

## Unfollow is officially launched

▲ Clark resident Megan Phelps-Roper is on a promotion tour

Last Friday was a big day for Megan Phelps-Roper. It was the first birthday of young Sølvi Fjelland, the daughter of Megan and her husband, Chad Fjelland, all of Clark. It was the day that People Magazine featured an article on Phelps-Roper and an excerpt from her new book. And it was the beginning of a whirlwind tour to support that book, titled *Unfollow: A Memoir of Loving and Leaving the Westboro Baptist Church*, published yesterday, October 8, by Farrar, Straus and Giroux, a division of the Macmillan book company.

The book was officially launched on Tuesday with an event in New York City. More than 30 events in 20 cities are planned, and a movie based on her book and story are

still in the works. Oscar-nominated screenwriter Nick Hornby is writing the script. "It will be a while before that comes together," Phelps-Roper said, "but it is coming. As my film agent put it: 'An entire constellation of stars have to align for a film to get made.'"

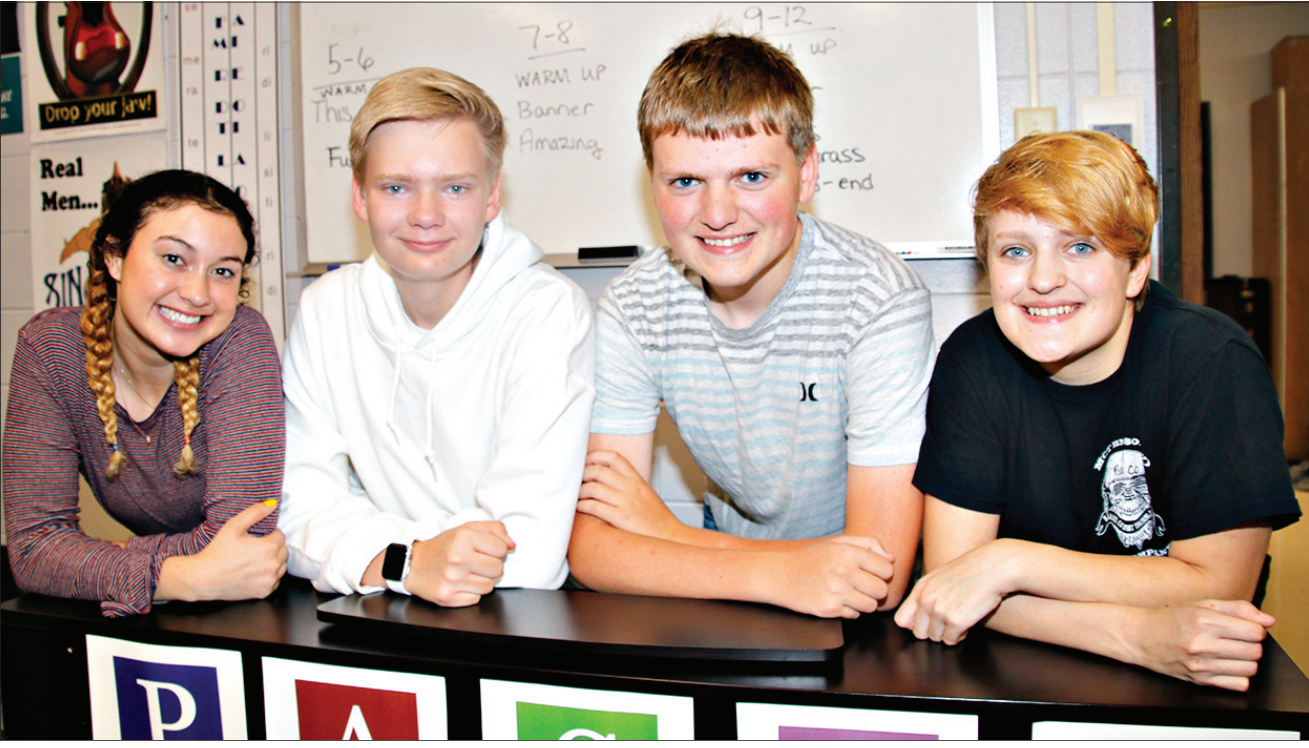
### Book signing

Thursday, November 7 will be Clark's turn to celebrate their local resident's achievement with a book signing in person at the Clark Flower and Gift Shop from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The book - which is about 115,000 words and 304 pages - went through eight drafts. The editing process took about eighteen months. "I learned the process

while working with my editor. We spent a lot of time going back and forth - major edits, moving some things around, clarifications, legal reviews, and permission on quotes. It was an amazing learning experience," states Phelps-Roper. It also gave her a good workout, as she spent much time walking around the neighborhoods of Clark with baby Sølvi in a front carrier. She estimated that she spent about 10-15 miles a day with Sølvi in tow as she worked with her editor on the book. "Sølvi met a lot of people this summer on our walks. It was good for both of us to be out and about. We got a lot of work done, and the

**Unfollow**  
(continued on page 12)



"I'm glad it's not my money," stated Madilyn Steen as the losses and gains came and went in the stock market game now being utilized for training purposes in Mr. Nesheim's economics class at Clark High School.

Working in teams, the students get \$150,000 to play with as they buy and sell on the stock market in the online game that continues on until early December.

Nesheim is also teaching some fundamentals in personal finance through the Dave Ramsey methods of managing one's money.

Above are, left to right, seniors Fiona Kohrs and Olivia Sass in the foreground, Matthew Streff, Dakota Lilly, Zachary Kuno, Maddie Forest, Charlie Spieker and Madilyn Steen.

## Students learn the stock market in economics class investment game

"Amazon is taking a hit today. Netflix is up two bucks and Apple is up three bucks." This was part of the conversation in Jerome Nesheim's economics class with the seniors in which he's teaching them real life skills in the world of finance. More specifically dabbling with pretend money in a stock market game, investing in money markets and learning how to budget money through Dave Ramsey's Foundations of Personal Finance.

"Starting out in life, knowing how to manage your money, budget and invest, there's no reason these kids should end up poor," stated Nesheim.

"You have to tell your money where to go or else you'll end up looking for it," continued Nesheim. "If these guys would put away a hundred dollars a month starting in their early 20's, they'd have over a million at retirement."

Last week Nesheim's class started a stock market game which will

continue on until December sixth. The students are introduced to saving and investing through a simulation of the stock market and bond market.

"Students get to trade and manage their own investment portfolio," continued Nesheim. "It improves math economics and personal financial capability and also gives them a greater awareness of current events in global news."

"The students work together in teams, exercise collaboration, communication and teamwork and they get to compete for prizes."

"The goal is to create the best performing portfolio of stocks, bonds, mutual funds and more in a live trading environment."

Each student has \$150,000 to play with, with a limit of \$30,000 on one company in the buying of shares. The game program will not let them go over.

"Buy things that you know," advised Nesheim. In response, some

thought Disney would be a good investment. "Especially with Frozen II coming out," noted Olivia Sass.

"Amazon is always a good buy with so many buying online," stated Nesheim. "But you have to realize it's gonna go up and down - like Amazon is down three dollars already."

"I would have loved to invest in Amazon 10 years ago," admitted Nesheim.

Amazon, Nike, Under Armour, Apple and Netflix were common investments among the group. When asked if UPS and Fed Ex were good investments, going along with the online shopping craze, some students stated 'not so much' and that in many places Amazon has their own drivers who make deliveries.

"It's shocking how much money you can make by giving your money to somebody and taking it back later," stated Charlie Spieker.

For example, "I just got rich," exclaimed Nesheim.  
**Stock market**  
(continued on page 12)

## All State Chorus has been selected at C.H.S.

All State Chorus members have been selected at Clark High School. In the music room at the piano are, Martyna Shape, soprano; Heath Hemmingson, tenor; Chad Kolden, bass and Jessica Temple, alto.

Alternates chosen for the performance are Emma Rahm, Sarah Weisbrod, Fiona Kohrs and Hudson Fuller.

The South Dakota All State Chorus and Orchestra will perform this year on Saturday, November 2 in Sioux Falls at the Denny Sanford Premier Center. The students leave on Thursday evening and have two full days of practice before the 7:00 p.m. performance on Saturday evening.

Dr. Andrew Last, Associate Professor of Music at

Luther College in Decorah, Iowa will be the guest conductor. Dr. Last is part of a vibrant choral program at Luther College that includes a four choral faculty and over 500 singers in six choral ensembles. He is a frequent clinician and guest conductor around the United States and abroad.

Selections they will be singing are: 'Great God Almighty'; 'Sing, My Child'; 'The Creation'; 'Portones Abiertos Y Rostros Brillantes' and 'The Pasture'.

They will join with the All State Orchestra in performing the songs: 'The Star Spangled Banner'; 'A Mighty Fortress is our God' and 'Five Mystical Settings - Antiphon'.

Amy Nelson is Clark's Pre-k-12 vocal director.

## Cold and snow forecast for Clark County area

As the Clark County Courier goes to press Tuesday afternoon, the temperature is in the mid 60's and frost has not occurred to this point.

That is all going to change abruptly. The warm air currently in place will clash with cold, Canadian air behind this system.

The precipitation, along with wind and below normal temperatures will arrive Thursday, becoming more expansive into Friday. The low Thursday night is forecast to be 28" and the high on Fri-

day, 30". These numbers will stick around through the weekend with highs scheduled into the 40's by midweek.

"The combination of increasing wind and snow may make for poor visibility and slippery and dangerous travel for a time in the eastern parts of the Dakotas to a portion of western Minnesota to end the week," according to AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist Alex Sosnowski.

"Some of these areas are likely

to experience 40-mph winds and visibility under one-quarter mile in snow for several hours which reaches or exceeds the criteria for a blizzard," Sosnowski said.

This will be the first snow of the season for most in the region, whether or not blizzard conditions develop.

The growing season will have ended by the next newspaper edition. 2019 could be a challenging harvest.



## 'Candy' was the 2019 Clark Homecoming theme

'Candy' was the theme for the 2019 Homecoming at Clark. Students had fun with extra colorful floats and colors and playing with words and catch phrases for treats familiar to one and all.

The kindergarten class began the parade sporting multi-colors and big 'S's on their shirts. 'Cyclones will taste the Victory' earned them first place honors in the elementary walking division. Second grade with - 'The Cyclones are Red Hot' won second place in that category.

Middle school winners were: first place - seventh grade with 'Chew up the Coyotes' and second place was

sixth grade with 'Clark will 'Rolo' over the Coyotes'.

In the high school category - first place was the sophomore class with 'Willy Wonka - Cyclones have the Golden Ticket' and second place - the juniors with 'The Cyclones will DoMintate'.

Over 25 entries were in the commercial division. Clark Family Dental earned first place with 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory', Dacotah Bank earned second and Duenwald Transportation earned third place in the parade with the second and third place floats honoring 'Skittles'.