



## **Clarinda Activities Update**

FFA- Sub district contests in February, 10 contests are competing with 25 kids total. The chapter is looking to advance all contests to district level like they did last year.

FCCLA - FCCLA has been very busy over the months of November and December serving our school and community. Our members helped Southwest Iowa Families with their soup supper, volunteered at Spirit on the Square, assisted Grandma's House Daycare with their vendor and craft fair, and hosted our annual FCCLA Christmas Wrapping event.

FCCLA is currently collecting donations for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for families with seriously ill children by offering lodging, meals, and support while they stay near the hospital. Clarinda FCCLA, along with Iowa FCCLA, is proud to partner with this organization to help families during difficult times. Donation boxes are located at the Jr./Sr building by the main entrance and near the old office windows. Items that can be donated include soap, lotion, baby supplies, laundry detergent, paper towels, and cleaning products. If you are able to help, please bring donations now through January 30th.

Coming up on February 4th, Clarinda FCCLA will be hosting the Green Hills South District FCCLA meeting and competition at the Clarinda Academy. Schools from across southwest Iowa will attend, and Clarinda will have several students competing in STAR Events, which stands for Students Taking Action with Recognition.

Finally, strawberry sales have started! If you're interested in purchasing strawberries, please see an FCCLA member. Members will be selling strawberries now till February 12th. And berries will be delivered March 2nd.

NHS - NHS is staying busy within the school. The chapter hosted a bake sale during one of the home basketball games last December, and inducted new members into the society last November.

FCA - Getting ready for the Night to Shine event. Have held meetings each month since school started with new guest speakers this year. The chapter was granted an official Huddle this year.

Band/Choir - Band is preparing for upcoming Jazz contests. The jazz band hopes to make state this year. The band is also preparing for the Parade of Bands in March. The choir is staying busy with upcoming events and contests as well.

Activities Council - Worked on and completed an assembly script for the pep rally. Have come up with new ideas on how the school can improve their activity culture. Have also helped out at home activities this year.

Cheer - Basketball and wrestling cheer have been at events cheering on their respective teams. All American cheerleaders Mataya Eighmy, Taylor Rasmusse, Kaitlin Gaunt, and Brittney Kalamneo enjoyed their trips to Rome and Hawaii. Select cheerleaders were also invited to the Western Iowa All-Star game to cheer.

Girls Basketball - Lost a close game against Creston. Two Hawkeye 10 rematches for them next week.

Boys Basketball - Started 2026 off with a win against Creston. Big game Friday against Lewis Central. Three home games next week with two of them being against Hawkeye 10 opponents.

Girls Wrestling - Just hosted 130 girls at our tournament this past week. Won our home tournament. Girls will look to qualify for the state tournament at the end of January.

Boys Wrestling - Hosted a home meet last night and won two duals and lost one. Post season is approaching and the team is hoping for a high finish at the Hawkeye 10 tournament.

St. Louis Baseball - Baseball athletes have been selling tickets for their upcoming trip to play Atlantic at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.