



THE CHARGER

Many classic books worth the effort



Emma Alderman | news editor

Books are categorized as classics on the basis that no matter when you read it, the book will always be relevant.

Some of the most commonly known classics are “To Kill a Mockingbird” and “Of Mice and Men,” mainly because they are both taught in high school English classes. Though most classics are widely known, people still tend to be hesitant to read them. Some classics can be very beneficial to read though—that’s what makes them classics. They have stood the test of time and continue to do so.

People tend to think that classics are stuffy and boring as well as hard to read. While the language can be a little hard to get used to at first, the books still have tons of value. Lots of classics touch on important topics such as racism, gender equality, social norms, and so much more, and they do it in ways that will keep them relevant for years to come.

To Kill a Mockingbird is a great example of a book that was relevant when it was written, is relevant today, and will continue to be relevant for a long time. It has its own unique way of addressing racism and is a key read for all people.

Pride and Prejudice is another example of a book that has successfully stood the test of time. It discusses the expectations society put on a woman in the 1800s and it is very easy to see similarities with our society today—such as how a woman’s reputation was all she had back then and the fact that our society today tends to put a lot of stock in a woman’s reputation.

I just finished reading Pride and Prejudice and I’ll admit it was a little hard to read at first. After a couple of chapters it went a lot smoother. The main issue was that it was a little hard to understand because of the outdated language, but after I got used to it, it was just like reading any other book.

Overall, I think everyone should read a least a couple classic books in their lifetime. If you’re having trouble figuring out which one to read though I suggest either doing some research or talking to a teacher. They’ll be able to recommend one that is about subjects you’re interested about or is just an amazing book for any person.

HOT TAKES | WINTER SPORTS FINISHING STRONG

WINTER SPORTS WRAPPING UP

Wrestling finished another strong season with two state placers and boys basketball got its first playoff win since 2017. Girls also advanced to the second round of substate.

TEACHERS GETTING VACCINATED

It’s great that some USD 329 staff members are finally getting vaccines, and we look forward to the time when we can all get vaccinated and get back to normal. Most students won’t be eligible for quite a while, but we can finally see a light at the end of the tunnel.

STUDENTS COMPETE ONLINE

Last week journalism students competed in regional competitions online, and FFA judged meat virtually as well. Groups like scholars bowl, FCCLA and FBLA have also participated in online competitions this year. So far the competitions have gone well, and we are glad that organizations have found a way to adapt rather than cancelling competitions because of COVID concerns.

JUNIORS TAKE ACT

The junior class, as well as juniors across the state participated in the ACT Tuesday morning. It’s great to have the opportunity to take the test during the school day, without travelling, and without paying for the first attempt. Some students opted to take the Workkeys assessment instead, which they took Wednesday.

SPRING SPORTS BEGINS

Although some winter sports are still wrapping up this week, Monday marked



Junior Cade Oliver shoots a three during the Chargers 52-23 win over Rossville February 22. The boys defeated Kansas City Christian 68-45 Monday night to advance to the second round of substate. They face #1 seed Jefferson County North at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Mission Valley. The girls traveled to Kansas City Christian Monday night for their first round matchup. Photo by Kendyl Bolinder.

the beginning of spring sports (baseball, softball, track). Except for one week of practice last season, it’s been almost two years since we got to hit the track and fields. Look for previews of spring sports after spring break.

STUDENTS ELECTED TO STATE OFFICES

On Monday, junior Kaelyn Conrad was elected Vice President of Public Relations for state FCCLA and Sydney Holthaus, Jacob Meseke and Kara Hafenstine were selected as peer education members. We love to see Chargers in leadership positions.

SPRING BREAK ALWAYS WELCOME

It stinks that travelling and other activities are mostly off the table for spring break, but

everyone is at the point of the school year where their brains need a break. We’re hoping for some decent weather so we can recharge for the last quarter of the year.

AREA GIRLS WIN INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING TITLES

Several area girls brought home state wrestling titles, including Rossville’s Kendra Hurla, Mission Valley’s Hope Blake and Council Grove’s Jolie Zeigler. It’s great that KSHSAA finally elevated girls wrestling to a varsity sport, and we’re hoping some Wabaunsee girls take to the mat in the future.

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Students enjoy streaming video games on Twitch

Emma Frey | editor in chief

If gaming isn’t exactly your specialty but you still enjoy video game content, watching live streams of gameplay might be right up your alley.

According to Twitch’s website, “Twitch is the world’s leading live streaming platform for gamers and the things we love. Watch and chat now with millions of other fans from around the world.” Twitch is a live streaming service for multimedia entertainment, similar to YouTube, but the restrictions are far more lax. The content on Twitch ranges from gaming to things like bands practicing.

The Charger talked to a few of our students who participate in streaming. Juniors Jacob Daley, Justin Carlson, Brady Bayless, and Richard Wagner all hold their own streams.

What do you stream on Twitch?

Jacob: I personally play games with friends but you don’t have to play games constantly.

Justin: Live stream your gaming to others.

Brady: I make gaming videos.



Junior Richard Wagner, Raginwagner, streams “theHunter Classic” on Twitch. He said he enjoys it so much he streams nearly daily.

Richard: I stream from the gaming side of Twitch.

What games do you stream?

Jacob: I usually stream “Valorant” or “Rainbow: Six Siege.”

Justin: I stream “Apex Legends” and “Rainbow: Six Siege.”

Brady: I mainly stream “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare” but I also stream “Fortnite.”

Richard: “Apex Legends” most frequently as well as other first person shooters and RPGs like “Skyrim” and “Fallout New Vegas.”

Is there potential to make money doing this?

Jacob: There’s lots of potential to make money, it just depends what you do.

Justin: If I was good maybe.

Richard: There is potential to make money off of this, once I hit certain goals I can begin to monetize my streams.

How often do you stream?

Jacob: I try to stream on weekends, but I’ll only stream if I’m playing with friends.

Justin: Whenever I feel like it.

Brady: I stream almost every

2 wrestlers place at state

Jacob Meseke | sports editor

The wrestling season ended Saturday with two state placers. Senior Derek Wallin placed 5th and senior Eli Mumpower placed 6th.

In his first round, Wallin was pinned by Beloit wrestler Tate Kadel. Kadel would go on to place 3rd. In the blood round, Wallin defeated Hill City’s Ayden Nickelson 5-1. Wallin was pinned in the next round by Andrew Hubert of Republic County. In the 5th place match Wallin pinned Wyatt Bird of Wellsville. Wallin defeated the state champ Brennan Lowe of Eureka last week in substate.

Wallin improved on his sixth place finish last year.

Mumpower was pinned as well in his first round by Aiden Amrein of Hill City. In the blood round Mumpower defeated Eddie Hanson of Rawlins County by decision 6-5. Mumpower was pinned in the next round by Sam Twombly of Rossville. In the 5th place match Mumpower was pinned by Garrett Urban of Norton.

“I am very pleased with their performance this weekend,” said head coach Joey Heersche. “Having two state placers is always great. Derek and Eli always brought attitude and effort everyday throughout their career.

Wabaunsee Kids club also qualified two wrestlers to state. Talon Conrad placed first in his district and Kindin Miller placed fourth.

day 4-7 hours.

Richard: I stream nearly daily, I enjoy it that much.

How many viewers/subscribers do you have?

Jacob: I don’t keep track of how many viewers or followers I have, I’d prefer to not disappoint myself.

Justin: Like 10.

Brady: I have five subscribers and I average 5-6 viewers per stream.

Richard: I have 90 followers and average a small 1-3 viewers per stream, inconsistently.

Do you plan to continue streaming?

Jacob: I’d like to keep streaming, it can be fun sometimes.

Justin: Yeah, it’s easy.

Brady: Yes I plan to continue streaming because it’s fun.

Richard: I have no plan to ever stop, I do it for fun anyways, so why should I, ya know?

Where can we find your content?

Jacob: Triple_J_14 on Twitch

Brady: midshiftmoto on Twitch

Richard: Raginwagner on Twitch