



Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree

Sponsored by the
Clarinda Chamber of Commerce,
Clarinda Community Schools,
and the City of Clarinda

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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: 2020 Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree Canceled

The Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree scheduled for Saturday, October 3 has been officially canceled. This event is sponsored by the Clarinda Chamber of Commerce, the Clarinda Community Schools and the City of Clarinda. The event draws over 50 high school and middle school bands from Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska with more than 2,500 students participating. After much discussion, the Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree Executive Committee and the Clarinda Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors felt a strong responsibility to the health and well-being of the participating students, spectators, volunteers, community members and surrounding areas.

The Clarinda Community School District shared the following statement, "As a school district, we are saddened by the cancellation of the Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree. This event is representative of the pride our community takes in collaboration and the performing arts. We look forward to supporting future opportunities for our students to share their talents in next year's Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree. We thank everyone for coming together in the name of safety."

The City of Clarinda is deeply saddened by the cancellation of the Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree. This has been a great tradition in Clarinda for over 60 years and is an outstanding community event. "Although we are disappointed by the cancellation, we have an important duty to protect our citizens and visitors from COVID-19. We look forward to assisting the Clarinda Chamber of Commerce and the Clarinda Community School District in making plans for the event in 2021!" stated Gary McClarnon, Clarinda City Manager.

The Clarinda community looks forward to hosting next year's event scheduled for Saturday, October 2.