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## CCA hosts Mini Dance Marathon

By Sheyanne Koethe and Nicolette Rohret

CCA hosted a mini dance marathon through the University of Iowa on January 18th to raise money for children's cancer research. This was held in the CCA gym and all were welcome.

This year our school has decided not to do a winter formal. In its place, National Honor Society hosted a Mini Dance Marathon. This year's Mini Dance Marathon funds will go to children's cancer research. There are many different dance marathons among the Iowa City corridor schools. The University of Iowa holds one every year. Their mission is to provide emotional and financial support for bone marrow replacement and pediatric oncology patients and their families that go to the U of I Hospitals.

CCA's mini dance marathon only lasted 6 hours compared to the 24 hours that the U of I does. This past year the U of I dance marathon raised



Photo by Jackie Biger

Clear Creek Elementary teacher Fawn Boston-Halter leads kids in a dance at the Mini Dance Marathon.

\$1,529,9650.19. The University of Iowa started the dance marathon in 1995 since that time they have raised a total of \$12,738,161.24. All the people that raised the required amount of \$400 will be able to participate in the "Big Event." For the 6 hours that you are at the marathon you will be standing, dancing, eating, etc.

The U of I hires a professional DJ to keep you going through the night.

Mrs. Dalmasso, the head of NHS, therefore the head of Mini Dance marathon, emailed all of the teachers and asked them if they wouldn't mind getting pied in the face for a good cause of children's cancer. All the teachers that

agreed to get pied in the face had a little piggy bank in their rooms with pictures of them on it. The reason for these piggy banks are to raise money for the Mini Dance Marathon. Kids brought in money and put it in the piggy bank they would most like to see get hit in the face with pie. The teacher that gets the most amount

of money and the least amount of money will get hit in the face with a pie in an assembly in front of the whole school during the last ten minutes of advisory on 1/17/14.

NHS is a group of students that have reached a grade point average of 3.5 or higher their junior year of high school. With NHS they have required community service they have to take part in if they want to stay a part of the group. Another requirement is a group project that will benefit the community. The mini dance marathon was chosen as their group project. They originally used the winter formal for their service. Recently this year though, Dalmasso realized, "The winter formal was us just being selfish." She explained that it wasn't really helping out the community or benefiting anyone. Dalmasso was "really excited about seeing Clear Creek students and other kids come together and have a good time, for a good cause."

## Speech gets twelve I's at districts

By Lyndsey Elliott

Speech season is underway at Clear Creek Amana. There are two different types of groups that you can participate in. Currently there are 20 students involved in individual speech, and 55 students in large group speech. Christine Maas, English teacher is the head speech coach, and Grant Elsbernd, counselor, is the assistant coach. Speech is broken down into different categories including acting, improvisation, mime, and musical theatre. In addition to those events, there are short film, radio, and tv events. Speech also goes to competitions. First they go to

WaMaC, which is in Monticello this year. To move on to the state competition all the events have to get a I rating from the judge. (In Fine Arts, a I rating is the highest, followed by II then III.) If they advance they will then compete at state, which is at Linn-Mar High School in Marion. The final performance for large group speech is All-State students have to get many I's from multiple judges, that group has to be the best in center. The All-State Competition at Iowa State University. The large groups that are moving on are readers theatre, musical theatre, mime, improvisation, and short film. After the large group season,

the individual season starts.

Students that participate in speech have an option to participate in two events, and they have ten different events to choose from. Head coach Maas said "my favorite part of speech is the theatre aspect. I love getting kids hooked on acting and performance." Maas also likes to get the students excited about drama. Each group, large and individual both meet twice a week, either before school from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. or after school from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. or 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## AcaDec team preparing for new season

By Nicolette Rohret

This year Clear Creek Amana's Academic Decathlon (AcaDec) team competed at Waterloo, Columbus for regionals on January 22. This year's theme was world war one, winning them four ribbons.

AcaDec is a nation wide competition with ten different categories; the arts, music, literature, science, economics, math, social studies, a novel, and an essay and speech. Anyone can participate; as long as he or she is eligible. Students have to fall into these three categories; honors, people with 3.75 and up, scholastic, 3.0 to 3.74, and varsity, 2.99 and below. This means

they have to have people from different grade point averages, that they can't be all kids with a 4.0. Nine kids make a team and they take one subject to the competition, this year's subject was World War I. Students meet in the fall once a week until they hit November and then they start meeting three times a week. This is for whoever can get there because they have to students in every other activity so that whoever gets there can come in and study.

When they go to regionals, everyone gets to compete in AcaDec and she can take as many people as she wants. They spend the morning taking tests on each of the subjects. In the afternoon each member of the team has to

give a speech and do an interview. Mrs. Morlan, head of AcaDec, said, "It's really good for them to study a subject in depth," and that "you would go a lot further than you would ever go in a normal class." Morlan took over AcaDec six years ago, making it over 30 years since CCA adopted AcaDec. Normally, regionals would take place at Cedar Rapids, Jefferson, but district speech was also the same weekend. In past competitions they have won regionals or made it to state, and other years haven't done so well. Morlan said, "It depends on who's in it and how hard they work," and "how seriously they take it."

Former (and present) member of

Academic Decathlon, Logan Davis, ('15) was hoping to earn some ribbons again this year at Regionals. This year he was covering the material over mathematics of World War I. "I muddled through and then I won a lot of ribbons at Regional Competitions. I did well in Science and Social Sciences, surprisingly," Davis said.

The whole team was hoping for a successful season. Morlan thinks that other students should join because it, "gives them an experience; having to get up in front of strangers and give a speech, having to do an interview, and act professional." She believes that it is also just a, "really good all around experience for them."

## The Anchor marks start of CCA newspaper

By Nicolette Rohret

Please welcome Clear Creek Amana's first edition of The Anchor! The students of Journalism decided to bring the latest on sports, newest updates, and important events to everyone in our school. We will keep you clued into our district's news. Our newspaper will be a 2-page paper this year. It will be printed in-house. We will focus on News and

Sports. Next year, we hope to expand our paper to 4 pages and print it on a professional printing press.

The decision has been made to name our newspaper The Anchor. Obviously, we wanted to stick to something relating to a Clipper ship. After tossing around ideas, the staff came across blogger Joe Panek's definition of an anchor. Metaphorically, Panek states, "the anchor is a symbol for hope." Physically, an anchor

holds a ship in place. When the anchor is raised, it is a sign that the ship is ready to begin a new adventure.

As we set off on our new adventure, we appreciate any and all input as we get through the first few rough patches to what we hope to be our "new adventure" and one of the greatest news resources you will look into. Thank you for your consideration and helping us get our paper into everyone of our student's hands.

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# THE BATTLESHIP

## Clear Creek Amana Sports



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# Wessling, Schropp go 2-0 At Benton

By Sheyanne Koethe

January 23, the Clippers traveled to Benton where they lost to Vinton-Shellsburg 40-24 and to Benton Community 59-18. Without a full roster the Clippers have struggled to win duels but have had some success with individual wrestlers.

At 106 Lbs. Luke Wingert ('17) went 1-1 pinning Jacob Worthen (Vinton-Shellsburg) in :47. Unfortunately Luke got pinned in his second match by Tate Buck (Benton Community) in :18.

Connor Murphy ('15) at 113 Lbs. also went 1-1 pinning Colton David of Benton Community in 1:06. Earlier in the night Murphy lost 18-6 to Max Wenage of Vinton-Shellsburg.

Quinn Murphy ('17) also went 1-1 at 120 Lbs. winning by fall over Bryce Rasmussen of Vinton-Shellsburg in :38. Quinn Murphy also wrestled Keaton Sherwood of Benton Community losing by tech-fall 17-2.

At 126 Lbs. Daniel Brechtel ('15) went 0-2 losing by fall to Navon Dunlap of Vinton-Shellsburg in 3:30. Brechtel also lost by fall to Taylor Schulze of Benton Community late in the second period.

Trevor Thurn ('15) at 132 Lbs. also went 0-2 getting pinned in both his matches. Nick Hyland of Vinton-Shellsburg pinned Thurn in 1:11. Garret Werner of Benton pinned Thurn early in the first period.

Jacob Wessling ('16) wrestling at 145 Lbs. went undefeated on Thursday pinning both of his opponents before advancing to the third period. Wessling pinned Dylan Wagner of Vinton-Shellsburg in four minutes flat and Brenden Pfannebecker of Benton in :43.

At 152 for the Clippers, Brandon Chalfant ('16). Chalfant went 0-2 on the night getting pinned by Michael Neal of Vinton in :30 and Wyatt Streets of Benton in 1:26.

The Clippers had to forfeit at 160 Lbs., 182 Lbs., and 195 Lbs.

Getting into the heavier weights at 220 Lbs. A.J Schropp ('15) went 2-0 on the night pinning Jacob O'Brien of Vinton-Shellsburg in :45 and Drew Kithcart of Benton in 1:07.

Our heavyweight Max Moore ('17) went 0-2 on the night getting pinned by Steve Henry of Vinton in :43 and Quintin Taylor of Benton in :23.

## Girls go 5-17 in season



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Girls Basketball game vs Mt Vernon, Hanna Stokes controls the tip-off December 3. Clippers fell to the Mustangs. 54-67.

By Ethan Schutterle & Lyndsey Elliott

There are 35 students going out for girl's basketball this year and the season begins November 11 with 20 games a season. The last regular game of the season is on February 11, with the post season to follow. Strength and conditioning is also a major part of practice. During the off-season there are open gyms every Monday for the girls to keep up on their skill and fitness. Clear Creek Amana girl's basketball team is a part of a league in Iowa City that has games every Sunday during the fall season. The girl's basketball team members also lift weights once a week. Conditioning is main part of the first couple of weeks of practice, and is also used in drills to practice a certain skill. Nathan Elliot, the basketball coach, also says, "the strength of the girls' shot is very important, because they need to know how to shoot long distance and know how much strength to put out when shooting." Elliott also wanted to include that this is his first year coaching the girl's basketball team at CCA.

The basketball team will practice in many different ways, for example, they might do drills and lift weights one day. Then the next day they will do conditioning for half the practice and more drill practice the rest of the time. Rachel Robinson ('17), a

member of the basketball team, says that "practice can be difficult at times, especially morning practices because she is not all the way awake yet." Robinson enjoys basketball because she has been playing it for a long time.

So far this season the CCA girl's basketball team is 5-17. The Clippers were overtaken on January 28 by Mount Vernon 54-67. Lexi Kinnaird ('15) was the leading scorer with 16 points.

CCA was defeated at Maquoketa 46-52 on January 24. Kiley Seelman ('15) lead defensively with 7 rebounds.

January 21 Benton upset the CCA girl's basketball team 47-55. Hanna Stokes ('15) posted 12 points as the Clipper's leading scorer.

CCA was taken down at West Delaware 33-50 on January 17. Hanna Stokes ('15) had 10 Field Goal Attempts.

The Clippers were victorious January 14 against Central Dewitt 41-38. Lexi Kinnaird ('15) had 17 points on the evening.

The team was defeated on January 11 by Dyersville 40-45.

CCA Won at Vinton-Shellsburg 45-43 January 3. Kelsey Hall, ('15) had 17 as the team's leading scorer that evening.

## Boys basketball improving

By Joel Burzacott

The Clear Creek Amana boy's basketball team has had a rough start this season with a 4-10 record. They have gone 2-5 since the end of Christmas break. "I feel we are much improved but our record doesn't show it. We will keep working to get better and everything else will take care of itself," said varsity coach, Steve Ottosen.

The Clippers played at Mount Vernon January 28. CCA was making their shots and doing pretty well in general, but Mount Vernon was just one step ahead. The score at half was 20-27, Mount Vernon leading.

The second half was a fluctuating mess. CCA didn't hit many shots in the third quarter, while Mount Vernon made 28 points. The 4th quarter was the complete opposite, the Clippers made 28 points while Mount Vernon made only nine. The final score was 54-64 Mount Vernon winning.

The Clippers hosted the game on January 24, against Maquoketa. Right away, the Clippers struggled. Maquoketa kept scoring while the Clippers couldn't get an offense together. The first half ended 15-25, CCA trailing by 10. The final score was 37-57, Maquoketa taking the win.

The game before was at Benton on January 21. The Clippers just weren't in it that night. Benton ended up leading by 21 at the half.

The second half was similar. CCA just wasn't scoring, and Benton was hitting most of their shots, and CCA was making just over 1/3 of their shots. The final score was 71-50, Benton winning.

The game before that was on January 17, against West Delaware at home. It was pretty back and forth for the first half, but West Delaware had the advantage 24-27 at half.

The second half was a different story. The Clippers turned on the burners and came back. It got pretty close in the last few seconds with West Delaware

leading. But the Clippers went in to clutch mode and won it 54-51. The leading scorers were Cal Miller ('16) with 15 points and Nile Rourke ('15) with 9 points. "It was a great team victory, everyone played hard" said Cal Miller about the CCA victory.

The game at Central Dewitt on January 14 was a pretty close game. The Clippers came out strong and outscored the Sabers by five in the first quarter. Then the Sabers came back and tied it up at half 30-30.

The second half started off pretty much the same as the first. But the Clippers hit a wall scoring-wise in the 4th quarter. Central Dewitt won it 64-56.

Dyersville-Beckman hosted the game before on January 11. The Clippers worked hard to outscore the Blazers, but they were always one step ahead of CCA. The first half ended 34-41 Dyersville ahead.

The second half wasn't as high scoring for both teams, but it was basically the same story. Dyersville was always one step ahead. The final score was 52-64, Dyersville.

The first game after Christmas break was on January 2 against Vinton-Shellsburg at home for CCA. Right away the Clippers worked and played well. The first half ended 23-24 with the Clippers leading.

The second half was even better for CCA. They extended their lead to 10 and kept it that way. CCA won it 54-44. CCA's leading scorers were Mitchell Stopko ('15) with 11 points and Drew Wagner ('15) with 10 points. "We played pretty well, we hit our shots, ran the floor, and got a lot of boards."

Even though the Clippers are at a bump in the road, they still have a lot of season left. Not to mention the two games they have to make up. The Clippers have the talent to push through the slump and get back on track, they just need to have the drive to get there.