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Nonprofit Neighbors Returns to WMCT-TV This November

By Ryan Malyar, Executive Director, WMCT-TV

Every November, WMCT-TV shines a spotlight on the Marlborough nonprofits making a difference in our city. This year, five live conversations will introduce you to the people behind organizations serving our children, families, veterans, seniors and neighbors in need.

Wednesday, Nov. 4: Fruitful Beginnings Preschool, a new nonprofit preschool preparing children for kindergarten and welcoming both private-pay families and state childcare vouchers.

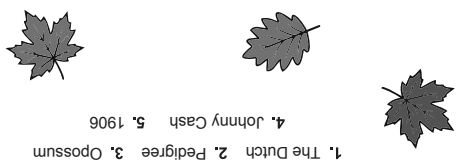
Monday, Nov. 9: Marlborough Community Cupboard, offering food assistance, fresh produce, grocery delivery for homebound seniors, a clothing room and connections to other resources.

Thursday, Nov. 12: The Addiction Referral Center and Sweats for Vets, with Coach Mark Vital of The Advanced Math & Science Academy.

Thursday, Nov. 19: The Parmenter Foundation, providing guidance for end-of-life care and grief support, and grants to MetroWest nonprofits.

Monday, Nov. 23: The Mayor's Office and the Charity Fund, with Mayor Christian Dumais.

How to watch: Each episode airs live at 1:00 PM on WMCT-TV Comcast 8, Verizon 2134 (HD) and 34. You can also stream at **www.wmct-tv.com**, on Facebook and on YouTube.



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4. Johnny Cash 5. 1906

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Jr. Reporters at Bach to Rock

By Zachary Benton, Youth Coordinator/Late Night Producer, WMCT-TV

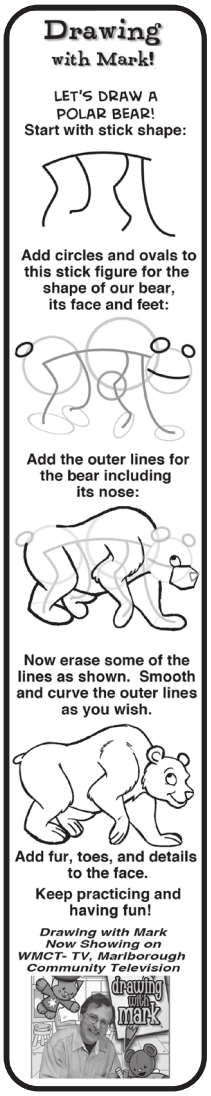
Marlborough Junior Reporters Emery and Sammy recently visited music school "Bach to Rock" in Marlborough, on Boston Post Road West. Interviewing manager and music teacher Mike, they learned about what makes Bach to Rock different from other music lessons: students are paired up with each other as soon as possible to play in a band setting.

Students aren't all school age; some are a year old, and others are in their 70s. Piano, voice, and multi-instrumentalist teacher Julia, who's been at Bach to Rock for over eight months, told Emery and Sammy that the students are the most special part of the school: "Our students are…funny, hardworking individuals…who just light up this place."

The instrument selection offered to students is wide, going beyond the usual rock band axes of guitar, bass guitar, keyboards and drums. Mike told the Junior Reporters that "We teach anything you can think of. We had someone who wanted to learn to Mongolian throat sing…and people [have] approached us for accordion and banjo." Bach to Rock also runs a DJ class.

Conducting their interview in a large rehearsal space with a stage, lighting, and drum set, Emery and Sammy then moved on to see the rest of the school with Julia. Several active band practice rooms lined one side of a long hallway, while individual lesson rooms lined the other. For the Junior Reporters, one thing was certainly clear: the joy of music and learning is alive and well at Bach to Rock Marlborough.

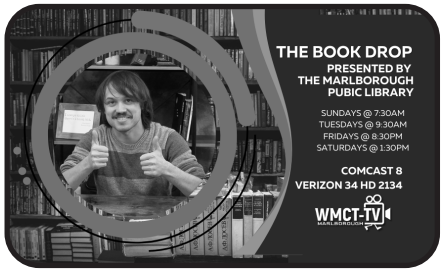
Until next time,
Zach











Trivia

1. Which European republic was the first to reach Australia in 1606?
2. What is the term for the official record of a dog's ancestry?
3. What is the only marsupial found in the U.S. and Canada?
4. Who popularized the song "A Boy Named Sue" in 1969?
5. When did the Marlborough vs. Hudson Thanksgiving Football rivalry begin?

(Flip to the other side for Trivia answers)

Marlborough Garden Club's Scholarship Opportunity

By the Marlborough Garden Club

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WMCT SPORTS



Panther F-Hockey Eyes Postseason Run

By Matthew Besachio, Sports Director, WMCT-TV

Each of the past three seasons, the Marlborough High Field Hockey team has improved its win total from 6 in 2024, to 9 in 2025 to now having 10 wins so far in the 2026 season with 4 games still remaining in the regular season. The Panthers are also currently ranked 11th in D-3 with an opportunity to have a top 10 ranking heading into the upcoming MIAA playoffs. Led by leading scorers Kacie Horn (30 pts), Emerson Guadette (19 pts) and goaltender Ellie Tramontozzi (1.07 GAA) the Panthers are looking to build upon their postseason success advancing to the 2025 "Round of 16" before falling to the eventual state champion, Uxbridge High.

When asked about her team's success this season and her thoughts on a potential playoff run, Head Coach Michaella Mahoney said, "The girls have really worked hard, and their hard work has paid off. This year the team of 12 varsity players plus two swing players has 8 seniors. The whole team, the seniors especially, seem to really be applying everything they've gained as far as skills and "smarts" over their years of playing, and they adjust as needed, sometimes mid game. Looking ahead we have some really tough teams left on our schedule and we're excited as it will prepare us for playoffs. We have high hopes for the post season and hope to keep this incredible group together for as many games as we can."

The Panther's final regular season game will be on Oct. 30th vs Auburn and then they will await the release of the MIAA D-3 playoff schedule on Tuesday Nov. 3rd.

HEY! Can you find Cam?

They are hidden somewhere on this edition of Marlborough Mirror.

Good luck!

Thanksgiving Dinner

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1. pie **2.** gravy **3.** feast **4.** turkey **5.** family **6.** autumn **7.** dinner **8.** giving
9. pumpkin **10.** harvest **11.** pilgrims **12.** stuffing **13.** football **14.** thankful
15. potatoes **16.** tradition **17.** blessings **18.** cornucopia **19.** cranberries



The Hero of Touchette Square

By Mike Lawton, Assistant Executive Director, WMCT-TV

Every November, as Veterans Day approaches, Marlborough pauses to honor those who served. One name many drivers pass without a second thought belongs to Captain Robert "Red" Touchette.

Born in East Fairfield, Vermont, in 1932, Touchette was one of nine children. His family moved to Marlborough when he was 11. Classmates remembered him as quiet, easygoing and kind, and one said he never heard Red speak ill of anyone. What he loved was flying. He spent so much time at the Marlborough Airport that a truant officer, Joe Collins, often came looking for him, only to find friends covering for him in the hangar.

A year after high school, Touchette enlisted and served three years. He then applied for flight school and became a cadet, going on to fly 38 missions over Korea. By 1962 he was a captain stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama.

On January 27, 1962, shortly after takeoff in his F-86 Sabre, a fire warning lit up. Touchette calmly asked his wingman to check for flames. The wingman saw none but urged him to eject. Touchette refused. He was flying over a populated area and would not put the people below at risk. That night, his body was recovered with the wreckage from swampland near the Alabama River. This action potentially saved many lives. He was brought home to Marlborough for services, then laid to rest beside his parents in Montgomery, Vermont.

For decades, no public tribute marked his sacrifice. That changed at a reunion of the Marlborough High School class of 1949, when Clyde Johnson suggested naming a street for their old friend. A 14-member committee formed, and the city council approved Touchette Square in 1999. It stands today at Granger Boulevard and Main Street.

This Veterans Day, take a moment at Touchette Square. Red Touchette was no movie star or professional athlete. He was a Marlborough kid who loved to fly, and a true hero.

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Jokes!

How do you organize a space party?
You planet.

What did the flight attendant say to the 2x4 when it got on the plane?
Welcome a board.

What do you get when you put a sheep on a trampoline?
A wooly jumper!

Why was the broom late for work?
It overswept.

The Kid Corner

By Lilian Roque

Turkey Race!

Materials:

- Colored paper feathers
- A large picture of a turkey
- Tape

How to Play:

Hide the paper feathers around the room.
Each child must find some feathers.
When they find a feather, they bring it to the turkey and tape it onto the picture.
At the end, everyone works together to make the turkey colorful and beautiful!

Bonus Fun!

Every time a child adds a feather to the turkey, they say something they are thankful for, such as family, friends, toys, or food.

The goal: Have fun, work together, and celebrate Thanksgiving by sharing what we are thankful for!

Learning Portuguese:

It's November!
É Novembro!

I'm grateful for my life!
Sou grato pela minha vida!

November City Events

Marlborough Restaurant Week
November 9th - November 15th
The Marlborough Restaurant Association, in collaboration with the Marlborough Economic Development Corporation, invite the community to enjoy special deals, menus and options at dining establishments throughout the city. Visit the Marlborough Restaurant Week Facebook page for more details.
www.facebook.com/MarlboroughRestaurantWeek

Veterans Day Parade
Wednesday, November 11th | 10AM | Main Street
Coordinated by the Marlborough Veterans Council, come watch marching first responders, Marlborough clubs and organizations, local veterans, and performances from the Marlborough High School Panther Marching Band to celebrate Veterans Day! 10AM start at American Legion, 11AM Ceremony at the Doughboy Monument on Main Street.

Kits for Kids 20th Anniversary Kit Building Event
Thursday, November 12th | 5PM - 7PM | Greek Orthodox Church
A community-driven event to pack over 600 personalized kits for children in need. Cash bar available and food generously donated by Chick-Fil-A Marlborough. Raffle with proceeds benefiting kits for kids. Donations gracefully accepted.
www.kitsforkids.harnessgiving.org/events/4114

Harvestfest at the Homestead
Saturday, November 14th | 11AM - 3PM | 377 Elm St.
Join the Marlborough Historical Society for the harvest fest at the Peter Rice homestead! History, refreshments, raffles, and fun. Admission is $5 a couple/individual, or $10 a family. Parking is across the street. Rain date is Sunday, November 15th same time.

19th Annual Natural Living Expo
Saturday, November 14th | 9AM - 6PM | 181 Boston Post Road
Sunday, November 15th | 9:30AM - 4:30PM | 181 Boston Post Road
New England's largest holistic health and wellness event! Explore a marketplace of 225 exhibits and vendors. Attend sessions from a schedule of 60 free workshops. Experience 30-minute guided meditations at the Meditation Oasis. Enjoy healthy eats from 15 food vendors and food trucks.
More details: **www.naturalexpo.org/expo-program-guide.html**

Friendsgiving at Marie Esther 2026
Wednesday, November 18th | 4PM | 720 Boston Post Road East
Friends, family, and the entire community are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving with us! Enjoy a pie contest, a full Thanksgiving meal, drinks and a night of gratitude. Please include the total number of people attending in your party when you RSVP. RSVP by November 11th by emailing
srobledo-noyes@alliancehms.org

Marlborough vs. Hudson Annual Thanksgiving Day Football Game
Thursday, November 26th | 10AM | Kelleher Field
Attend an annual tradition between Marlborough and our neighboring town Hudson as both Marlborough High School and Hudson High School face off for some Thanksgiving football! You can watch live coverage of the game at
www.wmct-tv.com






School Safety and E-Bike Rules: What Marlborough Parents Should Know

At an October 1 community night, Marlborough Police and Marlborough Public Schools explained the district's new school safety protocols and reminded families about e-bike rules. The full presentations are on WMCT-TV.

The Five Actions

The district now uses the Standard Response Protocol, which covers all hazards with five plain-language commands: **Hold** (clear the halls), **Secure** (get inside, lock exterior doors), **Lockdown** (threat inside the building), **Evacuate** and **Shelter**. Staff and students have been trained, and drills are underway this fall.

What Parents Should Do

- Don't rush to the school. Crowds slow first responders, and a reunification site may be elsewhere.
- Watch for texts, calls, emails and social media posts, and read them fully.
- Don't call the school office. Lines can get overwhelmed.
- Tell your child to follow staff instructions.
- Bring ID if you're asked to pick up your child.

E-Bike Basics

Police reported 17 e-bike crashes in the past year. Riders 16 and under need helmets, only one rider is allowed per bike, and bikes and scooters belong off sidewalks. Faster e-motors require a license or permit. As days get shorter, riders also need a white front light and a red rear light.

Officers are focusing on education for now, but repeat violations could mean fines for parents or an impounded bike. The police station has some free helmets left.

*Watch the full presentations at **wmct-tv.com**.*

Quotes

"Impossible is a word to be found only in the dictionary of fools."
Napoleon Bonaparte

"I have never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him."
Galileo

"Lose your dream, you lose your mind."
The Rolling Stones

"Love is the absence of judgement."
Dalai Lama