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Mangaweka votes to keep historic bridge

About 60 people turned up to a meeting to discuss the future of the historic Mangaweka cantilever bridge held at the Awastone holiday complex near Mangaweka on Monday - resulting in a nearly unanimous vote to retain the historic bridge.

A new \$11 million bridge is to be erected 30 metres downstream and the future of the old bridge was likely to be demolition. The 140-metre old Mangaweka Bridge spans the upper Rangitīkei River, 1 km off SH1, near Mangaweka and is on the border of Rangitikei and Manawatū districts which will ultimately decide its future.

Built in 1904, the old bridge is one of the last examples of a cantilever bridge of its type in NZ but it's not heritage listed. Mangaweka Historical group was very keen to see it remain,

An initial, 2016 inspection found significant structural deterioration and riverbed deterioration and an estimated cost of \$4m over the next 50 years. A more recent study has found the riverbed rock to be in better condition than was first thought, so it could sustain foot traffic for decades more. At the meeting, John Jones from RDC presented the current situation surrounding the old bridge. He reported that a review by RDC found it would cost \$478,000 to repair and maintain the bridge and \$800,000 to tear down and remove it. Heritage Mangaweka chair Alison Dorrian made an excellent presentation that did a great deal to sway some of those present, who arived thinking the bridge should be demolished. Lots of questions followed and when Rangitikei District Mayor Andy Watson asked for an indication of who was in favour of keeping the bridge, the result was almost unanimous.

Manawatu District Council representatives said that even though it's not yet a done deal that the bridge be retained, it would take something "extraordinary" to stop it.



Alison Dorrian (standing left) of Mangaweka Heritage addresses the large crowd at the meeting, just before a show of hands almost unanimously gave the green light to retaining the historic bridge.

The next step is for the RDC and MDC to form a subcommittee, then take it to both councils for a final decision.

MDC mayor Helen Worboys has suggested setting up a trust, or friends of the bridge group, to address funding needs and promotion to attract tourism. RDC chief executive Ross McNeill reinforced that idea.

Allison Dorrian, chair of Mangaweka Heritage says, "I was very pleased with the turnout to the meeting and how many people came and expressed their views. I was especially pleased that some people came with the view of demolishing the bridge and

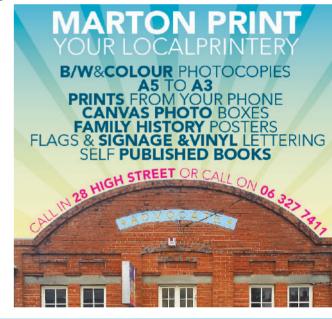
changed their minds during the meeting. It was very positive that they had listened. It was very encouraging and several people came up to me afterwards and expressed a desire to help with a future trust."

She says that, providing the final, joint councils' decision is positive, everyone can work together, developing extra tourism potential. Ideas to link the old bridge to local walking tracks are already flowing.

Story Liz Rayner. Photo supplied.









Rangitikei Rose Show future in the balance



Rangitikei Rose Show at the St Stephen's Hall.

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The Rangitikei Rose Society has a long history of staging an annual rose show but now its future is in the balance.

The first rose show in Marton – in the district of Rangitikei – was held on 18 October 1949 in the Victory Hall. By 1951 the Marton show hosted the NZ National Rose Show in the Civic Theatre (town hall). In 1965, the show was so popular, the event began to be held in the newly built Marton Memorial Hall. Through the years, the rose shows grew in popularity and increased entries and support made for great shows. In the past few years, as the show diminished in size, the event moved to the St Stephen's Church hall.

The Rangitikei Rose Society donated many roses for Marton's public gardens and to Marton Park, Centennial Park and local schools.

Now, 70 years on, with few members and many of those in advanced age, the future of the annual Rangitikei Rose Show is under discussion. The show itself is always a success but now some youth is needed to carry it on. With only about five older people on the organising group, the show's in jeopardy and so a special meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday 11 August, at the Marton Bridge Club rooms. Anyone interested in keeping the rose show going, is most welcome to attend. The future of the event depends on the level of support the meeting receives.

Annual Ladies' Night coming soon

You can join Mitre 10 for the fourth annual Ladies' Night, at Mitre 10 Marton, 35 Russell St, on Thursday 12 September, between 6 to 8 pm.

Mitre 10's Rebecca Gray says, "Gather your friends together for a fun night out. There will be plenty of great activities happening throughout the evening. Some of Mitre 10's suppliers will be giving in-store demonstrations and garden experts will be available to help with any queries. BJW Motors will be on hand to give advice on vehicle maintenance. You will be making kokedama balls and there will be other exciting hands-on activities to be involved in. You will need to take along a gold coin to participate.

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"All proceeds of the evening will be given to the redevelopment of the Memorial Hall playground. There will be some amazing raffles, donated by a range of suppliers, and some great spot prizes will be drawn throughout the night. The store will be open for the evening, with 5% of all sales going to the playground. Mitre 10 staff working on the evening are also donating their wages to the playground fundraiser.

Rebecca Gray says, "We would love to see you, so spread the word and join us for a great evening, supporting a great community project."

great community project." Registrations can be made from Monday 26 August, at McIlwaine Mitre 10 Marton's Russell St store, or by phoning 06 327 7079.

Taihape ward councillor stepping back from council



Richard Aslett during a visit to Ohakea in his role as Taihape Ward councillor - has announced he is not standing in the coming local government election.

Taihape Ward councillor Richard Aslett has announced that he is not standing for council in the next election after serving three terms.

Richard says, "Having earlier indicated an intention to stand again for Council, several developing private matters including an expanding business opportunity, have altered my intention. These increasing commitments will, in the immediate future, demand more of my time. I was also keen to know the future of the historic Mangaweka Bridge, which now seems most likely, to be retained. With all this in mind, I have decided to take a step back and will not be seeking re-election in 2019.

"It has been a privilege to work with the friendly and enthusiastic people of the district, two different mayors, various councillors and many knowledgeable staff over a 12 year period, including my term as chair of the Taihape Community Board. That said, there are many big district and local issues looming, including the proposed new Taihape amenities building on Memorial Park and further ahead, Marton and Taihape's civic centres; So, I will be keeping a close eye on progress (or otherwise!) on these matters and others, so don't rule out a return to campaigning for reelection in 2022, if I feel that is in the district's best interest. Besides that, I wish all candidates the best of luck in the upcoming elections and for those successful, hope for wisdom in serving the good people of this fantastic district."

Richard Aslett's record with Rangitikei District Council includes: 2007 to 2010 - elected to the Taihape Community Board (also elected as chair – 1 term). 2010 - Elected as Taihape Ward councillor. 2013 re-elected again. 2016 - elected for third term till present, 2019.



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Local youth at Festival for Future



A group of Rangitikei Youth recently had an amazing weekend trip to Wellington to attend the Festival for the Future, held at the TSB arena on Friday 26 July to Sunday 28 July. The Festival for the Future is a weekend of inspiring speakers, hands-on workshops, future-focused panels, and a marketplace for great ideas. The Festival is for anyone interested in making a difference for our future. From mayors and MPs, to students, CEOs and young professionals from business, government and community sectors – the festival attracts an incredibly diverse audience.

The Rangitikei group comprised youth council members and supporters who had a jam-packed schedule of workshops and speaker presentations to attend. Four students from Rangitikei College attended the

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MP slams govt UCOL reforms

Rangitikei MP Ian McKelvie says he believes the Government's decision to strip UCOL of assets and send all power to a centralised polytechnic is devastating for our region.

"The Government's recent announcement will cost thousands of jobs across the country and may be the final whistle for polytechnics like Palmerston North based UCOL. The Government has decided all regional polytechnics will be renamed as subsidiaries for two years, after that polytechnics and Industry Training Organisations (ITOs) will be dissolved. This is disastrous for regional education and apprenticeships," says Mr McKelvie.

"Local employers have told me they will cease to employ apprentices next year, if apprentices go back to polytechnics. This is a big step backwards especially when our construction sector is crying out for apprentices. UCOL has served the needs of the Manawatu, Whanganui and Wairarapa regions well for a number of years now and has provided a great service to our broader community. The Government's decision to strip power away from UCOL could limit our young peoples' access to good local training.

"The Government's 'we know best' attitude will mean the organising of apprentices will be taken from industry which knows the needs of the Manawatu best and instead, will be given to one mega polytechnic.

The Government has brutally dismissed the concerns of industry and businesses which raised serious issues with polytechnic training. Local institutions and businesses are best placed to assess and deliver for the needs of our region but Education Minister Chris Hipkins is blatantly ignoring them.

The Government's reforms will dissolve UCOL into a hollow and meaningless 'legacy' campus. It is pulling down a successful, highperforming institution and creating a mediocre model.

National supports regional education and regional autonomy. We will return polytechnic assets and decision making back to communities and the region. And we will return apprentices to industry.

National will fight for Manawatu's voice and autonomy in these idealistic education reforms."



weekend festival - Lisa Cruywagen, Charly Ward, Denzell Pei and Makayla Vaa. Attendee Charly Ward said, 'It was absolutely amazing, the quality of the festival and guest speakers was awesome. I got so much out of it.' Some of the speakers came from challenging backgrounds, their stories and words of encouragement were inspiring and uplifting for members of the group. The workshops were diverse and topical.

Funding for this trip was sourced through the Rangitikei District Council Youth Council programme, established in 2018 and organised by RDC's youth and strategy advisor, Nardia Gower. It was an excellent opportunity for Rangitikei youth to learn and network with other youth throughout NZ.

UCOL welcomes step forward for Vocational Education

UCOL CE Dr Amanda Lynn says, "The announcement from Minister of Education, Chris Hipkins, signals an important development in redefining NZ's vocational education training sector and is welcomed by central North Island polytechnic UCOL.

She says "It is clear that the minister has listened to feedback during consultation and we are looking forward to participating in co-design and co-construction opportunities. There are clear timeframes for a staged transition, providing some clarity for our staff and certainty for students.

"UCOL's distinctiveness as a region remains. There are no changes to regional boundaries, our campuses or the UCOL brand. There are many positives, such as the establishment of Te Taumata Aronui, a Māori Crown entity as key partners; a focus on expansion of provision rather than retrenchment; enhanced applied research opportunities and continuation of programmes at certificate through to post graduate level. Reassuringly our students and staff can go about their business of teaching and learning."

The establishment of Centres of Vocational Excellence is progressive and UCOL looks forward to being a part of a strong national system, focussed on meeting the needs of regional employers and communities. UCOL is in a solid position both educationally and financially, with a total equity of \$108m. Dr Lynn says.

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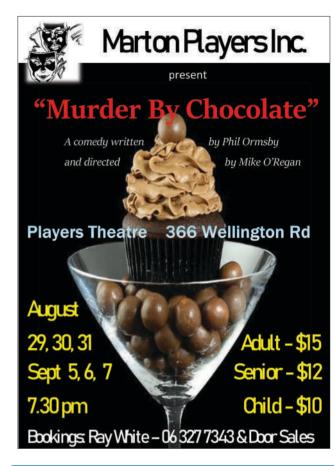


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Mitre 10 Ladies' Night - Thursday 12 September, 6-8pm. Save the date! More details soon.

Crafts+Alive - Marton Memorial Hall, Wellington Rd. 31 August - 1 September, 10am - 4pm daily.

Murder By Chocolate- A Marton Players comedy on stage August 29,30,31 & 5,6,7 at 7.30pm. Bookings at Ray White in Broadway Marton - ph 06 327 7343. Adults \$15, seniors and students \$12 and children \$10.







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Forest & Bird Update

In July, we were pleased to welcome Craig Davey of Horizons, who came to talk to us about the progress with the development of Gall Mite control. This is of particular interest to members with the ongoing difficulty we face preventing old man's beard from taking over our Reserves and other areas of local and national bush. It was revealing to hear of all the procedures, testing and precautions which have to be followed before it is possible to consider the use of such forms of control. It can take years and naturally incur massive costs, before scientists can consider releasing this type of control. However, Horizons is hopeful that our area will be considered shortly for the first use of these controls.

On Wednesday 14 August, we will welcome Anne-Sophie Page to talk about Albatross Conservation & the Future of Ecotourism in NZ. Anne-Sophie grew up on the Otago Peninsula and has spent six years wildlife guiding. This meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the Milne Room, St Andrew's Church Hall, Broadway, Marton.

The skilled team from Downs Street Lighting carefully lifting off the cast iron lighting base from the top of the Roer War memorial in Marton Memorial Park. The

Marton Contract Bridge

July 25 - Trevor Harris trophy pairs (Round 2): N/S W Willis & K Poppe 61.25; G Burne & P Davidson 53.33; J Meads & H Bostock 50.83.E/W S Marshall & M Bartels 64.17; J Baddeley & J Ellery 55.83; T Ellery & E Saywell 49.58. July 30 - Alf Downs teams of four: N/S S Marshall & P McVerry 57.50; J Waswo & P Davidson 53.50; J Meads & J Baddeley 52.50. E/W C Skou & C Watson 61.50; B Bolt & S Vickers 58.; J Ellery & t ellery 54.50. august 1 2019 trevor harris trophy Pairs (Round 3):N/S D Cains & M Lourie 61.25; G Burne & P Davidson 53.75; J Meads & H Bostock 51.67. E/W J Baddeley & J Ellery 63.33; F Bertram & W Jones 50.83; J McPherson & B Bolt 50.42. Winners of Trevor Harris trophy: J Baddeley & J Ellery 58.33; G Burne & P Davidson 54.58; M Bartels & S Marshall 53.89.

Marton Friendship Club

Friday 2 August – what a rough wintery day. Rain, hail and very strong winds. Our members still came to listen to a men's choir called The Crochets from Feilding. A group of 11, their theme "Time Travel" from the 40s and earlier. Wonderful harmony, strong voices but very soft where the songs call for it. Such a pleasure to listen to. Their first medley was My Grandfather's Clock, Mockin' Bird Hill, The Happy Wanderer, Tammy and Ill give to you and you'll give to me and more. Nex, It's A Long Way To Tipperary and many World War Il songs. The musical arrangements of these tunes were second to none. All standing so proud on the stage dressed in white shirts, black trousers and red bow ties. Their conductor down the front, keeping time with a waggle of his finger; if someone became a bit slow. All are well into their 80s who go to many clubs to sing and tell a few stories like this one; "if you worry about how you look, just find a pub with a happy hour and you'll look just fine." The Crochets are a very professional group and spoil our club rotten. Raffles were won by Geoff from the choir, Dawn Evans, Jean England, Les Collis, Jennifer Hawkins. Committee meeting Friday 9 August at 12.30pm. Hall open same time - bring lunch. Main programme begins 2pm. Entertainment this week is John White and band. Very good country music. Visitors welcome. See you Friday.

Marton RSA



The skilled team from Downs Street Lighting carefully lifting off the cast iron lighting base from the top of the Boer War memorial in Marton Memorial Park. The memorial currently has a security fence around it, in preparation for Natural Stone Restoration Ltd to chemically strip the 100+ years of (largely) lead-based paint off the stonework, allowing restoration work on the monument to be completed. Watch this space!

Master musicians to perform in Marton for special spring concert



Music master - violinist Donald Armstrong and pianist Jion Liu performing at Marton Music Society.

There will be a Murder by Chocolate in Marton



Brenda Issacs and Rhys Polglase in rehearsal for Murder by Chocolate.

Marton Players is presenting a comedy at the end of this month - written by Phil Ormsby and directed by Mike O'Regan. The play has been in rehearsal at Marton Players Theatre over the past few weeks.

The cast includes one new face on the Marton stage, Brenda Issacs playing the role of Felicia Fargo. Annie

Jackson returns as Margot Fargo and Madam Vulnavia and Rhys Polglase features as Dorian, Inspector Constable and Fesley

Romance writer Felicia Fargo, writing under a pseudonym, wants to change direction and give up the fluff of romance writing to write crime novels under her real name. However, she comes face to face with a formidable enemy.... her mother! Felicia's change in direction has unintended fatal consequences for a number of people who are close to her, often very dark and hilarious results.

As with any good murder mystery, there are plenty of clues, if you are attentive, but the twist in the end will have you reaching for some very dark stuff. Felicia and Dorian (her assistant) stumble through murder and mayhem to reveal some bitter-sweet moments. As the body count rises, a chocolate finger (that is fast melting), points in a number of directions, before it is eaten ...but you're left guessing the identity of the real culprit!

Performances are at 7.30pm on 29, 30 & 31 August and 5, 6, 7 September, at the Marton Players Theatre, 366 Wellington Rd, Marton. Tickets can be purchased from Ray White Real Estate, Broadway Marton and door sales will be available at the theatre on performance nights.

Each night is sponsored by one of these generous Marton businesses including three nights by Marton New World and nights by Property Brokers Marton, Coombe Smith Accountants and Alf Downs Electrical Contractors.

On Sunday September 1, which is the first day of Spring, the Marton Music Society present master musicians Donald Armstrong and Jian Liu who will perform together, in the Friendship Hall, Marton at 2pm.

Donald Armstrong is one of New Zealand's most outstanding violinists. He is the Associate Concertmaster of the NZ Symphony Orchestra and also performs with chamber groups and as an orchestral soloist and he will perform with Jian Liu, a Chinese-American pianist who is the Principal Lecturer in Piano at the NZ School of Music in Wellinton. Their programme will be varied and enjoyable and includes works by Mozart, Dvorak and Liszt as well as Massenet's famous "Meditation on Thais". This is a special opportunity to hear two of New Zealand's most experienced and outstanding musicians, presenting a programme of very enjoyable works and will be a wonderful way to celebrate the first day of Spring 2019.

Tickets are available at One Stop Stationery in Broadway, Marton, and also at the door. For bookings and enquiries contact m46hunt@gmail.com or phone 3278653. It is not often that top musicians of this calibre are able perform in Marton. This is a unique and not-to-be-missed opportunity.



Outside the Box

Two to Tango?

To improve relationships there are many valuable exercises that help people influence their partners with better communication and conflict resolution skills, or help couples to invest in activities to improve intimacy and connectedness. Some therapies advocate improving insight by digging into backgrounds of partners.

However, the only person you can really change is yourself.

This is why it is useful to consider the four aspects that Russ Harris ("Act with Love", 2009, pp 33 – 39) advocates for improving relationships. All his suggestions are under your own control. Firstly, he suggests that it is useful to look at how you can stop making the relationship worse. Then, clarify your own values act on your own values, and become the partner you want to be. Thirdly, sometimes you won't be able to change everything that needs changing but you can learn to accept what is out of your control. Lastly, he suggests that it is useful in all relationships to learn how to effectively handle painful feelings and stressful thoughts.

There are of course no guarantees that the efforts of one partner will improve all relationships but if you focus on changing what is in your power, your partner might respond by making positive changes. Even with a limited response, the relationship would still be better, due to your changed attitude.

It takes two to Tango but one needs to take the lead! Contact us if you are interested in leading the Tango.

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HEALTH SCENE

Whanganui leads way in pre-schoolers' health checks



Early childhood centres are great places for four-yearolds to get their B4 School checks.

B4 School checks are a vital health and developmental assessment available to all Kiwi four-year-olds.

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And Rangitikei /Whanganui kids are making the most of them, with the region having the second best stats in the country for completion of checks.

The government target is to get 90 per cent of four-year-olds having B4 School checks each year. In Whanganui's case, that equated to 783 children.

In the 12 months to July, the Whanganui District Health Board exceeded that by some way, with 844 completed checks, a success rate second only to South Canterbury DHB.B4 School co-ordinator Nicola Metcalfe was delighted with the result and said it came down to a lot of hard work by a lot of people - "of which I am very proud".

"You need good links and good networks and we work with public health nurses; Plunket nurses; iwi organisations; Tamariki Ora and early childhood education centres."

Metcalfe is part of the Whanganui Regional Health Network outreach team whose job it is to track down children who haven't been seen by their GP.

"The B4 School programme was actually piloted in Whanganui

in 2008, before being rolled out across New Zealand in 2010," she said.

A particularly pleasing aspect of the 2018-19 figures for her was that the Whanganui programme achieved equity for Māori, Pasifika and Asian four-year-olds, with all registering over 100 per cent against target.

There was also a decrease in the rate of families declining checks.

"This enforces that our families and whānau accept and value the contribution of B4 School checks to their child's health and development before starting primary school," Metcalfe said. Whanganui also achieved the Ministry of Health target of 95 percent of four-year-olds who were identified as clinically obese being referred for ongoing growth monitoring and management.



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Winter Gardening by Wally Richards About Fruit Trees (and Roses)

Except for the current cold snap slowing things down a bit, I see deciduous fruit trees and roses making strong signs of coming out of winter dormancy.

There are critical times to implement problem controls or preventive measures which start about now and, dependent on the weather and local conditions, will be applicable over the next 2 to 3 months.

From last season there are disease spores that are sitting on the trees/roses and the ground underneath, waiting for the right conditions to attack new foliage, flowers and fruit.

My suggestion is to spray with potassium permanganate (Condys Crystals) at the rate of quarter to a half teaspoon per litre of water, with one mil of Raingard added. Try for total coverage of the tree or rose, as well as the soil underneath. This will help destroy fungus spores reducing problems later with black spot, rust, leaf curl etc.

Remember that Condys stains, so be careful near buildings or fences you dont want to stain. Upper branches of tall trees are difficult to spray but can be achieved, if you use a pump up sprayer with a wand. Turn the nozzle so it is a jet, then get up as high as you can - upwind on a breezy day - and shot the spray over the upper branches (be careful not to upset the neighbours if using Condys)

Let's look at a few specific problems:

Stone Fruit with curly leaf. There are two methods which have worked for gardeners. The first is to sprinkle Wally's Ocean Solids under the trees, from the drip line to the trunk area. I suggested this some years ago and forgot about it till one time in Christchurch, when I was told how successful it was. The idea came from Sea90 (for those familiar with that research) and also an interesting observation that often stone fruit trees near the ocean, were relatively free of the disease.

The traditional control is sprays of copper every 8 to 10 days as the leaves are developing and till after the disease time is past. You need to put Raingard with the copper, as it will wash off in rain and that is when the disease spores are splashed up into action. Some coppers are far better than others, mainly due to particle size. The smaller the particle the better the coverage of the target. Copper oxychloride is the cheapest but the less effective.

Some coppers are far better than others, mainly due to particle size. The smaller the particle the better the coverage of the target. Copper oxychloride is the cheapest but the less effective. Copper hydroxide is far better and copper sulphate in the preparation of Wallys Liquid Copper is the best as it covers a greater range of diseases than the others. Do not use a spraying oil with your copper spray as you then reduce the effectiveness of the copper and have wasted your time. Many have found potassium permanganate at quarter to half a teaspoon per litre with Raingard is very good on the 8 to 10 day cycle.

If you have a bad problem use the Liquid Copper and potassium permanganate together. The important aspect is to keep a coverage of the leaves as they grow hence the 8 to 10 days cycle for about 2 months.

Brown rot in stone fruit is a curse and treatment should be started after the fruit have formed and begun to enlarge. The best we have found is a combination of liquid sulphur, liquid copper and potassium permanganate with Raingard added. No need to spray the tree- just the fruit every 14 days till harvest.

On large trees, concentrate on the fruit that are within easy spray reach, so you are likely to have a good harvest (birds will likely get hig fruit anyway).

A disease that attacks plums is called bladder plum. It attacks when in blossum and later causes the formed fruit to be flat in the shape of a bladder. Spray with Wally's Liquid Copper for this, spraying the flowers that are opena and only do late in the day just before dusk when pollination will have finished for the day (blossum is going to be happening soon).

Another plum problem is curly leaf, after the flowering is finished. This is caused by the plum aphid feeding on the baby leaves as they emerge. Spray the tree with Wally's Super Neem Tree Oil, a couple of times, about 2 weeks apart - after flowering is finished.

Aphids on roses and other plants early in the season can be easily controlled, with a combination of Wally's Super Neem Oil and Wally's Super Pyrethrum (add Raingard) - sprayed just before dark, so bees are back home in their hives then(Pyrethrum will kill bees).

Codlin Moths grubs ruin apples, pears and walnuts in gardens where they have established

from past seasons. The moths are in cocoons, either under the tree or in crevices on the tree trunk or branches. A check of the tree for possible cocoons and with the aid of a small screw driver, they can be killed. This does not apply to younger trees more so to the old craggy ones. Then under the tree, deeper in the soil is the enemy. If you have free range chickens they will root out the cocoons and eat them. In times gone-by, some gardeners would plant marigolds under the tree before winter and then in the spring the smell of the flowers would confuse the moths when they emerged as they could not smell the tree and the apples above. Hopefully, birds would eat them.



Nowadays, a number of gardeners use Wally's Neem Tree Granules scattered under the tree for the same purpose. This should be done about the time blossum is out. The moths are not going to emerge until the apples have set and are growing.

A pheromone Codlin Moth trap can be used in vicinity of the tree to catch male moths when they are on the wing. This tells you when things are happening which means it is time to spray. Use Wally's Super Neem Tree Oil with Raingard added, to put a coating of spray over the apples (no need to spray the tree).

What happens when the grubs hatch out of their eggs

They crawl to the nearest apple and take a bite to eat their way in. If the spray is present, they get a dose of Neem which prevents them ever taking another bite so they starve to death. A pinprick scar can be seen on the mature fruit later on where they took a fatal bite. If the grub gets into the apple, there is nothing that can be done and the fruit is ruined. When there is no more moth activity in your trap for a couple of weeks, then it is all over for the season and you can stop spraying and relax.

Guava moth for those in the north, is another problem which needs much more attention as it is all year round. The spraying of the fruit with Super Neem on a regular frequency till harvest, will ensure a reasonable amount of edible fruit.

Citrus trees should be given a good spray of Wally's Liquid Copper with Raingard at this time to prevent a number of diseases. Neem Tree granules should be applied under the tree to control pests including borer. If the leaves have black sooty mould on them, then spray the leaves with Karbyon to break up the mould for hosing off later on.

All fruiting plants should now be given a sprinkling of Wally's Fruit and Flower Power every month which will enhance the fruit setting, increase the taste and juiciness of the fruit and make for superior crops. It's is also about time to apply natural fertilisers such as animal manures.

Happy Spring Gardening

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1080 protester passes by

Karl Barkley (pictufed right) is a self-appointed public educator on the dangers of 1080 poison.

From Hokitika, he passed through Marton last week, while making his way to Auckland for a protest outside the Millennium Hotel where the Environmental Defense **Society Conference in mid-August.**

He was concerned about 1080 poison being accepted at the Bonny Glen Landfill and spent some time in Marton

Negative SAM and

this wintery weather As the mercury dropped around the country over the

last week or so, you can thank

Negative SAM isn't the grumpy dude in your office,

but is short for the Southern Annular Mode - also known as the Antarctic Oscillation,

the label given to the way the

Southern Ocean westerlies

and storms move around

in the oceans surrounding

Antarctica. SAM has two

states, negative and positive,

and we're currently in

Climate scientist Professor

James Renwick says when

SAM is in negative, strong

winds and storms go

northward and end up just

south of NZ and over the

"Southern Ocean conditions have come north to meet

us this week and I think the

guys down at Cardrona will

"When in negative SAM we cop weather like we've got at

the moment, it gets very wet and quite a lot colder over New Zealand," he says. Just how long our cold southern weather will stick around is harder to cement, as SAM tends to flip flop but

Professor Renwick predicts colder weather in the near

"For at least the next week, and maybe a little more, we

are locked into a lot more

"Not necessarily big southerlies and snowfalls every day but it's going to

be changeable and unsettled and quite cold at times, as air

from the Southern Ocean, and as far away as the Antarctic

layer or two and dust off your

umbrella, think of negative

SAM from the Southern

coast comes up," he says. So, as you put on an extra

unsettled weather.

negative SAM.

negative.

South Island.

be pretty happy

future.

talking to the public. He has a Facebook page if you

want to know more.



Taihape mask making fun

During the school holidays, lots of Tahape kids and families created some amazing masks over the weekend of July 13 and 14.

Pat Haitana and Alison Dorrian led the mask making sessions which lasted from 10am to 2pm both days.

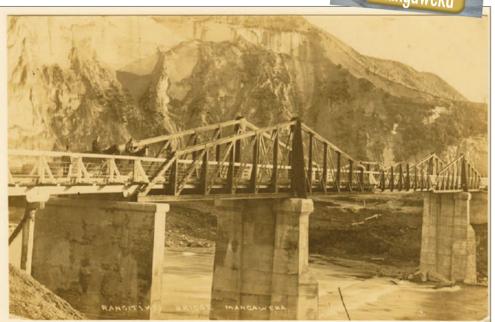
Twenty-six families participated over the two days. They designed and completed the papier mache part of the process on the Saturday, then completed the masks by applying the final coat of paint the next day.

The masks were not only fun to make and a great family exercise, they will be used during Taihape's 125-year celebration parade in September.

The mask making sessions were funded by the TCDT and Rangitikei Creative Communities fund.



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Marton Ladies' Golf

Results from competitions played this week - due to bad weather last week. Results: silver medal round for points: 1st A Bary nett 75, 2nd J Ritchie nett 79. Bronze medal round for points: 1st B Bielby nett 76, 2nd M Simpson nett 79, 3rd S Jensen nett 79. Bronze 2 medal round for points: 1st M Hunt nett 72, 2nd H Wilton nett 84. Par results, silver for points: 1st A Bary 3 down, 2nd J Ritchie 6 down. Bronze 1 for points: M Simpson 2 down, 2nd B Bielby 4 down, 3rd S Jensen 5 down. Bronze 2 for points: 1st M Hunt 1 down, 2nd E Bowler 4 down, 3rd H Wilton 6 down. Haggle for the day: div 1: M Simpson, A Bary, B Beilby. Div 2: M Hunt, E Bowler, H Wilton. Sponsored balls: S Jensen, E Clark, J Ritchie. Lucky draw: N

Marton Golf

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Thursday 01/08/2019. Not very good scoring this week. Players tied for 1st place: Steve Muir (once again)R Yorke, M Rothman & T Hammond - all on 35 points. Scores: S Muir 35, R Yorke 35, M Rothman, T Hammond 35, B McGinniss 33, M Jones 30, P Simpson 30. Crunchie was shared this week by T McVerry & A Duncan (1 each).

RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB

Results Wednesday 31 July - stableford: Steve Boyens 41pts. Marty Field & Rex Wilson 40pts, Michelle Mossop 39pts, Peter Young & Julian Elliott 38pts, Clive Robinson, Dan Scotson & Kevin Laird 37pts, Ron Harris & Geoff Ingram 36pts. David Rohde, Pat Pearce, Lyndon Moore & Pat McCarthy 35pts, Russell Kane & Neville Berendt 34pts. Twos: Michelle Mossop & Lyndon Moore 3rd, Russell Kane 12th. Best stableford holes-13,14,15 = Thora Young9pts. Lucky draw: Lynne McDonald. Saturday 3 August: Metalcraft medal: Tamati Anaru

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nett 64, Jordan Wells nett 66, Marty Field nett 71, Lynne McDonald nett 72, Graeme Stephens & Ron Harris nett 73, Peter Young & Kevin Laird nett 74, Ken Boyle nett 75, & Hone Morris nett 76. Twos: Lynne McDonald - 3rd, Marty Field - 5th, Jordan Wells - 12th & Kelvin Burt 16th.

TAIHAPE GOLF CLUB

A determined crew of members fronted for the final Mortland par round, during the fine but brisk winter's day on Sunday. Leading the field was president Merv Tapp with +2. Duane Dick and John Gilbert were also in the top few to better their handicaps with +1. James Fannin made -1. Alan Thomas's score of -2 preceded Danny Mickleson on -5. The

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The successful appointee will ideally have:

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- Excellent knowledge of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), and strong understanding and experience of Schedule 1 plan change processes;
- Ability to provide quality, timely advice on process and role
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The role is expected to continue through until the end of October 2019 covering the current submission period.

Expressions of interest close at 5pm Friday 16 August 2019.

If you have any questions contact Kate Proctor on 06 952 2889 or kate.proctor@horizons.govt.nz.

To express your interest please send a brief introductory letter and credentials (short form CV) to vacancies@horizons.govt.nz



Acknowledgement

PAYNE, Ted

On behalf of the families of Ted, we would like to thank the Taihape community for the overwhelming compassion and generosity you have shown during this very sad time.

Aroha nui.





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longest putt (scorched almonds) was secured by Duane Dick. The final results of the best two rounds for the Mortland trophies were closely contested. Winning the seniors, with +4, was Alan Thomas, with Duane Dick second on +2. Securing the juniors trophy was James Fannin on +3, with second place going to Merv Tapp on +2. This Sunday is the final chance for players to get some valued practice in before the semi-finals of club champs and Keith Evans which are scheduled on 18 August. After his Hawaiian trip, Merv Tapp has written a book (for the benefit of those venturing overseas to play tricky greens) How Best To Line Up Your Fourth Putt - call Merv to place your orders.

HAWKESTONE GOLF CLUB

Tuesday 30 July. Feilding Mitre 10 stableford: Grant Forbes 20, Greg James 17, Les Neumann 16, Ross Little & Jan Van Loo 15, Brian Philps 14. Nearest pin: Les Neumann. Lion challenge: Jan Van Loo. Saturday 3 Aug: The Tax Helper club champ matches up to date; medal competition: s/men: D Todd nett 71, G Bond & G Cunningham 72, P Scott 75. J/men: J Hill nett 66, D Worsfold jnr 67, P Maitland 70, D Wright 72, Marcel Carroll, M Porter & G Edwards 73. Women: L Tipu nett 74, S Wells 76, P Charlesworth 78. Feilding Scrap Metal two's: P Maitland #7, D Worsfold #14, S Wells #16. Jackpot #0 not struck. Nearest the pins: s/men = not struck. J/men = P Maitland. Women = not struck. July month end nearest pin jackpots: s/men = G Forbes. J/men = G Edwards. Women = P Charlesworth. Taimui challenge: Matt & Norm bt Pinky & Sooty. Next challengers: Gary & Marcel. Coming events: Tuesday 9 hole golf - 9.30am tee off. Saturday 10th: Wilton Cup - mixed teeing off from 11am. 9 hole golf, 1 pm tee off. Visitors and casual golfers play 9, or 18 holes for only \$10. New members: please enquire to hawkestonegolf@gmail.com about our membership rates. All welcome. Other enquiries: contact Grant: 0210 572 931.

MARTON 9 HOLE GOLF

Good turnout for our medal round Tuesday 6 August. Winners were: 1st division: 1st Bryan Hamerton 37 c/b, 2nd Brian Short 37, 3rd Tim Brandon 39 c/b. 2nd division: 1st Richard Peirce 33, 2nd Ewen Grant 37 c/b, 3rd Mike Morland 37. 3rd division: 1st Jill Bryant 35, 2nd Adrian Penning 37. Lucky card: Sheena Marshall. Raffle winner: Adrian Penning. Next week's competition is stableford, followed by committee meeting. Starters: Ewen Grant & Barry Florence. Cards: Brian Short & Sam Atkinson. Kitchen: Louisa Craig.

8-BALL POOL

The two Rangitikei sides in division 2 of the Wanganui Pool Association interclub competition met in Bulls on Wednesday 31 July. Marton dominated the singles and led 10-2 going into the pairs round. Peter Lissington, Gary McNeill and Ross & Graham Marshall all recorded 2 wins for Marton, with Allan Pond and Ray Butler winning 1 each. Tracey Holdaway and Jeff Alosio had wins for Bulls. All 3 Marton pairs then won 2 of their 3 pairs matches, for an overall 16-5 victory.

Target Shooting Marton

Results 5/8/2019. The current round of winter chills and ills had a major impact on club results this week, though many of us did not mind too much the absence of top shooters and we had our own night of minor glory. Next Monday we host the Rifle Rod and Gun Club from Palmerston North, for the final interclub match of the season and members are reminded to bring a plate. Don Hamilton 97.01 99.05 196.06, Fred de Burgh 98.06 96.06 194.12, Jake Wright 95.03 99.06 194.09, Samantha Gledhill 97.01 97.05 194.06, Kayla Gledhill 98.04 95.04 193.08, Brent Read 97.04 95.03 192.07, Dave Gledhill 95.03 96.02 191.05, Gary Cuff 95.04 94.04 189.08, Bob Crawford 95.03 94.02 189.05, Alan McCubbine 93.02 95.03 188.05, Wayne Hunt 93.02 94.03 187.05, John Mills 89.00 93.02 182.0, Allan Wright 90.00 90.00 180.002, Jacob Harris 89.00 89.01 178.01, Bruce Galpin 83.00 88.00 171.00.

ST FRANCIS INDOOR BOWLS

6 August; this week we had our club's mixed pairs tournament. The winners on the night were Shirley Wallace and Robbie Tait, who were the only team to win all their three games. The raffle was won by Kevin Mullany. Next week we will be holding our club fours championship, with a 7pm start. See you all there.



Watch your speed, survive the journey

New Zealand Police, the Australasian College of Surgeons and Brake, are urging people to think about the consequences of driving too fast for the conditions.

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"We would challenge anyone who believes it's okay to exceed the speed limit to spend some time or our watch. I'm sure they would change their mind very quickly.

"These crashes have considerable health and economic losses to individuals, their families and the nation as a whole."

Speed is a contributing factor in around one third of all fatal crashes.

Caroline Perry, director of Brake, the road safety charity says: "As an organisation that supports bereaved families, we see the devastating consequences of crashes that involve speeding, or driving too fast for the conditions.

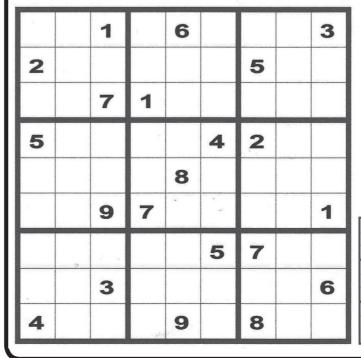
"But it's also important we understand that speed is an outcome factor in every crash; the speed you're doing will determine the likelihood of you surviving a crash or not.

"It's vital you keep below speed limits and, in winter, when weather conditions are often poor, that may mean slowing down even more and increasing the distance between you and the vehicle in front. Slow down and help keep yourself and others safe on the road."

Acting superintendent Marshall says if people just followed the rules of the road and reduced their speed everybody on the road would be a lot safer



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3 Kapuni Street, Marton

EASY CARE SECTION



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private sun drenched garden. Sumptuous meals from your

well-appointed kitchen & cosy evenings, in front of the fire,

in the large combined lounge & dining room. 3 double

bedrooms. Bathroom with bath, toilet & vanity, plus shower

in the laundry. Fully fenced compact section, with easy care

gardens & carport. Realistically Priced to Sell at \$225,000. **Property ID: M1372**

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Property ID: M1315

44 State Highway 3, Turakina **ESCAPE THE CITY RAT RACE**

\$235,000

Located on State Highway 3, in the heart of Turakina, with the potential to be used as a country retreat, or an artist's studio or shop. 3 bedrooms, plus lounge and kitchen with breakfast bar. Bathroom and laundry with toilet and shower over bath. Separate lounge at the rear of the dwelling. Private rear section, with large 6 car garage/workshop. Section of 1,012m2. Realistically Priced to Sell at \$235,000

Property ID: M1375



Extremely neat, warm and tidy 1970's brick home with aluminium joinery. Decorated in modern colours, with plush carpet. 3 bedrooms with wardrobes. Separate lounge that opens into the dining room and kitchen. Cosy logfire heating. Bathroom with shower, bath, and vanity. There is also a single garage, plus woodsheds and a covered verandah across the rear of the house. Fully fenced 650m2 section. Realistically Priced to Sell at \$265,000.

Property ID: M1369