development and 3124sqm is for public use. Creative reporting creates confusion!

Bruce Dear, Bulls.



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Bryan Hamerton

Elect for Central Ward on Rangitikei District Council





Authorised by Bryan Hamerton, 552 Porewa Rd, Marton

BITS n' PIECES

Woven Through the Fabric of Time - Marton Arts & Crafts Centre exhibition, 27 September - 6 October. Daily 10am to 4pm with Thursday 10am - 8pm. Guest exhibitors: \$5 entry.

School Strike 4 Climate strike - Friday

Some NZ students will be uniting once again to demand climate justice this Friday, September 27. The third Strike 4 Climate organised by School Strike 4 Climate NZ (SS4C NZ) will be the biggest yet. This time, they are calling on adults to join them too, as the climate crisis threatens everything they love and everyone's collective home. September 27th's Strike 4 Climate will be intergenerational: people all over NZ unite as a force to demand climate justice from the Government.

Artist talks new feature of Marton exhibition The arts community in Marton

is thriving and growing and a great selection will be showcased at the Marton Arts and Crafts Centre's biennial exhibition, opening next Friday.

The exhibition features a wide range of works from the 100plus talented local artists and crafters who are part of the Centre. The works, including

painting, ceramics, weaving and mosaics, will be on display alongside work from three

guest exhibitors - Carmen Simmonds (glass), Michael Walker (wood) and Laurence Gatehouse (weaving).

'These three guest exhibitors will complement the work of our own artists wonderfully," the Centre's president Carla Woollaston says. "We are so proud of the amazing work that comes out of our Centre and we can't wait to show it off to our community."

This year's exhibition also features artist talks from the three guest exhibitors. Michael Walker will be speaking on Sunday 29 September at 2pm, Carmen Simmonds on Thursday 3 October at 6pm and Laurence Gatehouse on Saturday 5 October at 2pm. These talks are a great opportunity to hear directly from the artists about their work. Much of the work on display will be available for sale and many of the exhibitors, both local and guest, will also take commissions.

The Marton Arts and Crafts Centre exhibition, at 16

Grey Street, Marton, opens to the public on Friday 27 September and runs through to Sunday 6 October at 3pm. Opening hours are 10am to 4pm (3pm on the last day) with a late night on Thursday 3 October to 8pm.

Admission is \$5, and refreshments will be available.







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Happy Tours of Marton

The weather was certainly on our side as we set off nice and early for our much anticipated trip to Government House in Wellington. Our first stop was morning tea in Otaki, then back on the bus and off we go - but we didn't go far - just a couple of km's down the road and over the Otaki Bridge, when our bus broke down and we were left waiting, waiting, waiting for a mechanic to sort us out. Needless to say, we missed our appointment at Government House but we'll reschedule for another time. Once we got over our initial disappointment, our fabulous bus driver continued into Wellington, where we had lunch and a super visit to Te Papa. It sure was a day full of surprises for the 40 plus members who came along.

Thanks to Jean and Betty D for our super raffles, which were won by Eric and Lorraine.

Our next trip is Thursday 3 October and we'll be heading to Bushy Park in Kai Iwi for a light luncheon and tour of the homestead and stables and maybe a little bush walk.

Bus departs from Criterion St, Bulls at 9am and will pick up passengers from Marton Memorial Hall around 9.15am returning by 4pm.

I hope you have booked your seat for this trip, as it's limited to 50 people and should be a great day out.

Marton Contract Bridge Club

17 September 2019. Petals and Presents handicap pairs. Round 1: N/S: Marianne Morland & Pat Davidson 60.30; Susan Marshall & Brian Bolt 55.23; Philip Sullivan & Simon Loudon 53.50. E/W: Wanda Jones & John Bligh 72.17; Joh Bellamore & Julie Sabine 6.55; Pat McVerry & Di Gilmour 61.50;

19 September 2019: Broadway ColourPlus handicap pairs. Round 2: N/S: Doug Cains & Trevor Ellery 61.54; Noeline Poppe & Jenny Tamehana 60.73; Jenny Meads & Pat Davidson 56.29. E/W: Judith Baddeley & Susan Marshall 74.11: Julie Ellery & Margaret Shand 55.89; Wanda Jones & Christine Skou 52.58.



Planting for former Lion



Natasha Black (front right) and her daughter Katie (back centre) with Lions Steve Carkeek, Roddy McDonald and David Hammond, planting the memorial tree for Natasha's father, Stuart Moss.

Members of the Marton Lions Club (and a stray Rotarian) got together last Saturday morning to plant about 100 trees and shrubs along the walkway behind Marton School.

Steve Carkeek, who is driving the walkway project, says the area between the walkway and the Tutaenui Stream was covered in long grass and weeds but a lot of hard work has cleared it and the new plantings should flourish. Most of the plants were donated by Horizons Regional Council and some were raised and donated by Steve. They are all natives, with the exception of one peach tree, which the Club hopes will provide fresh fruit for walkers in the future.

A totara tree gifted to Natasha Black by Lions, in memory of her father Stuart Moss, was also planted beside the walkway. The impetus for the planting came from a Rotary Interact group at Rangitikei College. The group approached the Lions Club about doing more planting on the walkway and they are working on raising more plants. "There are about another 50 plants to come from that group," Steve says.

Dahlias are also being planted along the Marton School side of the walkway, to provide a splash of colour in summer.

South Rangitikei Dog Training Club Championship Obedience Show

On the 21 & 22 September we ran our yearly obedience championship show down at the Bulls Domain. It was a very enjoyable weekend and the weather was kind. We have five different tests from beginners, who are new handlers, to test "C" which are the very experienced handlers and dogs. Our judges and participants come from all over the North Island, as far away as Auckland and Wellington, Masterton and New Plymouth. One of our club members came second on Saturday and on Sunday, she came first. Quite a few of the participants went up to the Rangitikei Hotel for tea on the Saturday night. They all enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere. Our thanks goes out to Nestle for their sponsorship and also to Farmlands. Thank you to everyone who made this an enjoyable weekend.

South Rangitikei Dog Training Club (Margaret Robinson).

Marton Friendship Club

Friday 30 September; due to illness the entertainers were unable to attend and so the session turned into a games day. Mainly housie but also board games for others. A lot of fun and laughter. Many key members were away. Thank you to those who stepped up to help in the kitchen and on the door and with cleaning up. Members love their music but we all made most of the day. This Friday, 27 September, the fire brigade is providing safety talks to our club with many other groups attending. This will be a very different kind of day. WDHB will be supplying afternoon tea - no door charge but lots of good raffles, so come along and learn. These talks are always interesting and very professional. Bring your lunch (12.30pm) - main programme 2pm. Come along and support your club and your district. See you there.

St Andrew's Holiday Club



Join the fun, games, stories and food at St Andrew's Holiday Club.

It will be fun, games, stories and food at St Andrew's Holiday Club.

Wondering what to do with the kids these holidays?

St Andrew's is offering a week-long holiday club that is open for all children in years 1-6.

They will enjoy a programme full of fun activities, including games, songs, sports, skits, messy games and bible stories. The holiday club will run from 9am to 12 noon, 30 sept- 4 Oct. And best of all for parents, the holiday club is free of charge Each morning, parents (or guardians) are asked to drop their children off at 9:00am at St Andrew's and the kids are shown to their squad (small groups). These groups are based around the ages of the children and are led by trained & police checked leaders. Participants begin with some fun activities to get to know each other better.

Once everyone has arrived, all the children will come together for a time of music, games and bible stories. The programme has lots of different activities, including games, sports, songs, creative storytelling and lots to get involved in.

The children will spend some time exploring the bible story for the day, before enjoying a drink and a snack. Then it will be time for fun and creative craft activity.

At the end of the day, everyone will come back together for more songs, a quiz, some drama and a verse to memorize. Parents (or guardians) are asked to arrive at midday to pick

up their children. If you'd like to register some kids, you can do that online at. www.teambuilders.org.nz or call St Andrew's Youth worker Jasmin Vanderwerff on 027 3535753, or email youth. standrewsmarton@gmail.com or simply drop into the office



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Just knock I have heard much about chasing God, or pursuing God and I understand what is

meant by this. But where did God ever say"catch me if you can?" He does not play a game of life with us, rolling dice and leaving it all to chance. No, He has a plan and purpose for us; a plan for good and not for evil; a plan for a future and a hope. Jer. 29:11.

Jesus' words are recorded in Mat.7:7,8. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;knock and the door will be opened to you."

For everyone who asks, receives; he who seeks, finds

and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.'

When this spiritual door is opened, you will find that God is omnipresent. He is everywhere. When your eyes are opened, you will find Him, even in the darkest places. In Deut. 31:8 and Heb. 15:5, God says, "I will never leave or foresake you." He will not leave us but we can leave Him, as we have the freedom of choice to do so. However, we do not have the freedom from the consequencs of our choices.

If the door has never been opened to you, or you have closed the door by your own choice, then maybe you could ask, look and knock. You have the freedom to do so.

Mark Mitchell,

Pastor Warriors of Zion, Christian Morotcyle Club.



Marton builder aiming for the top

Marton builder Todd Sutton is aiming to be New Zealand's top apprentice for 2019.

Todd, who completed his apprenticeship with Richards Construction earlier this year, took out the BCITO Central North Island Apprentice of the Year award recently and is now preparing to test himself against the country's other top apprentices at the national awards in November.

Todd's building career started when he was still at Rangitikei College, through the Gateway programme, which gives secondary school students the opportunity to do workplace learning while still at school. Through the programme he was able to do several initial units in the BCITO (Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation) apprenticeship programme and when he left school he went straight into an apprenticeship with Richards Construction. It was Todd's boss, Richard Ellery, who encouraged him to enter the awards this year. The first step was a fairly detailed written submission about a job he'd worked on. "It was about eight pages in the end," Todd says. That was followed by a practical test, an interview and a site visit from the judges. In November, Todd heads to Auckland

for another interview and a 6-hour practical test for the national award.

Having completed his apprenticeship, Todd now involved in training his new company apprentices on site, and he hopes they will be entering the award themselves in the near future. Building is likely to be a lifelong career for Todd, who loves what he's doing and having his own business is a long-term goal.

But until then he won't be getting bored. "There's heaps of work on locally," he says. "Marton's really growing, it's just crazy.'

Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund open

"Applications for the 2020 Commemorating Waitangi Day are open and communities throughout the country are encouraged to apply for funding to support their local events,' says Bernadette Cavanagh, CE Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage.

"Waitangi Day events are well established in many centres and enjoyed by thousands. I encourage all communities to come together to run local events."Projects run in partnership between local authorities, community groups and tangata whenua are particularly encouraged.

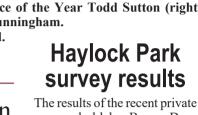
Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage is accepting applications for the fund open until 14 October 2019

To find out more check out the Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund information page on the Manatu Taonga website.

survey held by Bruce Dear of Bulls regarding the sale of Haylock Park by the RDC are in. Bruce has reported the results as follows:

Haylock Park Survey. Option A: Retain the park 376, Option B: Development and

Park 19. Invalid 13. The vote papers have been counted by 2 Justice of the Peace.



Central North Island Apprentice of the Year Todd Sutton (right) with apprentice builder Sam Cunningham. Story and phot Belinda Howard.

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Lack of vision for roading projects

The Coalition Government's lack of vision and investment in roading and lan McKelvie transport is bad for our greater region. or Rangitike The proposed Otaki to Levin expressway

which was identified by the previous National Government as a 'Road of National Significance,' is on the back-burner and there's no money to build it for at least another five years. It doesn't seem right. All the ground work had been done by the previous Government and there was money in the coffers to pay for it.

Meanwhile locals, truck drivers and freight companies and those of us who live or work anywhere in the lower North Island, are in limbo, as we all wait on an expressway to replace a very dangerous stretch of road.

In 2017 the NZTA commissioned a study to investigate the need for safety improvements on SH1, between Taylors Rd and south Levin (Levin urban boundary) over the next 8 to 10 year timeframe. The study acknowledged that this particular section is "classified as a High Risk Rural Road" and that, "until the design and construction of Otaki to north of Levin capital works are completed, there are expected to be a high number of high severity crashes on the existing route".

In fact, over the past 10 years, 24 people have died on this bit of road. Serious crashes are on the rise too – there were 18 last year, up from 10 in 2017 and two in 2016. Road safety consultant Fergus Tate said if the new expressway was built, those numbers would almost certainly drop.

NZTA director for Regional Relationships, Emma Speight said funding for state highways was under pressure as there was a lot of demand and the money for the expressways would not be available until at least 2024. At this stage, there was also no funding to improve safety on the existing road she said. You have to wonder why they bothered commissioning a report.

There's also very real concern that things will get worse before they get better when the Wellington northern corridor is completed, which means four lanes will be condensed into two lanes from Ōtaki north. Already, it's got to the stage where many locals won't travel on the weekend because it's just too dangerous.

NZTA's own MegaMaps tool said the safest speed for that stretch of road is no more than 80km/h and, in some places, drivers should only be doing 60.

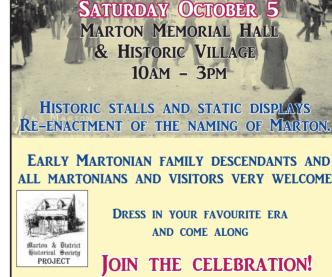
Across the country we're paying more in fuel taxes. We shouldn't be spending more time stuck in traffic. We should be seeing extensive investment in our regional roads. Strong transport connections are vital for our growing regions and for the safe and efficient transportation of people and goods. You can't argue that on the one hand, you support regional NZ, while on the other, you are cancelling and delaying key projects, imposing a raft of knee-jerk compliance costs and filling the media with anti-rural rhetoric.



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Mangaweka Fakes & Forgeries 2019 Celebrating 12 years



Karl F Sime (aka Goldie) with artist Richard Aslett on the steps of Mangaweka "Yellow Church" Gallery, at the first Fakes & Forgeries in 2011

Every two years, artists young and old, from far and wide, are encouraged to get creating their masterpieces for the Mangaweka Fakes & Forgeries competition. The theme is simple; create an exact replica, a copy with a twist, a work inspired by or in the style of a famous artwork or artist!

The contest was inspired by famous forger and Mangaweka born Karl Sim, who became embroiled in one of New Zealand's longest trials, he only escaped jail by a whisker, instead receiving a large fine and was ordered to do many hours of community work. After this, Karl changed his name by deed pole to CF Goldie, enabling him to legally sign his art without being hauled in by the long arm of the law. A skilled artist, he gained much press attention, appeared on several TV shows and was the subject of the popular book 'Good as Goldie' co-written with TV One's Tim Wilson. Known a bit of a rough diamond, he continued to poke fun at the serious art establishment, becoming a popular guest speaker at many events, including the Mangaweka Fakes & Forgeries exhibitions. He was scheduled to appear at the 2013 event, before he fell ill, and all too soon departed to the great, big art studio in the sky.

Mangaweka continues to honour and celebrate this jolly character and the popular event has gone from strength to strength since its inception in 2007, having had entries from all over NZ, Australia, the UK and one from the USA. Past entries displayed have included Monet's, Picasso's, Colin MaCahon's, Walters style Koru's and even a depiction of Donald Trump as 'The Scream'. 2017's winner of the Adult Section was 'La Jacinda' - a portrayal of the current Labour Prime-minister done in the style of the Mona Lisa, which was unveiled by our local National MP, Ian McKelvie, who took it all in good spirit. There is also a 16yrs and under section, and a district-wide Schools section, which in 2017 received over 200 entries, being a great

in the evening.

30 November.

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Horizons Regional Council has appointed Leigh Old (pictured) as the Friend of the Submitter for the Proposed Plan Change 2 – Existing Intensive Farming Land Uses processes currently underway.

Horizons strategy and regulation group manager Dr Nic Peet says the role of the Friend of the Submitter is to help individuals and communities affected by the proposed One Plan changes to participate in the process.

"This is a new initiative for council, with the intent of breaking down barriers to making a submission on what can be a complex, formal and emotive process," says Dr Peet.

"The plan change affects existing intensive land users (dairy, intensive sheep and beef, commercial vegetable growing and cropping) in specific catchments. However, anyone with an interest can participate in the process by making a submission.

"The Friend will be focusing on assisting those who are unfamiliar with the process, how they can be involved and what is needed to make a submission."

Mrs Old says that, as an independent advisor, her role does not include providing advice on people's views about the proposals, or on the implications of the proposals for an individual, business, community or hapū.

"I am available to provide advice on the process for lodging submissions, how you might present your views in a submission, and what happens after a submission is lodged," she says.

"It is anticipated this resource will be helpful to individual farmers or members of the community, who wish to make their views known to the hearing panel but are unsure how to go about it or what is involved."

Horizons' proposed plan change seeks to provide a workable framework for intensive land use – allowing a pathway for existing farmers and growers in target catchments to apply for resource consent. It focuses on existing intensive farming land uses and includes the recalibration of Table 14.2 Cumulative Nitrogen Leaching Maximums (CNLM) with the most up to date version of Overseer.

Submissions should indicate whether they support or oppose all or some of the aspects of the plan change and include information to support their views.

Leigh is available for people to contact by email friendofthesubmitter2019@gmail.com or on 021 169 0840 until 21 October 2019, when submissions are due.

She is also available to meet with individuals or groups face to face, by arrangement. There are plans to have few drop-in sessions in the target catchments affected by Proposed Plan Change 2, in early October.

All PPC2 documentation, including submission forms, can be found on Horizons' website www.horizons.govt.nz

Laboratory testing – feedback wanted

on 027 52 666 12 or visit www.richardaslett.co.nz

We are reviewing how we run our laboratory $- \mbox{ and } want \ \mbox{your feedback}.$

opportunity for youngsters, with great prizes of art materials,

This year's Fakes & Forgeries will be accompanied by a

massive Book Fair in the Mangaweka Fire Station, Christmas

market stalls in the Mangaweka Museum grounds and

creations of several new murals involving local Artists and

school children. The 'Dukes Roadhouse' will keep visitors fed

& watered with drinks and meals, with plans for entertainment

Artists are urged to get creating now. Artworks need to

be delivered to the Yellow Church Gallery on SH1, by

Tuesday 19 November, before the big opening on Saturday

For information on the art exhibition, contact Richard Aslett

To reserve sites at the Christmas Market and to donate books

for the Book Fair - please contact Alison on 06 382 5750 or

canvases and paints valued at over \$1000 up for grabs.

Whanganui and MidCentral DHBs are working with community and clinical partners to review how medical testing laboratory services can be more cost effective and sustainable while taking whānau-centred care and new technology into account.

MedLab, an independent organisation which tests samples from medical professionals in the central North Island, currently provides medical sampling services to the Whanganui and MidCentral DHBs.

A group of consumers, clinicians and iwi have worked on updating the services MedLab could provide across the hospital and community.

When the updated service goes ahead, MedLab staff will

be trained in DHB quality and safety programmes, such as 'Speaking up for Safety', which DHB staff use to report safety and quality concerns.



The updated service will also focus on ensuring there are fewer barriers to access for collection and testing. It will also improve data collection based on ethnicity and gender to ensure that our diverse populations are receiving the services they require in a timely fashion. Increasing the number of collection sites and having longer opening hours to suit people with diverse working hours are also being considered.

It is a chance to better integrate medical testing with current technology and procedures, such as electronic reporting and sign off. Our DHBs want to take advantage of emerging technologies in medical testing, including new ways for patients to access their results online.

Whanganui and MidCentral DHB are now calling on anyone interested to put forward their views on how we can get the best value from our laboratory services via an online survey. www.surveymonkey.com/r/LP7RBMW

Marton fire safety and emergency workshop Friday

Come along to a fire safety workshop run by Colin Leighton from Bulls Fire Brigade alongside NZ Police and St John.

It is a great opportunity to get smoke detectors checked and discuss fire and emergency safety concerns. It will be held between 12.30pm – 3.15pm, on Friday

27 September in the Marton Friendship Hall, 7 Morris St, Marton.

Contact Heidi on 06 322 0051 or Marilyn (Rangitikei Health Centre) on 06 327 5778, if you need transport to the event.

Wet weather fun at Marton preschool

Join our 2019 Memory Walk

Our Memory Walk is for people of all ages and abilitie, to raise awareness of dementia and honour our family and community members that have been or are affected by dementia.

Registration is \$5 and includes a t shirt or if you do not require a t shirt, registration is by way of a gold coin donation on the day. No charge for children. The Memory Walk t shirt ensures we make a striking spectacle on the day. If you don't want toweara t shirt we ask that you wear something purple.

Last year approximately 220 people participated in our walk, and this year we're looking to outdo ourselves. Bring your family/whānau, the dog and a smile, don some purple and join us for our 2019 Memory Walk. If you or any of your family or friends would like to participate in this wonderful event, please email Sharon at admin@

alzheimerswhanganui.org.nz or phone 345 8833 with your name and contact details please. We would like all those who want to take part to register, so we have an idea of numbers for Health & Safety. All registered participants will go into the draw for three wonderful prize packages. If you want to have one of our tee shirts to wea, please let Sharon know the size. We have limited tee shirts available so please get your order in early.

If you are in need of a pick me up after the walk Alzheimers Whanganui will be having a sausage sizzle at the RiverTraders Market - kindly sponsored by the Rapid Relief Team. Great value at \$2 each.

All funds raised are spent locally to support people living with dementia and their families.

Please show your support for this wonderful community organisation and those living with dementia in your community. The walk is this Saturday, 28 September at 10.30am - leaving from RiverTraders Market

Assemble at the large silver "Bearing" at 10.15am.



Make a difference for Dementia Whanganui, Saturday 28 September 2019

Assemble 10.15am at the silver "Bearing" at the River Traders Market, Moutoa Quay – \$5 with tee shirt, or gold coin donation Walk begins at 10.30am along walkway to Dublin Street Bridge and return. To register email: admin@ alzheimerswhanganui.org.nz or phone: (06) 345 8833.



Marton Junction Community Preschool kids in their extensive outdoor area -and some in their yellow raincoats.

The kids at Marton Junction Community Preschool can use their outdoor area in all weathers in their big yellow raincoats and the kids and parents love it.

Marton Junction Preschool senior teacher Karen Kennedy says, "Teachers create a calm environment. There is a really peaceful feeling here and the kids lead the learning. Parents are coming along and giving to the preschool all the time."

Evelyn Whale is the "Jack of all trades" at the preschool- she is a parent, relieving teacher and cleans as well an she says, "I like the kids doing things and getting messy. They are involved in bug hunting and finding and experiencing nature outside and we get to support a lot of cultures here.'

Shaniyn McKenna says she has one of her 3 children at the preschool and loves the indoor – outdoor flow and the fact that her daughter loves to come and always talks about the teachers she is allowed outside to climb and play.

Nithuainia (Nifty) Lowrie has been a teacher at Marton Junction Community Preschool for 11 years and has a long knowledge and history of the centre. She says, "I love the intimate number. With just 20 children, we get a lot of time, one on one and really get to know the children." There are 2 teachers and a relieving teacher. The preschool is at full capacity with 20 tamariki now but anyone is welcome to put their child's name on the waiting list. The centre was established in 1972 and has been renovated numerous times over the years, especially the outdoor environment.

Spring is here

Now that spring has sprung it is important to know how to care for your trees, which, like all plants, require care and attention to reach their full potential. As arborists, we are coming into our busy season.

Spring is the time people come out of hibernation, venture back into their gardens and notice that their trees need attention. Tidying the garden for summer starts with dealing with your trees. For example, you might be wanting to plant out a border, with perennials or annuals but trees are blocking light from this area, or a certain tree is getting far too large for the confined space it is in. Or maybe a tree is in major decline and needs to be removed.

As an arborist and previously a landscape gardener, I love the challenges my gardening clients come up with in regards to tree removal, thinning, lifting or pruning... to allow for underplanting.

Now is a good time to plant flowering trees, before it gets too hot. This will allow them to establish and get their 'feet set firmly' in the ground. Early spring is also a good time to transplant small trees or shrubs, that may not be in the right spot in your yard. If you want to kick your landscaping up to the next level, consulting a professional arborist is a great idea.

Bryce Robb - Director/Head Arborist of Beaver Tree Service

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Sunday 6 October at 1pm and AGM at 4pm at Bulls Tennis Courts

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Congratulations

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

not struck. Nearest the

pins: s/men: N Kaa. J/

men: P Weeks. Women:

seniors: Hone Morris 40pts, Ron Harris & Liz Kinloch

Saturday 21 September: Lion Breweries NZ stableford:

Public Notices

Section 101, Sale & Supply of Alcohol Sertyn Taihape Ltd, t/a Rustic Steak House has made application

Licensing Agency at Marton, for the issue of an On Licence in premises situated at 21 Mataroa Road,

Rustic Steak House. The general nature of the business to be conducted under the licence is a restaurant. The days on which & the hours during which liquor is intended to be sold under the licence

The application may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Rangitikei District Licensing Agency at District Council, 46 High Street, Marton. Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, no later than 15 working days after the publication of this notice. file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the **District Licensing** Agency, Private Bag 1102 Marton 4741. No objection to the issue of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 105 (1) of the Sale & Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 This is the second publication of this first published on



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37pts, Geoff Ingram 36 pts & Pete Masters 33pts. Juniors: Joseph Tapper 44pts, Bill Ward 39pts, Dan Scotson, Bronwyn Meads & Steve Boyens 38pts, Noel Crocker, Derek Philipps & Joe Yorke 36pts, Henry Potaka & Peter Young 35pts. Twos: JayJay Boylan -3rd. Wednesday 18 September - stableford: Joseph Tapper 44pts, Martin Rothman & Pat McCarthy 42pts, Ash Reed 41pts, Neville Berendt 40pts, Kevin Taylor, Geoff Ingram, Lynne McDonald 39pts, Marty Field, John Luckham, & Lyndon Moore 38pts, Barry Pickett, Rex Wilson, & Ian MacKay 37pts, Joe Yorke, Brian Francis, Kelvin Burt, Peter Young, Henry Potaka, Willy Doughty & Neil Atkins 36pts. Twos: Kelvin Burt - 3rd, Lynne McDonald 5th, Marty Field, Neville Berendt & Ian MacKay 12th. Best stableford on 18, 1 & 2: Brian Francis 10pts. Lucky draw: Dan Scotson.

MARTON LADIES 18' HOLE GOLF

Wednesday 11 September. Stableford Cup: Jeanette Beilby and Frae Ona Cup. Haggle 1: B Bielby 38, G Burne 37, S Marshall 37 on countback. Haggle 2: A Fleming 39, S Ballard 36, D Singer 31. Sponsored balls: C Rhodes 34, C Ellery 33, S Jensen 33. Lucky draw: C Skou. Twos: A Fleming 3rd. Congratulations to Susan Marshall on a hole in one on the 6th. Results for the medal round from Wednesday: silver: J Ritchie nett 75, C Rhodes nett 76. Bronze 1: S Marshall nett 72, S Jensen nett 75, G Burne nett 76, A Flemming nett 76. Bronze 2: D Singer nett 67, E Clark nett 74, S Ballard nett 74, H Wilton nett 74, Marg Hunt nett 74. Haggle div 1: 1st S Marshall, 2nd S Jensen, 3rd J Ritchie. Haggle div 2: 1st D Singer, 2nd E Clark, 3rd S Ballard. Sponsored balls: G Burne, A Flemming and C Rhodes. Lucky draw: A Bary. A big congratulations to Leighann Belsham for winning the Jeanette Beilby Memorial Cup presented last week for the best 2 rounds of stableford over 3 rounds.



Above: Greensome foursomes, sponsored by Graeme Hendra -Go Ahead Hair Design. Mother and daughter team first division winners: Chris Skou (R) Bron Bielby with sponsor's rep Lindy Hendra (centre).



Above: winners of the Pedley Spring Cup: Diane Chapman (centre) Sharon Jensen (L) with Fay Pedley (R).

RANGATIRA **G**OLF **C**LUB

14/9/19: men - medal: R Wilson 64, S Martin 66, D Graham 67, B Barrell 67, W Lampp 69, A Hazlett 69, J Holden 69, D Holden 70, C Leary 70, R Nimmo 70, M George 70. Twos: Wilson+ D Graham. Putts: R Nimmo 29. 18/9/19: women: J Ross. Bracelet - spoon - putting: D King 74, M Walshe 75, L Worsfold 75, R Rainey 77, J Alabaster 78, L Leary 79. Putts: L Worsfold 29. 18/9/19: 9 hole - best nett: J Virtue 38, D Deighton 43, P Ross 44, T Doorey 44.

MARTON GOLF THURSDAY CLUB

Retired vet Dave Angove was back on the leader board again with a good 42 stableford points, taking away the top prize. Scores: D Angove 42, A Duncan 37, T Willis 37, S Muir 36, B McGinniss 36, D Fullerton Smith 36, T Hammond 35, G V Calkin 34, M Rothman 34, H Bremner 34, R Yorke 33, D Tarrant 32, P Hall 32, P Connolly 31,T Arnott 31, B Craig 31, D Pearson 30, T McVerry 30. Crunchie: I Batcheler.

MARTON CROQUET CLUB

Marton Croquet Club held an opening day tournament, to begin the 2019/2020 season, on Saturday 21 September. It was well attended by Marton members, as well as a number of visitors from Whanganui. The day began with association croquet in the morning, followed by golf croquet in the afternoon. The eventual winners were: AC senior grade, Malcolm Hutchins (Whanganui) and junior grade: Eila Ogden (Marton). GC senior grade, Ken McDowell (Whanganui) and junior grade - David Harrison (Marton). Visitors are always welcome and should you like to 'give it a go', come along to any of our club days. We are open on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, from 1 pm. Our players will be only too pleased to help you get started, so don't be shy and come along and join us.

BULLS BOWLING CLUB

23/9/19: the season is underway, with our opening day held on Sunday 15 Sept. A good crowd attended - Craig our president greeted & welcomed everyone. Members were then asked to stand for a minute's silence in remembering both Graeme Hirst and Mona Melton, who had recently passed away. Mike Ansell, the mens' convenor, organised a two match, game of pairs, for the afternoon. The winners were Lez Wineera & Tony Nicholson, who showed their mettle in winning, while a very strong wind plagued everyone who played. This was followed with a lovely afternoon tea and happy hour. Wednesday afternoon the Flying Doctors trophy will be played throughout the summer months. Thursday morning the ladies played in the Belle Wilson tray, as Mona's farewell was in the afternoon. The weekend saw the start of club days, with bring a friend day on Sat at 1pm, followed by a bbq. On Sunday, the Hirst trophy was played, starting at 10am. A fine morning, however the wind proved testing in the afternoon. The winners of the 2*4*2 were Edgar Jones & Don Aiken. The remainder of the month will see the start of local games, while October sees the champion handicapped singles & pairs underway. Monday 28 October there is an any gender open 2*4*2' - mufti. Don't forget our housie evenings, where everyone is welcome. Good bowling everyone.

MARTON BOWLING CLUB

The first two weeks of club bowling is under our belts. Numbers turning out for roll-ups are 20 plus and the weather has been good enough to have players in t-shirts! Green B is looking good and playing faster every time we bowl; cheers Kevin. Welcome to another new player Dave: who has made the move from Coromandel (town) to Marton. The fishing mightn't be as good Dave but everything else is spot on! Wed 18 Sept roll-up: we played pairs, with 2 games of 10 ends. Skips: 1st Hausey - 2 wins, 14 ends 27 points. 2nd Neil Gardener - 2 wins, 14 ends 26 points. 3rd Murray Coleman - 2 wins, 12 ends 24 points. Leads: 1st Wayne Pudney - 2 wins, 11 ends 20 points. 2nd Tom - 1 win, 15 ends 30 points. 3rd Paul White - 1 win, 13 ends 23 points. Sat 21 Sept roll-up: we played pairs/triples, 2 games of 10 ends. Skips: 1st JD - 2 wins, 13 ends 31 points. 2nd Kevin Mullany - 2 wins, 12 ends 25 points. 3rd Ron McDermott - 2 wins, 11 ends 26 points. Twos/leads: 1st Bruce Aplin - 2 wins, 13 ends 24 points. 2nd Joy White - 2 wins, 11 ends 25 points. 3rd Peter Burberry - 1 win, 12 ends 21 points. Up and coming events: Wed 25 Sept ladies' Gordon pairs @ 9am. Sat 28 Sept: men's Gordon pairs @ 9am. Sat 5/ Sun 6 Oct Gordon pairs: mens and womens play-offs - Whanganui 9am. Whites for all games please, no exceptions.

St Francis Indoor Bows

This week was our final night of the year. We started off the evening with a competition between the ladies and the men which the ladies won. This was followed by the presentation of the cups to the winners of the club championships for the 2019 season. We then had a wonderful supper to finish the evening. The championship winners were: fours: Lyn Phillips, Kevin Mullany, Andy Creagh, Erin Peddy. Triples: Shirley Wallace, Rose Plank, Andy Creagh. Pairs: Lyn Phillips, Andy Creagh. Singles: Rose Plank. Senior singles: Rose Plank. Mixed pairs: Shirley Wallace, Robbie Tait. Club person of the year: shared between Lyn Phillips and Robbie Tait.

MARTON SARACENS CRICKET

With the season proper due to start in 2-3 weeks, Marton Saracens P2 side had an excellent pre-season hit-out with two shortened, limited over matches, against the Bloomfield Cricket Club in Palmerston North on Saturday. Saracens lost the toss in the first match, a T20 contest. Bloomfield batted first and, at the end of their 20 overs, had scored 121 for 6. Liam McAleese took 2 for 11 from 3 over for Saracens, Freddie Lane 2 for 11 from 2, Todd

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Sutton 1 for 16 from his 3 overs and Lachie Burke 1 for 15 from 2. Captain Andrew Spence took a catch and effected 2 stumpings behind the wicket. Rhys Watson also took a catch and McAleese provided the highlight of the innings for Saracens with a brilliant one-handed 'grab' on the boundary. In reply, Saracens lost Allan Pond for 1 in the second over. Spence and Thomas Westwood put on 22 for the second wicket, before Westwood was out for 14. Wickets fell at regular intervals, with Matt Roberts going for 5, Freddie Lane 3 and Mike Jacobs 1, before Jayden Lane joined his skipper in the 10th over, with the score 50 for 5. He and Spence added 40, at 8 runs an over, then Lane was out for 14. Spence followed for 33 shortly after. McAleese and Watson added 23 for the 9th wicket, before Watson was caught from the last ball of the innings, attempting to hit the winning run. McAleese was left 13 not out and the match was tied, with Saracens score at 121 for 8. No 'super over' was played! The teams played a T10 match to finish off the day. Saracens batted first, turning the batting order 'upsidedown' and were 40 for 6, in the 8th over, when Westwood came to the wicket. He smashed 24 not out from just 5 balls, taking the Marton side to a competitive 72 for 6 from their 10 overs. Roberts was 5 not out. Earlier, Sutton had made 3, McAleese 14, Lachie Burke 0, Watson 9, Jacobs 3 and Freddie Lane 5. An outstanding performance in the field saw Saracens take wickets regularly in Bloomfield's reply and the Palmerston North team finished their 10 overs at 55 for 9, a win to Saracens by 17 runs. Sutton claimed 2 for 10, Watson 2 for 5, McAleese 2 for 18, Jayden Lane 1 for 6 and Roberts 1 for 8. Catches were taken by; Jayden Lane, Sutton, Watson, Pond and Westwood. Liam McAleese was the Pilky's Auto player of the day and former Saracens player Kurt Poppe, now playing for Bloomfield, was awarded dick of the day for scoring 0, in both matches!

The Mudder

"The Mudder 2019 sure didn't disappoint the crowds that flocked to Rangitikei Farmstay last Saturday. 600 participants, plus their supporters, came from all over the North Island wearing bright costumes and all geared up for the 3, 5 or 8km filthy fun option. While the sun shone, there was no shortage of mud around the course, with a lot of the obstacles being created on natural springs on the farm. With the addition of some new obstacles, focusing on upper body strength, there was something to challenge everyone. Many of the competitors joined workmates, family and friends, to enjoy a day out in the countryside on the local sheep and beef farm that hosted the event. Event managers Andrew and Kylie Stewart said the hardest part of the day was choosing the best dressed winners. This year, the best dressed prizes were, 1st place - Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, 2nd place - The Smurfs, 3rd place - Sponge Bob Square Pants and highly commended the Russian Runaway Brides. The costumes are a huge part of the day and many people described the huge efforts, similar to the Wellington Sevens a few years back. While the main focus of the event is having fun and completing the course, this year all participants received a medal at the finish line. The Mudder also has a strong emphasis on helping people connect the dots that exercise helps our mental health, with reference to the phrase "Move your body, shift your mind". The event partner Farmstrong addressed the large crowd around how exercise has huge benefits to our mental health and encouraged people to exercise, even if we only manage ten minutes per day. Thanks must go to The Mudder platinum sponsors John Turkington Forestry as well as dozens of local businesses who supported the day with amazing spot prizes. The event showcased our district and all that it offers to the crowds of people who attended. The Mudder aims to help put Rangitikei on the map and with the success of 2019, it is doing just that







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