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May City Events

MHS Fashion Show

Thursday, May 7th | 7 PM - 9 PM | Marlborough High School
MHS Clothing and Textiles students' annual showcase. The entry is free! Don't miss out on a chance to see the cutting-edge work of our trendsetters and future fashion giants. Refreshments will be served during intermission.

MetroWest Corporate 5K

Thursday, May 14th | 6:30 PM | 255 Main St. Marlborough, MA
A post-work run/walk supporting hunger relief across the region.
Hosted by United Way of Tri-County.

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Marlborough Public Schools Jazz Fest

Thursday, May 14th | 7 PM | Whitcomb School Auditorium
An evening showcasing student jazz performances and guest artistry. Featuring guest artist Brian Thomas. Free admission, donations are welcome.

Marlborough Family Fun & Music Festival

Sunday, May 17th | 11 AM - 3 PM | Ward Park
Hosted by the Marlborough Junior Women's Club, Marlborough Lions Club, Rotary Club of Marlborough, and Fraternal Order of Eagles Marlborough.

An Afternoon of Classic Radio Drama

Thursday, May 28th | 1 PM | Marlborough Senior Center
Community members will perform real scripts from beloved soap operas, comedies, and thrillers from the 1930s-50s using only their voices. Between performances, the history of early broadcast radio drama will be shared. **Free and open to all!**

Lights, Camera, Community: Start Your Show at WMCT-TV

By Ryan Malyar, Executive Director, WMCT-TV

Got an idea for a show or podcast? If you're a Marlborough resident or part of a nonprofit, WMCT-TV gives you the tools to make it real - at no cost.

You'll have access to camcorders, audio gear, and editing workstations, plus free training to get you started. The only requirement is simple: your finished project airs on cable TV, part of WMCT's mission since the early 1980s.

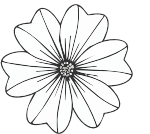
From there, your content can go anywhere. You'll receive a digital copy to share on YouTube, social media, or podcast platforms, turning your local show into something with wider reach.

Our members are already creating a wide range of programs - from "From the Wreckage", a podcast exploring Marlborough's music scene, to shows about food, real estate, health, and retro gaming. If you've been thinking about trying this out, there's no better way to start without investing in your own equipment. I know too well the costly thrill of craving the latest, greatest tech!

We're also offering a special support package for select creators, including two hours of staff-assisted studio time each month and two hours of guided editing to help polish your show for broadcast. This support package may not last forever - so give it a try while it's still available.

Interested? Reach out and let's get your idea off the ground.

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Playing Games with the Hilltop Players

By Zachary Benton
Youth Coordinator/Producer, WMCT-TV

Framingham State's Hilltop Players, the student-run theatre organization, made a visit to Late Night with Zach this month. Members Evan, Geneva, Leah and Onyx joined me for a zany interview in our studio! I learned that their upcoming production of George Bernard Shaw's *Candida*, directed by Leah, will be satirizing contemporary influencers and reality TV culture, while keeping the original script intact.

Each student is also a member of the Suit Jacket Posse, Hilltop's improv group. After I was given my own Suit Jacket Posse t-shirt to match my guests' uniforms, I played the role of host in a round of "Party Quirks." This improv game features three house party guests, arriving in sequence, each with a quirk. The host (my lucky role!) is tasked with figuring out each quirk. It's a balance between detection and complete farce, and a rollicking good time. What were the quirks? You'll just have to see the latest episode of Late Night with Zach for that!

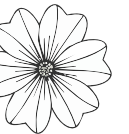
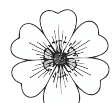
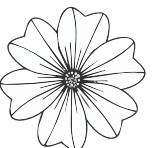
'Til next time!



Trivia

1. Who won the 1981 Grammy for "Record of the Year"?
2. In what constellation can the North Star be found?
3. What animal can be described as a wild pig from Africa?
4. What year was Freddie Mercury born?
5. What is Moscow's famed opera house?

(Flip the bottom of the page for Trivia answers)



Drawing with Mark!

LET'S DRAW A POLAR BEAR!
Start with stick shape:



Add circles and ovals to this stick figure for the shape of our bear, its face and feet:



Add the outer lines for the bear including its nose:



Now erase some of the lines as shown. Smooth and curve the outer lines as you wish.



Add fur, toes, and details to the face.

Keep practicing and having fun!

Drawing with Mark Now Showing on WMCT-TV, Marlborough Community Television



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May 7: MHS Fashion Show

May 12: Marlborough School Committee Meeting

May 21: Kindergarten Registration Workshop

May 25: No school; Closed for Memorial Day

May 26: Marlborough School Committee Meeting

Portrait of a Learner and Strategic Planning Update

Marlborough Public Schools, in partnership with Focused Schools, is developing a Portrait of a Learner to define what every student will know and be able to do from Pre-K through graduation.

After various surveys, public forums and steering committee working sessions, four core competencies are emerging:

- Connected and Collaborative
- Independent and Adaptable
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Engaged and Responsive

So, what's next? We will continue refining the draft of Portrait of a Learner and finalize it. This work will guide the district's strategic planning and align teaching and learning across schools.

To stay updated with our Portrait of a Learner and strategic planning process, visit www.mps-edu.org/strategicplan.

Quotes

"Be - don't try to become."
Osho

"Change your thoughts and you change your world."
Norman Vincent

"You cannot teach a man anything: you can only help him find it within himself."
Galileo

Jokes!

Did you hear about the two people who stole a calendar?
They each got six months.

What do cows do on a date night?
Go to the moo-vies.

Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?
Just in case he got a hole in one!

What would bears be without bees?
Ears.

HEY! Can you find Cam?
They are hidden somewhere on this edition of Marlborough Mirror.
Good luck!

The Kid Corner

by Lilian Roque

Family Puzzle Activity

Materials:

Magazine or flyer with images, scissors, glue, cardboard or cardstock, and plastic covering (or wide tape).

How To Play:

Choose images together from a magazine, glue them onto a sturdy base, and cover them with plastic or tape for protection. Then draw puzzle piece shapes on the back and cut them out. Make one puzzle for each family member using the same number of pieces. Mix up the pieces and see who can put their puzzle together the fastest. The winner gets to choose a fun prize - such as a small treat or a special favor that the rest of the family will do for them - making the activity even more exciting and rewarding.



Stop and Smell the Word Search

U H C P E O N Y E R O B E L L E H E
G X D B L J D M W Q Z I H P H Y S Q
P F N U L C R O C U S T W P E T E X
O O P H E P I L U T N C S Z R M N X
Z R O V B L S W V I C B P I N Z O H
V S R H E F R T C A S R L X O L M X
I Y D X U X V A L I I L D S L J E J
O T W O L E Y I R M I Y K F O Z N Z
L H O L B H L I R U N H N T U O A K
E I N H Y V N O M Z L I D O F F A D
T A S P Z B S I C O L U M B I N E C
Q J F K K E F R H P A N S Y D I T F

1. Daffodil
2. Tulip
3. Crocus
4. Hyacinth
5. Forsythia
6. Lilac
7. Peony
8. Primrose
9. Violet
10. Pansy
11. Snowdrop
12. Trillium
13. Columbine
14. Anemone
15. Phlox
16. Bluebell
17. Iris
18. Hellebore



1960's MHS Football

By Matthew Besachio, Sports Director, WMCT-TV

On April 14, 2026, former Marlborough High School football coach Fran Polymeros joined past Panther players Jim Demetri, Paul Phaneuf, and Joe Senecal at the studios of WMCT-TV. The group gathered to share stories and revisit their experiences on the field during the early 1960s.

The conversation highlighted Polymeros' path to coaching and education. A 1953 graduate of Clinton High School, Polymeros distinguished himself as a Midland League All-Star baseball player and a member of the school's notable "Pony Backfield" during his varsity football years. He later attended Fitchburg State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1958, and went on to complete a master's degree at Worcester State University.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: BILLY DUNBAR, JOE SENEAL, PAUL PHANEUF, FRAN POLYMEROS, JIM DEMITRI, ED LAROSE

Between his academic pursuits, Polymeros served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1964. Following his military service, he began a long career in Marlborough Public Schools. He taught at Marlborough Junior High School from 1961 to 1971 before transitioning to a role as a school psychologist and guidance counselor at Jaworek Elementary School from 1971 to 1981. He concluded his career at Marlborough High School, serving in a similar capacity from 1981 until his retirement in 1997.

During the studio discussion, Polymeros and his former players fondly recalled their time together between 1962 and 1964, including an undefeated 1963 season that remains a point of pride. The full conversation is available for viewing on the WMCT-TV website.

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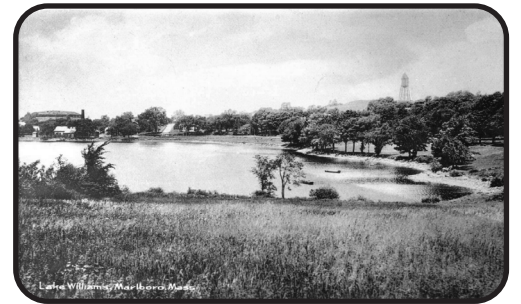
Lake Williams Boardwalk Offers a Walk Through Centuries of History

By Mike Lawton, Assistant Executive Director, WMCT-TV

Now that spring has arrived in Marlborough, residents will soon be returning to the Lake Williams boardwalk, enjoying fresh air, calm water, and one of the city's best views. What many may not realize is that this peaceful walk circles a lake with a surprisingly deep past.

Lake Williams is Marlborough's only natural lake, formed thousands of years ago by glacial activity. Long before the city existed, Native Americans, likely part of the Pennacook network, used the area as a gathering place for food, water, and community.

By the 1660s, English settlers had arrived, and Lt. Abraham Williams built a home and tavern along the eastern shore. Licensed in 1663, it became a popular stop for travelers between Boston and points west. The tavern was destroyed during King Philip's War but rebuilt, as Williams Tavern, soon after, continuing to serve as a local hub.



LAKE WILLIAMS CIRCA 1900

It even hosted a future president. On July 2, 1775, George Washington stopped there on his way to take command of the Continental Army, returning again in 1789 while serving as president.

From the late 1800s through the 1930s, the lake played a role in the ice trade. Lake Williams Ice Co. and Peoples's Ice Co. cut blocks from the frozen surface, sending them by conveyor through a tunnel under Route 20 to nearby icehouses.

As Marlborough grew, the lake became a protected drinking water source, and public access was restricted for decades. Today, that balance has shifted. With the Lake Williams Trail and a 3,000-foot floating boardwalk, residents can once again enjoy the lake through walking and birdwatching.

It's a reminder that even a simple stroll can come with a bit of history right in your own backyard.



1. Christopher Cross for "Sailing"
2. Ursa Minor
3. Warhog
4. 1946
5. The Bolshoi Theatre

ANSWERS