



**Congratulations to the Northwood Botnerz for winning the Judges Award and Team A for placing 2nd overall at the VEX IQ Challenge!**

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**Mooreville Schools**



## Making the State Diving Podium

Congratulations to MHS's Sadie Mills for placing 5th in the IHSAA State Diving Finals on Saturday! See video of Mills' and Kylie Strietelmeier's dives on [MHS Athletics Twitter Feed](#).

## A Life-Changing Difference in Learning

Freshman Kaitlyn Kennedy has had a unique school journey. Medical issues which began in 6th grade made her start having migraines and, often when she tried to read for any length of time, seizures. She missed most of that school year and had a tough road ahead.

On Tuesday, Kaitlyn stood before the Mooreville School Board to thank Special Education Director Susie Hurt for making her journey back to school possible.

"I was told by a few doctors that they didn't know if I would be able finish school because of the migraines that lead to seizures," Kaitlyn told the



**Kennedy and Hurt talk to the Mooreville School Board and audience.**

School Board. "Now I'm taking all honors classes making all A's in them." Kaitlyn credits Hurt for trying every avenue to help her learn and especially for finding grant funding for the new Snap&Read program.

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*Guy Crowder, MD, Family Medicine*

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MHS band solo and ensemble participants

## Waverly Student Honored

Congratulations go to Waverly 6th grader Chloe Dougherty, who was recently celebrated as Merit Award Winner for her Patriots Pen Essay at the VFW Awards Banquet. Chloe's



essay was one of 90 submitted from local 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. As part of the recognition, she also received a \$25 award.

## Calendar Reminder

**There is no school Monday, Feb. 18, in observance of President's Day. School will be in session Thursday, May 23, as a snow make-up day. [Click here](#) for the school calendar.**

## Great Job, Musicians!

MHS and PHMS band students participated in the ISSMA district solo and ensemble festival at Avon High School. All participants received gold or silver division ratings.

*PHMS Participants (photo p. 3)*

Row 1 - Jack Kitterman, Lucas Ransom, Elijah Phillips, Braden Butcher, Zoe Mitchell-Childs, Nathan Webster, Emma Mayer, Aaron McClure, Kole Thompson, Devon Pfeifer, Alex Stout

Row two - Stephen Bruner, Alex McGinnis, Bracey Scott, Ben Western, Joanna Lamberson, Vanessa Breedon, Stephen Pfeifer, Alayna Beach, Kaitlyn Cooney, Katelynn Jackson, Avery Peterson, Nathan Burns, Alex Johnson  
Not pictured: Pierce Allen, Nick Derrick, Reece Hugnet

*MHS Participants (photo top of page):*

Row 1 - Zachary McKinney, Elise Turner, Elizabeth Thompson, Lea Paulina Heitbrink, Daphne Coffey  
Row 2 - Alexander Marine, Keegan Krick, Noah Allen, Sam Crum, Isaiah Lake, Ethan Mohler, Gus Bailey



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## Life Changing

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While Hurt believes many students will see a benefit from the program, she knew the benefit could be tremendous for Kaitlyn.

“When I first saw this program, she was the student, from throughout the whole district, who I thought this could be a life-changer for her,” said Hurt.

“This wouldn’t be possible if it wasn’t for all your help and everything you have done for me,” Kennedy told Hurt. “Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart.”

## PATINS Grant Provides Reading Tools for All Students

All Mooresville students have access to Co:Writer and Snap&Read apps as part of a PATINS Project grant awarded to Mooresville Schools. MHS and PHMS students have already taken part in program training. Elementary students and teachers are beginning the training.

The apps provide options for students to read

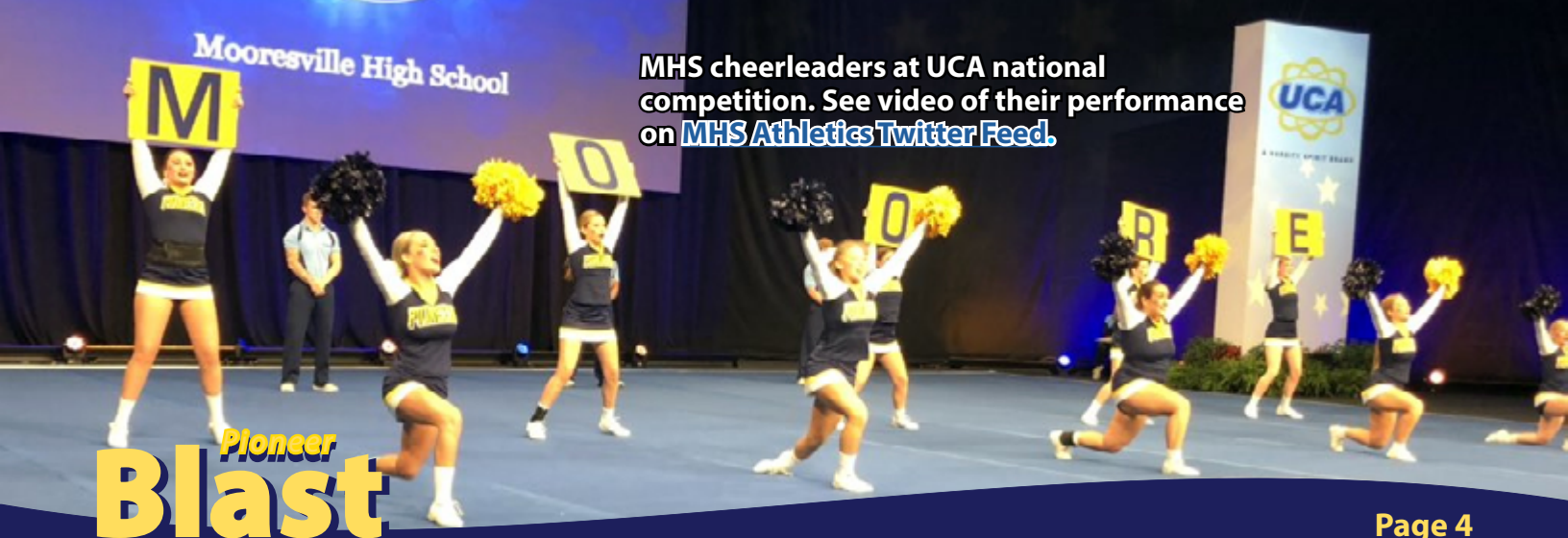


Kennedy tells the School Board about how she has progressed in school.

and digest the information in a variety of different ways. Co:Writer gives access to many supports, such as word prediction to help expand their vocabulary and improve written expression. With Co:Writer, students are able to produce grammatically correct and topic-specific sentences within a word processor.

Snap&Read reads text aloud on student Chromebooks. The OCR (Optical Character Recognition) feature in Snap&Read allows users to read inaccessible text like Flash or image-based PDF files. Snap&Read also incorporates text leveling that allows students to adjust the complexity of text so they can comprehend it.

Not all learners will need these tools, but this grant provides a means for a more universal approach to learning by making them available for anyone with a specific need or preference. To learn more about the Co:Writer and Snap&Read apps, visit: <https://learningtools.donjohnston.com>



MHS cheerleaders at UCA national competition. See video of their performance on [MHS Athletics Twitter Feed](#).

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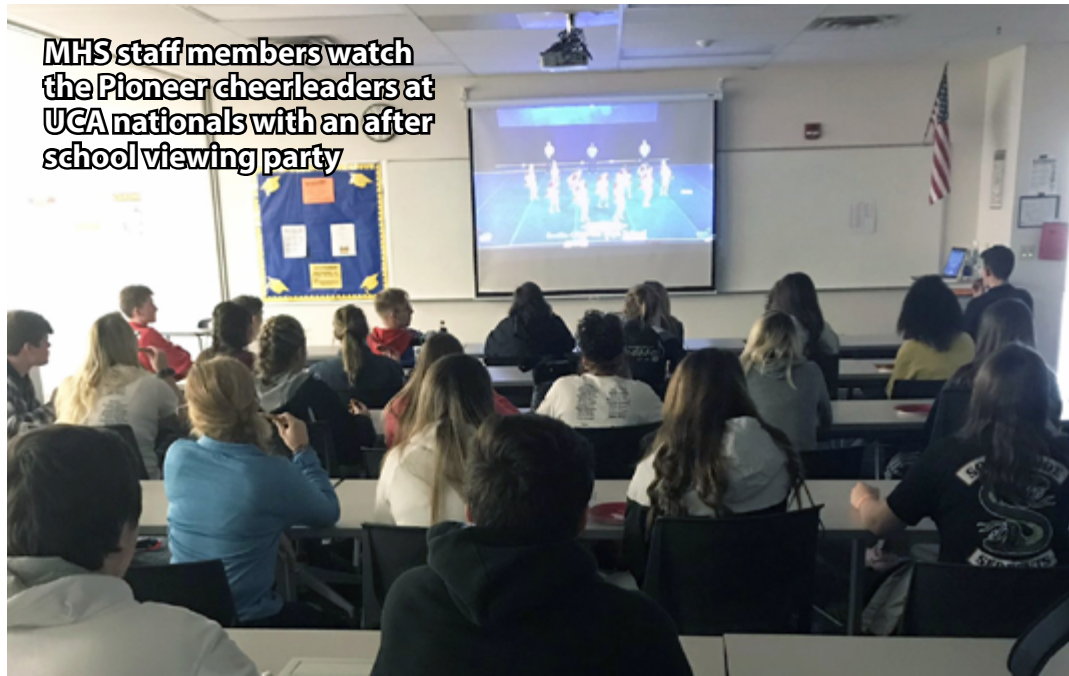


Newby Pioneer Pals making Valentine cards for residents of Miller's Merry Manor



The North Madison robotics team makes its competition debut

## Around Our Schools



MHS staff members watch the Pioneer cheerleaders at UCA nationals with an after school viewing party

Check out the new 100 Day video, starring these Northwood kindergarten students and others across the district, on our YouTube Channel.

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## News Briefs

### Congratulations:

Three MHS Alumni will be inducted into the MHS Athletic Hall of Fame during the halftime of the MHS Varsity Boys Basketball Game this Friday. This year's inductees include: Jeff Hammel, 1995; Chris Loveless, 2000, and Brad Phillips, 1990. The Pioneers take on Greenwood with the JV game beginning at 6:30p.m. and the varsity game beginning at about 7:30p.m.



Hammel



Loveless



Phillips

**Community Information:** Visit our [community information page](#) for fliers from local nonprofit organizations with activities which benefit or involve students. Recent fliers include: **Waverly 4H Club, Mooresville Youth Softball, Mooresville Junior Baseball** and **Komets Soccer**.

**Open Swimming:** Community members are invited to use the MHS pool for lap swimming. The pool is open from 6:30-7:30a.m. Monday and Friday mornings when school is in session. The cost is \$1 per person.

## Upcoming Events

- Feb. 15 Neil Armstrong**  
Second Grade Wake Up & Read
- Feb. 18 District**  
Presidents Day - No School
- Feb. 19 Neil Armstrong**  
Family Movie Night
- Feb. 21 North Madison**  
PTO Meeting 6p.m.
- Feb. 21 Neil Armstrong**  
State MATH Bowl
- Feb. 28 Waverly**  
Talent Show 6p.m.

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