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"Learning to Fly, then Soaring High!"
Summer-topia!!!
Hawks Hit the Road Traveling

Top // VIAnd Victoria Christophersen are enjoying their summer at Camp Red Cloud.
Left // Touchdown! Nick, Athena, and their father, CB. Cram are at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas, Texas.
Bottom Left // Is that a tree? Ms. Greenfield poses in front of one of the HUGE Red Woods.
Bottom Right // What kid doesn't love dirt? Grant Specht shows how much he enjoys it.

Summer Fun
Fun While on Summer Vacation

Summer // It's a time to kick back and relax with family and friends. No homework, no deadlines, nothing to worry about. Summer is a time that we look forward to the first day of school, even though there is an entire school year before it comes again. Some people spend it in the water at pools or on dirt bikes riding around, but no matter what a person does during the summer, it's a time to have fun and be free.

Top // Bulldozers are tough! As for Jonah... Not so much.
Bottom Left to Right // Joey and Olivia Specht pose with their mom before they go rafting at Camp Red Cloud. Rooney and Selena Fehr in the Fourth of July parade in Sheridan Lake on a four-wheeler. Savannah Bollinger, is that you?
Field Trips!

Adventures are fun when you have the right people by your side.

Top Left// Watch Out! Lexi poses next to the shark mural at the Denver Aquarium.
Top Right// All of the kids huddle around to pet a sting ray at the Denver Aquarium.
Right// FOOD! The high schoolers sit down for a nice meal during the lunch break at the short story presentations in Pueblo.
Bottom// Students pose in front of the Mary Poppins poster in Denver.

Top// A jellyfish at the Denver Aquarium.
Bottom Left to Right// Morgan Biodgett, Mariah Priddy, and Ashley Cynk at lunch smiling at the camera; Mrs. Kraft playing with a stingray along with the students; Ryan Bollinger with his arm half way in the water.

Out of School
Plainview Field Trips

What student doesn't want to get out of school to go somewhere else and see new things? There were many field trips this year for both elementary and high school.

The students got to see things such as LIVE sharks and a Broadway musical. They all got to have some great experiences and gain memories that they will never forget!
Chill on the Playground // Matthew Sage is decked out in some warm clothes on a cold January day!

Round and round we go // Rylan sits and waits for someone to push the merry-go-round for him.

Smile Big! // Maggie Voltruta and Mrs. Carney sit together during a little break from running with the kiddos.

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// Playground Days

// Avery Bollinger and Jordan Dirks pose for a photo. A ride around the playground on a three-wheeler is all a kid needs to be happy!

// Avery Bollinger climbed the rock wall and celebrates her triumph! Ky Harkness plays on the teeter-totter with his toy.

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// Friends, Toys, and Dirt

Left to Right // Anna Froese and Rylan Bollinger play together. Rylan fell off the merry-go-round.

Right to Right // Maggie, Selena, and Emma play with a little visitor. Zoe Crain takes some time to think about her busy day.

Left to Right // Victoria Christophersen, Lexi Scott, and Jordan Dirks all talk during their time outside. Mary Kathryn Voltruta plays by the toy car.

Tell me about it // Above left: Trudy Dyck looks pretty happy running around the slide. Above: Eligh Harkness gets ready to play on the teeter-totter. Left: Aidan Clark gets ready to ride his scooter around the path that encircles the playground. Below left to right: Aidan Clark gets ready to ride. Avery, Lexi, and Victoria take a group photo -- friends forever! Bottom: Watch Matthew Sage put the basketball through his legs against Joey Specht!
Hey! We are tiny and full of energy! // Left to right: Little girls are playing away on the playground; Emma Frey shows off her little bird she brought to school; David McMillan messes with a kick ball on the basketball court. Below: Kinders all gather on the Plainview merry-go-round led by Ianae Frey and Wesley Fehr who are getting ready to give their classmates the ride of their lives.

Days in the Sun
"Be silly, be honest, be kind."

Playful Days // There is no better place to play and make friends then the playground! For years, the children of Plainview have been playing on these grounds and were able to get plenty of use out of the equipment. It was decided that the kids did so well with the older swings, slides, and merry-go-rounds, that it was time to bring in some new fun ways to keep them entertained. There is no doubt that future generations will have just as much fun as those of the past—if not more—with their creative minds at work.

One thing is for sure: playground days are always in an individual's memory; and with all the nice things these kids have to play with, they will always be able to reflect on how great it was the day they were welcomed with a new set of equipment to use for their elementary recess time. Thanks to Mrs. Kraft for getting many of the grants that made this new equipment possible and to maintenance man Brad Larrew and custodian Kevan Heberd for getting it installed.
The students of Plainview become very familiar with technology—like the computers in the elementary computer room—and love it!

Technology for Kids

The Lap Top
// Vance Christophersen is well known for his inability to write legibly, so he uses a laptop to do his work in order for his teachers to read it.

The iPad
// Natalie Bollinger plays around on the iPad her mom uses in the library. Little Nat doesn’t know she is playing educational games!

The Desktop
// Mariah Priddy and Ashley Clynke are working hard on the computers to get some work done.

Games and Education // Olivia Specdt works away on what looks to be a game, but is actually a teaching tool that really helps.

Slide Shows // Ryan Koehler works on a slide show presentation that he will give to his classmates.

Top Right to Left and Down //
(Above left) Plainview has a DL room so their students can learn just about anything they want; (Above) The door bell to make sure intruders don’t get in; (Left) Luke Specht is the hardest working senior on the computer; (Below left) The phone has a camera so we can see if we should let people in or not; (Below) Kyle Scott is working at the computers; (Bottom) Nathan Dorow and Taylor Bollinger are playing around on the new high-tech smart boards.

Above// Say what? Alex Schmidt poses for the camera while working very hard in class to get his work done.

Left// Must write it down before I forget! Lighteth Frey reads and works away during his classroom time. This kid is smart!
Left: Grant Specht playing a game in the student lounge.
Bottom Left: Nathan Dorow posing for the camera.
Bottom Center: Nick playing ping-pong in the student lounge.
Bottom Right: Thomas Specht is playing ping-pong.
Below: Morgan gives the "thumbs up" as Mariah and Justin are secretly plotting something beyond the eyes of the camera.

Hold On!

Break Time At Lunch

Student's Free Time: All students at Plainview share one thing for sure, their love of break time at lunch. It is the time where Plainview School has scheduled some spare minutes to make room for them to relax and enjoy themselves after a tough morning in class.

There is a computer lab to catch up on work for those who do not have time to take a breather—it is usually quiet and filled with loads of computers and a teacher is always close by if a student needs help. There is a student lounge with a couch to sit and relax on, a foosball table, a pool table, a mini-loop to shoot basketballs, and a ping-pong table to challenge your friends to a friendly game of table tennis.

There is the amazing gym that was spruced up for the students as well to shoot basketballs or bump volleyball. Most students at Plainview prefer to be outside if the conditions are right, but either way, all students have plenty of space to be who they want to be when they can have a break.
Ebenee Moyers // "I think everyone looked good and we all had fun."

Josh Blodgett // "I liked the bonfire. The Hawks played well in their game. The dress up days were fun."

Ashley Clynke // "I loved the bonfire... it was so COOL. Go Hawks!!"

The Candidates // It is every girl’s dream to have the chance to be a Homecoming Queen candidate or even better, win Homecoming Queen over all. Well, this year the lucky candidates were Ebenee Moyers and John Bollinger (freshman class), Mariah Pridy and Thomas Specht (sophomore class), Morgan Blodgett and Nathan Dorow (junior class), and Sherran Morgan, Logan McVicker, and Luke Specht (senior class). With smiles on their faces, the girls rode to the football field to greet their dates for the night. They all lined up on the football field for the audience to see as Nathan Dorow and Morgan Blodgett were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

We be dancing! // Top right counter clockwise: Logan McVicker and Ashley Clynke shake a leg. Homecoming Queen Morgan Blodgett and King Nate Dorow at the dance. Nathan Dorow and Justin Rodriguez dance as Zach Doyle observes; Josh Blodgett and Lydia Spilfer share a dance; Morgan, Nathan, and Justin pose for the camera in a somewhat typical scene; Bottom: Alyssa Spilfer and her little sister Lydia get ready to dance to another song.

Dancing the Night Away // Above: Dony Nash, Brittanie Newman, Reagan Lane, and Morgan Blodgett dance the night away. Left: Sherran Morgan and John Bollinger display some crazy dance moves while seeming to be having a great time at the first dance of the school year.
Left // Nathan Dorow and Morgan Blodgett stand at the ready to take pictures and accept their awards for being voted Homecoming King and Queen. It is quite the honor when it comes to being named Homecoming King and Queen, something that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Dance / Plainview got a few more events back in addition to getting back football; they also got back the homecoming dance. On September 22nd, the high school and middle school students attended a dance set up by Morgan Blodgett, Don Blodgett, Alyssa Splitter, and Miss Greenfield. The students were all thankful for Erin Specht and Violet Lane for their DJ work, playing just the right music to set the mood for these kids to get on their feet and move.

The students even invited a few friends to come to the dance and join in on the fun. So it was by far a night to remember. Neon lights set the mood for an upbeat and crazy environment. Parents were also able to attend and watch their kids have the night of their lives.
Ms. Greenfield has been the Student Council sponsor since 2005. She deserves a standing ovation from all of the students she has put up with throughout the years and all the hard work she has put into making Plainview a fun school to attend.

Learn your role!

President
Alyssa Splitter

Vice-President
Seth Splitter

Secretary
Zachary Doyle

Everyone has a role to play in keeping the lines of communication open with students.

"This year was loads of fun! I had a great time working with Ms. Greenfield. The other student council representatives were fun to work with. This year was awesome, with the new football program and Homecoming. Homecoming had to be the highlight of the year; all of the students and alumni really came together and had a great time. I am excited to see what is going to happen next year. I am excited to see what the new Student Council President, Morgan Bladgett, has in store for the school next year."

-Alyssa Splitter
Student Council President
Student Council

Leading the way to the better future of Plainview

Left: Jonah, Justin, and Nate all look excited for the movie night at the school. Lower far left: Everyone is chilling on the couch waiting for the movie to start in the library. Lower middle left: Is that a Hug? Lower left: Absorbed into the movie, Hoku keeps eye-contact as he takes a drink (Mr. Pape would be proud).

School May be for Learning
But that doesn't mean we can't have fun!

Student Council is the organization that makes everything happen. Pizza, bowling, basketball, T-Shirts, Movie Nights—all of it is made possible through Student Council. This year, students also got to experience Homecoming and all the fun activities that were planned and executed by the Student Council President, Alyssa Splitter. This year was a fun year and all of the students are looking forward to next year and all the activities that are still to come.
My Bucket List

Try to match the correct person to the bucket list item.

1. a. Win the Lottery.

b. Skydive from space.

c. Get a Ph.D. and change my name to "Who" so people have to call me "Dr. Who."

d. BASE jump in a squirrel suit.

e. Get an invisible ink tattoo.

f. Go on a date with Channing Tatum.

Basketball
Ask any student what their favorite sport this year was—they would say basketball.

Most Memorable Moment
Ask anyone about the most memorable line in the spring play this year and it would most likely be Sgt. Tyree's, "I IS HERE, IT IS HERE!".

Messing Around
If you were to ask any elementary kid what time of the day was their favorite, they would most definitely declare it to be recess.
What do you think?
Most likely to:

Abigail Thayer
...become a reality TV star.

Alyssa Splitter
...be famous.

Seth Splitter
...live in parent's basement forever.

Ethan Dorow
...be showered by aliens.

Jared Wanderlingh
...be a rockstar.

Morgan Blodgett
...succeeded.

Morgan Blodgett and Nate Dorow
...get married.

Alex Schmidt
...be rich.

Nate Dorow
...become a comedian.

Morgan Blodgett
...to win American Idol.

Thomas Specht
...start a Dynasty.

Taylor Bollinger
...be President.
Freshman Initiation

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"Grin-o'-rama"
"It's a lot of fun being with my big sister on the playground, I love my sister!"

-Margaret Votruba

"My favorite part of Pre-K is playing with the cool toys outside."

-David Froese
"I had fun; I liked being a kinder."

- Ella Splitter

"I enjoy making pictures and cutting them out for everyone to see."

- Aidan Clark
First grade was pretty fun; my favorite part was recess.

- Joey Specht

I had a lot of fun this year.

- Joshua Votruba

Right: Emma Frey gives Joey Specht the evil eye.
Bottom right: Josh Votruba spreads his wings wide.
Bottom: Zoie Crain smiles with her Christmas tree ornament.
My favorite part of the year was going to the aquarium.

- Emma Frey

My favorite part of the year was the play. My favorite part was when Jonah said, "I is HERE, I IS HERE!"

- David McMillan
It was fun, I'm excited to be in fourth grade next year.

- Victoria Christophersen

Third grade was a lot of fun, I like being with my classmates.

- Alexis Scott
Fourth grade was a lot of fun, I am going to miss all of my friends.

- Avery Bollinger

"I had a blast being with my class this year."

- Elisabeth Froese

Top // Rooney Fehr and Avery Bollinger in class.
Middle Right // Rooney Fehr attempting to listen and concentrate.
Bottom Left to Right // Avery Bollinger posing; Jordan Dirks showing off her dough mustache.
Fifth Grade was fun, but I'm ready for middle school.

-Japheth Frey

Fifth grade was amazing; I love hanging out with friends.

-Athena Crum

At left: Kyle Scott works out during weight class.
Top Left: Savannah Stum grins at the cameraman.
Above: Wrong school, Ethan!!
Sixth Grade

I had an awesome 6th grade year; it was a weird but awesome year.

-Benji Davis

I enjoyed switching classes after every hour.

-Kayla Wanderlingh
"It was a lot of fun. I had a blast.

-Justin Dirks

"It was fun and very exciting. I had a great year with all of my friends.

-Nick Crum

Top left: Grant Specht shows off his mad basketball skills.
Above: Lydia Sperter proves that she's got the groove.
Left: Grant demonstrates that he is more than your average seventh-grader.
I had fun and can't wait for next year.

- Ryan Koeller

This year was actually kinda long, but I liked it because I made a new best friend and liked sports and my new teacher.

- Josh Blodgett
 Lets just say, time flies when you're having fun.

- Ashley Clyncke

Ask not what your class can do for you, but what you can do for your class.

- Jonah Bollinger

Top// Wyatt Lane being well. Wyatt. Middle right// Ashley Clyncke paying attention in class. Bottom left to right// Eunice Moyers modeling. Wyatt Lane picking up sticks for the bonfire.
**Initiation**

**Freshman initiation was awesome!**
That was when I figured out
whipped cream is great hair gel.

*Seth Splitter*

**Freshman Initiation was a blast, I**
had a lot of fun. It's totally
worth spending time with these
weirdos.

*Ebanee Moyers*
"It has been fun being around friends and the concession stand was rough and I am REALLY glad it is over with. Next year, I am making Mariah president!"

-Thomas Specht

"I had a lot of fun this year during basketball and with my friends that moved here."

-Justin Rodriguez

Right: Justin actually smiled for a picture. Below left to right: Taylor looks at Mrs. Dorow when he is caught misbehaving. Mariah works as Ashley falls asleep on her.
"Every year I get closer to graduating and every year just inspires me more to push harder to go forward.

- Morgan Blodgett

"This year was the first year in my whole life that I have actually liked going to school.

- Nathan Dorow"
Luke Specht //
Luke is a bright individual who lets no obstacle stop him and makes the most of each day. Good luck, Luke.

College Bound
It takes time to get to the top and that is where I am...

Luke would like to pursue one of the following careers: Wildlife Biologist, Environmentalist, Geologist, Paleontologist, or a Cryptozoologist. Luke has set his standards high and plans to meet them. He would like to attend a local college and stay close to his roots. His lifelong goal is to find a wonderful young woman to marry whose interests are close to his. He would love to have a son who would inherit his love of science and a daughter who would take up animal care and habitats.

Sheleana Mangum
Sheleana Mangum and Damon Thompson welcomed their beautiful daughter Sheleana into the world on March 1st, 1995 in Fort Morgan, Colorado. Throughout her life, she and her family have had their fair share of fights, but all the same, she is a family girl. Although she switched schools every two years, she did not truly love any other school like she loves Plainview. She has gained a few close friends while at school here that she will miss dearly (Morgan, Mariah, and Ashley).

Vance Christophersen
Vance Andrew Christophersen was born at Enloe Hospital in Chico, California. He was born on December 26th, 1994 to his loving parents, Virgil and Vonnie Christophersen. Vance has grown to love his Cubbies that he works with at his church. When Vance isn't working with his Cubbies, he is reading a book. Vance's motto in life is "God always comes first." Vance's close friends are Kate Murray, Nat Weber, and Mikayla Schmidt.
Logan McVicker

Logan was born on May 17th, 1994 in Lamar, Colorado to his proud parents, Tia and Kevin McVicker. He came to Plainview during his junior year and finished his senior year at Plainview.

Before returning to Plainview, he attended Eads. While there, he met and enjoyed the friends he made even though he had to leave them behind. Logan's closest friend is Wyatt Lane from Eads. This cowboy's memory will forever trot the halls of Plainview.

Luke Specht

Luke was born on March 13, 1994 in a car while traveling on Hwy 96 between Sheridan Lake and Towner in the back seat. Luke has attended Plainview his entire life. Although he is slightly autistic, Luke has found a way to climb the social ladder as well as the academic ladder. Throughout Luke's life, he has found that his love of science goes deep into his soul. Luke loves his family of nine. With seven siblings around the house, Luke never has a dull moment.

A future worth planning

Shelana Mangum
// Shelana is not sure what her future holds, but she would like to go to college and look into pursuing a career in health services. She would like to start a family at some point and enjoy life in Colorful Colorado.

Vance Christopherson
// Vance's future is a life strictly based on God's plans. He plans to first study ministry at Frontier School of Bible in Laramie, Wyoming. Vance says that his main goal is to follow God, wherever he leads him.

Logan McVicker
// Logan plans on starting out life right by continuing riding horses. He would like to move out of his parents' house and start a family of his own eventually. Good luck, Logan!
This year made me a stronger person and teacher and has taught me what is important.

- Miss Ruth Fees

When I came to Plainview it felt like I was home. And for someone who never leaves home without blue on, it seemed like a perfect fit. I planted strawberries so I guess that means I am staying.

- Miss Susan Greenfield

At right // Mrs. Dorow prepares to teach her class.
Top right // Mrs. Hopkins is ready for Wacky Wednesday and Dr. Sue's.
Above // Kevan Hebered stands with arms folded in the doorway.
To Left: Coach Clidden works at his desk.
Top Left: Mr. Pape gives one of his lectures.
Above: Mrs. Sanders gets caught in the hallway.

"It was an absolute privilege to be part of the 2013 school year. Plainview kids rock!"
- Lani Dorow

"It's hard to believe that this is my 16th year at Plainview—the time has sure flown by. I am honored to work with such a qualified and dedicated staff that cares so much for the welfare and education of each and every student. And for the fact that they have put up with me for as long as they have, I'm sure qualifies them for some commendation—maybe even a parade.

- Mr. Pape"
HS Track
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"Sports-tastic"
High School Football

A Team that Sweats Together, Sticks Together

Finally, after 10+ years, Plainview welcomed back a more than willing football team. Ready to fight, the Hawks geared up every day during practice and prepared to reinvigorate the forgotten traditions and school pride for a group of men new to the sport.

With new head coach Mike Glidden at the helm, the Plainview football team committed to more than just playing on the field. The boys committed to working hard in the classroom as well. Nothing got in the way of this team when they set their mind to something, and together they can do anything.

This year was tough, but they all fought hard. Going through a season with an unestablished reputation wasn't easy, but they made it. They created a year to remember, and a "blue"print for the future.

Top to bottom:
Nathan Dorow (88) runs to make a block on a Deerfield player as his brother Adam grabs tackle out of bounds.
Zach Doyle (4) attempts to go out for a pass; Tackle them boys! The Hawks scrap with KG.
Seth Sutter (32) attempts to run down a Kit Carson ball carrier.
We improved a lot and it was a lot of fun.

- Justin Rodriguez

For me it was the best season I have ever had. We became a family. And I never want to give it up!

- Nathan Dorow

It was fun being my first year of high school football.

- Zach Doyle
Above top to bottom://
YES!!// Marisa shows her excitement before a game.

Time Out!// The football team takes a time out during their game.

Swing batter, batter swing!// Taylor takes a swing at the ball during a baseball game.

Below/ // Smile! The volleyball team takes a picture.

Different School, Same Spirit

From Rivals, to Team Mates.

This year Plainview athletes participated in four different sports at Eads High School.

Alyssa Splitter went and played for the Eads volleyball team. During the season the team was back-to-back District Champions, Regional Champions, and they had their first state qualification in twenty years!

Reagan Lane went and played football during the fall at Eads. The football team was runner-up at State.

In the winter, Seth Splitter and Reagan Lane participated in wrestling. It was Seth's first year ever wrestling and major improvements were made during the season.

Jonah Bollinger, Taylor Bollinger, and Nate Dorow all participated in baseball at Eads. The team was only one game short of competing in the State Tournament.

Eads has been viewed as a "rival" for a long time at Plainview, but now the bonds that have been made through the sports programs have all but made that rivalry disappear. The schools have gone from rivals to teammates.
Volleyball

"Volleyball this year was AMAZING! Our team really came together more than ever before. Playing under Mrs. Bohlander was so much fun, State was an awesome experience. I am anxious for next year to be here already!"

-Alyssa Splitter

Baseball

"It was really fun for me. There were lots of laughs and jokes. I have learned so much from baseball this year and have gotten lots of experience."

-Nate Dorow
Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships!

A new year and a new tradition. Plainview brought back basketball with a new twist: varsity boys. Sadly, there was no girls team, but that didn't mean they gave in—the girls joined the boys on the court. With a never-ending passion to get a team to state, Coach Glidden led the team through many challenges to prepare them for the many tests that would welcome them on the court. From all the sprints to countless drills, the team stuck to their guns and did not give up; after all, giving up is showing weakness, and a Hawk does NOT show weakness in any situation. Go Hawks!
They gave it all they could and I enjoyed being a part of basketball this year.

-Luke Specht

Of all the teams I have been on, Plainview is the most important to me. The Hawks have showed me what staying true to your team means. I cannot wait to play for them next year.

-Morgan Blodgett
Top to bottom/
Alyssa jumps during triple jump; Luke runs as hard as he can during his 100 meter "dash"; Thomas wears a smile as he starts the long jump; Running the 100m dash, Alyssa sprints for the finish line.

When you feel like stopping, they go further...
Sacrifice is what it takes... sacrifice. Track is one of those sports where you cannot just be in it one minute and out the next. It is practicing even when you don't feel like it. It is encouraging your fellow competitors to beat you; to push each other until the end. Track is the soul of everyone wants.
This year was amazing. I had a great time with my teammates. State track was an amazing experience. I can't wait for next year, and hopefully, a state championship!

-Alyssa Spliter

Track is so different from any other sport... it takes so much time and dedication. I love my team to death and I know at the end of each meet they did their best and I can't ask for anymore.

-Morgan Blodgett
Junior High Football

GetHawksGO!

It's not just the sport itself that gets these boys pumped up, and it's not just the tackling and the throwing... It's the rush you get while running down the field. It's the feeling you get when you've accomplished something good, like scoring your first touchdown for your team. Like Joshua Blodgett, Ethan Dorow, and a few of the others who were rookies this year, they were excited to have the opportunity to play football. If I know anything about these boys, it's that they have the will-power to work hard and the motivation to win. And at the end of the day, they don't take being good enough as being ENOUGH. Hawks, we're proud of you.

"Playing football was awesome because it taught us to work as a team."
-Justin Dirks

"I wish we had more games."
-Josh Blodgett
Whether you are bumping, spiking, or setting, you're still doing it with your team. In volleyball, you have to treat your team like they are your family; you need to help one another improve as much as possible, and help them fight through the rough patches, which is what the more experienced players did when the newbee's arrived. Although winning is the ultimate goal, the team wasn't as concerned if they won or not, as much as they knew they had to win or lose together. A team does this because a team is a family— not only in volleyball, but in any sport. Trust in your teammates and they will trust in you. And when trust is built, nothing can go wrong.

"Trying our best and having loads of fun is what it's all about."

-Athena Crum

Volleyball was a lot of fun and I really want to keep playing it; everyone was nice and we had a lot of fun together.

-Ethan Strong

Top to bottom/
Sydney Bollinger bumps the ball to a teammate at Cheyenne Wells.
Abigail Thayer follows through after serving underhand.
Ethan Strong gets ready to hit the ball with some authority.
Grant Specht serves the ball over the net against Eads.
Top to bottom/
Grant Specht waits for the pass, with his arms folded; Nick Crum and Alex Schmidt get ready to start the inbounds play; Josh Bledge runs back after shooting a lay-up during warm-ups; Nick Crum walks up the court and gets ready to call a play.

Junior High Basketball

The junior high worked very hard to create not only a name for themselves, but for Plainview School as well, and did so with the help of a few of the school's younger players rising from fifth grade, as well as with the help of a new coach, Mike Cudden. The team pushed themselves through practice, through the multiple laps of grapes, and through the tough drills in order to grasp the fundamentals. The team played hard to make their coach proud, and even though they didn't win every game, that's just what they did. Throughout every win and every loss, the teams, both boys and girls, pushed twice as hard in practice the next day to have a better chance the next time they took the court.

Work hard
Play hard

Junior High Basketball
I really liked playing basketball this year, and, to be honest, I will miss playing with all of the friends who helped me get this far on the team.

- Joshua Blodgett

My favorite part of basketball is working hard and motivating the other players.

- Savannah Bollinger
The Plainview junior high track team did an amazing job this year. Most of them either placed or earned medals in their respective events. They all worked hard to get to where they were at the end of the season. Everyone deserves to succeed when they try as hard as the Hawks do.

Run, Run RUN!!

Whether it's a throwing event, a running event, or a jumping event, they give it their all. They practice not only in school during official practice, but at home on their free time to build agility and strength so they can do better at the next meet. More teams should have the work ethic that these Hawks do. Way to go, Hawks!
It was fine for the time I was involved.

- Rance Wright

It was a lot of fun; I enjoyed it.

- Grant Specht
Go, Fight, Win!!

Some might say cheerleading isn’t a real sport—just don’t tell Cheer Coach Ruth Fees that. Cheerleading is as hard as every other sport out there: you give blood, sweat, and tears. It takes a lot of hard work and 6:00 AM practices. It takes effort to perfect every step in a dance routine or memorize the dozens of cheers and numerous amounts of chants. It can be nerve-wracking to some to go out in front of a crowd full of friends and family and get them pumped up for a game and involve everyone or do things such as the class yell. But they pulled it off and always ended up with everyone cheering along with them! And they had fun while doing it! Needless to say, these girls, and boy, are good!!

Top to bottom//
Allie Hornbeck at a home game cheering for the Hawks; Athena Crum cheers her heart out at the Granada game; The junior high cheer squad cheers at a pep rally in order to get the crowd pumped up for football; looking to get the crowd off their feet, Kayden Moser cheers them on in front of the Hawk.
This only being my first year of high school, and first year of cheerleading, it's been fun. Athletics has always been a big part of my life, so cheerleading is another athletics program that I get the chance to be a part of.

- Ebanee Moyer

Cheerleading has been a big part of my life all throughout junior high, and since I'm an eighth grader, I won't be able to cheer for my younger friends next year. I will miss cheering with Athena, Kayden, Benji, and Breeanna.

- Allee Hornback
On The Field Ready
To Push The Limits

Once a year, Plainview, Kit Carson, and Cheyenne Wells meet at the Tiger’s track to hold the annual Elementary Track and Field Day. This is the one day that the smaller Hawks get to gather to show off their talent that they have worked so hard at. This is the “mini” preview of what is to come for these young, athletes of the future. They train all year through various games they play and units they complete in physical education class. These little Hawks have earned their time to shine, and they did indeed. Who knows what they will be able to accomplish when they get older and finally can compete at the next level? We will be watching as these little Hawks move on to junior high and high school. Until then, tear it up on field day and show Plainview Pride!
Left to right:
Left to right://
Landon Bollinger finishes the long jump with an interesting twist; Anna Froese runs her race; Sydney Bollinger finishes her race with lightning speed.

Top to bottom://
Cary Stum runs to the finish line as fast as his little legs can carry him; Aiden Clark runs his relay race with a big smile on his face; Savannah Stum looks closely as she runs over the finish line; Levi Scott runs her part of relay as hard as she can! Way to go, Levi!

"I think it was really fun.
-Ky Harkness"

"It was fun and exciting to watch.
-Janae Frey"
As science class continued, everyone worked hard to get their work done and have fun. Asking students what they thought about this year in science class produced answers that varied greatly. "I was not here for most of the year, but in the time I was here, I have had a lot of fun," replied DeeDee Beightel when asked what she thought about science class this year. Well said, DeeDee.

Working hard // The picture at the very top kind of epitomizes why kids love science—where else can they light fires in class and get away with it? Here we see Morgan Hornback looking quite pleased as he watches the paper burn. In the top left picture, Seth is working to get his part of the project done correctly and done well. While in the top right picture, Taylor and Nate work together to make sure everything is in working order. In the bottom left picture, senior Luke Specht looks up at the camera as he uses the scale. The bottom right picture shows Vi laughing at something that was said while holding a lit piece of paper.
Science Fair
A Battle of the Brainiest

The school and community look forward to science fair every year. Students get to show off a project that they have worked on for anywhere from a couple of weeks to several months, and in rare occasions, years. Science fair this year was a different experience with new staff running it. Ms. Greenfield took charge and encouraged all of the students who were working on their projects to do their best. Mrs. Dorow and Mrs. Hopkins also helped out a lot. This year we had quite a few kids qualify for the regional science fair in Lamar. At regionals two of our students, Mariah Priddy and Ryan Koeller, qualified for the state science fair in Fort Collins.

Above// Mariah Priddy, who qualified for state, and her sister, Ashley Clyncke.

Below// Savannah Stum seems more than happy to pose with her first place ribbon.

Above// Boom! Boom! A science fair project at the science fair.

Below// Mariah walks around the fair looking at different projects.

Below// Eva Froese and Grant Specht pass time in the library playing cards while their projects are being judged.

Above// Benjamin Splitter and Alex Schmidt pose with their project testing hovercrafts.

Above// Benjamin and Alex work on their hovercraft at home using a balloon and a CD.

New Experiences// Mariah Priddy and Ryan Koeller both qualified for state this year in science fair. Neither of them received any awards, but they did their best and that is what counts. The experience at state for them both was really exciting. As Ryan stated, regional science fair was a "drop in the bucket" compared to what state turned out to be. This year was Ryan's second year qualifying for state science fair and Mariah's first. They both hope to continue doing science fair and working to enhance their projects so that next year they will be able to do more and excel.

Below// During a busy day of science fair, the bottom two pictures show Ashley Clyncke and Josh Bredt posing for a picture in front of their science projects. While in the upper left side, Kristen Moyer and Athena Crum listen to Mr. Pace and Mrs. Hopkins ask questions about their project. In the upper right corner, the junior high science fair participants get together for a group picture.

Science Fair Day// Grant Specht puts up his science fair board in the gym in preparation for judging.

"It was really fun." -Grant Specht

Participants work both at home and at school. Benjamin and Alex work on their science fair project at Alex's house.

// State Science Fair 2012-2013

// Science Fair Participants

// Working on Science Fair
Math

Clockwise from top left: Sophomore Mariah Priddy concentrates hard on the lecture; Senior Sheleana Mangum gives the cameraman the evil eye; Excited to be in class, Taylor Bollinger gives the answer to a question; Sophomores Justin Rodriguez and Mariah Priddy come into class ready to learn.

A Hero
The teacher to remember...

Mrs. Lani Dorow// Plainview went through some hard changes this year as far as math and science went, with Mrs. Sanders leaving in November and Mrs. Fekenscher leaving at semester. When Plainview was at its time of serious need, not only for the well-being of the school, but for the students who started to fall behind, Lani Dorow stepped up. Mrs. Dorow was the person Plainview so desperately needed. She teaches her students the reason why something is, and she teaches her students to not only have fun, but also to know boundaries. Her classroom is the real world, and is the one loved by almost all students at Plainview who have come to know her. Thank you, Mrs. Dorow.

To right:// Junior Nathaniel Dorow tries to play a game on his iPad while the teacher tries to tell him something.

To left:// Mrs. Dorow laughs at something that one of her students said during class.

Clockwise from top left: Junior Nate Dorow tries to pay attention to the lectures; Mrs. Dorow tries to prove a point to senior Sheleana Mangum; Senior Luke Specht is interrupted by the cameraman while trying to weigh a piece of wood; Catching some Zs, sophomore VI Christophersen tries to nap during math class.
Get Active
Plainview Students Love to Move

Elementary and Middle School / Plainview kids love to get up and get active. It might really come from having a coach like Mikel Glidden or just because they cannot get enough. These kids do not mind hitting the books, but they would trade all of the books any day for a few minutes of playing some games. A well-known favorite at Plainview would be basketball. Kids love to group up and compete in hopes of showing coach exactly what they have got. These kids are always training without knowing it. They work hard and earn their time. Physical education class allows them to learn something new, work on their game, or just get into shape.

At left// Savannah Bollinger tries to make the final push to finish out her run.

At right// Grant Specht poses on the treadmill while weights class.

Above// Kayla Wanderingh jogging around the school while working on to getting into shape.

Clockwise from top left// Seventh-grader Justin Dirks tries to line up his shot; Sixth-grader Lisa Dyck is getting prepared to lift some weights; Fifth-grader Kyle Scott takes off with the basketball; Eighth-grader Josh Blodgett listens to instructions given by Mr. Glidden.

Camera Caught You

Clockwise// Nick Crum, Josh Blodgett, Jared Warder, and Rance Wright all work hard during wall sits; Alex Schmidt awaits his turn during a game to get the ball; Josh Blodgett jumps and poses for the camera during his run; Nick Crum sits ever so patiently while waiting to go to lunch.
Ms. Fees!! // A lot of great things come to those who know their stuff. Whether it be books or literature, or the best writing skills taught by none other than Ms. Fees herself, some people don't realize just how much English helps them, both now and in the future. Ms. Fees helps those at Plainview. She helps with her ways of teaching, her discipline, and how she is able to joke around with her students when necessary, especially those in high school. We like Ms. Fees, and she is a great teacher, however; she is also very strict. At the end of everyday, school year, after graduation, and during college, all her students thank her for all the time and effort she put forth with each and everyone of them. That is doing it right. Thanks, Ms. Fees.

Good Job, Vance // Vance Christophersen seems to be concentrating pretty hard on his work in Ms. Fees' class.

Go Hoku!! // Ethan (Hoku) Dorow reads and studies while everyone else is on the computers.

Hard at Work? // Ryan Koellner chats it up and tries to work at the same time. Way to be a multi-tasker, Ryan!!
Check Em' Out // Top left to right: Reagan Lane is caught laughing at his classmates. Taylor and Jonah Bollinger along with Mariah Priddy are watching a video. Bottom left to right: Sheeanwa waits to film a segment of "Antebellum Update" in history class. Nathan Dorow doodles away a note to Morgan.

The Past with Pape
We learn from our past, so we do not make the same mistakes.

Mr. Pape // A class that examines the past helps all the students understand the present and the future. Mr. Pape's history class is one students should always be ready to debate in or get a major hand cramp. Sometimes, if they are lucky, he will even pull out an old video to make all of these events a little easier to comprehend. Then students may have a better chance to be able to win an argument against him during class, although it isn't likely. Winning a debate against Mr. Pape is like asking a pig to fly—if you think you do win, well, it's all depends on your perspective. He does an amazing job at playing the "devil's advocate" which challenges his students to formulate stronger arguments to bolster their opinions or to re-examine their positions. Either way, it's a learning experience.

What did you do...? // Nathan Dorow is caught hiding on camera, but from what or who?

Not ready? // Taylor Bollinger was caught in the middle of a smirk/remark on camera. Take that!

Are you faking? // Zachary Doyle looks to be studying, but it very well could be one of his personal books and not Mr. Pape's assignment—we don't know and he won't tell.

Top Left to Right // Wyatt Lane is working away on a project in geography; Katleyn Wanderingh listens to Mr. Pape's "interesting" lecture.

Bottom Left to Right // Morgan Blodgett looks back at the camera; Reagan Lane works on his collage in world geography class.
Look at us! // Bottom right to left: Vance and VI are caught on camera—good thing they don’t know. VI is deep in thought (and a little blurry). Top right to left: Sheena Mangum smiles during a round of questioning; Mariah Priddy gets some caffeine to get her thinking before a meet.

Think, Think, Think, THINK! These kids know the facts wherever they go...

Did you know? // Plainview includes more than athletes and kids who enjoy just having a good time—it has some kids who know a lot more than the average Hawk! Knowledge Bowl consists of a group of students and a coach (Ms. Fees) who know lots of facts in all subject areas! These kids have so many facts stuffed in their heads, it is a wonder how they don’t just explode!

The kids go to meets at other schools as well as competing locally at East here at Plainview, and in Lamar. They also compete against bigger schools for better titles. The middle school came back with some trophies while both the middle school and high school knowledge bowl teams came back with more facts in their heads than they began with. These kids are brilliant!

Way to go, Ryan and Benji!! // Ryan Koeller and Benji Davis show off their third place certificate from the Lamar meet.

Second Place // Benji Davis and Grant Specht pose with their second place trophy they earned at the Springfield meet.

Behind Bars // Mariah Priddy finds herself behind bars as she gets her picture taken during the lunch break at the Plainview Knowledge Bowl.
Get Serious! // Top left to right: Morgan Bloodgett, Thomas Specht, V.J. Christophersen, Zach Votruba, and Taylor and Jonah Bollinger congratulate each other on a case well done. The criminal justice team poses for a picture in Pueblo; Thomas prepares mentally before he is put on the witness stand; Morgan, Taylor, and Jonah get ready to present their case.

Making the Case

We know you know how to argue, but we will teach you how to win.

Laws in question // Students at Fairview were given something extra this year to help them excel beyond the other schools in the area. They were given a class that taught them the "ins" and "outs" of the law. This class gave them a list of an insight into the cops, the criminals, and the lawyers' point of view—sometimes revealing a cruel truth—but justice is not always done. Not only was this class a great class for students to argue their viewpoint on law, but it was a fabulous way for them to actually understand the laws they usually did not know a lot about. This class was even given the chance to go to regional competition in which they did come very close to advancing further—not bad for being a first-year class competing against schools that had done this for many years. There is always next year, Hawks!

Coming after you! // Jonah Bollinger is by the podium waiting to take down the next criminal.

Not ready to lose? // Taylor Bollinger shows criminals who the boss is with one pose.

You're going down! // Reagan Lane gets ready to grill his next witness into admitting the truth.

Top left to right// Elance Mowers is waiting patiently beside Thomas Specht at the the defense table; Mariah Priddy jokes with the judge, the Honorable Douglas Tallman.

Bottom left to right// Taylor Bollinger sits in anticipation of the verdict; Zach Votruba remains calm under the pressure of questioning on the witness stand.
Ever year, Mr. Pape gathers a staff of young students striving to make a yearbook for everyone to adore and look back on. The thing is, everyone thinks yearbook is just a bunch of people doing little to nothing. Yearbook requires loads of time and dedication to strive for perfection. These kids sign a contract from the start. This contract shows the outline of how dedicated this group of students are. They have to come in and work even after the school year is out to finish this wonderful book. These students truly earn lots of praise for all their hard work. As well as, poor Mr. Pape who has to put up with these kids through the good and bad days. We hope you enjoy the results.

Clockwise: Morgan Hornback and Logan McVicker work ever so diligently on their computers; Justin Rodriguez sticks his tongue out to protest the picture being taken; Logan McVicker is caught taking a picture of another camera person; Seth Spitzer looking at... food?

Strive for Perfection
"Each year is a year to do better."

Clockwise: Thumbs Up! Evanee Moyer, Zach Doyle; and Sheleena Mangum all enjoy themselves at the yearbook workshop. Wyatt Lane and Seth Spitzer "working" on entertaining themselves with a game of pick-up sticks; Wyatt Lane caught on camera, with a camera; Mr. Pape and the rest of the yearbook staff look on as the artist from "lostens works on the yearbook cover. (She did an excellent job, don’t you think?)

Text, Text, Text: Sheleena Mangum keeping herself content with her cellphone and whoever it may be on the other end.

Justin Rodriguez: Someone caught Justin at a bad angle because I think we can see his nose hairs!

Working Hard: Wyatt, Nate, and Logan all working hard at the workshop.
Great Times

Pictures are very important to the yearbook; it is a book that is made of pictures. The yearbook staff does its best every year to get good quality photos for the readers’ enjoyment.

Working as a team is very important for yearbook, and the workshop is a great place to learn how to work together and learn how to make the best yearbook possible.

Yummm! Chocolate chip muffins! Food was a necessity on ad sales trips and these hit the spot!

SALE, SALE, SALE!

Ad Sales// Every year, twice a year, Mr. Pape takes his young talented students out to various places in Colorado close by the small town of Sheridan Lake. These places are Tribune, Eads, Cheyenne Wells, and Sheridan Lake. The kids are assigned places to walk and sell ads, usually being split into two or three groups. They are given a price sheet, which is usually memorized by the end of the first town they go to, and a pen. These kids sure know how to work those smiles and sell ads because every year they make way more than what people realize! After all, a job is always done well if it is done with a smile.

Leading the Troops// Morgan Blondet gives a pep talk to the rest of the yearbook staff.

Death Glare// Morgan Horneback doesn’t look too thrilled that his picture is being taken.

Clockwise// Nathan and Wyatt are working away on designs for yearbook; Nathan, Wyatt, and Justin are playing pick up sticks at workshop; Justin Rodriguez is caught sitting like usual on the bus; Alyssa Splitter thinks of the perfect layout!

Above// Justin Rodriguez is flying backwards in his chair.
Top Right// Etane Moyer is offering treats to those who went to sell ads for journalism!
Right// Wyatt and Logan are posing like posers.

Duck Face// Etane Moyer posing for the camera on the way home from selling ads.

Concentration// Alyssa and Justin writing down important information for the yearbook.

Click!// Logan getting his picture taken while taking a picture.

Waiting Patiently// Morgan Horneback is waiting to go back home from Lamar Community College.

Above// Justin and Seth are actually WORKING! The two of them help the journalism class sell ads.
"How the West was Fun"
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"Later-gater"
Every year, Mr. Pape recruits the students of Plainview to put on a play for the community and donate the money to a good cause. This year, "How the West was Fun" told the story of a tragic hero trying to get the girl. Young Curly has fallen for Miss Lily, although she loves Sergeant Tyree Tunwilliger, a dashing cavalry officer in the US Army, and intends to marry him, while the rest of the girls at the Red Stocking Dance Hall (run by the worldly-wise Madam Claire du Loony) turn green with envy.

The wedding plans are all but done when Curley meets the good (and greedy) Doctor Sasquatch, who is more concerned about his own welfare than anyone else. When he shows up, he gives Curley a ride for his money that makes all the girls "fall in love" with him by having his trusty assistant mix up some "elixir of love" which is nothing more than branch water and iodine. In the end, however, it is discovered that our hero only "got the girl" because he inherited a ton of money from an old friend who passed away. Laughter was the best medicine in "How the West was Fun."
Lily (Morgan Bloxigett) slaps Curley (Nathan Dorow); Curley does the dance of victory; Old Gus (Luke Speed) walks around the saloon near Sergeant Turwelliger (Jonah Bollinger); Dr. Sasquach (Vance Christophersen) waves his magic elixir; Sally (Katelyn Wanderingh) and Lilly fight over Curley; Miss Claire (Alessa Splitter) tells Dr. Sasquach how ridiculous he is; Miss Claire and Sergeant Tyree have a conversation about Lilly; Everyone is lining up to buy Dr. Sasquach's love potion; Lilly slaps Curley across the face when he scares her.

Left to right top row: Princess Grinning Fox (Adam Dorow) freaks on Dr. Sasquach for manipulating poor Curley; Miss Claire tells Curley; the cold truth about the Doctor Lobo gives Curley "the face" when he just doesn't think straight; Curley and Sergeant Tyree get in a heated argument.

Above: Curley cries because he has been duped by Dr. Sasquach and Princess Grinning Fox—who is pretty broken up about it herself.

Above: Malou (Thomas Speed) gossips with the girls on some off time.

Above: Old Gus drinks Sasquach's "Medical Marvel!"
The Carnival// Plainview's senior class holds the "senior carnival" in hopes to not only earn that last bit of money for sneek, but to have loads of fun with all of the younger classes and the community that attends.

Each class comes up with one booth to entertain their audience and to get the crowd involved. This is the Plainview students' way of having fun whether it's "pie-ing" a teacher in the face or dunking a freshman, a fun time was had by all!
Left Down

Morgan wipes some pie off of Nate's face.
Ebanee Moyer participates in the freshman dunk tank.
Alyssa dodges a pie in the junior pie throw; Athena
throws a softball at the dunk tank; Joey runs to get
his prize at the dart throw.
Kayla prepares to throw at the pie throw; Jared throws some darts at the seniors
booth; Mr. Pape volunteers at the junior's booth. Shleanea
Mangum replaces balloons at the senior's booth.

Above

Elizabeth Wright and Seth Spletter run the Freshman Fishing Booth.

Surprise! Alyssa enjoys the food!

Above Left to Right

Justin creamed Ms. Fees' face with a pie; Nate Borow helps
Athena aim for Mr. Pape's face.
Bottom Right to Left
Maggie Votruba smiles; Kyle Scott throws darts at balloons.

Above

Kayden throws water balloons at Justin and Thomas.
Below: Grant Specht, Josh Blodgett, Lisa Dyck, Benji Davis, Ryan Koeller, and Ethan Dorow walk to get their awards with a great feeling of accomplishment!

Every year, at the end of the last nine weeks in which students work extremely hard (crunch time), teachers evaluate everything they have worked on for that year. They decide who has gone the extra mile or in a Hawkes case, flown further than the rest. Students invite friends and family to watch as their names get called for these spectacular achievements. Plainview is unique in the fact that all guests have full access to a full table of food brought by both the community and the cooks at the school. So dine out and watch as Hawks fly to the top.
Left down//
Morgan Bledgett gives a high five to her friends as she passes by; Avery Bollinger enjoys the food that the community made; Allee Hornback waits patiently for her name to be called; Alyssa shakes Mr. Pap's hand after receiving the history award; Ked Wanderlingh has fun before the Awards Night starts with a cup; Justin Rodriguez eats all he can get before he has to listen to teachers talk; Benji Davis shakes hands with Ms. Doyle while he accepts an award; Adam Dorow makes a crazy face that will haunt you in your sleep; Sheleana Mangum and Luke Specht wait patiently to get their track pins.

Above// Shenks Bollinger, Alyssa Splittter, and Ebner Movers are acknowledged for their cheerleading duties.

Above// Alyssa Splittter and Karlyn Wanderlingh line up.

Left to right top row// Lonah takes a mouthful; Adam, Taylor, and Lonah look happily at their awards. Bottom left to right// Lani Dorow and Ruth Fees wait to give their kids awards. Savannah Bollinger and Kayla Wanderlingh are caught on camera!

Above// Vance and Sheleana crack up in laughter.
"Here's to the Night" truly was a prom to remember. It was thrown by the junior Class of 2014 (Morgan Blodgett, Nathan Dorow, and Alyssa Splitter) and their class sponsor (Ruth Fees) along with the help of a few volunteers, who were much appreciated. The juniors decided to do prom a little different this year by serving the dinner at Plainview School followed by a dance at the Town Hall. Decorating two places may have been a little bit harder, but it truly worked out better in the end. All in all, everyone had a blast at both the Prom and the Post-Prom-Heres to the Night!!
Below// Heidi Blodgett dances with junior Nathan Dorow!

Left down// Morgan Blodgett and Nathan Dorow are dancing; Katelyn Wanderlingh dances with Luke Specht at his senior prom; Alyssa Splitter has a good laugh at prom; Katelyn and Kristen Arms talk on the side lines and take a breather; Justin Rodriguez and his girlfriend have a slow dance; Ebane Movers shows off her wild side with a crazy face at prom; Thomas Specht gives a beat to the dancer on the floor; Nathan breaks it down on his way to the floor; Alyssa Splitter and Logan Smith share a dance on a night they will always remember.

Above// Dee Dee Beightet breaks it down with the Prom Queen, Shelana Mangum.

Above// Kristen Arms and Logan Smith share a laugh.

Left to right top row// Taylor Bollinger and his date dance the night away; Ebane Movers, Mariah Priddy, Ashley Clynke, and Morgan Blodgett sing to one another; Nathan Dorow makes V.L. Christophersen, Wesley Arms, and Jonah Bollinger laugh; the juniors all gave their welcome speech.

Above// Alyssa Splitter and Logan Smith break it down!
School board members that handed out certificates and diplomas:  
- Marvin Koeller  
- Jay Specht  
- Tom Pape  
- Debbie Shivers  

Sponsors:  
- Luke Specht  
- Sheleana Mangum  

Superintendent and Assistant Administrator:  
- Jeff Bollinger  
- Cheri Hopkins  

Graduation 2013

The audience at Graduation 2013 at Plainview School was welcomed by the superintendent, Jeff Bollinger. The seniors chose former math teacher Marvin Hamilton to come and speak to their class about the future. They wanted someone who knew them and how they were in school, how the community felt about them, and how they each grew up with the same goal to succeed. The 8th grade class preceded the seniors in getting their certificates of continuation, followed by the seniors receiving their diplomas. With colorful decorations adorning the stage and family to share in the moment, Graduation 2013 was everything we hoped it would be.
Left down //
Luke Specht gives a memorable Valedictorian speech about how no one succeeds on their own—everyone needs that helping hand. Vance accepts his diploma after shaking Mr. Specht’s hand; Vance gives the invocation; Sheleana gives the Salutatorian Address, reminding the audience of how important these memories are; Luke gives flowers to his friends and family; Sheleana hugs her mother after giving her flowers; Ethan Dorow walks up the aisle before the ceremony begins; Ryley Scott walks down the center of the walkway to be seated; Luke Specht walks with pride to his seat.


Left to right top row // Luke Specht dramatically displays his diploma to the audience. The eighth grade pose with their Certificates of Continuation.

Left to right bottom row // Sheleana gives her crying mother a flower to thank her for her many years of help; The 2013 Plainview Graduates and their sponsor, Mr. Pape.

Above// Jared Wanderlingh and the eighth grade class.

Above// Mr. Pape greets Mr. Hamilton following introductory remarks given by the senior sponsor.

Above// Luke gives his Aunt Sharon a hug after giving her flowers.
Above Left // Luke and Vance pose in front of Ignazio's Pizza in Brooklyn, N.Y. just before their fifteen-mile trek (walking) back to the hotel in Times Square—if you don't believe it—Google it!

Above // Mr. Pape, Vance, and Luke take a picture with Albert the horse who pulled them and this carriage around Society Hill and the Historic District in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
The 2013 Seniors, Luke Specht and Vance Christophersen along with their sponsor, Mr. Pape took a Senior Trip like no other in recent memory. We started by plane to our nation’s capital, Washington, D.C., and took in a host of monuments, museums, and memorials. From there it was by train to the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, home of cheesesteaks and of course, our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution. We took a carraia ride around Society Hill and the Historic District and we walked all over the city. To conclude the excursion, it was a two and a half day stay in the City that Never Sleeps, New York, New York—a city so nice, they named it twice. We saw the city by double-decker bus at night, went to the Empire State Building, the 9-11 Memorial, walked Central Park and the Brooklyn Bridge, took a ferry around Liberty Island, and had pizza on Brooklyn and BBQ at Virgils in NYC. We jogged well over 100 miles by foot on this “Excellent Adventure,” and can honestly say that from K Street in Washington to Delancey Street in Philly to Hope Street in New York City, life as we know it really shaped it’s not only the citizens of our great nation, but the sacrifices that we made to keep us free, and the work and effort required to maintain our freedom and economic vitality. What a great trip!
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Are there words to describe?

Our theme this year was "Only Words Could Describe," and in the process we came up with words that really printed a picture of this school and the students that populate it. They included words like "friendly," "dependable," "outgoing," "pugnacious," and "successful" to name a few. In the last nine months, our staff attempted to chronicle how those words are cultivated and instilled into every learner—from preschool to our senior class. We took thousands of photos of students and teachers showing us what we intended to chronicle in our book this year. This dynamic population saw new Hawks added at the beginning of the year and some that left us at years end. We welcomed new teachers like Nicole Aitken and Mindy Giddens, and bid a reluctant goodbye to Mrs. Fickenscher at semester, and Mr. Roller at the end of the school year. We appreciate all they did for our school in helping to "shape" us, and wish them all the best in the years to come. Our editors, Alyssa Splitt and Morgan Blagert, worked very hard from planning this book to finishing up its last page and they truly demonstrated what it means to be a Hawk. So, let the last word be what they so aptly shown in this book: "THANKS."
North Korea Launches Rocket

The world is uneasy as North Korea launches a rocket that may have put a satellite into orbit around the Earth.

BP Agrees to Settlement

Shortly before the second anniversary of the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, BP reaches a settlement with thousands of businesses and individuals hurt by the spill.

Women Senators Now Number 20

The U.S. Senate achieves a new record: 20 female senators in office, 16 Democrats and four Republicans. The new total beats the previous record by four.

Terrified Theatergoers

In Aurora, CO, actor Christian Bale and his wife Sandra Blazic visit the memorial that was created for the victims of the mass shooting that occurred during a midnight screening of The Dark Knight Rises.

Felix Baumgartner Takes a Leap

Skydiver Felix Baumgartner breaks a world record by jumping from a space capsule almost 24 miles above ground.

Hurricane Sandy Hits New York

Hurricane Sandy hits New York, flooding transit tunnels and prompting President Obama to sign an emergency declaration for the entire state.

New Jersey Battles Hurricane Sandy

The Jersey Shore copes with widespread flooding, power outages and property damage resulting from Hurricane Sandy.

Malala Is Teenager of the Year

Malala Yousafzai, the 15-year-old Pakistani schoolgirl shot by the Taliban because she campaigned for the education of girls, is named Teenager of the Year by The Muslim Times.
Mortgage Sweet Mortgage

Homebuyers benefit from favorable lending rates as the slow economy keeps home mortgage interest rates as low as 2.94 percent.

Chicago Teachers Strike

After the Chicago Teachers Union fails to reach an agreement with the city, more than 26,000 teachers and staff walk off the job.

Congress Teeters on Fiscal Cliff

To postpone $1.09 billion in federal budget cuts, Congress passes a compromise bill that raises taxes on the nation's wealthiest.

Morsi Becomes Egypt's President

Egypt holds a democratic presidential election, and conservative Muslim candidate Mohamed Morsi is declared the winner.

Dragon Capsule Concludes Mission

With the safe return of the SpaceX Dragon capsule, NASA successfully completes its first commercial supply mission to the International Space Station.

Sandy Hook Elementary Students Return to Class

Three weeks after the Sandy Hook tragedy, classes are relocated to the former Chalk Hill Middle School in nearby Monroe, CT. "Our collective strength and resilience will serve as an example to the rest of the world," tweeted the principal from Newtown High School.

Junk Food Junkies Mourn Twinkies

The troubled Hostess Brands, Inc. shuts down operations, signaling a probable end for the once-popular Twinkies snack cake.

UN Aid for Syrian Refugees

The United Nations launches a $1.5 billion aid effort to bring food, clothing, shelter and medical supplies to Syrians fleeing more than two years of war.
Vice Presidential Candidates Debate

Vice President Joe Biden and Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan debate a wide range of issues in Danville, KY.

First Family Appears at DNC

President Barack Obama accepts his party's nomination and addresses the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC.

Election Map Shows Key State Wins

With a total of 332 electoral votes, Barack Obama easily exceeds the 270 electoral votes he needs to win the 2012 presidential election.

Obama and Romney Debate

President Obama faces his challenger, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, in a debate about domestic policy at the University of Denver in Denver, CO.

Clint Eastwood Acts at RNC

Onstage at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, FL, Clint Eastwood pretends that the empty chair beside him is President Obama.

Voters Face Lines at Polls

Voters in the 2012 election faced long lines at the polls across the country, especially in key battleground states such as Virginia, Ohio and Florida.

Obama Claims Victory

Despite high unemployment and a slow economic recovery, President Barack Obama wins a second term in the White House.

Nation's Capital Celebrates Inauguration

In Washington, D.C., President Obama is sworn in for his second term at a public ceremony marking the nation's 57th presidential inauguration.
U.S. Women Win Soccer Gold

Thanks to two goals by midfielder Carli Lloyd and a critical save by goalie Hope Solo, the U.S. women's soccer team defeats Japan for the gold.

Missy Franklin Swims to Victory

After winning four gold medals and one bronze at the Summer Games, swimmer Missy Franklin still plans to swim for her high school in Aurora, CO.

Usain Bolt Sets Record

Jamaican Usain Bolt wins the 100-meter event in 9.63 seconds, setting a new Olympic record and cementing his reputation as the fastest man on Earth.

Michael Phelps Pools His Winnings

Michael Phelps swims to his 18th gold medal and his 22nd medal in total, making him the most decorated Olympic athlete in history.

U.S. Defends Men's Basketball Title

The U.S. men's basketball team, led by NBA star LeBron James, defends their Olympic gold title by defeating Spain 107-100.

Oscar Pistorius Wins on Artificial Legs

South African sprinter Oscar Pistorius is the first double-leg amputee to compete in the Olympics. He took home two gold medals and a silver.

Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings Are Golden

The U.S. beach volleyball team of Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Wash Jennings win their third consecutive gold medal.

Paralympic Games Welcome More Athletes

For the first time in 12 years, people with intellectual challenges are invited to compete at the Paralympic Games for physical and intellectual disabilities.

Fab Five Grab Gymnastics Gold

The "Fab Five" (also known as the "Fierce Five") of the U.S. woman's gymnastics team win the gold for the women's team competition.
Freshman Wins Heisman

On the 40-year anniversary of freshman eligibility, the Heisman Trophy goes to the first freshman in its history, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel.

NHL Lockout Shortens Season

After a 113-day lockout, the National Hockey League reaches an agreement with the players' association, resulting in a compressed season.

Timothy Bradley Unseats Pacquiao

A hotly debated, split-decision victory for U.S. welterweight Timothy Bradley ends the 15-fight winning streak of Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao.

Australian Surfs to Victory

Joel “Parko” Parkinson wins his first Association of Surfing Professionals world championship title and the Pipeline Masters on the same day.

Williams Is Named ITF World Champion

For the third time, Serena Williams earns the World Champion women's prize from the International Tennis Federation.

Golfer Rory McIlroy Wins World Title

Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy is the world's No. 1 golfer after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship and the BMW Championship.

L.A. Kings Play It Cool

In game six of the 2012 Stanley Cup Finals, the Los Angeles Kings skate to victory, defeating the New Jersey Devils 6-1.

Keselowski Wins NASCAR Championship

Despite finishing in 15th place in the Ford EcoBoost 400, Brad Keselowski claims the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship.

The Miami Heat Burn Up the Court

In game five of the 2012 NBA Finals, LeBron James and the Miami Heat defeat the Oklahoma City Thunder 121-106.
Baltimore Ravens Win Super Bowl XLVII

In a dramatic game interrupted by a power outage at the Superdome in New Orleans, the Ravens defeat the San Francisco 49ers 34-31.

LeBron Scores Another Award

Sports Illustrated names basketball superstar LeBron James of the Miami Heat their Sportsman of the Year for 2012.

Garrett Reynolds Rolls to Rule

In San Francisco, cyclist Garrett Reynolds takes home two Dew Cup championships for the BMX Street Cycle finals and the BMX Streetstyle competition.

World Series

The San Francisco Giants defeat the Detroit Tigers 4-3 in the 10th inning of game four to win the World Series in a sweep.

Paul Rodriguez Beats the Street

Paul Rodriguez (aka P-Rod) captures the gold in the Men’s Skateboard Street final at X Games 18 in Los Angeles.

Stacy Lewis Is Queen of the Greens

U.S. professional golfer Stacy Lewis wins four LPGA titles, the most on the year’s tour, and is named the LPGA Player of the Year.

Andy Murray Serves Up a Winner

After losing four major finals, Scotland’s Andy Murray wins the U.S. Open Men’s Singles Championship by defeating defending champion Novak Djokovic.
Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert Win Awards

At the 46th annual CMA awards, married couple Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert take home the year's highest honors in country music.

fun. Releases Second Single

After the success of last year's "We Are Young," fun. has high hopes for its latest single, "Some Nights."

AMA Calls Carly

Carly Rae, whose song "Call Me Maybe" is a surprise hit, is named New Artist of the Year by the American Music Awards.

Ocean Considers Fiction

Breakout music star Frank Ocean tells an interviewer that he might write a novel because he enjoys the storytelling aspect of music.

Shakira Wins AMA Award

Colombia's global pop star Shakira wins her fourth AMA statuette, bringing home the award for Favorite Latin Artist.

PSY Is Most Watched

With more than 854 million hits, the viral video of "Gangnam Style" by Korean pop star PSY becomes the most-watched YouTube video of all time.

Two Grammy Nominations Go to Newcomers

The Lumineers, a folk-rock band from Denver, receive Grammy nominations for Best New Artist and Best Americana Album.

Pop Fans Love One Direction

After appearing at the Summer Olympics, the popular English-Irish boy band One Direction releases its second album, Take Me Home.

Bryan Emerges as Rising Country Star

Singer-songwriter Luke Bryan's singles, like "Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye," are climbing the pop and country charts.
It’s Nicki Versus Mariah in “Idol” Feud

Dueling American Idol judges Nicki Minaj and Mariah Carey swap insults and threats on camera and via Twitter.

TobyMac Inspires AMA

The American Music Awards choose TobyMac as the year’s Favorite Contemporary/Inspirational Artist.

Pink Enjoys a Career First

After 12 years in the music business, Pink finally achieves a No. 1 album with the success of her newest release, *The Truth About Love.*

Rapper Supports Veterans

Flo Rida contributes his talents to the “Got Your Six” campaign, which helps combat veterans return to civilian life.

CMA Celebrates Hayes

At age 21, Louisiana native and multi-instrumentalist country star Hunter Hayes is named Best New Artist at the CMA Awards.

Bieber Makes Headlines at AMA

Justin Bieber duets with Nicki Minaj, brings his mom up on stage and gets a kiss from Jenny McCarthy at the American Music Awards.

NEEDTOBREATHE Wins Dove Award

The South Carolina Christian music band NEEDTOBREATHE wins the Dove Award for Group of the Year.

Viewers Sing Cassadee’s Praises

Los Angeles-based solo artist Cassadee Pope garners the most viewer votes and becomes the first female winner of *The Voice.*
iPad Mini™ Debuts

Shortly before the holiday shopping season begins, Apple launches the iPad mini, a small tablet computer.

Electronic Gamers Cheer FIFA Soccer 13

The latest version of the popular game allows players to analyze plays and create new offensive opportunities.

Nintendo Opens Virtual Theme Park

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Boom Cube Turns Up the Volume

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Jump Up and Just Dance 4

Just Dance® 4 is the latest version of the chart-topping dance game, featuring new songs, new workouts and six rounds of dance-off battles.

Gamers Welcome Wii U™

Nintendo releases its new Wii U game console, which features high-definition graphics, an embedded touchscreen and up to 32 GB of Flash storage.

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Readers Hail Return of Teen Demigods

Novelist Rick Riordan publishes The Mark of Athena, the third book in his popular series, The Heroes of Olympus.

Teen with Cancer Narrates Novel

The Fault in Our Stars is a fiction bestseller about a romance between teens who meet in a cancer support group.
Teens Discover Their True Identities

Switched at Birth is a popular television drama on ABC Family about two girls, one rich and one poor, who learn they were switched as infants.

Viewers Flock to Rags-to-Riches Reality Show

Duck Dynasty on A&E introduces the eccentric Robertson clan, which made its millions by making and selling duck calls.

Beastly Drama Is People’s Choice

Beauty & The Beast, a drama about a homicide detective with a puzzling and tragic past, wins the People’s Choice award for Best New TV Drama.

Learning Step by Step

A former ballerina turned Las Vegas showgirl must start a new life as a small town dance teacher in Bunheads on ABC Family.

Honey Boo Boo Makes the Most Fascinating List

Seven-year-old reality star Alana Thompson, better known as “Honey Boo Boo,” makes Barbara Walters’ list of the year’s most fascinating people.

Bigfoot Remains at Large

Finding Bigfoot is a reality program that follows investigators as they search the wilderness for evidence that Bigfoot is real.

An Eccentric English Sleuth Comes to New York

Jonny Lee Miller’s Sherlock solves cases in New York, with help from Lucy Liu’s Dr. Joan Watson in Elementary, a new CBS drama.

American Audiences Love English Costume Drama

The eagerly awaited third season of Downton Abbey on PBS features a guest appearance by Shirley MacLaine as a wealthy American mother-in-law.
The People Choose
Jennifer Lawrence

Jennifer Lawrence, star of The Hunger Games series and Silver Linings Playbook, wins the Favorite Movie Actress award in the People's Choice Awards.

James Stars in Here Comes the Boom

Kevin James stars as a burned-out biology teacher turned mixed martial arts hero in the feature film Here Comes the Boom.

Downey Dons Hero Suit a Third Time

Robert Downey Jr. returns as Tony Stark to face new enemies and overcome new challenges in Iron Man 3.

A Wizard Finds His Way

In Oz: The Great and Powerful, James Franco stars as a small-time magician who is transported to the Land of Oz.

Caveman Family Discovers the World

Ryan Reynolds and Emma Stone lend their voices to The Croods, a 3D computer-animated comedy adventure about the world's first family.

How Superman Began

Henry Cavill stars as Clark Kent, a journalist who is baffled by his superhuman powers. He finds his life's purpose when evil invaders attack the world in Man of Steel.

Bond Breaks a Record

Skyfall, starring Daniel Craig as Agent 007, makes $87.5 million in its first weekend, the most successful opening of any Bond film.

Heroes Unite in Rise of the Guardians

Fans of fantasy flicks head to the theaters for Rise of the Guardians, a 3D animated film from DreamWorks Animation based on the popular book series.

Grandparents Need Guidance

Bette Midler and Billy Crystal star as traditional grandparents who are baffled by their grandkids in Parental Guidance.
Wallflower Blooms on Big Screen

The Perks of Being a Wallflower, adapted from the book of the same title, tells the story of a shy high school freshman and his quirky friends.

Breaking Dawn Breaks Box Office Records

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2, the finale to the vampire romance series, is No. 1 at the box office for three weeks in a row.

Downey Is a Fan Favorite

Voters for the People’s Choice Awards choose Iron Man star Robert Downey, Jr. as the year’s Favorite Movie Actor.

College Singers Perfect Their Pitch

In Pitch Perfect, Anna Kendrick stars as a college student who inspires a mismatched a cappella singing group to achieve hilarity and harmony.

Soundtrack Album Tops Charts

The movie soundtrack for Les Misérables, featuring performances by Anne Hathaway and Amanda Seyfried, reaches the No. 1 spot on the Billboard 200 chart.

Fans Root for Wreck-It Ralph

In the animated feature film Wreck-It Ralph, an arcade game character wants to be a hero instead of a bad guy, but his well-intentioned plans go haywire.

It’s a Wonderful Life of Pi

Nineteen-year-old Suraj Sharma stars in the movie adaptation of Life of Pi, about a teenager and a Bengal tiger who survive a shipwreck.

Bilbo Baggins Journeys to Theaters

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey is the first of three films adapted from J.R.R. Tolkien’s novel about a reluctant adventurer in Middle Earth.
Minis Are Major
Little dresses and short skirts go over jeans and leggings by day. At night, they go solo for dances and dates.

YOLO
YOLO, an acronym standing for "you only live once," became a popular catchphrase popularized by Rapper Drake and actor Zac Ephron. Time magazine names it one of the year's top buzzwords.

LED Headlights Turn Heads
Drivers who love making their cars stand out on the street add LED headlight strips to create colorful, futuristic effects.

"YOLO" Is Favorite Catchphrase
Western style makes a comeback on runways and campuses. Classic cowboy boots are paired with short skirts or cropped pants.

Cowboy Boots Are Cool Again
Adhesive nail-art kits make outrageous manicures easy and affordable. Options include animal patterns, stripes, polka dots, images and more.

Trends Point to Nail Art
Basic footwear takes a back seat as brightly colored and patterned high-tops and athletic shoes emerge as must-have accessories for school and weekend style.

Color Sneaks onto Sneakers

Tees Get the Message Out
The graphic tee trend becomes a personal expression obsession. Shirts feature favorite lyrics, Internet memes, irreverent graphics and witty jokes.

Taco Bell Considers More Doritos® Dishes
After the success of Taco Bell's Doritos Locos Taco, the fast food chain drops hints that a new Cool Ranch version is coming next.

Infinity Scarf Is Endless Trend
The must-have neckwear accessory is the circular infinity scarf, which loops around the neck to add color, texture and warmth.
Baseball Caps Are Tops with Girls
The flat-brim baseball cap trend is popularized by celebrities like Rihanna. The casual style is perfect for hiding from the paparazzi.

Hoodies Are Hot
For every guy, there’s a hoodie: athletic hoodies for jocks, rock band hoodies for fans and humorous hoodies for class clowns.

It's a Plaid, Plaid World
Fashionistas go mad for plaid. The trend starts on designer runways and quickly makes its way to fashion outlets in malls and online.

Duct Tape Inspires Creative Types
Crafty tweens and teens use tough, colorful duct tape to make purses, wallets, decorations, jewelry, fashion accessories and even formal wear.

Backpacks Are Global Chic
Boring backpacks take a back seat to colorful patterns inspired by traditional graphic motifs from around the world.

JUST SAYIN'
Adults Find Expression Annoying
Teens use “Just sayin’” to minimize an expression of criticism or sarcasm. The phrase ranks highly on a Marist Poll surveying the most irritating words and phrases.

Footwear Moonlights as Basketball Coach
Sensors in the soles of Nike+ Basketball shoes track the wearer’s every move and sync stats to the player’s iPhone.

Jeans Are Anything but Blue
Traditional blues are timeless classics but the newest skinny denims feature bold colors, feminine prints and modern patterns.

Glitter Gets a Foot in Fashion’s Door
The trend for “glitter shoes,” featuring sequins and sparkles, includes glue-it-yourself sneakers, sky-high designer platforms and everything in between.
Instagram Is Tops with Teens

Facebook snaps up Instagram and its 80 million users. The social media site clicks with teens, ranking as the top photography destination among ages 12 to 17.

Nike Motivates with Fuelband

Nike has launched a new tool called Nike+ Fuelband™. This technology tool lets users know how active they are and reminds them to achieve their fitness goals.

Pop Is Personal with New Coke Machine

The Freestyle Coke machine lets customers mix their own flavor combinations from more than 100 choices.

Pinterest Attracts Interest

Pinterest is a social media phenomenon. Users "pin" images and share virtual bulletin boards about fashion, food, travel and sports.

Apple iPhone 5 Sees Record-breaking Sales

The Apple® iPhone® 5 sells more than five million units in its first three days, setting a new record for opening weekend sales.

Zumba® Is the Trendy Fitness Class

The Latin-inspired dance-fitness classes known as Zumba deliver hot music, cool moves, serious fitness and tons of fun.

Classrooms Connect via Smartphone

Teachers use QR Codes, which can be scanned by smartphones, to deliver class information and assignments to students.

Uganda Documentary Is Most Viral Video

Justin Bieber and Oprah help to make Kony 2012, a documentary about child soldiers, attract more than 100 million views in its first six days online.

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