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Sammy and Dixie Davis with community members and students in the historic Mooresville gymnasium

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Mooresville Schools

Welcoming A Hero

One of Mooresville's most famous alumni, Sgt. Sammy L. Davis (ret.), visited this week and spoke with local students and community members. Davis, MHS Class of '66, received a Medal of Honor for his heroism in Vietnam. He is known as "The Real Forrest Gump," as the famous book and movie reflect portions of his Vietnam and life story. The movie also used his Medal of Honor ceremony footage, with actor Tom Hanks' head superimposed.

Wednesday was proclaimed Sammy L. Davis Day and marked the unveiling of Sammy L. Davis Medal of Honor Way. The ceremonial street renaming will be along Monroe St. from Main to Carlisle streets. The street runs along the side of the Mooresville Veterans Memorial, which includes a memorial for Mooresville soldiers lost since World War I as well as a monument to Davis.

Davis spoke to groups of students from Newby, PHMS and MHS about his service and his life. After being one of 141 graduates in the MHS Class of 1966,
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Davis placed flowers at the Mooresville Veterans Memorial



Davis speaking to MHS and PHMS students

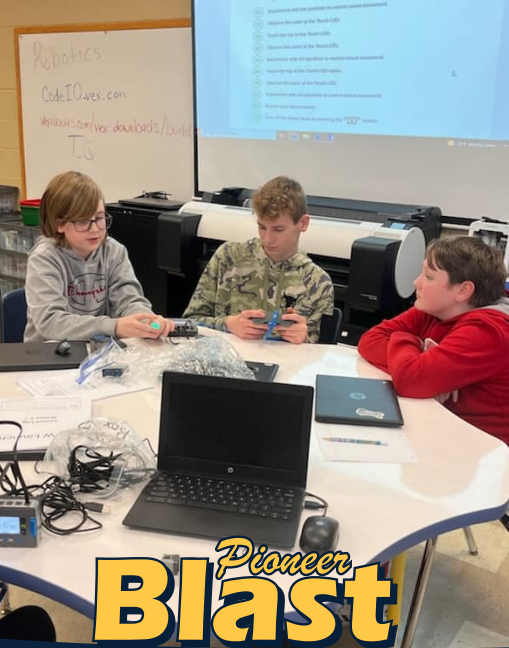
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Studying robotics in sixth grade at North Madison



Waverly Student Council collected more than \$800 for the Morgan County Humane Society



Newby first grade and SRC students enjoyed a trip to the Children's Museum

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MHS journalists at the Indiana High School Press Association conference

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Journalists Awarded

Congratulations go to two groups of MHS Wagon Trails yearbook students who earned awards for their work on the 2023 yearbook at the Indiana High School Press Association state convention.

Senior Libby Young and graduates Lainie Woodward and Jada Schoolcraft earned third place in student life features, and Libby Young and Lainie Woodward earned second place for their work on yearbook album pages. The 2023 yearbook was also a Hoosier Star Finalist at the convention.



Pioneer Pete Youth Sports Day

Dozens of third through sixth grade students took part in the first MHS Youth Sports Day, spending the Presidents Day holiday engaged in activities. See more photos on the [Mooresville High School Facebook page](#).



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he enlisted in the U.S. Army. His heroic acts in saving fellow soldiers occurred just over a year later. With both groups, he reminded them of his motto, "You don't lose until you quit trying."

At MHS, Davis visited the new Veterans Wall which has been created to add the names of MHS alumni who have served in the armed forces. His will be one of the first names added to the wall. Any MHS alumnus who has served or is currently serving in any branch of the military should fill out the [Mooresville Military Alumni Information Form](#).

Additional information about Davis' heroism and service is available at [Military.com](#).



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Mrs. Jones' fourth graders at Waverly worked on fractions with a pizza project.

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Orchestra Italian Fest Concert



The MHS Spotlighters perform for Northwood students



Roller skating fun in PE at North Madison



News Briefs

Free QPR Workshops for Parents, Families:

Two local free workshops will give resources to families for suicide prevention. QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — the three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. Upcoming workshops include:

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 5:30-7:30p.m. at LifePointe Church, 825 N. Indiana St. The session is presented by Franciscan Health and Churches in Mission, includes light dinner and snacks. [RSVP by texting or calling 317-220-2627.](tel:317-220-2627)

Wednesday, March 13, 5-7p.m. at the MHS Pavilion Classroom, Enter Door 30. The session is presented by Mooresville Schools and the Indiana Department of Education. [RSVP Here \(or use QR code\).](#)



Upcoming Events

Feb. 23- Northwood Carnival 5:30-8:30p.m.

Feb. 24 - MHS Spotlighter Invitational (all day)

Feb. 26- Neil Armstrong PTO Meeting 3:45p.m.

March 5 - Waverly PTO Meeting 6p.m.

March 12 - MHS Club Photo Day

Community Information: Nonprofits with activities for students may share fliers in the *Pioneer Blast*. Current fliers include:

- [Mooresville Junior Baseball, Softball 2024](#)
- [Mooresville Parks 2024 Spring Break Camp](#)
- [Komets Soccer Spring Registration Ages 3-12](#)

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