Pssst...

Plainview School
13997 County Road 71
Sheridan Lake, CO
2006-2007

THERE'S MORE
More to Life...
Movie at my house tonight.
Summer '08

Above: Byorn von Dressler and a friend stopped long enough to take a picture with an "invisible" pedestrian on the street. Left: Garret and Dave Crownover love their monster trucks. Right: Mr. Pape gets his picture taken at Yankee Stadium—one of the last games for the 85-year old ball park and an ending to a memorable trip to Boston and New York City.

Below: Shaneise Crow, Natalya Weber, Lauren Weber and Jordan Trujillo take a moment to pose for a quick picture while participating in Rebecca Gomez's quincinera.

Below: Joanna Specht worked for her dad over the summer and took her cousin Keaton on a tractor ride.
"My summer was really busy with my playing softball, working on 4-H stuff and working. But I always tried to find the time to goof off with my sisters or call my friends to go see a movie or hang out. :)

-Lauren Weber

Right: Kirbi Stum spent time in Denver attending the Heaven Fest.
Below: Kirby Crowner goofed around in the stores every chance she got.
Below Right: Jason Specht enjoyed the company of Alex Rodriguez over the summer.

Above: Lauren and Natalie Weber ponder what the coming school year will bring—either that or there is a bird in that tree that is simply mesmerizing.
Left: The high school and junior high cheerleaders attended the NCA Cheer Camp in Lamar.
Above: Jason Specht--engaging in one of his hobbies, chess, thinks intently about his next move while Bjorn von Dreesler patiently waits, planning his strategy. Right: Thomas Specht and Joel Lehman show who is winning in their chess match—one that looks like it might go on a while.

Left: Daniel Lehman plays quarterback on his team during P.E., demonstrating one of his favorite activities and showing why it is a rare occasion to see him without a football in his hand. Below: Most of the students at PHS enjoy reading. Bjorn von Dreesler is still trying to figure out how. Bottom: The 4-H kids enjoy their biking trip as they participate in the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon.

Above: Steven Chuma shows us his skills when it comes to his "hobby": basketball. Go, Chuma, you can make the shot! Below: Mr. Pape enjoys a hobby of sorts—reading to the elementary kids on Dr. Suei Day. Below That: Natalya Weber enjoys some quality time with her horse, Amy.
Prepare for Concession Stand.
Paige Specht is in the kitchen getting ready to feed patrons before, during, and after another game.

Coloring a Poster.
What's up, Kirby? "Uh...right now it's you." Kirby Crownover has her bucket of markers ready to go.

Shanese uses the latest in mirror technology to make sure every hair is in place.

Study hard, Vincent!

Do your hair.

No use hiding your smile, Bjorn.

Participate in class.
Natalya Weber talks over... I mean answers Mr. Pape.

Mariah Priddy spends a little part of her day smiling.

Leann Morris and Anna Froese do a little cooking.

Get Dressed!
Caynen Hansen poses in a cheer uniform before a home volleyball game.

Listen to music.
No student's life would be complete without it. Kirbi gives a goofy grin as he works and listens.

Deny the picture.
The camera is an everyday dilemma to some. Here Ryan Scott resourcefully uses his homework in order to avoid the paparazzi.

A Day in The Life of A Student
Top right: Who's the guy in the shades? Why, it's Mr. Pope (circa 1983) and his high school ride, a 1977 Ford Mustang. Right: Vincent with his '86 GMC Sierra. Below: Lauren loads on her 2001 Dodge Ram 1500. Far bottom: Kirby sits on his 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 after climbing a hill. Below right: One of Phil's new school buses, a ride which the majority of the students take to and from school.
Left: Joanna Specht tries on her daddy's hat...I think it might be a little big. Top: 'Are you talkin' to me?!' Kirby Stum looks slightly startled.
Right: 'Did you say candy?!' Kirby Crownover smiles big for the camera.
Far Top right: Lauren Weber seems awfully excited about something.
Far Lower Right: Kathy Specht and her mother wandering the garden.

Left: Garrett Crownover was ornery even at a young age—here he is sitting on some wicker chair talking away.
Far left: Mr. Pape at four and a half months—so it's official—Mr. Pape was cute at one time—and had a good hair day on February 15, 1965. All we can say is that apparently the sixties weren't all bad.
Bottom Left: Ms. Fees gets a little help from her dad as she is given her first lesson on fishing and no doubt correcting everyone's grammar even back then.
Bottom Middle: 'I didn't do it! Honest!' Vincent Koeller gives the camera an innocent look. Bottom Right: Bjorn von Dressler is excited about his afternoon snack.
"24 equals MC squared."
-Kaylee Wilson

"A closed mouth is what Garrett should have."
-Seth Splitter

"A friend in fire is a friend indeed."
-Kayla Wanderlingh

"Nick is not to blame for two people falling in love."
- Dennis Miller

"The only thing we have to fear is bigfoot."
-Jared Wanderlingh

"All is fair in school and recess."
-Nicholas Crum

"The road to school is paved with good intentions."
-Bobby Morris

"A penny for gumsticks."
-Hope Wagner

"Fourscore and seven months ago..."
- Eva Froese

This year the Journalism Class handed out surveys to the elementary students with instructions to fill-in-the-missing-word on some popular and some not-so-popular sayings. These are some of the humorous and interesting responses we received. We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we did.

"A drowning man is not bothered by taxes."
-Tim Lehman

Kids say the darndest things!
More to Know About Us... Most Likely To / Best

Most Likely To Marry a Celebrity
Daniel Lehman and Shaneise Crow

Best Dressed
Bjorn vonDressler and Joanna Specht

Best Singing Voice
Vincent Koeller and Joanna Specht

Best Looking
Bjorn vonDressler and Kirby Crownover

Best Personality
Kirbi Stum and JoAnna Beightsl

Best Manners
Daniel and Mercy Lehman

Prettiest Eyes
Daniel Lehman and Lauren Weber

Funniest Laugh
Garrett Crownover and Shaneise Crow

Best Grades
Vincent Koeller and Joanna Specht

Most Likely To Trip
Garrett Crownover and Lauren Weber

Most Competitive
Vincent Koeller and Natalya Weber

Best Hair
Bjorn vonDressler and Joanna Specht

Most Likely To Have More than 6 Kids
Jason Specht and Jordan Trujillo

Most Likely to be Bald by Age 30
Vincent Koeller and Lauren Weber

Most Likely To Be a Millionaire and Most Likely To Live Beyond 100
Jason Specht and Lauren Weber

Most Likely To Be
Kirbi Stom and Mikayla Schmidt

This year the Journalism class decided to conduct a survey to see how the students rated us. We asked students to give us their impression about who was either the most likely to do something—which was a new or in the future or who was the 'best' in some random category. These were the individuals cited the most in these categories.
Above: Athena Crum takes a break at the end of the slide.
Far Right: Ethan Foley drives the lane. Middle: Jacob Foley shows Kaylee Wilson he doesn't need a swing. At Right: Jennifer, Cameron, Ryan, and Leann play on the Teeter-Totter. Below (L-R): Stephanie, Nicholas, and Benji play on the tennis court and Gabbi, Elizabeth, Amber, Ky, and Rooney take a rest on the merry-go-round.

(L-R): Kayla gives the camera a goofy grin; Leann takes a break at recess; Bobby swings across the monkey bars; Olivia enjoys the break; and Gabbi gets a hug from Leann.
Elementary Playground Fun

Far Left: Lydia crosses the monkey bars. Middle: Alex, Benjamin, and Ky get ready to go down the slide. Above Left: Everyone lines up before going inside. At Left: Curiosity draws quite a few to watch a hole being dug. Below (l-r): Kaylee and Lydia see who can swing the highest; and Rooney, Benjamin, and Friends play in the white tire.

(L-R): Jacob and Nicholas play a little basketball during recess; Stephen dreams of playing for the Nuggets; and Jacob shows his climbing skills off to the rest of his classmates.
More To...

HOMECOMING

**Left**: Our homecoming king, (Jason Specht) queen, (Kirby Cownover) ring bearer (Rooney Fehr) and flower girl (Amber Kopasz) pose after Coronation.

**Top Right**: Kirby Cownover, Mikayla Schmidt, Natalya Weber and Joanna Specht laugh as they watch fellow teammate Lauren Weber trying to give a speech at the Homecoming pep rally.

**Left**: Junior royalty Shanelise Crow and Bjorn von Dressler smile for the crowd during the Homecoming ceremony.

**Far Right**: The winning Homecoming "team" during Homecoming activities shows how well they pose together.

**Middle**: "Leprechaun" Natalya Weber and "Cupid" Mikayla Schmidt showed their Homecoming spirit.

**Right**: Freshman JoAnna Bechtel and Junior Kirin Stump
Above: Lauren Weber watches as Mikayla Schmidt "blindly" puts makeup on the unsuspecting and understandably anxious JoAnna Beightel during freshmen initiation activities.

Top right: Joanna Beightel applies some blue eye shadow and is about to "brush up" on her makeup-applying skills with the help of a much too happy Mikayla Schmidt during initiation.

Right: Natalya Weber spits water into the cup, trying to help her team to be the first ones to make the ping pong ball float over the top of the cup.

Left: Natalya Weber shows off her new "look" to the Plainview faithful. Middle: Natalya Weber, Mikayla Schmidt, and JoAnna Beightel pose with their new friend—the dummy for the bonfire. Right: Mikayla Schmidt looks beautiful, doesn't she?
4-H Fair

Left: Stephen Wilson, Ryan Koeller, and Ty Wilson enjoy making cookies for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Far left: Zach Doyle and Stephen Wilson are waiting patiently to present their projects to the school. Left: The Sheridan Lake Livewires are proud of their award winning float.

Far left: Kaylee Wilson tells the other 4-H kids how to put the frosting on the cookies. Left: Zane Schroeder clowns around with his 'balloon' bowtie during the St. Patrick's Day luck.

Above: The 4-H kids present their projects—ranging from woodworking to cake decorating to "decorating their duds" to a captive audience in the school gym.

Above: Kara Wilson enjoys the cookies the 4-H kids just finished making—we hope she shared.

Above: Ryan Scott gets out the towel in order to get his fellow 4-Hers to work at the concession stand during the Kiowa County Fair.

Above: Stephen Wilson and his market swine.

Above: Vincent Koeller and his market swine.
Above: Jason Specht sits on Shanie Se Crow trying to kill her but at the same time save her shoes—trust us, that is what he is trying to do. Left: Shanie Se Crow, Natalya Weber, and Jordan Trujillo waiting for the bell to ring. Below Right: Garrett Crownover enjoying a good game of pool. Below: An empty "couch" in the student lounge means "nappytime" for Kirby Crownover.

Above: No comment. Below: Jason Specht, in this picture sequence, is enthusiastically demonstrating the proper way to check one's chicken before finally deciding that it's safe to eat.

Below Left: Daniel Lehman waits patiently for his turn to play pool. Below Right: Hurry! Kirby Crownover and Joanna Specht have to finish their homework for the next class—and the student lounge is just the place to get the job done.

Left: Garrett Crownover is telling one of his never-ending stories while other people want to eat. Below: Thank you to our lunch ladies Barb Wandering and Sharon Scott shown here cleaning up the kitchen after yet another day of feeding the students and staff of Plainview School.
The Student Council

Left: Is this movie ever going to start? The high schoolers need something to do.
Right: Garrett shows Vincent which song he should play next.

Below: The elementary enjoys the community barbecue whichsdj30 helps with.

Above: Vincent ponders: is this photo really necessary?

At the end of the Fall Fling attempt to play Twister.

Everyone seems to be very interested in whatever movie is playing. Garrett Crowner gets his pillow in place for the show.

The high school finally gets to go through the line at the community barbecue.
DANCES AND PARTIES

At Right: Jordan, Tequila and sister Shannon Crow attempt a line dance.

At far right: Bjorn and Lauren prove to be quite amusing as they dance the night away.

At right: Joanna and Mr. Pope are getting down at the Fall Fling proving once again that disco is indeed not dead.


At Left: Katelyn Wanderlingh and Alyssa Spliter get "funky" at the dance.

Pro's vs. Joe's

At Right: Kirsh Stum and Joanna Specht demonstrate the correct way to swing dance.

Far Right: Keaton Lang and Lauren Weber are poorly attempting something.

At Left: The whole gang attending the Fall Fling get together for a group line dance.

At left: Homecoming King and Queen Jason Specht and Kirby Crowner dance over the camera during their special "royalty rumba."

At right: Kirby, Joanna, and Jordan are singing to the tunes in the Knocks spirit of the evening during the Fall Fling.
Top row (l-r): Kirby models the "shorts and two-toned cowboy boots" look, while Bjorn shows off the very popular Aeropostale brand. Right: Steven shows off his brand-new painted nails, and Collin looks relaxed in his hoodie as he listens to music, a part of every student's wardrobe. Below (l-r): Amber shows off her wacky hair-do—"Early American Feather Duster"; Jason, Shaneise, and Joanna model their "stylish" plaid shorts; and Shay shows off her "Red" shoes.

Below (l-r): Jason seems to flaunt his "jersey and leather jacket" look for the camera, Kirby shows us the bottom of her boots, and Austin looks cool in his leather jacket.
General Words of Advice

- Brush your teeth and wear deodorant.
- "Do not laugh while drinking."
- "Engage your brain before opening your mouth."
- "Remember that unless you are home alone, someone else is watching."
- "Food comes before men. Be yourself."
- "Don't laugh with putting in your mouth."

Personal Experiences

- "I ran into a pole one time and had a big bruise on my head."
- "I fell off my ladder and broke my leg."
- "Once I ran into the wall during basketball practice for absolutely no reason."
- "I fell up the stairs and split my knee open."
- "I went to open a door and hit myself in the face with it."
- "I tripped up my front step."

This year the Journalism Class asked students and teachers what they would not recommend doing or eating. These are the results of the survey. We received many interesting responses. (The people in the pictures aren't necessarily the ones who made these klutzy moves; in other words, we have changed the faces and deleted the names to protect the "innocent.")

- Do not eat sauerkraut -- it's disgusting.
- "Tripe is not a good thing to eat. I tried it -- only one bite." Mushrooms are totally gross. "Squid... is not meant to be consumed, at least not by yours truly."
- Liver is the "grossest thing I've ever seen someone consume. It's nasty."
Elementary Fieldtrips... The Places We Go

Seth Spliter, Joel Lehman, Ryan Keoller, Zach Doyle, Benji Davis, and Stephen Wilson at the Sky Sox game.

Seth Spliter throws the ball to a fellow classmate outside the Sky Sox stadium before the start of the game.

Athena Crum, Dennis Miller, and Lydia Spliter appear to be trapped in a cage at the zoo.

Seth shows Joel what he found.

Kayla Wanderleigh poses with the giraffe.

Ryan Keoller tries to convince a Sky Sox player to part with a baseball to between innings— it worked!

Seth Spliter spins the Sky Sox prize wheel after the ballgame.

Ryan Keoller watches the action intently—hoping for a home team victory.

Ryan Keoller, Zach Doyle, Seth Spliter, and Stephen Wilson get ready to play catch before a Sky Sox game.

Mrs. Carney, Kayden Wisecr, Anna Fruen, Zane Schroeder, and Mrs. Lehman see something amusing at the zoo.
The Fairview middle, high, and high school went on a two-day field trip to the Great Sand Dunes National Park near Alamosa. While there we took in an alligator farm, a mushroom farm, and Fort Garland. We had a little bus trouble but all in all it was a great time—rolling down the sand dunes was a blast! They say a picture is worth a thousand words... so this page should be a real conversation-starter for anyone who went. Thanks to all who donated time, effort, and resources in order to make it possible—we greatly appreciate it.
More To Smile About...
Psst... There's more to come!
LAUREN Weber

Miss Fees

Class of 2009
Class of 2010
The Study Six

Shanese Crow
Vincent Koeller
Dan Lehman
Joanna Specht
Kirbi Stum
Bjorn von Dressler

Mr. Pape
Sponsor

Below: Jo looks amused at a pep rally. Below Middle: Daniel gives the camera the evil eye as he works on the sign. Below Far Left: Shay shows off her guns to the camera and the class. Below Mr. Pape: Kirbi threatens the life of the picture popper. Left: The Junior Class of 2010.
Above (l-r) Garrett is... being Garrett Page looks like she didn't like her drink very much. Amber sleeps and listens to music at the same time—film at eleven. Garrett gets ready to take a picture. Right: Krystle Chuma plays a game of pool during break. Far Right: Page Specht looks a little nervous before giving her speech. Bottom: Amber Frank is bored during another one of Mr. Pap's lectures. Bottom Right: Garrett Crowner tries to figure out what is wrong with his computer.
The Freaky Freshmen

Class of 2012

Sponsor
Mrs. Fackemacher

Collin
Holmes

Jo Anna
Brightel

Mercy
Lehman

Mikayla
Schmidt

Jordan
Trujillo

Natalya
Weber

Christy
Wagner
Post...We're On Our Way

The Seventh and Eighth Grade

Kimberly Ojeda
Austin Scott
Ryan Scott
Luke Specht
Sponsor Mr. Wilson

Dawn Brightel
Caynen Hansen
Joan Carlos Ojeda
Alyssa Splitter
Katelyn Wanderlingh
Sponsor Mrs. Crow 33
Clockwise from above: Cameron, Ryan, and Stephanie play on the teeter-totters with a friend; Seth gives the camera "the eye" as he gets ready to play baseball; Justin pauses at his locker; (small four pics) Jared, Timothy, and Stephen work hard at their desks, while Cameron seems very happy not to; Seth tries to block Stephen's shot; Ryan eyes his opponent as he walks across the court; and Ethan, Hope, Ryan and Stephanie get ready to play a game of basketball.
Left: Grant Specht holds the little pigs house, while Benji Davis continues acting out the story for the other classes.

Left: Kayla Wanderlingh stirs the fudge mix while Bobby Morris waits with great anticipation.

Left: Lydia Splitter boxe out fourth grader Stephen Wilson during the elementary basketball game, in hopes of helping her team score some points.

Left: Kaylee Wilson strikes a pose after showing off her amazing basketball skills in the Nuggets Challenge (which she takes 2nd in sections).

Left: Eva Froese and Jennifer Ojeda pause for the camera while at recess.

Above: Zane Schroeder shows off his "stunna shades" on the bus.

Left: Looking at his classmates, James Lehman enjoys his snack.

Above: Nicholas Crum looks at his teammates during the elementary basketball game.

Left: The second and third graders pose with their helper, Kirby Crownover, for a picture during the Plainview Community Barbecue.

Benjamin Davis
Jacob Foley
Anna Froese
James Lehman
Bobby Morris
Leann Morris

Kayla Wanderlingh
Kaylee Wilson
Nikolas Crum
Eva Froese
Dennis Miller
Jennifer Ojeda

Zane Schroeder
Grant Specht
Lydia Splitter
Bryce Wagner
Ms. Greenfield
Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Top left: Savannah Stum works hard at her desk.
Top middle: Rooney Fehr colors in a worksheet.
Top right: Amber Kopaz pauses a moment to find the right answer.
Left: Mrs. Carney's class working hard.
Right: Alex Schmidt diligently works out a problem.
Below left: Dakota Miller and Elizabeth Freese are determined to get their work done before recess.
Below right: Japheth Frey puts his heart into his lesson.
Below right: Mrs. Carney's class listens for more instructions.

Athena Cooper, Japheth Frey, Dakota Miller, Kayden Moore, Alex Schmidt, Olivia Speck, Benjamin Spieker, Savannah Stum, Andrew Wagner

Rooney Fehr, Cabin Fehr, Elizabeth Freese, Amber Kopaz, Ky Kervin, Mrs. Carney
Top left: Ty Wilson laughs during story time. Top middle: Kyndal Moznek plays with Sex the Fox.
Top right: Mrs. Kraft plans for tomorrow's lesson.
Left: The pre-schoolers listen to a story.
Right: The boys get ready to read a good book. Bottom left: Cony Stew helps Ashley Miller.
Bottom middle: All of the pre-schoolers get their hands dirty and have fun at the same time.
Bottom right: Kyndal Moznek and Ashley Miller play dress-up with Kyndal's grandma.

Ashley Miller
Kyndal Moznek
Cony Stew
Justin Wagner
Ty Wilson
Mrs. Kraft
Awww... Remember This?
Those Who Strive To
Make Us More...

Jan Carney
Kindergarten/1st Grade

Mr. Gary Coulter
Superintendent

Jennifer Crow
Business/Computer/FBLA

Kathy Fees
English/Spanish/Newspaper

Brenda Pickenscher
Science/JH PE/Coach

Susan Greenfield
2nd/3rd Grade

Marvin Hamilton
Math/JH Reading

Linda Hamilton
Title 1 Reading Instructor

Cheri Hopkins
4th/5th/Aux/Administrator

Tim Kraft
Pre-School

Thomas Pape
Social Studies/Yearbook/Reading

Jay Wilson
PE/Coach/Shop

Sharon Wilson
Counselor

Garold Daines
Maintenance/Bus Driver

Zelpha Daines
Bookkeeper/Bus Driver

Katherina Feir
Custodian

Sharon Scott
Assistant Cook

Barb Wanderlich
Head Cook/Bus Driver

Taking Time
To CARE
Mrs. Fokenscher is happy that one of her students found the right answer.

Mrs. Kraft reads Dr. Sue to her students.

Sharon Scott flashes a smile while watching a volleyball game.

A rare photograph indeed: Mr. Pope teaches the day’s lesson without a tel.

Mrs. Wilson looks as if she is warming her hands over the fire in the cafeteria. What she is actually doing probably involves one of her children.

Mrs. Crow attempts to help one of her students with a computer problem.

Mr. Wilson is about to throw the ball he holds in his hand at the photographer, while his son Ty has his sights set on something else entirely.

Ms. Fees doesn’t seem very happy about the homework she is correcting.

Mrs. Hopkins and Mr. Hamilton hand out awards to junior high and elementary students at the end of the school year.

Ms. Greenfield watches Benji Davis as he stirs up something delicious in the kitchen.
Ch. 6 Review
Due Today

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The Languages We Speak

English and Spanish

Top (l-r): Mercy Lehman shows off a rare smile in Ms. Fees' room. Paige Specht laughs at the story she's reading; Lauren Weber ponderes whether or not she has the right answer; the Spanish I class collects candy after breaking their pinatas. Top Right: Mikayla, Mercy, and Jordan have fun breaking their pinata. Above: Bjorn works while Garrett stares down the camera man. Fur left: Ms. Fees takes a picture of one of her many classroom activities. Left: Joanna works on homework and Bjorn laughs at something that was said.
Top Left: Amber takes a break to glare at one of her classmates. Vincent 'Robot Eye' Koehler takes pictures. Joanna Beighdel works on one of her pages and Joanna Specht gets yet another picture. Above Top: Mr. Pape seems to be praying that the yearbook gets done before July. Above: Kirby perfects one of her pages. Above Right: Vincent Koehler searches for the right cd while Bjorn takes a nap. Far Right: Lauren is intently working on her page. Right: Kirby looks at the camera before sitting down to get to work.

Advisor: Mr. Pape
Editors: Vincent Koehler, Joanna Specht, and Lauren Weber
Staff: JoAnna Beighdel, Steven Chama, Kirby Crownover, Amber Frank, Daniel Lehman, Jason Specht, Kirbi Stum, and Bjorn von Dreeoler.
At Left: "Say 'ello to my lil'friend!" Joanna Specht shows us "Pebblez"--her favorite classmate. Below: Mikayla Schmidt smiles right along with the frog's head she has just dissected. Below Left: The frog before it was decapitated. Below Right: Vincent Koeller displays his engineering skills in designing a rollercoaster. Bottom Left Cutouts: Vincent's "windcar"--all he has to do is talk and off it goes! Freddy the Frog has seen better days--no thanks to the "blue-gloved one."
At Right: Garrett Crownover answers questions about his light and sound science fair project that went to state.
Below: Plainview was well-represented at the Regional Science Fair in Lamar.
Bottom: Justin Rodriguez demonstrates what happens when root beer is combined with mentos.
Bottom Right: Caynen Hansen shows off his science fair board and the certificate he was awarded for his experiment in "june musak" (music made from junk).

Austin Scott and liquid nitrogen.
Joel Lehman demonstrates gravity.
Kirbi Stum and his hovercraft.
Thomas Specht tests his hypothesis.

...test, measure, demonstrate, explain, gather, construct...
**Computers 2008-09**

**Above:** Kirby Crowner looks on the web for information.

**Above Left:** Natalya Weber attempts to protect her identity—hence the hand blocking her face—while working on the computer—while at the same time Mikayla Schmidt peeks over hers. **Above:** Mrs. Crow patiently answers on of her students' inquiries. **Left:** Bjorn Von Dressler looks to have trouble with his computer.

**Above:** Shay is kicked back and enjoying computer class.

**Right:** Page Speight works hard on her assignment in computer class... or is she just playing games—the world shall never know. Our guess is that she is working.

**Below:** Garrett Crowner poses for the picture as if to say, "This computer stuff is so easy," while Summer Crow has that "I'm not a computer wizard" look. Kirby Stum, on the other hand, either grew a huge beard or that's just the back of his head—we're guessing it's the back of his head.

**Above:** Mrs. Crow works hard on the PHS website, which looks GREAT!
**Group Activities**

FBLA competed in the district competitions this year; and Lauren Weber, Joanna Specht, Kirby Crownoover, Vincent Koeller, and Garrett Crownoover made it on to State.

**FBLA Members**


"FBLA this year went great. The whole group had fun and a few of us even made it to State Competition!"

—Vincent Koeller
Hey... Run For Your Lives!

High School Shop

Anna Vincent cuts some metal while Kirk looks on.

For Left: Rynn uses the iron welder.

Left: Mr. Wilson instructs Tamma on how to use the iron welder. Below: Tamma attempts to weld a piece of metal. Middle: Kirk, Tamma, and Mr. Wilson stand down the roof of the main他又叠料. Middle: Left: Vincent makes a door frame. Bottom Left: The shop shows their accomplishment of arc welders and wire welders - the brand of the welder is sold. Tamma (arc welder), Kirk, Tamma (wire welder), and Mr. Wilson and Rynn.
Junior High Shop & Life Skills

Below: Alyssa Splitter and Katelyn Wanderlingh celebrate their success with the dreaded "ty-dye shirt-making" project.

Above: Thomas Specht and his introduction of a new piece of gymnastics equipment: the pommel stool.

Above: Mr. Wilson does his best to get away from the little gray mouse. (Just kidding)

Above: Mr. Wilson attempts to figure out whether or not his junior high students' shop projects are going to work.

Right: Eureka! Caynre Hansen figures out what the little marks mean on the ruler. Bottom: (Left to Right) Mrs. Fickenscher cleans up after a successful project in Life Skills class; Dee Dee Beightel models the latest lab attire—a lovely white apron with the signature light blue plastic glove; Mariiah Friddy flashes a smile as she begins the task at hand; and Mr. Wilson helps Austin Scott measure something in the shop before cutting it.
Clockwise from above: Vincent, Jason, Paige, and Joanna get ready for the next question; the team works hard on the written test; Joanna "chills" before the next round; Vincent ponders the answer in his head; Garrett "rocks out" to some music between rounds; Joanna shows just how "bright" she is in the picture; and the regional champion / state third place knowledge team (l-r): Joanna Specht, Paige Specht, Jason Specht, Coach Ruth Fees, Vincent Koeller, and Garrett Crownover.
Far Above: The high school knowledge team.  
Clockwise from above: Austin and Caynen look a little perturbed; Alyssa thinks "Duh, I knew that"; Austin, Caynen, Alyssa, and Ryan look at the camera during the round; Caynen looks impressed at their victory; The team glares at the camera; Austin converses with his team during the written round; the junior high knowledge team following a victory (l-r): Alyssa Splitter, Ryan Scott, Caynen Hansen, and Austin Scott.
More Than Just A Game...
Practice @ 3:00
Lauren Weber

"VOLLEYBALL is a lot of fun! I was good to pick up the pace and compete even better towards the end of the season. I'll really miss it next year!"

Kirby Crownover

"I really enjoyed this season and I'm going to miss playing with the girls next year!"

Joanna Specht

"I had a great time this season. We improved a lot throughout the season and I am looking forward to next year! We will miss Lauren and Kirby through!"

Paige Specht

"I am looking forward to next year and we will miss our seniors! Bump, Set, Spike! Hit the floor!"

Natalie Weber

"A team that sweats together stinks (sticks) together!"

Mikayla Schmidt

"Volleyball was a lot of fun this year. Can't wait for next year!"

Coach Jay Wilson

"We saw the ball. We bumped the ball. We spiked the ball. It was a very fun team to be around—lots of hustle and heart."

Assistant Coach Tom Pape

"This team was fun to watch—they went after every point and improved with every game. I was proud of their effort. "
Far Left: Mikayla Schmidt takes her turn at serving.
Far Left Bottom: Natalya Weber sets the ball, hoping for a killer spike.
Left: Natalya Weber watches and waits for the ball to come over the net.
Below: Paige Specht gets low, ready to receive a spike. Below Right: Joanna Specht spikes the ball.

Left: Kirby Crownover stays down and ready in anticipation of the next pass. Above: The team takes a breather while waiting for the next match. Right: Lauren Weber puts up a set for the hitters. Below: The team lines up before the game to wish Rads good luck.

This was my favorite team to be on in my four years of volleyball. I love how we worked together and improved to reach our goals. I'll miss it in college!

-Lauren Weber
High School Football

**Top Right:** Bjorn von Dressler tackles a Wiley Panther on his way to what he thought was a touchdown. **Right:** Dustin Bohlander ends his run leaning forward and ready to knock any defender on their back who tries to stop him. **Below:** Senior Dustin Bohlander is leading the Bobcats on the field after halftime. **Bottom:** Junior Daniel Lehman stops a Wiley running back in his tracks on his way to another tackle.

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**Across the Bottom, Left to Right:**
1. The defense of the Bobcats tries to stop the run.
2. Daniel Lehman gets ready to sack the Holly quarterback.
3. Bjorn von Dressler makes the catch over two Holly defenders.
4. Tyson Thrall and Cody Baker converge on a Springfield running back as he is tackled out of bounds.
5. Jason Specht clears the way for quarterback Tyndan Marquez as he gets ready to turn up the field.
6., 7., and 8. Bjorn von Dressler and Jason Specht get off the line quickly in hopes of making a key play on offense, while Daniel Lehman finds a seam in which to rush the quarterback.
9. Wideout Jason Specht runs onto the field to start the game.
10. Bobcat quarterback Traegon Marquez gives the next play to his teammates in the huddle.
The 2008 Granada Bobcat Football Team.

Back Row (left to right): Assistant Coach Carlos Huerta, Christian Dulac, Cody Harris, Cody Baker, Riley Widener, Jason Specht, Tyson Thrall, Tyndan Marquez, Bjorn von Dressler, Eric Galan, Assistant Coach Manuel Gonzales, Jr., Head Coach Manuel Gonzales, Sr. Middle Row: Brady Rink, Jose Dominguez, Leo Dominguez, Kyle Hartshorn, Dustin Bohlander, Michael Ortiz, Aaron Vega, Chris DeLeon, Daniel Lehman, Bottom Row: Manager Brian Gonzales, Manager Tanner Grasmick, Traegon Marquez, Tony Esquivel, Juan Morales, Chris Pizarro, Manager Antonio Huerta, and Manager Kolby Palmer.

Below: The Granada Bobcats offensive line and quarterback Tyndan Marquez get ready to roll over the Walsh Eagles. Right: Jason Specht runs a route and is ready for the pass to come his way.

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Overall Record:
8 wins; 5 losses

Above Left: Natalyn Weber practices her free throws against Coach before the big game. Above Right: Joanna Specht goes up for a layup in the District game against Kait Carzon. Right: Lauren Weber makes a move to the inside.
Top: Mikayla Schmidt plays defense against Eads.
Middle: Joanna Specht goes for the tip in a game against Lamar while Kirby Crowner and Nat Weber are ready to 'get it and go'.
Left: Joanna Specht shoots free throws after a foul. Far Left: Paige Specht shoots free throws. Left Bottom: Kirby Crowner drives to the rim.
This year the Plainview Hawks fell just short of having a high school boys basketball team. The boys who really wanted to play basketball decided to walk across to Granada and play for the Bobcats. Granada had a very successful season, eventually placing third in 1-A in the state of Colorado. The boys who traveled to Granada for the entire season were Jason Specht and Vincent Koeller. Bjorn von Dressler, who spent most of the season recuperating from an injury, was able to join Jason and Vincent for the end of the season. The boys had a great time this year.
Far Left: Vincent Koeller takes the ball to the basket. Left Top: Traegon Marquez dribbles, looking for an opening. Left Bottom: Bjorn von Dressler gets ready to rebound after the free throw. Below: Tyson Thrall jumps over and around his defender in order to get to the rim. Below Left: Under intense pressure from the defense, Bjorn von Dressler looks for an open team mate.

Far Left: Bjorn von Dressler shows that free throws are all about form as he lets one fly. Above Middle: Vincent Koeller takes a shot from the paint. Left: The Granada team before the long trek to state in Greeley. Above: The Bobcat team after placing second in the district competition held at the Lamar Community Building.
PLAINVIEW
TRACK


Below: Natalya Weber did well in long jump this year.
Middle Left: Joanna Specht was one jump from going to state in the high jump. Middle Right: Paige Specht throws the shot put. Right: Shaneise Crow runs the first leg of the 4X100m. Right Side Top: Shaneise Crow throws discus. Right Side Bottom: Bjorn Von Dressler works up speed in the long jump.
Above: Mr. Wilson and Mr. Pape watch the events unfold. **Upper Left:** Shaneise Crow runs in the 4X100 meter relay. **Left Center:** Mikayla Schmidt sprints her hardest. **Left:** Collin Holmes runs for distance. **Far Left Center:** Paige Specht, Shaneise Crow and Mikayla Schmidt sprint the 100 meter dash. **Far Lower Left:** Kirbi Stum and Steven Chuma consistently placed well in their one mile and two mile. **Lower Left:** Bjorn von Dressler gets a good start in his race.

At Left: Kirbi Stum runs at the state meet in Jeffco Stadium in Denver. **Above Middle:** Mikayla Schmidt and Mercy Lehman sprint the 400m. **Above Right:** Bjorn von Dressler sprints his 400m. **Above Right Cutout:** Daniel Lehman speeds around the track.
This year Plainview had one student, Vincent Koeller, travel to Granada to play baseball. As luck would have it, this was Granada’s year to shine and Vincent got to be part of the state champion baseball team. Left Group of Pictures Clockwise from top left: Christian Dulac fires a pitch, Chris DeLeon gets ready to strike out a batter, Nathaniel Adame stands ready, Vincent Koeller gets ready for any ground balls, Jose Dominguez fights the sun, and Chris Pizzaro is ready for anything that comes his way. Right group of Pictures Clockwise from top left: Riley Widener gets ready to hit the ball, The Bobcats celebrate after taking the state title, Dustin Bohlander gets directions from Coach Hopper, Tyndan Marquez is ready to make the play, Tyson Thrall takes a good cut at a pitch, Leo Dominguez gets ready for whatever happens, and the 1A State Trophy.

"High school cheerleading was bittersweet this year. We lost one cheerleader at the beginning of the season and another later on. But the three remaining girls held fast and kept their spirit up, supporting the Hawks' teams.

- Fees

"Loved it, Miss Fees is the best coach ever!"
-- Jordan Trujillo

"I loved this year, but I'm gonna miss Kirby Ann!"
-- Shanese Crow

'I really enjoyed my four years in cheerleading. It's given me MANY memories and I'm really gonna miss it next year!"
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Clockwise from far left: Mariah serves the ball; Caynen gets ready to rocket the ball over the net; Mr. Wilson and Mr. Pape give the team a few pointers during a timeout; The volleyball team back row (1–r): Caynen Hansen, Austin Specht, Coach Fickenscher, Ryan Scott, Seth Splitter, and Joel Lehman; Front row (1–r): Zach Doyle, Katelyn Wanderling, Mariah Priddy, Alyssa Splitter, and Thomas Specht; Coach Fickenscher gives her team a pep talk.
Junior High Basketball...Pass, Dribble, Shoot

Clockwise from Above: Caynen looks for an open teammate to throw the ball to on an inbound play. Luke overcomes the Cheyenne Wells defender to throw the ball to his teammate. Seth confidently takes the ball to the rim. Thomas passes the ball around the perimeter in order to look for a good shot. The basketball team (1-T): Seth Splitter, Coach Wilson, Stephanie Olida, Luke Specht, Mariah Priddy, Ryan Scott, and Thomas Specht. Not pictured: Caynen Hansen.

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Team Results

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Caynen Hansen
Mariah Priddy
Ryan Scott
Luke Specht
Thomas Specht
Seth Splitter
Far right: Caynen Hansen seems to be running on air as he strives for distance in the long jump. At right: Alyssa Splitter bends to get over the bar in the high jump.

Below far right: Thomas Specht and Mariah Priddy rest along the long jump pit.

Below right middle: Justin Rodriguez is determined to place.

Below: Joel Lehman pushes himself to the end.


Far right: Katelyn Wanderlingh gets ready to leap over the high jump bar. Middle right: Luke Specht launches the shot put into the air.

Right center: Ryan Scott (45) runs one of his specialties, the mile run.

Top right: Seth Splitter seems determined to leave it all on the track. At right: Mariah Priddy finishes her leg of the relay.
Far left cutout: All the cheerleaders show their spirit on the first day of school. At left: "I had so much fun, it was a blast!" exclaimed Katelyn Wanderlingh, one of the seventh-grade cheerleaders.

Below: Caught on camera during a routine, Alyssa and Katelyn work in sync during a halftime presentation.

Upper far left: Justin Rodriguez, sponsor Ms. Fees, Alyssa Spliter, and Katelyn Wanderlingh form the junior high cheer squad. Above: Alyssa and Katelyn.

At far left: Katelyn smiles as she tries to get her fellow classmate to show some spirit during a pep rally. Middle left: Katelyn and Alyssa clown around during a timeout on the sidelines. At left: "A.W.E.S.O.M.E. GO HAWKS, GO!", shouts Alyssa Spliter, the other half of the seventh-grade cheerleading team.
阻塞从左边：凯丝、凯丝，和罗尼追逐球。一个有力量的队伍：夏蜜·费利、阿登·南森、凯丝·温德利布格，和凯特·库茨为球而战。伊丝·费利打给左边的防守者：亚历克·舒米特等待传球。左边：博比·莫里斯试图阻挡杰克·费利的投篮。斯文森·斯通防守强的防守者：尼古拉斯·南森。斯通投进一个罚球，而塞斯·斯皮特尔观看。而提摩西·莱曼抱住，霍普·瓦格纳出来，而所有人都在为球而战。

左边到右边：瑞安·科勒快跑下球场来帮助他的团队得分。凯特·库茨展现了伟大的形势，而他投球。博比·莫里斯，凯特·库茨，奥莉维亚·斯皮特尔，以及另外两个球员都看住杰克·费利，他打给左边，而方悟着的球员在各种图片中，都被看作是克瑞·斯通和比恩·冯·德雷德尔。
"Pasti... Don't Forget Us!

Elementary Field Day

Goodwies from Top Left: Ryan Koeller runs hard to the end of his race; Denis Miller gets a hug from Leann Morris; Olivia Specht is happy to do well in her race; Gabby Foley sprits out her event; Leann Morris is close to the finish line; James Lehman runs hard during his leg of the relay; Hope Wagner looks determined to finish her race; members of the elementary track team taking a minute to relax; Lydia Spitter pushes herself to her best speeds; and Japheth Frey prepares to launch himself into the air during the long jump competition.

Below Left to Right: Seth Spitter leads his race; Stephanie Ojeda runs fast during her dash; Nicholas Crum listens intently to the starter's instructions; Amber Kopasz throws the softball and Andrew Wagner flies through the air during the long jump competition.
More to Come...
End of School
May 21

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Prom

Above: Kibi Stum, Shameise Crow, and Kyle Rodrigues dance to their favorite Spanish song.

Above: Mr. Pope shows off his "groove thing."

Above: Joanna Specht, Kyle Rodrigues, and Bobby Jo McClave take a breather.

Below: Prom king and Queen Jason Specht and Lauren Weber share the royalty dance.

"A Hollywood Moment"

Kirsi and Linda Hanz smile for the camera during the mother-son dance.

Mikele Schmidt watches the others dance during the father-daughter dance.

Prince Specht and Jay Specht share the father-daughter dance.

Keri Crawford poses during the mother-son dance with Stephen Guss.

Soren von Trelmber puts his tie while Lori Pizzino licks her dress.

Shanea Green saves her best to the last of the event.
Below: Jonathan Splitter shows a look of confusion while watching the others who are dancing.

Left: Bjorn van Dressler shows his "stunt shades.

Below: Senior Jason Specht is "bustin' his moves" with Alex Rodriguez.

Right: Senior Lauren Weber strikes "aww" at Keaton Lang.

"At right: Some of the partiers take a slight break.

Above: Lauren Weber, Kirby Crownover, Bobby Jo McClave, Isaac Wilson, and Bjorn van Dressler participate in a group dance.

Left: Bjorn van Dressler, Doug Weinrich, and Keaton Lang show off their moves. 2: Jonathan Splitter and Kiley Schmidt share a slow dance. 3: Wesley Jans and Katie Sanders nudge for the camera during a slow dance.

Right: All of the girls who attended prom continue the tradition of an annual prom garter picture.

Pics Splitter shows us what serving the mean dinner really does to him.

Jade Sporites stands solo and watches the others dance the night away.

Kyle Rodriguez and Bobby Jo McClave pose for the camera.

Jadeen Vereen Koeller dances with Katie Sanders.

Jadeen Sporites looks a little confused, or maybe she's waiting again.

Kyle Bjorn is the night jester at Prom.
What We Leave Behind: Senior Wills and Prophecies

Wills

J. Lauren, being of sound mind and body, do the following: Steven: a cousin porque does not then blow away at truck Vincent: the ability to relax more and to stay off of Mr. Pape's blacklist. Bowl: my ability to jump in basketball and to take longer strides when you're running. Kirb: my ability to read German, so I don't need to translate all of your e-mails for you. er: my ability to stay quiet...we can't get that to shut up. Lauren: my ability to be on time. Mickey: my lucky underwear - not really, but I think you know what I mean. Steven: my running skills because everyone knows how slow Steven is. Joe: my ability to make a decent cup of coffee. SASCAR would be very good at that either. Also, my ability to survive life-threatening situations (LORDIE!). Lauren: my ability to look for his/ her appetite; AKA eat other people's food. J. Lauren: my ability to not kill teammates during basketball practice. Kirb: my ability to work the bestseller list including J. Would Care About What You Had To Say If You Made Me Breakfast First and Love Me, Fred: What We Leave Behind - More Fulfilling After Lunch. And her self-help books are great as well none better than her epic The Path to Happiness Begins With Chocolatees, So Shut Up and Give Me a Hershey Kiss. I detect a pattern here. Lauren and her sisters put a political roundtable on Sunday morning on FOX. Were Right and Left and Wrong and Here's Why. I'm hoping they invite me on someday.

Here's the twenty-five year bogus prediction regarding the Class of 2009. I thanked Kirb for the lovely conversation and told him that it was hard keeping up with him because he talks so fast. I love to come and end this reunion, if only to see some of those lost familiar faces. Oh, and don't forget the food.

Karen Crouser: being one of sound mind and body, will do the following: Stay: the job of protecting Karen and being dad's little girl when I am gone. Jackson: my ability to take care of the kid mom doesn't have to do all the time. Nai: the ability to buy even though you already do, but someone has to do it. Mr. Papercut: the ability for forty from the 1980's to play basketball. Jordan: the ability to call any daytime just to tell you "Babe, Babe, I'm breaking up with you." Mercy: my ability to be load outrageous and to scare the boys when we are hiding in the truck. Kirb: my ability to share Shay, but I demand that I have my wife when I'm home. Vinney: my ability not to procrastinate whenever possible; it could pay off sometimes. Page: my ability NOT to spank my ankle ten million times next year; you need me.

J. Lauren: my ability to run fast; I'm just kidding. I don't run fast. Anyway, and my ability not to hesitate because of someone's gorgeous gem of a personality. Daniel: son: the ability not to clothesline myself. Kirb: my ability to have my own journals. Lauren: my ability not to say there has. Jackson: my non-stopiness so you actually have to study.

Senior Prophecy: Remember Three's A Charm

If Mr. Pape...
First Row (1-r): Jason Specht receives the physics award from Mrs. Fickenscher; Joanna Specht gets up to receive her award; Mr. Hamilton gives Paige Specht the Algebra II award. Second Row (1-r): JoAnna Beightel receives her computer award; Paige Specht receives the English II award; Ms. Fees presents the knowledge team: Vincent Koeller, Jason Specht, Paige Specht, Joanna Specht, and Garrett Crowover.

Third Row (1-r): The high school track team; and Lauren Weber walks up front to receive her award as Miss FHS for 2008-09. Fourth Row (1-r): Jason Specht receives an award from Mrs. Wilson; Mikayla Schmidt receives a computer award; and Joanna Specht and Paige Specht carefully examine their awards. Last Row (1-r): Shanelle Crow receives her cheerleading recognition from Ms. Fees; Mr. Coulter addresses the crowd; Vincent Koeller prepares to receive one of many academic awards; Kirby Crowover receives her FBLA recognition; and Vincent Koeller and Jason Specht receive their knowledge bowl barn from Miss Fees.
Class of 2013
8th Grade Graduation

Clockwise from Top Left: The eighth-graders watch the proceedings. Kimberly Austin, Ryan, and Luke wait for graduation to commence. Joel Lehman and Katelyn Wanderling, whose sister is a high schooler, also attend the ceremony. The eighth-graders receive their certificates from school board vice-president Marvin Koehler. Kimberly receives her certificate. Kimberly processes as the eighth-grade graduates with her sponsor, Mr. Wilm. Kimberly Oslin, Luke Specht, Ryan Scott, and Austin Scott. Mr. Wilm presents the diplomas. Luke receives his certificate. Mr. Oslin presents Austin's certificate. Luke walks on the stage to receive his diploma. Mr. Wilm announces the first of the graduates and Austin walks in.
Congratulations Kirby on a job well done! Christy Stulp gives her speech about college and the future. Jason and his mom take a moment after graduation. Kirby delivers her salutatorian address to her class and the crowd. Lauren receives her diploma from school board president Jay Specht.

Clockwise from Top Middle: Lauren hands out flowers to loved ones; Lauren, Jason, and Kirby turn their tassels and become graduates. The seniors prepare to receive their diplomas; Kirby receives her diploma from Jay Specht; Jason receives his diploma and Jason delivers his valedictorian address to a very captive audience.

"Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice."
Left: The three seniors are very excited and can't wait for their plane to Florida!!!

Below left: Kirby Ann and Lauren pose by their birth year sign at Disney.

Below: Kirby Ann sits on the bathroom counter doing what she does best...talking on the phone.

Above: Lauren Weber and Kirby Crounover pose with the white and pink Crown Victoria during their day at Universal.

Above: Jay Specht enjoys his skinny underneath the shade at Disney.
Above right: Lauren Grace has finally found her "Knight in Shining Armor."

At right: Jason shows his muscles next to his birth year sign.
Below right: The class poses with their favorite sunglasses from the Daytona International Speedway.

Kirby Crounover is about to get into a NASCAR for the Richard Petty Ride-along, which is amazing!!!

Lauren Grace shows what happens when you pillow fight with Jason Specht.

Jason Specht shows his "big" catch while deep sea fishing.

"Sneak is a great way to end a wonderful senior year, and it's really the last moments with your classmates."

Above: The week brought a little bit of rain, but Lauren Weber and Kirby Crounover didn't let that affect their fun as they shared a poncho to stay dry!

Above left: Susan Specht and Jason Specht show little enthusiasm after a VERY early morning ride to the airport.

At left: Miss Fees rocks out while the others stand around the music memorabilia at the Hard Rock Cafe.

Night: Miss Fees, Lauren Weber, Kirby Crounover, and Jason Specht continue their "peace" style.
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Arizona Senator John McCain wins the Republican nomination for president and names Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate. Palin is the Republican Party's first female nominee for vice president.

Democratic Senator Joe Biden of Delaware becomes the 47th vice president of the United States. A member of the Senate since 1973, Biden brings long-time Washington experience to the Obama administration.

Politics in pop culture
Get out the vote!

Obama’s grassroots organization and innovative Web campaign is credited with inspiring young and first-time voters to participate heavily in the election.

The values, fashion and personal vitality of the Obama family resonate with Americans. Public interest in the first family rivaled that of the interest in the Kennedy family in the 1960s.
Barack Obama makes history as the first African-American to win the presidency of the United States. The former Illinois senator promises an era of change that captures the imagination of voters nationwide.

Electoral Votes
Obama 365
McCain 173

McCain/Palin run a strong campaign, winning 22 states. But they are defeated 53 vs. 46 percent in the general election and by a substantial margin in the Electoral College.

Celebrations around the world
In January 2009, president-elect Obama attends the ultimate power lunch in the White House, meeting and getting advice from President Bush as well as former Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

During the inauguration ceremony, Malia Obama captures the moment from a unique point of view.

Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States before millions in Washington, D.C. Obama’s inaugural address calls for a “new era of responsibility” in the face of economic decline and a pledge to choose “hope over fear.”

We have chosen hope over fear...
Stocks plummet as years of excess in the U.S. housing market and lax supervision of financial institutions contribute to the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.

Unemployment rate hits 16-year high in January 2009

With buying power declining in the consumer marketplace, companies nationwide are forced to lay off workers. The national unemployment rate hits 7.2 percent in December and is rising steadily. The hardest hit states are Michigan, Rhode Island, California and South Carolina.

Detroit's struggling "Big Three" automakers, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, request and are eventually offered a bailout package of just over $17 billion in December.
Many retailers are forced to file for bankruptcy or go out of business after being unable to rebound from the harsh economy and a very disappointing fourth quarter of 2008.

The world's "hot spots" center around the Middle East. Israel mounts a major offensive against Hamas in Gaza, the United States continues to oppose the Taliban in Afghanistan and insurgents in Iraq, and in August, Russia attacks its southern neighbor, Georgia, in a dispute over western influence in the area.

Support our Troops

In January 2009, after both engines fail due to ingesting birds, US Airways Flight 1549 ditched in New York's Hudson River. All 155 passengers and crew members are saved, thanks to the skill and courage of pilot Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger.

"Miracle on the Hudson"
Public bicycle sharing systems, already popular in Europe, roll into American cities like Washington, D.C., to help fight traffic congestion and reduce pollution.

Tight money and high gas prices push auto manufacturers to investigate super fuel-efficient and electric cars. The Chevrolet Volt is an early contender and the tiny "Smart" car is already on American roads.

Environmentally conscious consumers use items such as reusable cloth shopping bags and water bottles that don't leak harmful chemicals like BPA.
Brad Pitt launches the “Make It Right” project to build 150 green-sensitive new homes in the New Orleans Lower 9th Ward, which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Pitt contributes $5 million to the project.

In September, Google and General Electric partner to develop clean technologies. Modernizing the national electric grid to enable wider deployment of wind, solar and geothermal energy will be an early priority.

President-elect Obama asks all Americans to volunteer their time on the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, January 19, and to continue throughout the year. More than 12,000 service projects take place across the country.

The green cleaning movement gains momentum nationally as environmentally safe non-toxic cleaning products are used in many homes, as well as state and city institutions.

Environmentally friendly MacBooks

Courtesy of Apple, Inc.

Google and General Electric partner to develop clean technologies to enable wider deployment of wind, solar and geothermal energy.
The Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics showcase some of the most amazing performances in Olympic history.

American swimmer Michael Phelps makes Olympic history with eight gold medals. Phelps sets three world records in his five individual wins.

The Philadelphia Phillies win their second World Series with a five-game victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. The fifth game takes three days to complete after a rain delay.
MVP Santonio Holmes makes a tip-toe catch in the corner of the end zone with 35 seconds remaining to lead the Pittsburgh Steelers past the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in Super Bowl XLIII.

Jimmie Johnson captures the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship for the third straight year in his famous #48 Lowe's Chevrolet Impala SS.

The Chinese gymnasts take the team title, but Americans Shawn Johnson (floor exercise) and Nastia Liukin (all-around) take individual gold medals for the U.S.
Stephenie Meyer's runaway best-seller, Twilight, becomes a hit movie starring Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart as Edward and Bella.

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Slumdog Millionaire

Slumdog Millionaire, a surprise entry from India about teen life in Mumbai, and Brad Pitt's The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, about a man who ages backwards, monopolize Academy Award nominations with a combined total of 23.
MTV spins off the reality show The Hills, following Laguna Beach star Lauren Conrad and her friends to Los Angeles.

Paul Blart: Mall Cop

Australian Heath Ledger, in his last film role as the Joker in the Batman epic The Dark Knight, wins a posthumous Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor in a Drama.

Bedtime Stories
Britney Spears rebounds from years of personal challenges with her fifth No. 1 album, Circus. She becomes the only act in Nielsen SoundScan history to have four albums that debut with 500,000 or more copies sold.

Rapper Lil' Wayne takes home four Grammys, including Rap Album of the Year for Tha Carter III and Best Rap Song.

Due to low ratings, MTV's flagship show Total Request Live shuts down in November after a 10-year run.

R&B singer/songwriter Ne-Yo brings out his third album, Year of the Gentleman, which debuts on the Billboard 200 at No. 2. The album garners six Grammy nominations.
The video for William's song "Yes We Can" garners more than 1.3 million hits on YouTube and becomes an anthem for young voters during the presidential campaign.

Fox's American Idol adds a fourth judge to the popular show. Grammy-nominated songwriter Kara DioGuardi joins regular panelists Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell.

Rocker David Cook, with 58 percent of the fan votes, beats balladeer David Archuleta in the 2008 finals of Fox's American Idol.
Texting becomes the new writing. Teens everywhere learn to double-thumb miniature keyboards and invent a new language of abbreviations and signs.

Digital TV

The nation converts to all-digital TV in 2009. The Department of Commerce offers government coupons to make the conversion more affordable.

Lifestyle

Top style trends this year include baggy pants, oversized sunglasses, designer purses, black nail polish and plaids.

Big Sunglasses

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