Summer Time!!

What—you can drive?! Plainview's Drivers

Left: Alyssa enjoys a day at the beach with her family in Maryland.
Right: Logan rides atop his horse while holding purple reins.
Far Right Top: Alyssa performs a leap at a gymnastics meet. And yes, it is awesome.
Far Right Bottom: Alex Schmidt shows off his “Dragon,” a face paint that his sister did for him.
Summer Baseball 2011

Alex Schmidt and Benjamin Spitzer both made it on the All-Star team.

Victoria Christopherson runs off the field while holding her hat in her hand.

Alex Schmidt gives the peace sign as he heads to the dugout.

Alexis Scott gets ready to step into the batter's box and hit the ball after a pitch.

Left: Avery Bollinger is at bat.
Below: The 2011 Plainview Minors team.
Right: Cauy Stum at bat.
Far, Top Right: Benjamin at bat. Far Bottom Right: Alex seems to be sniffing his glove before a pitch.
To the far right: Mariah Priddy, Zack Clyncke, and Ashley Clyncke wait for the pig show to start.

The pictures along the side going down: Ashley puts forth quite an effort while showing her pig in showmanship. Logan is showing his sheep in showmanship (say that five times fast). Mariah answers the judges questions about her pig.

Opposite page column (clockwise): Ashley and Ryan converse while showing their pigs; Logan cleaning out a stall; The Sheridan Lake Livewires aboard their float at fair; Stephen Wilson parades his pig around; Kaylee Wilson shows off her swine; Ryan Koeller shows his pig some tender loving care as he grooms it in the pen; Mariah Priddy hauls her wheel barrow somewhere to dump it; Zack Clyncke looks quite overjoyed as he gets his pig ready for the big show.

Opposite Page (second column-clockwise): Logan McVicker gives a thoughtful pose holding his cowboy hat; Ryan Koeller leading his pig around around as he shows it; Zack Clyncke pours a bucket full of feed; Ryan and Stephen are like "two pigs that pass in the night" - or during the day as it were as they show their sows; the 4H kids and their float being pulled by what looks to be a Dodge pick-up; Ashley Clyncke looks pretty tired as she attempts to lift a bucket of feed.

At Right: Josh Blodgett shows what a good friend he is by helping Ryan Koeller clean out his "pig pen."

At Left: Ryan is cleaning before show time! Below: Ashley is showing off her sheep.
At Left: Looks like some people are getting ready for the "pig" show.

At Left: Logan showing off one of his lambs.
This is the sixth year for Future Business Leaders of America at Plainview. All of the students who became members this year did well at regionals. In Business Ethics, Wesley Arns and Alyssa Splitter placed third; in Spread Sheet Applications, Mikayla Schmidt placed fourth, and in the Job Interview Division, freshman Taylor Bollinger placed fourth. None of the members made it to the State Convention, but they did very good considering that for most of them, it was their first year in FBLA.
seems to enjoy eating his sandwich.

Morgan seems preoccupied as she poses with a speaker from the District Conference.

Yum!! Wesley seems to enjoy eating his sandwich.

Morgan is very excited to have a blue folder. Way to go, Morgan!

Far Left: Morgan Blodgett, being the amazing multi-tasker she is, texts while drinking a Sierra Mist.
Top Left: Natalie Weber and Mikayla Schmidt on the way to the “beast,” or as we are all fond of calling it: the little white bus.
Bottom Left: Thomas Specht looks so happy to be at the conference (not), while VJ Christophersen looks as though someone has awaken him from hibernation.
Right: VJ Christophersen acts the “creep” as he tries to hide behind Thomas Specht.
Wesley Arn's, sporting the total-plaid look and an interesting follow-through, launches the ball down the lane in hopes of getting a strike.

Mikayla Schmidt displays a desire for comfort as she watches a movie with her big green blanket!

Jonah Bollinger and Ryan Koeller take a break between movies on movie night in order to discuss the previous cinema fare as well as what is coming up following intermission.

Right: Natalya Weber and Mikayla Schmidt acting like their normal, weird, psychotic selves.

Left: Jonah Bollinger, Wesley Arn's, Jordan Trujillo, Mariah Priddy, and Seth Splitter get the tables all set for the Christmas dinner for the Sheridan Lake senior citizens.

Lower Right: Morgan Blodgett helps put a holiday table cloth on a lunchroom table as they get ready for the senior citizen's Christmas feast.
The Student's Way Of Leading Everyone To A Better Day...

Boys will be boys

Luke Specht tries to influence the path of the bowling ball by leaning hard to the right. Good luck with that, Luke!

V.J. stares intensely at Seth's pop... Watch out Seth! V.J. don't take it!

Being an expert on the subject, Vice President Natayla Weber points out to someone that they have just made a mistake.

Left: Wesley Arms grabs onto the net with gusto as Josh Blodgett looks on in amazement during Fun Night at the KA Hall.

Left: Mariah hides from the camera while everyone else is working. Right: Mariah strikes a pose like the elusive and mysterious Big Foot. Lower Left: Jordan Trujillo shoots some video with the school's new HD video camera. Hey, everyone, give a big HD smile for the camera!
Everyone enjoys playing in the sandbox.

Vroom! Landon has fun driving the fire truck!

Out with the Old.
In with the New
Plainview's New Playground

1. How's it hangin'? Lisa Dyck, Kayden Moser, and Olivia Specht hang out on the monkey bars.
2. Mary Kathryn Voituba seems quite happy on the see-saw.
3. Show us your pearly whites, Victoria Christophersen.
4. Snow angels? Yeah, right...more like tackling dummies!
5. How long can you stay at the top of the tornado slide? We may never know, now that it's gone.
6. Well, Wesley Fehr...THAT'S a serious face!
7. Zoie looks rather concerned!
8. Little girls at play...
9. Joey gets his picture taken as he sits under the stairs.
10. Tensil times on the teeter-totter!
11. Rylan stares in wonder as the playground takes on a different look.
12. Tire terror? Where is the other half?!
On March 2nd, all of the students, old and young, got together in the gym for a time of reading. Everyone was instructed to bring their all-time favorite children's book from home along with a stuffed animal. Everyone had fun listening to the books and spending time with each other.

Clockwise: Morgan and Rooney read it up! Taylor and the kids are having fun. Justin and Emma read it up with his big stuffed dog! Lydia and her cousins enjoy bears and books! V.J. gets his "book" on with the youngsters!

1. Children raise their hands to let their voices be heard.
2. Mr. Pape cannot help but smile at kids as he reads them a story on Dr. Seuss' birthday.
3. Kids are so content to hear voices filled with stories.
4. Kids listen carefully to Mr. Pape read in the library—an annual event that is a must-see for the elementary kids.
5. Gabrian Lowe tries to get comfortable during storytime.
6. Ahhh, lets listen to a teacher read!
7. Mr. Pape makes sure the kids see all the pictures.
Plainview students, with the permission of their parents, gathered to remember a horrifying event that will always have an impact on those who lived through that day. For some, 9/11 left a blemish on their family tree. For others, it left an indelible imprint on their lives. Although this was a painful memory for the staff and students to see and speak about, the emotions that we are forced to deal with only serve to make us stronger.

This day was an opportunity to remember, celebrate, learn, and mourn 9/11. Some students did not know much about this event, but after watching this video and figuring out how old they were when it took place, it soon began to make sense about how devastating September 11th really was. In the end, they learned how strength and will can prevail.

Ten years later and we are still giving thanks to our heroes who braved the explosion that changed the United States forever. It was 9/11/2001 when two planes were hijacked and crashed into the Twin Towers (The World Trade Center). The Pentagon was also hit by a plane and another plane was lost in a field in Pennsylvania. This raised the fear of many citizens as well as raised the all-important questions “Are we safe?” and “What will happen next?” Other than the questions being asked, there was also the worry of all the loved ones who were trapped in the burning buildings. Some people gathered near by while others ran for fear of further chaos. Those who knew what was happening were already mourning the loss of loved ones on the planes. Not too long before the crash, they had received their last phone call from people who they never imagined would die so terribly and so soon. Even though this terrible event happened, what was made clear was that not everything was ok, and that the United States only proved that a terrible event like this forever placed in our history will only bring us closer together.
In Your Words!
What would you want left in a time capsule?

Puzzles because we like to do puzzles when we have free time. So for this year we have done between ten and fifteen puzzles.
-2nd and 3rd Grade

Video Games - Call of Duty: Black Ops
-6th Grade

Cryogenically frozen Seth Splitter.
-7th and 8th Grade

An i-Phone so people over America can see how people and families kept in touch.
-5th Grade

Platinum addition of Aero Smith C.D.
-Kevan Hebberd

A photo of Mrs. Fees from every year she has been here. That way we can see how fashion and hair styles have changed.
-Mr. Boughner

Sometimes we are too busy wondering what is going on in life to even think about "what if?!" What if our school had a time capsule? This is what Plainview students were asked and some of the answers are to the left. Students always enjoy putting together both realistic and mystical answers to all questions that are ever brought up. This is what Plainview students are good at.

Candy Chart

As a pre-halloween celebration, I took the liberty of going around and finding out just what type of treats a Hawk prefers to eat!

- Morgan Blodgett

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**Trashy Jobs**

Plainview plays host to a community project every year that is also a fundraiser for the seniors and freshmen. It is called TRASH HAUL.

**Escapes**

You can step into Plainview School and think that academics are the main concern. There is a gym for break, and a lunch room to communicate in, along with the halls that seem to, at times, last forever to the students. However, there is an escape for some students who do not find afternoon basketball games exciting. When you walk into the school and turn right, there is a reasonable sized room for both middle school and high school students to escape to with a pool table and ping-pong table to keep students content and moving and interacting with each other. Sometimes, Mr. Bollinger is even put to the test against various students to see if he can compete with their ping-pong or pool shooting skills.

**Say What?**

1. Oh! Let’s play pool! Mr. B gives the kids a lesson on how to shoot pool.
3. Kristin! You have a wonderful smile!  
5. Seth! What is with the hats? It looks like something died on your head.
6. Thomas sure likes to read!
7. Mariah...your hat...is it alive?!
What memories do you treasure?

Winning district volleyball and the Holiday Basketball Tournament.
-Nat Weber

Walking around the halls with the seniors doing nothing.
-Wesley Arns

Hungry Much?

If there is one thing Hawks know how to do—it is EAT! And there was a lot of food they divoured this year! (Some students more than others) So, when it comes to our kitchen, "Bon Appetite!"
How's About a Trip to the Zoo?

Far Right: Zackery does a little jig at the zoo.
Right: ROAR!! That lion sure is close.
Upper Left: Maggie and Janae pose together on the bus.
Lower Left: Watch out- here comes the rhino.
Fun Times

Top: Olivia does a fantastic pose.
Top Right: Zoeie does her creeper look at the zoo.
Below: It looks as though they might have left behind a student at the zoo (Ethan Strong).

Far Left: The kids play on a rocket ship on the playground at the zoo.
Left: Trudy smiles for the camera on the way to the zoo in Garden City.
Top Left: A bird's-eye view of Alonzo as he runs through the playground.
Bottom Left: Ryan smiles at the camera before he takes a plunge down the slide.
At right:
Looking out of one of cliff dwellings in Maneu Springs.

At right:
The Hawks on their end-of-year field trip and a stop at the Garden of the Gods.

Above:

At left: Wesley, Jonah, and Taylor share some conversation at Benihana’s of Tokyo—or Aurora.

At right: Seth looks outside of a “window” at the cliff dwellings! Far right: Jonah seems dead on a bus ride to The Lion King in Denver.

Lower left: Wesley, Mariah, and Josh chill out in the window and eat some grub at a field trip to Rocky Ford organized by Mrs. Pickenscher. At right: Justin may well be stuck trying to fold his way into a room at the cliff dwellings in Manitou Springs. Way to let your height get the best of you, Justin. Far right: Josh, Morgan, Kristin, and Mikayla gather up to take a really cheesy picture before The Lion King is set to begin.
At far left: Justin Rodriguez poses in a car at the Cave of the Winds. Below left: Mr. Pape smiles with joy at the Sky Sox game—the problem is that it’s the wrong “Sox.” At left: Does V.J. look innocent?! V.J. Christophersen examines the cliff dwellings so as to look like he is not about to get into trouble.

adventures

begin...

Lower left: The Plainview Hawks pose for a picture outside the Buell Theatre in Downtown Denver, Colorado. They had just finished watching the Broadway musical, The Lion King. At right Jonah Bollinger, Mariah Friddy, Thomas Specht, Justin Rodriguez, Zach Doyle, and Alyssa Splitter pose for a picture outside the bus in Manitou Springs. Below left: Hawks gather around the dinner table at Benihana’s and dine up! Lower left: Seth Splitter smiles with all his free pens! Way to go, Seth!

...and the memories last.

Far left: The Little Hawks—Justin Dirks, Zack Clyncke, Zach Doyle, Allee Hornback, Ashley Clyncke, Ryley Scott, and Nick Crum—pose with the mascot for the Sky Sox. Left middle: Seth is passed out on the bus—and the camera caught him! At left: Wesley Arms puts on a hat at the Arkansas Valley Farm, Ranch, and Water Symposium! No hats indoors, Wes!
At right: Margaret Votruba plays on the playground.

At right: Ky Harkness has his hands full of flour.

At right: Landon Bollinger and his sister have a little snack on Halloween.

At left: From the start, Little Plainview Hawks learn to eat with manners and enjoy each other’s company.

Top right: Janae during spirit week. Middle: Landon on the playground. Right: Gabrián shows off his dancing moves in Mrs. Kraft’s room.

At right: Wesley Fehr and Zola Shivers look for Easter eggs during the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Top middle: Mrs. Kraft gets ready for class. Far right: Trudy Dyck and Ky Harkness look around the new playground. Bottom middle: The pre-kindergartners line up on the sidewalk as they get ready to go back inside.
Pre-K and Kinders laugh

Above: Joey Specht clowns around at lunch as Elijah Harkness gives him the "stink-eye."

At left: Elijah and Mary Kathryn look pretty excited about going through the lunch line.

At left: "Put 'em up, put 'em up," declares Joey Specht, playfully looking for a fight.

At left: Rylan seems pretty happy after lunch.

At left: Mary Kathryn Votruba seems happy to see the photographer in class. Top middle: Elijah Harkness and Josh Votruba in the lunch room. Far left: Rylan Bollinger turns around at the lunch table as Emma Frey hams it up and Zoie Crain plays it down for the camera. Left middle: Josh Votruba seems a little preoccupied.
At right: Emma Frey proudly shows her "hockey smile."

At right: Zoie Crain and Ky Harkness at recess.

At right: Emma Frey and the dirt bike on her shoulder.

Above: Devon Lowe and Al Burk, Jr. have loads of fun on the playground equipment.

At right: Zoie Crain is at the front of the line.
Top right: "Hooray for chicken nuggets", declares Zoie Crain.
Bottom right: Caydence and Avery out on the playground.
2nd Grade shine

At left: Victoria tries to tell the cameraperson that she has work to do.

At left: Cauy has some fun carving pumpkins with Wes and Mikayla.

At left: Alexis seems quite happy after recess.

Above: Victoria realizes that the bag of ice she's holding is quite cold while Alexis realizes that her bag of ice may be leaking.

At left: Alexis unwraps a cupcake during one of the elementary celebrations during the year. Left center: Victoria looks quite studious and serious as she gives the photographer a look that says, "Just take the picture, already!" Far left: Cauy Stum has quite the somber face as he focuses on the day's lesson. At left: Alexis and Victoria seem to be having a great time in the gym during break.
3rd Grade

At left: Rooney has a cute in a headlock while Avery looks on.

At left: Elizabeth does not want this picture taken.

At left: Rooney, Jordan, Avery, and Elizabeth display their book angels that they made. Above: The third graders pose on a cold and snowy day.

At right: Rooney Feir does not want to be bothered at his desk. Middle: Avery Bollinger shows off her "original" monkey shirt in the hallway. Far right: As Elizabeth Froese peeks over her shoulder, Jordan Dierks seems ready to smile as the end of the school year approaches.
Above: The Fourth Graders look like they’re having fun as they pose for a group picture out on the playground.

Top right: Japheth flashes a big smile for whoever is following him down the hallway.
Top middle: Ethan signals that he is finished with the assignment. Above right: The fourth graders “line up” for Mrs. Doyle. At left: Kyle Scott smiles at the camera upside down. Left center: Kayden Moser works during enrichment. Far left: Benjamin Splitter looks as though he may either eat the camera or attack it.
Lower left center: Savannah Stum reads about Harriet Tubman in social studies. Left center: Sydney Bellinger and Athena Crum show their friendship on “Jersey Day” during spirit week.
At right: Breeanna diligently works on her homework during class.

At right: The fifth graders put on a play for history class.

At right: Savannah waves to the cameraman during class.

Above: Zack Clynoke has a hold on Sammy Marquez as they have a little fun in Mrs. Shivers' room. Top right and center: Rowdy Burk and Anna Froese at their desks. Above right: Breeanna Scott sits by Coach Fickenscher during practice.

At right: Sammy Marquez shows his "Vampire teeth" on the playground. Right center: Lisa Dyck acknowledges the person behind the camera with a smile. Far right: Breeanna sits quietly at her desk. Far lower right: Anna has something to show her classmates during a break in the cafeteria. Lower right center: Savannah looks surprised as she writes at her desk.
6th Grade

strange

Above: Grant looks as if he is about to travel by caravan to Turkey. Either that or it's awfully cold in the library. Top left: Justin Dirks sits at his desk in American history class. Above left center: Nicki Crum arrives for study hall in Mrs. Swangers' room. At left: Nicki Marquez gets ready to tackle the work he has to do in Mrs. Swangers' class.

At left: Lynda gets "crazy" with the camera.

At left: Eva walks around the garden of the gods.

At left: Grant gets ready for the play as his makeup has been applied.

At left: Grant is all set to play "Tiny Tim" in the Junior High play. "Oddballs" Left center: Lynda Splinter is just "dancing around" in Colorado Springs after a few hours of ice skating on the end-of-year field trip. Far left: Nicki Crum holds his pencil with pride as he walks down the hall the first day of school. At left: Kristen Crumblett poses with her good friend Justin Dirks outside Mr. Hamilton's math room.
At right, Josh Bledgett takes a break in Mrs. Frenkenscher's class.

Next over, Allie Lernback likes the color blue—although someone needs to inform her that she is going to Plainview, not Wiley.

Right center, Josh has his hat on "gangsta" style as he celebrates "crazy hat day" during spirit week.

Far right, Ryan Keeler stands in front of his science fair exhibit which earned him a trip to the state competition in Fort Collins at CSU. Lower middle, Ryan reacts to what can only be one of the seventh grade "bombs" that can go off at any time in any class—beside, Lower right, Ryley works intently at her desk on her science project.
Two left: Elizabe Meyers concentrating on the task at hand in science class. Above left: center: Zach Doyle appears to have a piece of paper stuck to his face—it's a good look for him. Above left: Seth Splittor not only needs a haircut, but that "Mount Rushmore" hoodie is worn almost as much as Thomas Specht's light blue/dark blue jacket. Above, Seth seems to be contemplating some very deep thoughts as he peers into the camera lens. Above right: Jonah Bellingen sits in the hall outside science class in order to get his assignment done. Right: center: Elizabe reads to Wyatt during Read Across America day in the gym. Above right: Jamie Leffingwell looks over her work before handing it in.

Far left: Ashley Clymore prepares for a lab in Mrs. Pickens's class. Far left center: Zach Doyle sits in front of his science fair exhibit waiting to be judged. Center left: Jonah "[Eye]s" Bellingen looks as though he is ready to get all "Kung Fu" on someone. At left: Seth Splittor goes from looking thoughtful to looking a little less so in a matter of a half a page. Far left center: Kirsten Cramblett looks through her science notebook in order to find her homework. At left: Elizabe gives the "thumbs up" sign at carnival as she mans one of the eighth grader's booths.
At right: Taylor Bollinger and his brother, Jonah, work to clean up some pine needles with the rest of the junior high and high schoolers on Earth Day. Right center: Mariah Pridy found something to laugh about—something she rarely ever does. Far right: Justin Rodriguez pops out of a cliff dwelling in Manitou Springs during the end-of-the-year field trip. Lower center right: Thomas Specht demonstrates his weird ability to actually smell his own feet. For his next trick, he will make that jacket disappear. At right: Mariah looks a little overwhelmed in vo-ag class.
Ah, Freshman Initiation. It is just one of the many traditions that Plainview has always managed to have the most fun with! But what all goes into this fun filled activity that lasts for one whole week and culminates in one night of pure fun and what some might label torture to the "freshmen" of high school? Well, the seniors of the given year put a lot of thought into the grueling activities that they want their little minions to go through. Truthfully, the amount of fun that can come out of this activity is all up to the seniors. And this year was loads of fun that we are sure these young teens will remember!
The Sophomores

crazy

Top left: Morgan shows her spirit during Spirit Week. Above right: Josh, Morgan, Kristin, and Mikayla mug for the camera in Denver at The Limb King. At left: Alyssa casually works on homework in the hall. Top right: Alyssa studies her notes. Above right center and bottom: Morgan poses with her sunglasses on and with her tongue sticking out.

At right: Alyssa acts strange for the camera once again. Right center: Morgan is deep in thought in the science room with her big furry feet. Far right center: Morgan reacts to the person taking the picture as she and her fellow yearbook staff members sell ads in Cheyenne Wells. Far right: Alyssa found a new friend during Earth Day clean-up around the school—a worm. Far right corner: A "wide-eyed" Alyssa displays the chop sticks she plans to use when attacking the main course at Bennihana's of Tokyo. The students stopped and ate there before heading to Denver for The Limb King. Lower right: A tired looking Morgan equipped with polar bear ears gets a much-needed hug from freshman Mariah Pridby.
The Juniors

unique

Top left: Logan sports his "crazy hat" for Crazy Hat Day. Above center left: Sheleana works hard in math class. Below center left: Ryan attempts to look cool during Spirit Week. Above: Looking through the window in the library door, Luke reads a magazine for a current events article. Top right: Sheleana gets ready to sing her solo during the Christmas play/concert. Right center: Mr. Pape indulges in some cake and ice cream on Back to School Night. Above right: Writing a term paper: that only he can understand. Vance works on his math homework.

At left: Logan McVicker tosses the ball down the lane at the K&L Hall during one of four end-of-the-quarter rewards for students who showed good behavior for the nine weeks and maintained passing grades. Far left: Logan is a little reluctant to get his picture taken, and instead surrounds himself in his hoodies. Lower left center: Vance Christopherson shows his immense bowling skills as he appears to drop the ball straight down and proceed to watch it slowly roll to the pins. Lower left center: Luke Specht sports a big smile during a school assembly. At left: The Town’s Guy, better known as Vance, does a little sports announcing during the school play: "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood," getting ready to introduce the competitors in the bowling tournament. "Yes, that’s why it’s the "somewhat true" tale, and not the one based on legend."
class of 2012
(Seniors)

Mikayla Schmidt

Jordan Trujillo

Wesley Arms

Natalya Weber
"I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future." - Class Motto

Above: Senior Class Sponsor Mrs. Fickenschwer, Natalya Weber, Jordan Trujillo, Mikayla Schmidt, and Wesley Arns pose for a group picture before prom.
Top left: Mr. Hamilton smiles before math class begins.
Top left center: Zelpha works in "the cave." Above left: Mrs. Fickenscher lays down the law, all scientific mind you in her class. Above: "Here comes da judge," as Mr. Pape listens to testimony in The People v. George Milton. At top: Brad retrieves an errant model rocket that missed its intended landing. Above center: Mrs. Kofch animates her story telling to her kids. Above: Mr. Pape and his "clown" Thomas Specht share first names and little else except for the suit and tie during Spirit Week. Far left: Candi Frey is hard at work in the office keeping things running efficiently.
Above left center: Mrs. Stum seems focused on the task at hand. Lower center left: Mr. Fees and Mr. Pape attempt a truce of sorts during Spirit Week as "Team Cancer Survivor" and "Team Chicago White Sox" get their picture taken together. Left center: Mrs. Englehardt is quite colorful as she reads to the kids at storytime. At left: Mr. Pape hides behind a dress......dummy.
Mrs. Fickenscher has a unique way of teaching her students that separates her from the average science teacher. She does not like the loads of worksheets and reading countless pages from the sophisticated, yet boring science books that every school obtains to fill their students with knowledge. She instead uses her words and drawings on the board to show her young proteges exactly what every cell does and the chemical make-up of an atom. She never fails to make what would be a boring lesson into an exciting learning experience.

Picture Perfect Memories

Above: Wesley Arms is holding a part of the little piglet he and his classmates dissected.
Above: In high school, V.J. Christophersen placed first, Alyssa Splitter placed second, and Morgan Blodgett placed third.

Above: In the junior high, Ryan Koeller placed first, Eva Froese placed second, and Joshua Blodgett placed third.

Students were running crazy in every direction for what seemed to be three weeks or more in order to get multiple projects to be as close to perfect as possible. All science students strive to make it to regionals with a total mark of at least thirty points.

On January 26th, the kids were putting together their final projections to their boards. Dressed in ties, dresses, and nice shoes, the students waited patiently to be judged.

Not as many made it to regionals in the new school year, however, but the ones that did proved to be very good in that three Hawks made it to state: Alyssa Splitter, VJ Christophersen, and Ryan Koeller. Everyone worked hard and did their very best. Good Job, Hawks!

1: Justin poses for a picture while waiting to be judged. 2: The Science fair information pamphlet says it all: "Go Mad for Science." 3: Benjamin Splitter smiles big for the camera, while Justin Lowe takes a more serious approach. 4: Zack Clyncke smiles with his board, while showing all his hard work. 5: Thomas Specht and his project are being judged. 6: Ryley Scott puts on her make-up in preparation for looking good for the judges! 7: Morgan Blodgett waits to be judged and looks rather tired.
Yearbook pertains to more than just taking pictures. Putting together this yearly project means that the community is the major benefactor when it comes to preserving these memories. Taking pictures, creating designs, brain-storming, and working endlessly to make everything look the best it can be—that is what yearbook is all about. When everyone gets to relax at the end of the year and kick-back, yearbook staff stay an extra week, if not more. They also have to take trips to the surrounding communities to sell ads, which goes a long way in making up the difference in the cost, and hey, you have to get funds somehow! So relax, kick back, and "chill." Pose for a picture if you want, because yearbook students all over will be looking for the perfect moment to catch you on camera and make sure your image will become a memory that we make sure you will never forget.
American history, reading, speech, and his all-time favorite, yearbook. But no matter what class he is teaching, he still has the same amount of dedication. Some students say his classes are the most interesting not because of the lessons being taught, but because of the discussions that go on in the class. From the death penalty to fracking, and from tax policy to presidential politics, there was no doubt: EVERYONE had an opinion. But, no matter the disagreements, everyone learned something and had a great time!
English is taught by the one and only, Ruth Fees. In her early years, she attended NJC in Sterling, Colorado earning her Associate's Degree; UNC in Greeley, Colorado for her Bachelor's Degree; and Colorado College in Colorado Springs for her Master's Degree. All of her hard work shows in those students that put forth time and effort, follow her strict code of learning, and take in the vast materials she brings to the classroom. She loves her job and her cat. She teaches English to grades 6-12, Comp I and II, Literature, college classes, and much more. She also teaches Spanish I, which may be one of her students' favorite classes of all, because talking, regardless of the language used, is always fun. Miss Fees always keeps her students on their toes, and lets them know without a doubt when they need to kick it in another gear. Great job, Miss Fees!

Above: Lydia looks ready to pull her hair out in Miss Fees' class. She better be careful, or it may fall out (like Mr. Pape's). At right: Keatin gives the camera the stare down.

1. Mikayla gives the camera the "look" as her and Natalie put together Stonehenge.
2. Eva works hard on the computer.
3. Lydia makes a funny face. Way to be awesome... and a little strange.
4. Taking notes is never a bad idea in English, is it Keatin?
5. Wesley stares at the book being held by Luke as they plan Stonehenge.
6. Justin looks over his folder in class.
7. AHHHHH!! Spider, Miss Fee's little window friend.
8. The juniors and seniors pose outside the Denver Art Museum during their Harper 220 field trip.
9. V.J, Jonah, and Thomas work on their piñata for Spanish class.
10. Who is reading that book?! Happy to be working at the computer, doesn't he?
The year for the Plainview knowledge bowl teams was up and down. The high school team had two freshman and one junior on the team. They tried their hardest and made everyone proud, even though the highest they placed was sixth. The junior high team on the other hand, did very well, placing first (4 times) and second (once). With two eighth graders moving up from the junior high team, Ms. Fees is very excited for next year's high school team.

Junior High Champions!

Four Firsts and a Second! Junior high knowledge bowl began this year as all years begin—with hopes of a victory. The junior high experienced its first of many firsts at its premier meet in Eads in October. But could a team made up of two eighth-graders, two seventh-graders, and one sixth-grader replicate that victory? Yes!! They were victorious once again at the Lamar meet where they would find their main competition for the entire season—Lamar and Swink. Losing out on second place in Viles by only three points, the mighty Hawks came back to win their next meet in Springfield by 21 points! Their last meet at Campo allowed them to go out with another victory—a perfect end to a perfect season. This "well-oiled machine" had a very impressive season. Not bad for one of the smallest schools in Colorado. Great job, Hawks!
1. The junior high boys, Zach Doyle, Josh Blodgett, and Jonah Bollinger, show off the muscles that they think they have in math class.
2. Thomas Specht caught in the midst of burning through yet another one of his many topics.
3. Hard worker or just hardly working is the question we have to ask ourselves when we see Alyssa Splitter at her desk.
5. Morgan Blodgett gets caught in the moment of taking pictures in class.
6. Vance Christophersen is thinking way too hard about a math problem—you can tell from the smoke exiting his ears.
7. Mr. Hamilton diligently puts his grades into the computer.
8. Taylor, Taylor, Taylor...sleeping in class is not the way to become a better student. Or is he deep in thought as he ponders the inside of his eyelids? You make the call.

2 + 2 = 5?

1. Mr. Hamilton seems to be scolding Alyssa Splitter.
   Naughty, naughty.
   Alyssa...
2. Mr. Hamilton seems very happy to see the camera.
3. Taylor Bollinger, wearing yet another jersey from a team based in California (the Padres), works at his desk on homework.
4. Alyssa Splitter is hard at work with the pencil and the writing down of numbers thing.
5. Kristen Arns asks Sheleena Mangum for a little wisdom to help her get through math.
6. Seth “Rushmore” Spliter chews on a pen in math class, either that or he’s taken up smoking pens.
7. Sheleena Mangum seems to be thinking, “If I close my eyes, maybe they won’t see me.”
8. Ashley Clyncke, what’s that on your desk - a balloon, a ball? Out staring at the camera and concentrate, it’s math class!
1. VJ tries to be unique by putting a water dish on his head.
2. Mariah, once again, sleeping in class.
4. VJ giving a blank stare to the camera.
5. The camera admires the flowers that the vo-ag class are trying to grow.
6. Morgan Hornback and Mrs. Stum attempt to plant things in hopes that they will grow.
7. Morgan Blodgett talks to Mrs. Stum about FBLA.

1. Mrs. Stum is giving the "what are you doing?" face to the photographer.
2. Is that Wesley with a knife? Everyone better watch out.
3. Mariah's face of dismay for the task at hand seems to show how excited she is for Vo-Ag.
4. Seth is working hard (or hardly working?), trying to get his work done, but what's with the squirt bottle?
5. Morgan Hornback and Mrs. Stum are working very hard painting. What fun!
6. Again we see Morgan and Mrs. Stum working, but this time on the "proper" way of planting flowers.
The Elementary Enrichment program was a new program that helped the students express themselves through art and different types of projects. Throughout the year, they learned about and built a variety of animal habitats. The fourth and fifth grade classes put on a little production about the independence of the United States. All of the students had fun and learned a lot.
Mrs. Shivers' room proved to be a very busy place during the 2011-2012 school year. Students traveled in and out of her room throughout the day in order to get help on assignments, work with her and other specialists on a variety of learning strategies, as well as taking tests or working on homework in a more productive environment. Regardless of the reason; Mrs. Shivers, Mrs. Englehardt, and Mrs. Myers were there to assist their "kiddos" every step of the way. When the goal for teachers is to maximize the potential of every student, Mrs. Shivers and her team work tirelessly with all the teachers to assist them in accomplishing this lofty objective. With as much as they do, their door seems to always be open, and students are always more than welcome to come in. Thanks for all you do, Mrs. Shivers and Mrs. Englehardt-you certainly are appreciated!
Double Shot
ATHLETICS
Eads Volleyball
District Champs

Districts, game point, everyone is holding their breath. Hailey Ray serves it up to Kit Carson, they pass it up and the ball is over to Eads, and they pass it over. The set goes to the outside hitter. She hits it right over the block. The point goes to Eads! The team and fans go crazy. Eads placed first at districts and is moving on to regionals for the first time in 17 years! Eads had a good season in their league.

leading into to districts, posting a 4-1 record, their only loss coming against Kit Carson. But when districts came, they played hard and won against their league rival. When they got to regionals though, they struggled and came out of it in fourth place. Although they lost, their coaches and fans were all so proud of them. They were the best volleyball team Eads has seen in a long time.

Eads "Barracuda," Marissa Dixon waits for the opportune moment to block the ball.

Mickey digs a ball up!

Emily Warich, #5, gets ready to set and play some ball.

The girls were decals on their shoes in memory of Marge Miller.

Get Ready! Darian and Bekah waiting in anticipation for the ball.

BOOM!!! Natasha going up for a kill.

Barracuda! Double block by Tandi and Marissa.
Mrs. Fickenscher gives the team a pep talk during an animated timeout.

Coach Fickenscher serves it up during warm-ups.

Serves up for Ashley Clyncke.

Grant Specht gets ready to serve underhand during a home game.

Lydia Splitter seems determined to get the ball over the net for an ace on her serve.

Lydia Splitter bumps the ball over during the game as Kirsten Cramblett and Grant Specht look on.

For left: Grant attempts a serve-driven with a Chloeane Waib player at the net. We suspect that this intimation technique did not work.

Left center: Savannah Bollinger waits for the referee to give her the vote, indicating that she can go ahead and serve the ball.

At left: Sophia Alvarez bumps the ball over during warm-ups as Ashley Clyncke does her best "Mama" impersonation in avoiding the ball.
In 2011, our tough little Hawks stepped up their game with a new coach. Mr. Bollinger and the new players joined the team and provided the mighty Hawks with an edgy new way of playing. Through cold weather and long days, or hot weather and short days, the Hawks worked hard for every game day that came to show the loyal fans exactly what they were made of.

The little Hawks proved that with hard work and dedication, any team can make a difference. Throughout the season, the Hawks also learned teamwork can count more to any team than one individual playing on the field against another. In the end, every Hawk that stepped on our field or our court showed that size and strength are nothing without a team of hard working individuals striving towards a common goal.
"It was fun and interesting!"
- Thomas Specht
"It was nice to see a basketball team at Plainview."
- Morgan Blodgett

At right: Morgan Blodgett runs down the floor to play defense against Heartland Christian.

Below: Logan McVicker gets ready to go the other way as referee Jesse Frey declares whose ball it is against the Heartland Christian Crusaders.

Right: Luke Specht runs around trying to warm himself up for the game. Go Luke!

Far right: Guard Manah精品ly dribbles the ball up against some pretty stiff competition.

Eads Basketball
Natalya Weber

This year Plainview had one student play varsity basketball at Eads. This senior did her best all season long. She was a big reason her team won the title of district champion. At the end of the season, Coaches from around the League voted Natalie Weber to the all-conference team. Nat we are all very proud of you! Way to represent!
Basketball

High School

High School Basketball wasn't in the plan for this year, but it was a last minute miracle. The high school Hawks put together a co-ed high school team and always strived to be the best they could be. From the beginning, improvement was seen and encouragement was given as the Hawks tried their best on the court. Throughout the season, the scoreboard may have worked against them, but that wasn't enough to stop them from striving to be their best. When the going got tough, they fought back. They played their best throughout the whole game, even if it meant almost passing out on the court. The Hawks showed that even if you are not the best, it doesn't mean you can just give up; you just have to work harder than the rest.
"I like the floor a lot"
Ashley Clyne

At right: Ashley gives us a little insight on how crawling on the gym floor feels.

At right: Ebanee Moyers and Breeanna Scott chase down a South Baca player during a game at Vilas.

Right center: Lydia Spliter looks to make a pass to Ashley Clyne.

Far right (big picture): Point guard Seth Spliter looks over to the bench for some advice.

Above: The team takes a serious Gatorade break during a game at home versus McClave.

At right: Justin Desks seems to be looking for "Divine Intervention," when in reality, he is just getting ready to rebound the ball during pre-game warm-ups.

Far left: Grant smiles at the camera while talking to Zack, as Justin pays attention to what's happening on the court.

Right: Allee, Ashley, and Savannah set position on a rebound against Kit Carson.

Left: Zack Clyneke lights a Kit Carson player for the loose ball. Way to get in there, Zack!
Making every moment count.

Basketball

The basketball boys went through a lot this season and showed that with a little effort, you can accomplish a great deal. They put forth a lot of effort, showing even more talent then before on the court. Seth, Jonah, and Zach had their last year of fun on the court and showed that they do love the sport they play. We are excited to see these kids come to the high school and play tough!

Good job, boys!

The girls had to take it to a new level with what amounted to a very young team. They worked with their coaches and worked together to be the best they can be. The girls proved that winning is not everything. They showed sportsmanship and courage everytime their shoes touched the court. And one of the girls that will be moving on, Ashley Olyncke, showed us that she can even play with the boys!

Way to go, girls!

"Basketball is just a big part of my life." -Savannah Bollinger, 5th Grade

"Just keep rockin!’" -Jonah Bollinger, 8th Grade

"Basketball went great this year, I enjoyed it." -Seth Splatter, 8th Grade

Below: Grant Specht and Ben Davis seem to be in their own little world while sitting on the bench at K.C. Lower left. The two "double-zeroes", Zach and Ashley, look on.

Below: Kevin Grubert surveys the court while Ashley is on the floor once again. At right, Ryan Koehler launches a three-pointer from the corner against McClave.
2012 marks yet again a new chapter for the Plainview track team. This year’s group included Luke Specht, Alyssa Splitter, Mariah Priddy, V.J. Christophersen, Thomas Specht, Sheleana Mangum, Morgan Hornback, and Coaches Mr. Pape and Mrs. Fickenscher. The coaches were taking it to a whole new level with their teams and making sure effort is put forth to represent Plainview to its full potential. Alyssa came so close to state. She missed it by just two inches in high jump. Next year’s track team will work towards the goal of having some representation at the state meet. The Plainview Hawks will never stop striving to be the best they can be.
The junior high track team hit the road running, so to speak, almost as soon as basketball season ended. Mrs. Fickensher's athletes trained for their events in hopes of placing at some of the meets. Some notables were Ryan Koeller on shot and discus, earning first-place honors at nearly every meet. Ashley Clyncke did well in high jump and the 400m dash, while Jonah Bollinger also did well in high jump and the mile.

Regardless of the event, every member of the track team worked hard and had fun. The track team included fifth-graders Zack Clyncke and Benji Davis, sixth-graders Nicholas Crum, Justin Dirks, Grant Specht, and Lydia Splitter, seventh-graders Josh Blodgett, Allee Hornback, and Ryan Koeller, and eighth-graders Jonah Bollinger, Ashley Clyncke, Zach Doyle, Ebanee Moyer, and Seth Splitter. Keep "trackin'," Hawks!
High School Hawks!
The Plainview High School Cheerleaders (from left to right): Shaleena Mangum, sponsor Ruth Fees, Mariah Priddy, (kneeling) Morgan Blodgett and Alyssa Splitter.

S-P-I-R-I-T!
Above: Hawks show the "Blue and White" Hawk pride and dress to impress!

Pyramid
The JU Plainview cheer squad shows off some talent for their pictures!

Below: Lydia shows there is such a thing as showing off the cool looks when it comes time to be Blue!
The Girls in blue know how to stay true! Cheerleaders of Plainview School set up a week out of the school year for "dressing to impress" and showing off their "style" in odd ways. Plainview kids definitely took advantage of the short period to "go out of the norm" and try their best to potentially win a goody-bag.

When it comes down to pride and showing "True Blue Spirit." Plainview knows how to get the job done. As far as our dear cheerleaders go, well, they definitely work hard to give a satisfying pep-rally to get the students out of class and show them that no matter the size of a school, the Hawk's pride will be heard.
Above: Even though she is short, Athena Crum can sure high jump!

Right: Benji Davis runs the relay race.

Below: Elijah Harkness seems to be looking to his side as he runs as last as he can at elementary field day.

At left: Is Mary Kathryn throwing the ball backwards? The softball slips out of her hands during one of Mary Kathryn Voituba's attempts.

At right: Just a little farther to the finish line, Breanna, Running in all-pink, Breeanna Scott looks a little tired.
Elementary Field Day is a day that all the kids and parents get together to have fun while the kids compete in different track and field events. Held in Cheyenne Wells, three schools always come to this annual event: Plainview, Cheyenne Wells and Kit Carson. This year was the first year that Mr. Wilson was not running the day. Even though he wasn't here to organize it, this was a great day and everything went smoothly. All of the kids enjoyed themselves and can't wait for next year's Elementary Field Day.
See You "Latte"
End of Year
The Somewhat True Tale

Far Left: Friar Tuck (VJ Christophersen) tells everyone to remain calm.
Left: Speaking of calm, are you quite finished, Lady in Waiting (Mikayla Schmidt)?
Right: The Fawning Ladies (Morgan Blodgett, Miss Fees, Abby Berggren, and Lydia Splitten) get down and do a little jig for the Evil Prince John.
of Robin Hood

Cast of Characters

Robin Hood..........................Alyssa Splitter
Lady Marian..........................Natalya Weber
Town's Guy..........................Vance Christophersen
Prince John..........................Mr. Pape
Sheriff of Nottingham.............Thomas Specht
Lady in Waiting.....................Mikayla Schmidt
Friar Tuck.........................VJ Christophersen
Will Scarlet.........................Wesley Arns
Little John..........................Luke Specht
Allan Adale.........................Seth Splitter
Fawning Ladies......................Miss Fees,
Morgan Blodgett, Lydia Splitter, and Abby Berggren
The Merry Men......................Jonah Bollinger,
Zach Doyle, Josh Blodgett, Ryan Koeller, Justin Dirks, and Grant Specht

Far left: Kathy Lee and the Broadway Kids,
Robin Hood (Alyssa Splitter) hates YOU!
Left: Since Will doesn't know how to
decifer Old English, Robin had to sink to
tis level. It's the art of language, Will
(Wesley Arns,)
Right: The Sheriff of Nottingham (Thomas
Specht) seems insulted by something Lady
Marian said.

The Men (and Women) of Sherwood
Forest
Before the award banquet begins, there is always a "pot luck". Everyone gets to enjoy a meal of random types of food. Above: Vance Christophersen eats some chicken that he seems to be enjoying.

Above: Mr. Pape acknowledges the cast of "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood". Top Right: Mr. Bollinger talks about the junior high basketball team. Bottom Right: Luke, VJ and Thomas wait for their math awards. Below: Jonah Bollinger smiles for the camera before the banquet begins.

Above: Seth Splitter receives an award for excellence in the Introduction to Business class.

At left pictures: Mr. Bollinger congratulates Morgan Bodeyett on getting the Superintendent's Award, while Mr. B gives Wesley Ams a handshake after receiving the Mr. PHS Award.

Athletic and Academic Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet was held on May 10th in the gymnasium. Both athletics and academics were recognized by the coaches and teachers responsible for those sports and subject areas. Mr. Bollinger started off the evening by recognizing the basketball and volleyball teams. Miss Fees the cheerleaders, and Mr. Pape the track team. The academic awards were kicked off by Mr. Hamilton, who handed out math and science awards (Mrs. Fickenscher had to be somewhere unexpectedly), followed by Mrs. Stem for computers and business, Mr. Pape for social studies, drama, speech, reading, as well as a humorous Top Ten tribute to Mr. Hamilton, and Miss Fees for English, Spanish, and Knowledge Bowl. Mr. Bollinger and Mrs. Hopkins rounded off the evening with school administration awards like Mr. and Mrs. PHS, the Citizenship Award, Academic Achievement, and the Superintendent's Award. Congratulations to the students for their hard work and effort.

"Mr. Hamilton, we are all going to miss you a lot. We are all going to miss the random sayings and stories. And no one will ever be able to forget your infamous saying. 'What Happens in the Math Room, Stays in the Math Room.'"

- Alyssa Splitter

Plainview School

Above: Lydia Splitter receives the award for "Strangest Idiosyncrasy" from a smiling Mr. Pape. At left: The Plainview "Blunt Jest" of Mr. Pape, Miss Fees, and Mr. Hamilton laugh and smile at something someone has said.
Above: Ms. Greenfield waves to the camera.
Right: Grant Specht looks at the award that he received from Mr. Hamilton.
Below: Natalya and Mikayla pose for the camera as they accept an award.

Top: Luke Specht looks at his award for excellence in math.
Above: Mr. Hamilton and Miss Fees listen inently to the awards being announced. Miss Fees seems to be trying to remember whether or not she fed her cat before she left, while Mr. Hamilton seems to be dreaming of retirement.
Below: Vance laughs at something someone said.
Bottom: Mikayla waves to all of her proud family and friends as she takes her seat after accepting an award.

Right: Mr. Hamilton gives Alyssa her award for excellence in mathematics.
Above: Mr. Pape tries to remember one of the ten funny things that Mr. Hamilton taught him. Above right: Wesley walks back to his seat after getting an award for yearbook. At right: Ryan Koeller gets a handshake from Mr. Hamilton for his hard work in math class.
Top: Limbo Time!! Logan Smith attempts the limbo.
Above: Shout!! Well at least thats what Brittany Splitter did!
Top Right: Natalya wills her belongings and attributes to various people, whether they want them or not.
Right: Jordan gives her last will and testament.
Right: Natalya dances to the music.
Bottom Right: Hannah Splitter tells Kristin Arns WHAT IS GOING ON!
Below: Mikayla "shimmies" her way to victory as the Prom Queen.
Very Bottom: Vance fist pumps to the music. Yes, Vance is dancing!

ARABIAN NIGHTS

AMAZING. Is one word that comes to mind when anyone thinks of Plainview Prom 2012. Arabian Nights was the theme, and everyone danced the night away. Even though there were only around twenty students, the night was a success. Before the dance, Mr. Pape gave his annual Senior Prophecy and of course, several people laughed. Between Wesley's farmer clothing business and the "band", IMFAQ, Mr. Pape made sure all the seniors and Vance had their moment in senior prophecy lore. The seniors also gave their final "wills" before they leave Plainview. When the dance started, everyone danced and had a great time. As midnight approached, and the dancing was supposed to stop, no one wanted the night to end. As usual, Plainview's prom was a night to remember.
I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future.
Graduation of 2012 went off with a bang. Seniors waved goodbye to their last official day of being high school students. And some tearful parents watched them accept their diplomas with proud hearts and emotional tears. Growing up may not have always been an easy task, but it was a journey that they looked back on during their graduation ceremony with great respect for how far they had all come. They also looked back on their memories of a dear friend that could not join them, Zach Splitter. He was remembered with smiles and laughter, as if anyone would want to remember him any other way. Eighth-graders made their way into their high school career, saying goodbye to the easy-going years of middle school that (no doubt) they will miss. They are living proof that for some people, fun does come before work. But nonetheless, they all got enough assignments in to pass the classes they needed to pass and the tests they needed to take in order to move on to the difficult task that is ahead of them. In their success, students prove that nothing is given to anyone, and that a student must earn their grades by hard work, determination, and sometimes lack of sleep in order to make everything count and satisfy their teachers. So good job, Hawks, and good luck in whatever your future holds.
Left: Wesley catching some Z's in the Big Easy!

Right: The grave that if you were dead, you could rent it until your body was disintegrated. I know, how does a dead person rent anything?

Right: A beautiful building that shows the wonderful French architecture of New Orleans.

Left: Nat and Miki in the hotel room.
Far Left: The BIG THING of New Orleans: Mardi Gras.
At Left: An anaconda at the zoo.

Left: Nat looks excited enough but Wesley looks a little underenthused.

Right: AHHHHHHH! Nat, are you getting eaten by that alligator while everyone just stands by looking at the swamp and takes pictures?! Oh wait, it's a fake alligator.

Left: Ummm... is that cat dead or possessed?! It is New Orleans--so it could be the latter.
For this year's Senior Sneak, the Seniors went to the Big Easy. All of the Seniors had a blast. They were very busy from day one. They left at 3:00am from Mrs. Fickenscher's house to go to the airport and from then on, it was non-stop. They went on many different tours, including a cemetery, wax museum, and swamp tour. It is amazing that Wesley did not get left at the Swamp Tour as an alligator meal. But they all made it home with no fatalities. The only thing that was really lost was a glass bottle broken at the airport, and yes, it was filled with water.
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The Plainview Yearbook Staff would like to recognize three "premium" individuals who are leaving our school: Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Sturm. We scoured our vast picture files to find images of them doing what they do best: teaching children with a uniqueness all their own. In the case of Mr. Hamilton, we did not realize that we had as many pictures as we did. We hope these photos rekindle fond memories of their time here. We would like to sincerely thank them for their years of service, and, in the case of the Hamiltions, wish them every best in their retirement.
Statue of Liberty Turns 125
Lady Liberty celebrates her 125th anniversary. To mark the occasion, 125 immigrants from 46 countries are sworn in as U.S. citizens.

Halloween Blizzard Brings Tricky Snowfall
A surprise Nor' easter dumps record snowfalls of more than two feet in the Northeast, leaving millions stranded without power on Halloween.

Doctor Convicted in Michael Jackson's Death
Conrad Murray, Michael Jackson's personal physician, is convicted of involuntary manslaughter for his role in the pop star's anesthetic overdose.

Arab Spring Extends Through Fall
Middle East regimes topple with the death of Libya's Muammar Gaddafi and the ouster of Egypt's Hosni Mubarak and Tunisian dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali.

New Foreclosure Relief Is Coming
The government passed a near unanimous 26 billion dollar mortgage settlement, supported by 49 of the 50 states. The settlement is geared towards those affected by the housing crash that now owe more on their houses than they're actually worth.

You Are One in 7 Billion
In October, the United Nations expresses concern over the planet's food supply now that the world population has reached an all-time high of 7 billion.

Hurricane Irene Engulfs New England
Hurricane Irene unleashes torrential rains on New England, resulting in washed-out roads and swollen rivers. One woman is swept away and drowned.

Occupy Wall Street Occupies Headlines
Outrage over bank bailouts and foreclosures sparks a protest movement that spreads from New York's Zuccotti Park to cities across the nation.

Space Shuttle Program Ends
The nation’s budget woes force NASA to cancel a 30-year program that shuttles U.S. astronauts to and from the International Space Station.

News
Greek Economy Endangers European Stability
European nations offer bailout loans and urge austerity measures to keep the Greek debt crisis from damaging the Euro-Zone economy.

Amanda Knox Acquitted
Italian courts overturn the murder conviction of American college student Amanda Knox. She returns home to Seattle after serving four years in prison.

Party Guidelines Take Bullying Seriously
To address increasing concern over harassment in schools, Michigan becomes the 47th U.S. state to pass laws that are written to combat bullying.

Obama Introduces Jobs Act
To boost the sluggish economy, President Obama presents Congress with the American Jobs Act, a bill designed to put citizens back to work.

Republican Hopefuls Debate
A series of nationally televised debates narrows the field as candidates vie for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination.
After trouncing human Jeopardy champions, Watson, the IBM supercomputer, analyzes pharmaceutical patent data for the National Institutes of Health.

After sustaining a record $14.4 billion loss for its 2012 fiscal year, the U.S. Post Office asks consultants to advise them about restructuring.

Coupons are a lifestyle trend as consumers emulate super-thrifty shoppers featured on TV shows like Extreme Couponing on TLC.

States are adopting green building practices so that school buildings can save energy and use fewer resources.

Households across the nation are taking steps to reduce the paper waste of unwanted junk mail from catalog companies and advertisers.

On the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, memorial events are held in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.
Women Leaders Share Nobel Peace Prize
Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee, Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, and Tawakkol Karman of Yemen all receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

“The Protester” Is Person of the Year
As demonstrations in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Syria, and New York make headlines, Time magazine names “The Protester” as 2011’s Person of the Year.

Tuscaloosa Survives Tornado
When a tornado hits the town of Tuscaloosa, these University of Alabama students seek shelter in a bathtub under a mattress.

Lightbulbs Shine for Decades
Pncey, Energy Star-rated LED bulbs debut in stores and outshine compact fluorescent bulbs, lasting five times longer.

YouTube Request Snags Timberlake
Corporal Kelsey de Santis successfully asks Justin Timberlake to be her date for the Marine Corps Ball by posting a video on YouTube.

New Standards Regulate Fracking Practices
Regulators announce national anti-pollution standards to oversee the natural gas industry’s practice of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

London Builds an Eco-savvy Olympic Park
Green building practices transform former industrial land into London’s Olympic Perk for the 2012 Summer Games.

Joplin Mall Is Makeshift School
After Missouri’s Joplin High School is destroyed by a tornado, students attend class at nearby Northpark Mall.

Airlines Fly Toward Greener Fuels
Seeking to decrease greenhouse gas emissions and shrink their carbon footprint, passenger jets are starting to switch to new bio-fuels.
Teen Is Youngest LPGA Tour Winner
Lexi Thompson, age 16, wins her first LPGA tournament, the Navistar LPGA Classic, making her the youngest winner in the history of the LPGA Tour.

St. Louis Cardinals Win World Series
With a win over the Texas Rangers in seven games, the St. Louis Cardinals take home their 11th World Series victory.

Talking Tebow
Sports announcers and fans debate over Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, an athlete who wears his faith on the sleeve of his football jersey.

Basketball Players End Strike
The 2011 NBA lockout ends as basketball team owners and players strike a deal. The start of the season is delayed until Christmas.

Verlander Receives Cy Young Award
Justin Verlander of the Detroit Tigers is American League MVP and winner of the 2011 Cy Young Award.

Minnesota Lynx Net WNBA Championship
The Minnesota Lynx defeat the Atlanta Dream in three games to claim their first-ever WNBA championship.
First Lady Gets a Kick Out of Fitness
Members of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team join Michelle Obama for a Let's Move soccer clinic on the south lawn of the White House.

Baylor Gets Its First Heisman Winner
Robert Griffin III, starting quarterback for the Baylor University Bears, is named the winner of the Heisman Trophy award.

Tony Stewart Races to NASCAR Victory
In the season's final race of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Stewart edges out Carl Edwards in a tiebreaker.

Stosur Wins U.S. Open
Australian tennis player Samantha Stosur defeats Serena Williams to win the women's singles championship at the U.S. Open.

New York Wins Super Bowl Trophy
Eli Manning leads the New York Giants to their fourth Super Bowl triumph, narrowly defeating the New England Patriots 21 to 17.

Kelly Slater Rules the Waves
By winning top honors at the Billabong Pro Tahiti competition, surfer Kelly Slater captures his 47th elite World Tour victory.

Women Gymnasts Garner Gold
The U.S. women's team brings home gold medals from the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Tokyo.

Dallas Mavericks Beat the Heat
The Dallas Mavericks ice the Miami Heat dream team and LeBron James by winning the 2011 NBA World Championship in Game 6.

Sports Illustrated Honors Coaches
The Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year awards go to college basketball coaches Pat Summitt and Mike Krzyzewski.

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Music

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Lady A. Owns the Night
Nashville's Lady Antebellum hits the country charts with "Just a Kiss," from their third studio album, Own the Night.

Adelé Turns 21
Despite vocal cord trouble that forces her to suspend touring, Adele is Billboard's Number One artist of 2011 and her album, 21, is the year's top seller.

Whitney Houston Dies at Age 48
The music industry and fans alike were stunned about the death of music icon, Whitney Houston. Her body was found unresponsive on Saturday, February 11th in her Los Angeles hotel room.

Usher on the Upswing
Usher wins the AMA Favorite Male Artist award, performs with Justin Bieber for NBC's Christmas in Rockefeller Center and reunites with Ludacris.

The Rising Star, Bruno Mars
Singer-songwriter Bruno Mars receives six Grammy nominations, an AMA Award for best Pop/Rock Male Artist, and sings with the Muppets on Sesame Street.

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Katy Perry Stays on Top
Katy Perry is the year's most-played artist on the radio, with five Number One singles. She sells two million albums and 24 million digital downloads.
Jennifer Lopez Goes Solo
After the tabloids cover her split from husband Marc Anthony, Jennifer Lopez wins a Favorite Latin Artist Award from the American Music Awards.

Coldplay Plays It Cool
Coldplay releases its fifth album, Mylo Xyloto, and streams a concert in Spain as a live webcast on YouTube.

Gaga Visits Obama
Lady Gaga drops in on President Obama to lend her support to his anti-bullying campaign, according to a White House senior advisor's blog.

Maroon 5 Moves Like Winners
Maroon 5 wins an AMA Pop/Rock Favorite Band award. The cast of Glee covers the band's hit single, "Moves Like Jagger."

Taylor Made Good
Singer-songwriter Taylor Swift releases her Speak Now World Tour: Live album and is named CMA Entertainer of the Year.

Jason Derulo Recovers from Fracture
Singer-songwriter Jason Derulo lands in the hospital and cancels a planned UK tour after fracturing his neck while rehearsing acrobatic stage moves.

The Merry Band Perry
Siblings Kimberly, Neil, and Reid Perry of The Band Perry celebrate a Platinum album, three CMA Awards and a Grammy nomination.

Natalie Grant Gets Grammy Nod
Singer Natalie Grant receives a Grammy nomination for Best Gospel/Contemporary Christian Music Performance, for "Alive (Mary Magdalene)."

Casting Crowns Hit the Town
The acclaimed contemporary Christian rock group, Casting Crowns, launches a tour to promote its latest album, Come to the Well.

Foster the People Pumps Up
More than a year after the catchy single's release, "Pumped Up Kicks," by Foster the People, finally reaches the top of the singles chart.
**Super Mario 3D Land Conquers a New Dimension**
Developed for the Nintendo 3DS, Super Mario 3D Land receives rave reviews for its addictive 3D experience.

**Angry Birds Goes Mobile**
The humorous and addictive computer game, Angry Birds, is one of the most successful mobile apps in the world.

**Readers Welcome The Son of Neptune**

**Just Dance 3 Steps Out**
Ubisoft releases Just Dance 3, featuring singles by Katy Perry, Cee Lo Green, Britney Spears, Scissor Sisters, and The Black Eyed Peas.

**Madden NFL 12 Scores Big**
EA Sports adds non-NFL players like female quarterback Hope Bromley to the free agents in Madden NFL 12, the newest edition of the popular video game.

**Mindflex Duel Is a Brainy Game**
Mindflex Duel players wear special, brain wave-sensing headsets to steer foam balls through the air and around obstacles.
Victors in Storage Wars
In southern California, abandoned storage lockers are sold at auction to competing buyers who hope to find hidden treasure in Storage Wars on A&E.

More Bang for the Buck
The Big Bang Theory, a popular sitcom about geeky research scientists and the women in their lives, is in its fifth season.

Missing Michael at the Office
Critics and fans tune into the eighth season of The Office to see how the ensemble cast fares after the departure of star Steve Carell.

Bewitching Teens Cast a Spell
When Cassie Blake moves to a small town in Washington State, the teen is invited to join a coven of witches in The Secret Circle.

Television

X Marks The Spot
Simon Cowell is set to kick off season two of the U.S. version of the X-Factor. This year's competition will feature new judges to replace Paula Abdul and Nicole Scherzinger, as well as a new host.

CBS Captures Viewers Interest
A mysterious billionaire scientist hires a former CIA officer to help him prevent crimes before they occur. The crime drama, Person of Interest, is a hit for CBS.

NBC Finds Its Voice
Christina Aguilera, Cee Lo Green, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton compete to coach unknown singers to victory in the reality talent show, The Voice.

Playing the Pawn
The History Channel has a hit with Pawn Stars, featuring the Harrison family and selected treasures from their Las Vegas pawn shop.

Big Stars on Small Screen
Mike & Molly, a sitcom about an obese couple who start dating after they meet at an Overeaters Anonymous meeting, is in its second season.

Vermin, Beware
An eccentric Louisiana exterminator works the front lines of his family business in the reality show Billy the Exterminator.
Movies

The Boys Are Back
Robert Downey, Jr. and Jude Law return as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in Guy Ritchie's Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows.

Harry Potter Series Finale on Home Video
After inspiring moviegoers to camp out for the first midnight showings, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 comes to home video.

Agent J Returns
Josh Brolin joins Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones and some seriously sinister aliens in the long-awaited science fiction comedy sequel, Men in Black 3.

Chronicle Flies into Theaters
Three students discover they have superpowers far beyond their understanding. As their powers grow, so does their dark side to use them to their advantage. Their lives take unexpected turns as they try to deal with the unexplainable changes.

War Horse Sells Tickets and Tissues
When a boy's beloved thoroughbred is sold to an Army captain on the eve of World War I, a deeply moving drama is set in motion in War Horse.

The Revenge of the 99 Percent
When the boss squanders their retirement savings, the little people get even. Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy star in the crime comedy, Tower Heist.
Animal House
Matt Damon stars as a well-meaning widower who brings his young children to live in a rundown zoo in *We Bought a Zoo*.

Make Some Noise
Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton star in *Joyful Noise*, about conflicts within a Georgia church choir as the group prepares for a national competition.

Breaking Dawn Breaks Records
*The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1*, the fourth installment in the series, earns $500 million in its first 12 days in theaters.

Superheroes Save the World
A cast of superstars portray Marvel Comics superheroes recruited to battle an evil villain and his army in the theatrical release, *The Avengers*.

A Boy and His Dog

Live Action Adventure Is Out of This World
Disney delights sci-fi fans with *John Carter*, which chronicles the adventures of a Confederate captain who is drawn into conflict on another planet.

Heartstrings in Hawaii
George Clooney plays Matt King, who loses his wife but keeps his land and draws closer to his two young daughters in *The Descendants*.

Super 8 Is Super Spooky
After teens witness a train accident in a small Ohio town, strange occurrences lead to extraterrestrial suspense in *Super 8*.

The Help Is a Hit
In the early 1960s, an idealistic, Caucasian writer wants to write about the struggles of the African-American maids who serve her peers in *The Help*.
From Locker Room to Classroom
As temperatures drop, comfortable, cozy, high-performance sweat pants make the leap from gym class to everywhere-wear.

Hoodies Are Classic Casuals
Comfortable, cozy and laid-back hoodie sweatsuits convey an easy-going attitude toward style.

Equestrian Style Steps Out
The classic, English-style riding boot, worn with skirts or tucked-in skinny jeans, is one of the strongest footwear trends for fall and winter.

Pandora Opens Beaded Bracelet Craze
Pandora charm bracelets from Denmark bring design-your-own style and sparkling self-expression to the jewelry store.

Aviator Shades Are Retro Chic
A new generation embraces the iconic shades of the 1970s. Metal-rimmed, aviator-style sunglasses make a stylish comeback.

Layers Make the Look
Layering is one of the strongest trends for fall and winter. Mixing textures and lengths, like a cropped jacket over a long top, creates looks that are both cozy and cool.

Energy Drinks as Teen Fuel Both Popular and Controversial
The caffeine and sugar in popular but controversial energy drinks fuel teens to help stay awake for late-night study sessions and socializing.

Cardigans Go Retro
A modern adaptation of the mid-century classic cardigan adds an extra layer of color, warmth, and style.

Shaggy Chic
Tall, fringed suede boots add a touch of irreverent, hippie chic to short skirts, leggings, or tucked-in jeans.
Yogurt Goes Greek
Greek-style yogurt, which is creamier and less sour than ordinary yogurt, adds more delicious options to the dairy case.

Stepping Out in Ballet Flats
Cute, comfortable, versatile ballet flats go with just about everything from school outfits to party attire.

The Time Is Right for the Neon Watch
One of the must-have accessories for both guys and girls is a big, chunky watch in bright, neon hue.

Nail Polish Crackles
Ordinary manicures get contrast, color and texture with special, crackle-effect topcoat formulas.

Music Goes to Your Head
Dr. Dre introduces high-performance, over-ear headphones that cancel outside noise and enhance the listening experience.

Boy Style
Whether they’re boot cut, skinny or loose fit, jeans are still the focus of today’s style. Just throw on your favorite tee or hoodie and you’re good to go!

Faux Is a Go
The posh look and plush feel of faux fur inspires designers to go wild. Fabulous faux jackets, vests, collars and accessories are hot — and warm.

Mismatched Socks Are No Accident
Bending the rules is always in style. Students express their creativity by mixing brightly colored, patterned, mismatched socks.
Smartphone Users Love Wordplay
The number-one mobile word game is Zynga's addictive "Words with Friends," a cross-platform challenge for friends and strangers.

Nike Makes It Personal
Online custom build-it functionality allows consumers to design their own Nike ID footwear, by specifying colors and performance features.

Facebook Makes It Easier to Go Back in Time.
Facebook introduced its newest development, the Timeline this year. The recent change allows users to easily view everything from past photos, wall posts and status updates from any year they were subscribed to Facebook.

Apple iPhone 4S Launches
Apple unveils the iPhone 4S, which features an 8-megapixel camera and the same dual-core chip as the iPad.

Walt Disney World Celebrates 40th Anniversary
The Walt Disney World Resort turns 40. The celebration at Magic Kingdom Park includes fireworks and a mass sing-along of "When You Wish Upon a Star."

Kardashian Sisters Build Reality Show Empire
Between Kim's 72-day marriage, Kourtney's second pregnancy, and various scandals, the media can't resist covering the Kardashians' every move.

Oprah Moves On
Oprah Winfrey airs the final episode of her daytime television talk show after 25 seasons. The hour attracts 16.4 million viewers.

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