



Cashion High School

# Cat Chat



March 2009

## Words for Wildcats

By: Mr. Garrison

February is the month in which school board elections are held. In this year's board race both Anita Robinson and Sharon Kadavy ran for their respective seats unopposed. In a school district that has a very involved and active community, I feel that this is not a sign of apathy, but rather a sign of great respect and trust in the judgment of these experienced board members. School board officers will be elected by a vote of the board members at the regular monthly meeting held in the auditorium on March 9, at 5:30 p.m.

February was also a much anticipated month as the school bond election was held on February 10. All school bond elections require a super-majority vote of at least sixty percent to pass. Once again, our patrons show confidence in the leadership of the school and a devotion to the students by passing the bond issue with nearly an eighty percent approval rating. This resounding support came even in spite of the tornadoes that were passing near the Cashion area on the evening of the election. On behalf of the Cashion Board of Education, the Cashion staff and the Cashion students, thank you for supporting our schools.

There is no doubt that we are facing adverse economic times in our state and around the country alike. Many of my superintendent colleagues advised that this would be a very difficult time to pass a bond issue which increases property taxes. They simply are not aware of the level of commitment and loyalty this community has to the school. The support of this bond issue will allow for a great deal of renovation and facility improvement that will take place over the next three years. Though the renovations will be difficult and time consuming, we look forward to our continued progress. The progress is necessary for growth and greatly appreciated. Furthermore the passage of this bond issue sets a great example of the importance and value of education in this community.

Thank you again for supporting our schools, our programs, and ultimately our students.

## BPA Holds Etiquette Lunch

Twenty-eight Cashion High School BPA members traveled to Stillwater on February 25 to attend an etiquette lunch hosted by OSU's School of Hotel and Restaurant Management. The lunch was held at Taylor's Restaurant on the Oklahoma State University campus.

Students learned proper etiquette for lunch and dinner functions. Through this experience they will be prepared for dining at the prom as well as dining with potential employers during a job interview. They were also educated about the Hotel and Restaurant major and potential careers.



Above: Brentney Maroney, Jessica Brunette, Stacy Maroney, and Jennifer Curry.

Below: Alycia Cavazos, Sarah Robinson, and Jordan LaFave.



# Secondary News

By. Mrs. Oard,  
H.S. Principal

Even before we wrap up this school year, the administrative team at Cashion Public Schools begins to plan for the future. Of course, a majority of that planning centers on next year. However, we also feel it is crucial to give students information that aids them in the long term planning for a high school diploma.

Mrs. Meagan Scott joined the Cashion faculty this year as our school counselor. Under her direction, we will be hosting a student orientation for this year's sixth graders (Class of 2015) from 6:30 to 7:00 PM in the auditorium on April 7, 2009 for parents and students. These students will have received enrollment forms during a classroom visit on April 6. While you will have the opportunity to ask enrollment questions, I will also be present to answer any other questions you might have regarding your child's transition to the high school setting. At that time, we will also share information concerning legislation and the receipt of an eighth grade diploma and high school diploma.

Later that same evening, we will be hosting the current eighth grade class (Class of 2013) and their parents. At 7:00 PM, we will continue to meet in the auditorium with a question and answer session for this age group. If you have

attended one of these sessions in the past but would like to hear the information again, please join us. We welcome all parents at school and recognize that the new legislation may be daunting the first time you hear it.

Gone are the days when simply attending school would earn a diploma. Students must garner twenty-four credits and pass four of seven End-Of-Instruction (EOI) exams. Students who enter ninth grade academically and emotionally prepared for these requirements will have little to worry about. It is our goal to begin preparing these students now for future success.

## FCCLA Parli Pro Team Heads to State

FCCLA will take their Parliamentary Procedure Team to State Convention on March 27 in Stillwater. Team members include Umar Sahi, Shantelle Christensen, Austin Hoffman, Isabella Picon, and Austin Albro. The students on that team received a high ranking at Regional competition and will now advance to State. Each participant received a 1<sup>st</sup> place medal.

FCCLA State Convention will take place on April 3. State Convention will take place at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City. After the convention ends, the Cashion Chapter will go to Frontier City with FCCLA chapters across the state. The park opens its doors to all State FCCLA chapters that evening to encourage FCCLA participation.

Thank you to everyone who ordered Valentine's candy grams from our FCCLA/Stucco Fundraiser! It was very successful. Thank you

again for your participation and patronage.

FCCLA Week was eventful and productive. Valentines for each student were made and put up in the High School and Jr. High for decoration. Dress up days added to the week. The recipients of the "Guess the Candy" contest were Staci May, Travis Copas, Cale Cochran, and Victoria Lopez. Find the Emblem was a great success and brought many through the doors that are not members. Raising membership is important and FCCLA week did expose students to its place as a student organization at Cashion High School.

## Hoggatt's Happenings

By Mrs. Hoggatt

Last month I shared with you about Phonemic Awareness, specifically addressing Spoken Words. This month I would like to address Written Words. The leap from talking to reading happens when a child starts to see how written letters stand for the sounds of speech. It's like a learning code. Take the word "ROCKET." The sounds you hear when you say "ROCKET" are represented by letters, or pairs of letters: R,O,CK, E, and T.

As young readers get better, they recognize words as soon as they see them. After all, you don't want them to have to figure out the words "the," "and," and "from" every time they have to read them. Another great bonus of knowing the rules of how written letters sound? When a reader sees words he doesn't know, he can use his knowledge of letters and sounds to figure them out.

Learning the rules of letter sounds takes lots and lots of practice.

You would think that it would be easy since there are only 26 letters in the alphabet! But sometimes “e” makes an “eee” sound and sometimes it makes an “eh” sound, and sometimes no sound at all! And there are exceptions to the rules too. Who would figure that “igh” makes a sound like “eye,” as in “high” and “sigh?” Young readers will spend a lot of time learning these rules and variations. All of this is called Phonics!

Teachers call this knowledge of how letters represent sounds “phonics.” Children can start learning about phonics at the very young age of four and even younger for some children. That’s when they start to pay attention to the letters and words in the books. They will learn a lot about phonics up through first grade. In second grade, they should know most of the phonics rules.

So how can parents help? Words are everywhere. Think of every kind of word as a chance to help your child become a better reader. Look for words on signs, maps, billboards, cereal boxes, money, and birthday cards. Point out words to your child wherever you see them. Say them out loud. Take the time to sound them out and show how letters and combinations of letters make sounds.

In closing, I would like to help spread the word of **three upcoming events**.

**1. A Very Important Reader is coming to our school for Family Reading Night on March 10, 2009 at 6:00pm. Meet Matthew Sanchez.**

Benny the Frog

By *Matthew Sanchez*

“What do you get when

you mix a little boy, a loyal dog, a rambunctious frog, a backyard, and a wish come true? You get a little boy named Benny who for one day, and one day only, will get to magically “jump, play, slide through the mud, and not have a care in the world.” Benny the Frog inspires a simple, yet valuable, lesson about life—don’t wait until it is too late to appreciate and cherish God’s gift of being who you are.”

We have a local author coming to the next PTO Family Reading Night on March 10, 2009 at 6:00pm. Matthew Sanchez is from Edmond, Oklahoma and has written a new book. We are excited that he is coming to our school to be a Very Important Reader. If you would like to pre-order his book we are selling his book out of the elementary office for the reduced price of \$5.00! Please join us for the Parent/Student Reading Night as it will be a special occasion.

**2. Test Preparation Meeting for Parents of Student in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade-March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30a.m. I will be having a “Coffee with the Principal.”**

Coffee with the Principal  
*with Ashley Hoggatt*

We will briefly discuss April Testing and how parents can help their students, in small ways, become successful on the Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test. This meeting is for parents of students in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Come and join me. I will be passing out test preparation manuals that will provide you the tools to increase your student’s achievement.

**3. Rookie Round-up-A time for future Pre-K and Kindergarten students**

**and their families to come to school and enroll for the 2009-2010 school year. April 4, 2009 from 9:00-11:00. You will receive more information about this event and the documents that you will need to bring with you in order to make enrollment a smooth process.**

Thank You so very much for your support of Cashion Public Schools.

Your Partner in Education,  
Ashley Hoggatt

## Students Enjoy Mock Trial

By: Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson’s 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> hour English II students participated in a mock trial in conjunction with the novel “To Kill a Mockingbird”. Each student was given a role to play in the proceedings. The case involved three defendants who allegedly started a fire which destroyed personal property and livestock along with killing an elderly couple who could not escape their home.

Like the trial of Tom Robinson in the novel, the students experienced what it is like to be part of something that despite the evidence presented, the outcome was to be in favor of those who were at fault.

Overall, the students found the experience to be insightful as well as enjoyable. The defense team of Justin Robinson, Chambers Clark, and Travis Hernandez was successful in defending against the state attorneys of Lauren Neece, Harley Hernandez, and Sierra Thorp. The jury found the defendants, played by Garrett Rother, Matt Osgood, and Blaine Roady, not guilty.

## Cat Chat March

By Mrs. Scott, Counselor

### Important Dates

**March 25 -8<sup>th</sup> grade health conference in Kingfisher**

**April 7<sup>th</sup>-Parent Night in the Auditorium for current 6<sup>th</sup> grade (6:30) and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (7:00) parents**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>-April 24<sup>th</sup>-Testing Window for the OCCT (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>-May 15<sup>th</sup>-Testing Window for End of Instruction Tests (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>-All school awards assembly- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade 1:30-2:30**

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 1:30-3:00**

## Modern Woodmen Fund-raiser for Cashion Schools a Success

Members of the Cashion Modern Woodmen of American camp (chapter) recently helped raise money for Cashion Schools sponsoring a basketball tournament.

The event, held on November 22, raised \$5045.15. This includes \$2,500 matched by Modern Woodmen's home office through the organization's Matching Fund program. The money will be used for Smart Boards and overhead projectors.

The Matching Fund program offers Modern Woodmen camp members nationwide, the chance to show their support of a community cause, organization or individual in need by partnering with community organizations and holding fund-raisers. Modern Woodmen matches money raised up to \$2,500. These fund-raising projects contribute more than \$6 million to community needs nationwide each year.

Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, today Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States. The organization's Cashion camp provides a number of volunteer services and social activities for local members.

## Kingfisher County Livestock Show Results

Grand Champion Barrow	Austen Evans
Reserve Grand Champion Barrow	Makalie Ogletree
Grand Champion Heifer	Brittany Fields
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer	Brook Fields
Grand Champion Doe	Andrew Perry
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Champion Spot Barrow	Caleb Cogburn
Champion Duroc Barrow	Cade Broadbent
Champion Hamp Barrow	Austen Evans
Champion Cross Barrow	Makalie Ogletree
Champion Berk Gilt	Jessica Male
Champion Maine Anjou Heifer	Brook Fields
Champion Commercial Heifer	Brittany Fields
Champion Shrop Wether Lamb	Grant Eaton

Reserve Champion Hamp Barrow	Brook Fields
Reserve Champion Spot Gilt	Lane Welch
Reserve Champion Chi Heifer	Kelley Marlow

### **Barrows making sale:**

1. Austen Evans
2. Makalie Ogletree
3. Caleb Cogburn
4. Cade Broadbent
5. Rylee Broadbent
6. Luke Broadbent
7. Baylee Broadbent
8. Tres Basler
9. Austin Mason
10. Hunter Mason

### **Gilts making sale:**

1. Jessica Male
2. Lane Welch
3. Cory Palmer

### **Wether Lambs making sale:**

1. Grant Eaton
2. Chambers Clark
3. Justin Robinson
4. Megan Adams

### **Doe Goats making sale:**

1. Andrew Perry

### **Heifers making sale:**

1. Brittany Fields
2. Brook Fields
3. Melissa Barry
4. Kelley Marlow

**22** total animals making the sale. Only 100 animals sold.