A Piece of the Puzzle

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A Piece of Our Picture

The Portrait Section
Look down and look out for these kids. The future is running on these tiny people.

Prepare... Set... Learn! It's not all fun and games, even when it feels like it.

Pre-Planning
At left: Ms. Humbug is looking at her book to see what she should teach next.

Knowledge is half the Battle!

Interactive Books

At right: Mrs. Kraft is reading to the pre-schoolers during story time.

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Pre-Kindergarten
Starting Something New

Jesiah Hall
Amah Karkness
Lacie Kraft

Alden Stem
Logan Spruell
Mackenzie Trujillo

Mrs. Tina Kraft
Pre-K Teacher
Above: Braydden Crum looks to the skies for divine intervention on how to melt a crayon.

Below: Nelly Dyck looks to be deep in thought while working on a problem in Ms. Humburg's class.

Below: Alyxx Egley gives the cameraman a look that seems to say, "Can't you see I'm supposed to be working?"

Above: Braydden Crum looks like he is dancing in class... Oh wait, he's just learning how to spell.

Above: Hailey Birt looks to see what's happening down the table at the Halloween party. It seems poor Hailey might be missing out on some fun.
Mary Kathryn Votruba enjoys a game of volleyball in PE class.

Nelly Dyck waits in the office.

Destiny Cornelius enjoys the playground.

Left: Mary Kathryn Votruba enjoys a game of volleyball in PE class.

Bottom left: Nelly Dyck waits in the office.

Below: Destiny Cornelius enjoys the playground.

Second and Third Grade
Making Ourselves at Home

Zoie Arnold-Kraft
Destiny Cornelius
Trudy Dyck
Westly Febi

Janae Frey
Ky Heartness
Ella Splitter
Sam Spruell

Mary Kathryn Votruba
Elijah Heartness
Joey Specht
Joshua Votruba
Ms. Greenfield

Finger Food://
Janae Frey plays with some of her yummy treats at the elementary Halloween Party. This particular morsel looks to be an eyeball. Who knew food could be so fun?

Hanging Around://
Janae Frey, Destiny Cornelius, Ella Splitter and Zoie Arnold-Kraft relax before heading home from a hard day at school.
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How you are

I'm nice to people. I play with my friends.
Janae Frey, 2nd Grade

'I'm helpful to everyone.'
Joshua Votruba, 3rd Grade

By trying to keep quiet.
Wesly Fehr, 2nd Grade

'I make Ms. G laugh.'
Sam Sprueill, 2nd Grade

Above: Margaret Votruba smiles for the camera while enjoying a good book in Ms. Greenfield's room.
Left: Destiny Cornelius takes a break from her Halloween snacks to pose for a picture.

Second and Third Grade
Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade
Time to Spread Our Wings

Fourth Grade
Austin Beck
Emma Frey
Mark McClave
Mrs. Hopkins

Fifth Grade
Hanna Campbell
Victoria
Christophersen
ORyan Sprueill
Casy Stum

Sixth Grade
Joshua Beck
Jordan Dirks
Rooney Fehr

At left: Rooney Fehr works diligently at his desk. Below left: Mrs. Hopkins works at her desk. Below: Mark McClave is thinking very hard.

Above: Jordan Dirks writes her history lesson. Above right: Josh Beck goes to class. At right: Hanna and ORyan work at their desks.

Showing Enthusiasm/
Mark McClave waves to the camera before the pep rally starts... Yell loud, Mark!!!

All Tied UP/
ORyan Sprueill watches in fascination as Mr. Frey shows his class how to make rope.

The Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Graders learn the ropes!
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Emma Frey participates in the events of field day. Emma loves sports and wouldn’t miss this event for anything.

Mark McClave clowns around during field day, one of the really favorite events of the year for the elementary students.

Ryan Sprueill participates in a running event at field day. Gearing up for participation in junior high is an important part of this event.

The Oratorical Festival has been a hallmark activity for the school the last two years. Victoria Christophersen dresses the part for her speech about life on the frontier.

Above: Mark McClave enjoys the sun and fun at the elementary field day.

At left: Cauy Stum and his other classmates work diligently so they can have some free time.
Seventh and Eighth Grade

Stepping On To New Ground

We all remember the years of utter confusion as we wandered the halls... Athena, Chris, Keirstan, Lisa, and Ben remind us how much fun it is...

... and how we miss the first years of living like a high-schooler.

Seventh Grade

Athena Cross
Japheth Frey
Christopher Knobes
Keirstan Knobes

Benjamin Splitter
Savannah Stem
Ms. Elizabeth Moore
7th and 8th Grade Sponsor

Rayden Mosher
Alex Schmidt
Kyle Scott
Olivia Specht

Eighth Grade

Benji Davis
Lisa Hyck
Naphe Wunderlich

Not All Smiles Hold Secrets... Howver, this one does. What is Olivia Specht thinking about?

On the road again...

A Shining Example... Japheth Frey displays his consistently positive attitude as he rides the activity bus on game day. Japheth serves as one of the managers for the junior high team.
Kayla Wanderlingh is evidently trying to steal someone's kid...or maybe kids just like to be held by her...it's more than likely the latter.

Athena Crum gives that great "Athena Smile" to whomever had the camera that day.

While he gets ready to eat his pre-game meal, Alex Schmidt seems less than happy about getting his picture taken.

Ben Splitter tries to plunge into his studies, but easily gets side-tracked by the camera.
The Freshmen were at first tired and confused about high school...as you can see by the pictures of Grant, Justin, and Lydia...

...but now they smile throughout the day and fit right in...as displayed by Nick, Jonathan, and Grant...well, maybe not Grant.

The Fresh...?  
...man or men, and one woman, any clues?

Lydia Spliter  
Grant Specht  
Nick Crum

Justin Dirks  
John McClave  
Mr. Pape  
Class Sponsor

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Hide & Seek

The Seeker://  
Of fun, that is. A shining example that not only proves one day leads to the next, but so do the smiles! Way to go, Lydia!

The Hider://  
As one of the many who try to hide from the camera, Nick Crum attempts to shield himself from the lens. In this case though, it didn't work out for him.
Above: Justin Dirks reads to ORyan Sprueill of the elementary and has fun doing it. Go, Justin!

Below: Grant Specht tries to pull all the tissues out of a box, in the old fashioned way, that is...one at a time.

Below: Lydia Splitter tries to kiss the T-Rex. Read the sign, it says, "No touching...or kissing," Lydia.

Above: Grant Specht is ready to defeat anyone who dares to steal his science book. Beware!

Freshman Initiation

The freshman of this year had a great initiation with plenty of challenges that helped them prove that they were indeed ready for high school, and eventually, the world. Lydia Splitter shows her basketball skills at this year's freshmen initiation.
Sophomores & Juniors

Putting the pieces together, one piece at a time

Through smiles, smirks, laughs, and some oddly disturbing looks...

...comes the Sophomore class of Plainview High School, in all their glory.

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They say school is fun, but to this extent, that's just crazy!/

The building blocks of Life.

At far left: Jared Wanderlingh enters Mr. Pape's room ready to learn.
At left: Ryan Koeller attempts to re-create the infamous duck face.
Above: In addition to being exceedingly quiet and reserved, Austin Healy has proven to be camera shy as well...OR NOT!!!!

Below: Seth Splitter gives his Veterans Day Speech to the Kiowa County Veterans in commemoration for their service and sacrifice.

Above: The "Evil Scientist," Austin Healy, is taking pictures for his next experiment. Nice hair, Austin.

Below: Seth Splitter is hard at work in computer class...or is he working at all? We don't know and Seth won't say.

A puzzling time for all here at Plainview High School. This year the class lost two of its students and still had plenty of projects to work on such as prom. They were busy, to say the least, but managed to pull through on all their responsibilities in order to prepare themselves for their senior year.
Their final year of school was filled with good memories and fun as they prepare for life outside of the "bubble"...

We wish them all the best of luck as they leave Plainview to see the world and experience its possibilities. Congratulations.

Whether Wide Awake...//
Thomas Specht is featured here hanging from the wall with a large smile in one of his senior pictures.

...Or Dead Asleep//
Like Katelyn Wanderlingh who figured she would catch a few winks on the brown couch in the library before class.

They don't ALWAYS quite fit together...
The year flew by faster than any thought it would and has given the seniors a great send-off. Plainview has been a shelter for many students, and a home for others, but a teacher to all. This great school has prepared these students for life. **At left:** VJ Christophersen looks back at the camera as he gets ready to work in Ms. Wilson's math room.

**Above:** Justin Rodriguez attempts to sell honey while at the same time holding his audience's attention with some "senior" wisdom.

**Below:** Katelyn Wanderlingh gives the classic "Talk to the Hand" while smiling at the camera.

**Above:** VJ Christophersen gives his five minute long (or should I say short) speech for the Oratorical Festival. Bravo, VJ, bravo!!!

**Below:** A familiar sight...Quinton Weber walks the halls of Plainview when he needs to GET TO CLASS!!!
Plainview Faculty and Staff
Making Lasting Impressions

Kath Feas
Candi Evy
Sue Greenfield
Cheryl Hopkins
Wendy Kenfury
John Kenfury
Vincent Koellet

Tine Kraft
Elizabeth Moere
Thomas Page
Jennifer Wilson
Laurie Butler
Cora Eddman
Kevan Hubbard

Brad Larson
Yvonne Leonard
Hermen Pecks
Sharon Scott
Donna Splittor
Charles Stine
Herb Wanderlingh

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Neon Night

Cruisin’
Mr. Koeller drives his nifty vintage John Deere tractor down the streets of Eads during the fair parade.

Teachers in their natural habitats
Ms. Fees gives the camera person that famous "glare" as she walks the hallway during lunch. She IS the English Department.

Through hard work and dedication, Ms. Fees gives the camera person that famous "glare" as she walks the hallway during lunch. She IS the English Department.

He keeps the busses up and running. Brad Larrew takes a break in the office before it's back to making sure the Plainview "infrastructure" runs smoothly.

All the delicious food! Dennill Splitter keeps everyone well-fed and ready to go everyday. We appreciate the hard work of the kitchen staff...they're GREAT!

She keeps everybody happy with giving out paychecks! Dawna Peck keeps the finances in order and the books balanced...and EVERYONE appreciates that!
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How do you celebrate the holidays?/

Students at Plainview prove that there is no holiday too big or too small to celebrate!

**MOTHER’S DAY**
Mary Kathryn Votruba sings and dances in Ms. Greenfield’s class as part of the Mother’s Day celebration.

**VETERAN’S DAY**
Seth Splitter reads his Veteran’s Day speech to the Veterans and other guests in Eads.

**HALLOWEEN**
Josh Votruba shows off his best bacon costume at the Elementary Halloween Party.

1. Austin Beck enjoys his Easter candy at the elementary Easter party.

2. The elementary students sure do come up with some creative costumes. For example, this student decided to dress up as the Amazing Spiderman.

3. Rooney Fehr shares his gift with the crowd at the 4H Christmas Party, hoping that someone might “steal” it so he can pick out something else. This Christmas gift exchange is an annual tradition with the 4-H and the community that supports it.

4. Thomas Specht is all smiles as he visits with Santa after the Christmas concert.

Puzzling Thoughts/

1. The elementary students show off their perfectly wrapped mummy at the Elementary Halloween Party.

2. The secondary students stop to pose for a picture with Santa as part of the Christmas concert.

3. Japheth Frey looks very patriotic on the bus ride home from the Veteran’s Day celebration in Eads, with the dedication of the new memorial there.
Across the United States and around the world, there are thousands of Holiday traditions. Here at Plainview, we have our very own set of traditions to celebrate that are unique to us.

**MOM'S SPECIAL DAY/**
Ella Splitter shares a book with her mom, Dennill Splitter, at the Mother's Day reading celebration put on by Ms. Greenfield's class.

**CAUGHT IN THE BALANCE/**
Victoria Christophersen and Austin Beck work on their balancing skills by balancing eggs on spoons at the elementary Easter party.

**WHEN I GROW UP.../**
Josiah Hall looks enthused about being at the Halloween party all dressed up.

"Holidays are the BEST days of the year."

Plainview School has its own special set of holiday traditions.

**CLASS PARTIES /**
Traditionally, Plainview has parties for Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, and Mother's Day.

**HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE/**
For the secondary students, there is always the annual Christmas gift exchange. Savannah Stum shows us just how fun it is to give and receive gifts.

**SANTA'S VISIT/**
Mark McClave visits with Santa at the Christmas Concert in December. Santa comes, visits with the students and hands out goody bags to all!
**Playground Fun**

**LEFT:** Wesly Fehr enjoys a nice swing on the swing set. **RIGHT:** Isaac Splitter is playing some frisbee with his pals. **BOTTOM:** The gossip bunch has just started to gossip about what is happening on the other side of the playground.

**What is your favorite part of the playground?**

**Destiny Cornelius**

"My favorite part of the playground is getting to climb on the monkey bars."  

**Pyper Ramsey**

"My favorite part of the playground is when it snows. I like playing in the snow and throwing snow balls at people."

**Katelyn Stum**

"My favorite part of the playground is the monkey bars because Salena taught me how to do them."

**Puzzling playground Pictures**

1. Margaret Votruba seems to get herself all twisted up as she plays on merry-go-round, going around and around.  
2. Wesly Fehr and Sam Spruell enjoy teeter-tottering on the playground.  
3. The kindergartners play on the playground.

1. Ella Splitter poses on top of her orange and white ball for the camera outside.  
2. Elijah Harkness shows off his spiderman skills as he hangs upside down.  
3. Joey Specht practices his football by playing catch with his friends.  
4. Hailey Birt plays under the fire truck.
The Playground at Plainview School

Time to Go Outside and Play

For many elementary students, recess is their favorite time of the day...and their favorite place by far is the Plainview Playground.

Back and Forth on the Swing set/
Sam Spruell tries as hard as he can to swing high.

Smile/
Zoie Kraft smiles big at the camera while sitting on the fire truck.

Climbing High/
Annah Harkness climbs to the top of the bridge to show off how high she can climb. Way to go, Annah!

"The playground is the best part of the school day."

Puzzling Playground Practices/
The Plainview Playground makes recess a blast!

Going for a Drive/
Logan Spruell may not be old enough to drive, but he is doing his best to prove that when that day comes, he will be King of the Road.

Keeping One's Balance/
Elijah Harkness shows how to stand in perfect balance.

The Teeter-Totter/
Alyxx Egley has a lot of fun on the teeter-totter.
Achieving Greatness//
Rooney Fehr and Victoria Christophersen take a moment for pictures as they receive their awards for their projects.

Taking a Break//
The kids are seen taking a break after decorating the float for the parade. They all are dressed up as either modern people from the present, or old-time farmers.

Showing Off//
Victoria Christophersen wears her crocheted hat that she made as her project this year.

Projects to Puzzle Over//
1. Wesly Fehr shows the school his bird house that he made during the summer in 4-H.
2. VJ Christophersen has a mischievous smile on his face while he is waiting to talk on the radio for 4-H week.
3. Nick Crum is caught off guard while the cameraman took his picture during fair.

TOP: Ryan Koelel receives his award for woodworking at the 4-H achievement Banquet.
RIGHT: The Sheridan Lake Livewires ride the float and throw candy during the fair parade in Eads.
This year the Sheridan Lake Livewires 4-H club had eight kids involved with 4-H. This was also the club’s 39th year in existence. There are countless programs that will help keep the club together for a long time. 4-H teaches kids skills that they can use when they are in the real world, and it also teaches to give back to the community.

**What you Talkin’ Bout?**
Kirsten Knoles talks about her 4-H project during 4-H Appreciation Week. The school assembly focuses on all the positive aspects about 4-H and how it helps kids grow in so many different ways.

**Lucky Clucky**
Rooney Fehr poses with his prize chicken after the sale.

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**Out in the Cold**
Selena and Wesley Fehr look to warm up after selling rodeo programs in the cold for most of the day.

**4-H and the Kiowa County Fair**

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Balderdash, Balderdash:

**Question & Answer**

What is your favorite part about 4-H?

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Victoria Christophersen

'I like having Ms. Greenfield as a project leader because she is fun and I don’t have her as a teacher anymore.'

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VJ Christophersen

'My favorite part of 4-H is working on my woodworking project.'

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"I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, and my world."
Elementary field trips

RIGHT: The elementary students take a moment to lay on a spider web at the Pueblo Zoo.

BOTTOM: The elementary students went to Tribune to watch their annual play that is put on by the Wichita Children’s Theater. This year’s play was The Ugly Duckling, and they were joined by former Plainview and current Tribune teacher, Nicole Senden.

Gamers

Ky and Elijah Harkness pause from their games at Casa Bonita to take a picture.

Hanging Tight

Alex Schmidt looks like he could be part of the primate area at the zoo nearby. The secondary took an end-of-the-year field trip to the Museum of Nature and Science...and the Denver Zoo is right next door.

Smile Everybody

The junior high and high school students take a moment to have their picture taken at the Museum of Nature and Science with the Denver skyline in the background.

Puzzling Thoughts

1. Josh Votruba is having fun at the arcade at Casa Bonita during the Rockies Reading Rewards trip.
2. Lydia Splitter, Kayla Wanderlingh, Grant Specht, Ms. Moore, and Ms. Wilson take a break from playing on the trampoline in order to take a picture.
3. The teachers decided who they should feed to the dragon at the Mythical Creature Exhibit... Looks like it was Ms. Fees!!!
Looking Over the Edge
The elementary students gaze over a lagoon at the zoo to get a closer look at the geese.

LEFT: Janae Frey and Zoie Kraft look at the many different fish that are in the aquarium at the Pueblo Zoo.
ABOVE: Lydia Splitter and Alex Schmidt are having fun at the prehistoric section of the museum because the skeleton fascinates them both so much.

"This year's field trip was quite an adventure. It was so much fun and a good reward for our hard work this school year."

Musing at the Museum
Stop and Pose
Ms. Moore's and Ms. Wilson's group take a picture outside of the museum in Denver.

"Octophobia"
Ms. Moore fights her phobia of octopi and takes a picture of one on her head in the museum gift shop.

Pictures with Ponies

The Hawks, from kindergarten to 8th grade, have an opportunity during the course of the year to take a trip or go with their classmates to a pre-determined location. This year's offerings include the elementary going to the Pueblo Zoo and the Heritage Museum, while the secondary went to the Nature and Science Museum in Denver and Jump-o-line in Aurora.

Staring Down his Target
VJ Christophersen gets ready to throw the ball at his target during a game of dodgeball at Jump-o-line in Aurora.

Lets go Skee-Balling!
Victoria Christophersen gets ready to roll the Skee Ball and win some tickets at Casa Bonita.

Frustration
Ms. Moore looks pretty frustrated as she has been trying all afternoon to get to the top of the trampolines. Gravity must just not be in her favor. Here she shares her frustration with seventh-grader Savannah Stum.
Spending Time Together

This year, the Student Council had a couple of bowling nights that gave the kids some time to spend together and share a friendship that will last forever.

Friendship

Athena Crum and Lydia Splitter take a moment to take a picture. It looks like Athena is hugging Lydia a little too hard.

Photobomb!!


Who?... Me??

Ryan Koeller talks to the person with the camera while Athena Crum observes his immense pool-playing skills.

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1. Kayla Wanderlingh "chills" on the concrete at bowling night as she tries to get up despite her bum knee.
2. Jon McClave looks to recharge his batteries by drinking some Mountain Dew while bowling.
3. Justin Rodriguez, Eboni Nash, and Justin Dirks take a picture in the pool room on bowling night.
This year, the Student Council had extra curricular activities that let the kids have some fun with their friends. The kids were given the opportunity to bowl twice and watch a movie this year. The pictures should show how much fun the kids had! Also along with Step right up, there was the Senior Carnival. Both events were enjoyed by all!

Step right up!//
Savannah Sturm uses her skills to try and persuade people to come and do their event at the carnival.

Throwing Darts//
Kyle Scott is giving Isaac Splitter darts to throw so he can win some prizes!!!

Egged Mr. Pape//
Mr. Pape is taking part of his class's event by getting egged. It looks like he might be regretting it.

Carnival Questions and Answers//
What are some of the things that you liked about the carnival?

Jared Wanderlingh //
Getting to advertise the fact the concession stand was selling ice cream and then proceeding to eat free ice cream.

Lydia Splitter //
I enjoyed throwing things at Mr. Pape (although this photo shows Mr. Pape breaking an egg over Ms. Splitter's head...).

Austin Healy //
I got dunked a lot...Austin Healy is a man of few words...well, HERE in this INSTANCE, he is a man of few words...otherwise, he is a word speaking machine.
TWINS NEVER GO OUT OF STYLE //
Japheth Frey seems to be the spitting image of Mr. Kaufman at the Homecoming pep rally. Hmmm, I wonder what the resemblance is?

ROYAL TREATMENT //
Ryan Koeller crowns Lydia Splitter the 2014-2015 Plainview Homecoming Queen.

ELECTRIC ENERGY //
Austin Healy's "electricuted" style hair made a big impression on crazy hair day.

CROWNING MOMENTS //
1. Lydia Splitter, escorted by her dad, makes her way onto the court at the Homecoming basketball game.
2. Austin Healy, escorted by his mother, enjoys his time in the spotlight.
3. Joey Specht, escorted by his guardian, Tara Stum, head onto the court.
Homecoming and Spirit Week

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Janet Frey and Mary Kathryn Votrub show off their Plainview pride at the homecoming pep rally. Lots of spirit in such little bodies!

AT TOP: "Mad Scientist" Grant Specht and his cousin, Lydia Splitter flank the popular science teacher, Ms. Moore during Spirit Week.
ABOVE: Thomas and Grant Specht are escorted onto the court by their proud mother, Susan.
LEFT: Thomas Specht and Lydia Splitter were crowned the 2014-2015 Homecoming King and Queen. Hailey Brit and Isaac Splitter were designated the official flower girl and crown bearer.

"FOR THE BLUE AND THE WHITE OVERALL."

Homecoming Spirit Days

BLUE AND WHITE DAY

Joey Specht shows us his scariest face during blue and white day.

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM DAY

Emma Frey shows off all her Bronco apparel during favorite sports team day. Mr. Pape would be proud.

CRAZY HAT DAY

Josh Blodgett shows off his crazy beard during crazy hat day. uh, yeah, we think that this 'crazy' beard came with a "crazy" hat.

Plainview Hawks are an interesting breed. They hit the books as best they can during the year, follow the rules, and stay relatively calm... that is, until Spirit Week. THAT WEEK, all bets are off with the blue and white.

AUSTIN HEALY

Austin leads the junior class in cheering during the class cheer at the Homecoming pep rally.

LAURIE BUTLER AND DENNILL SPLITTER

Laurie and Dennill show off their school spirit, even in the lunch room.

MS. MOORE

Once a Michigander, always a Michigander. Ms. Moore shows off her Michigan pride during favorite sports team day.

Students at Plainview School dress up to show their spirit and enthusiasm during Homecoming week.
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Academics Division
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Plainview Academics
"HANDS ON" ACTIVITIES/
1. Ryan Koehler looks to be irritating Nick Crum while Nick tries to avoid the "prying eyes" of the Plainview Yearbook camera.
2. Ms. Wilson hides behind her blind that fell off her door during a lockdown drill. She is attempting to roll it back up.
3. Somebody's pencil is sitting peacefully on top of a notebook in hopes that a Plainview math student uses it soon.

A puzzling Problem

Mathematics is one of the most difficult and regimented subjects taught in school, while art is probably the one with the most freedom and latitude in its approach. Oddly enough, at Plainview, they are both taught by the same person: Ms. Wilson.

Working Hard/
Grant Specht shows us how he is able to do a math lesson without opening his book. Grant must have used osmosis the night before on the lesson.

Rock-a-bye Baby/
Nick Crum looks to be passed out after having a brain frying geometry lesson.

Stay Away!/
Jared Wanderlingh retreats to his hood before the camera can snap a picture of him.

It's Hot in Here!/
Jared looks to be trying to cool down his hair and keep it from burning off. That geometry lesson must have done it!
Josh Blodgett watches Ms. Wilson teach the math lesson to where it actually makes sense.

Jared Wanderlingh: It looks as though Mr. Wanderlingh is getting some math powers from the great "Math-Jedi," Ms. Wilson.

Kyle Scott: Kyle's drawing earns a spot on this page showing his great art skills in the area of perspective.

Ms. Wilson //
As she looks at one of the problems done on the board, Ms. Wilson seems to have confused herself.

Jared Wanderlingh //
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Kyle Scott //
Kyle's drawing earns a spot on this page showing his great art skills in the area of perspective.

TOP: Is an art drawing done by none other than Kayla Wanderlingh! It's a perspective of a railroad track and a barbed-wire fence.

RIGHT: This is a collage of all the high school drawings...pretty impressive!

Left: This drawing is a three-D perspective that involves different sized boxes.

1. Josh Blodgett watches Ms. Wilson teach the math lesson to where it actually makes sense.

2. Justin Dirks is caught red-handed smelling his shoe...Phew!

3. Olivia Specht and Japheth Frey look to be paying close attention to the lesson.

4. The Algebra I class looks stumped because of a lesson that seems to not add up, or should we say the variables are not consistent...or should we just say it's the Algebra I class and that seems to be their natural "look."

Kyle Scott, are you multi-tasking? Kyle looks to be working on the lesson while watching the lesson, something you don't see a seventh-grader do in a math class.
Hands on Activities

1. Justin Dirks gets his hands dirty dissecting a rat during Biology class.
2. Ryan Koeller and Grant Specht have some fun while dissecting their rat. Ryan looks especially worried, while Grant seems eerily calm.
3. Grant Specht shows off his ninja skills during science class.

Action and Reaction

Chicken livers, rats and chemicals: oh my! Science in Ms. Moore's class was never dull. From learning about space to preparing for science fair, students in Ms. Moore's class learned about a wide range of science topics.

Chemical Reactions
Athena Crum and Olivia Specht mix their chemicals together to see what kind of reaction they can create.

What Did you Just Say?
Ms. Moore has a perplexed look on her face as she tries to once again make sense of what was just uttered by one of her freshmen and sophomores at the beginning of the day.

Teaching and Learning
Lydia Splitter teaches Athena Crum, Kayden Moser and Ben Splitter about the rat she just dissected.

Steady...steady...
Eric measures very carefully to make sure that his connection comes out just right.
It's not rocket science...//

LYDIA SPLITTER //
'I love learning about biology and my brain consumed a lot of information.'

MS. MOORE //
'For me, getting to know my students and getting them excited about science has been awesome.'

JON MCCLAVE //
What is something you will remember for the rest of your life? 'Making milk shakes.'

1. Grant Specht and Lydia Splitter examine the brain of the operation.
2. Josh laughs at the fact that 8am is too early to be cutting open dead animals.
3. Food for thought: Nick Crum thinks that food is a great way to learn about earth science.
4. Ms. Moore teaches her earth science class about the different kinds of trees at Plainview School.

Science Stats//
What did you like best about Biology?

- Dissecting Rats: 37.5%
- The Cell: 12.5%
- All of it: 25%
- Creation of Earth: 12.5%
- Ms. Specht: 12.5%
THE MANY FACES OF ENGLISH

1. Alex Schmidt tries to get rid of the cameraman by making funny faces...
   Get back to work, Alex!!
2. VJ Christophersen exits the library with a bag of bagels? Oh, those must be his books that he is using to do research...
3. Jonathan McClave gets ready to perform some vicious surgery on the potato.

A LANGUAGE OF Our Own

English is THE language in our society. Luckily for Plainview, they have the best English teacher around, Ms. Fees. She helps kids excel in what they do, and in what they want to achieve in life.

Finding Books
VJ Christophersen reads intently as he looks to find books for use in his term paper.

Stirring the Water
Jon McClave mixes some sugar with the water for making Day of the Dead skulls.

Hard Worker
Showing her diligent side once again, Lisa Dyck works hard on an assignment for Ms. Fees so she can work on other homework in other classes.

Right: Seth Splitter, Thomas Specht and Austin Healy giving the tough guy pose to the camera while on their trip to the Denver Public Library.
Bottom: Justin Dirks fills a sugar skull mold with sugar for the Day of the Dead activity.

Working Hard
Kyle is working hard on his assignment while he pays no attention to the camera... Way to focus, Kyle!!
Jon McClave looks simply mortified because he had just killed his potato. Jon has something against potatoes.

Justin Dirks poses with his flower that he used to decorate the poster in Ms. Fees’ room.

Justin Dirks and Jon McClave pose with their pinatas that they made for Spanish class.

Seth is looking for information he can use for one of his college term papers.

TOP: Somewhere beyond the tape dispenser and the stapler on Ms. Fees’ desk is Jon McClave and Justin Dirks working in class.

LEFT: Ms. Fees grades some papers during her free time while her class is working on a test.

RIGHT: Are you still having problems cutting the potato, Jon? Jon McClave attempts to make a stamp for a project in Spanish class.

Ms. Fees seems to be watching with a mixture of trepidation and exasperation the Sabertoothed Grant Specht in its natural habitat...at a Red Robin in Aurora after the field trip to the museum.
Let's Get Physical in P.E.://
1. Josh Blodgett seems confused at what he is to do, but that's fine, we all are confused every now and then.
2. Jared Wanderlingh looks to be giving Grant Specht some motivational advice on who to pick for dodgeball.
3. Thomas Specht accepts the lunge challenge during P.E.

Fine Tuning The PIECES

And Putting Them All Together

Coach Koeller, or "The Other Coach K," as he is called, teaches K-12 physical education, weights, life skills, communication, leadership, is the athletic director, coach, and bus driver. In other words, he works at Plainview. Students know that it is Coach K's gym, which means a fun time will be had by all.

Out of Breath//
Thomas Specht pants as he finishes running the mile. It looks like he showed the kids how it's done.

Looking Good//
Taylor Snook flips her hair as if she has not even started to work yet... *show off.*

Go do it//
Jared Wanderlingh looks to be telling Thomas Specht what he did wrong and that he needs to go back and do it right. Or he's telling him that the clock is over there on the wall...we're not sure.

RIGHT: Austin Healy gets ready to throw the dodgeball at his target.

BOTTOM: Eric Carmody looks distracted as he stares at another computer monitor. Get to work!

The Great Minds//
Quinton Weber looks into the distance as he thinks about what's for lunch in computer class.
Mr. Koeller seems to be reacting verbally to whatever was said to him.

Jared Wanderlingh looks to be leaving everyone in the dust while running the mile.

Thomas Specht is staring down his target while playing dodgeball during P.E.

Don't forget to breathe while you are playing Nick Crum, it's needed to live.
His Last Year /

1. Mr. Pape looks to be having a fun time at the library in Denver, making sure the kids get the books they need for their term papers.
2. Lydia Splitter is excited to be selling ads in Lamar.
3. Jared Wanderlingh seems to be having a blast at the Jostens workshop in Lamar... either that or his lunch isn’t sitting well with him.

It has been said that those who don’t know history are destined to repeat it. History is an amazing subject to learn about. For the students of Plainview, Mr. Pape has been the ‘history guru’ for the past eighteen years...and the ‘yearbook guru’ for fourteen of those...and although he may be leaving, he will always be a Hawk at Heart.

Put Your Tongue Away /
Lydia put your tongue...put your candy back in your mouth. Lydia Splitter gives us the illusion that she is sticking her tongue out, when all she really is doing is showing us her excellent manners. Thanks, Lydia!

Pondering Ideas /
The yearbook staff ponders what theme they should pursue for this year’s annual and what the cover should look like at the Jostens Workshop at Lamar Community College.

Caught off Guard /
Ben Splitter seems to be shocked that the camera is pointed in his direction in Mr. Pape’s world history class, while Logan seems happy to see it.

I LOVE TO RESEARCH!!! /
Thomas is trying to keep his papers organized while at the Denver Public Library.
Alex Schmidt // Alex Schmidt paints his sarcophagus lid during World History class in January.

Benjamin Splitter // Ben Splitter molds his sarcophagus for his Ancient Egypt project.

Chris Knoles // Chris decorates his lid to his sarcophagus with some pretty wild color combinations.

Seventh and Eighth-graders work with clay and paint in order to come up with something that looks Egyptian.

Mr. Pape makes the biggest announcement of all at flag ceremony on September 30, 2014: NOT ONLY DID HE TURN FIFTY, BUT HE’S GETTING MARRIED!!!!!!
These Kids Are In The "Know"/

1. The kids from the other school are waiting to get ready to compete at the Plainview Knowledge Bowl as they meet in the gym before the opening round.
2. Benji Davis shows off his second place plaque at a knowledge bowl meet in Las Animas.
3. Grant Specht seems to be a little "out of focus" as he looks at the other table while Ryan Koeller is paying attention to the reader.

Smarter Than The Average Hawk

It was a great year for Plainview’s group of competitive scholars. The high school knowledge bowl team’s highest placing was fourth at Holt and at the regional meet at Swink, thereby ALMOST making it to state. Both junior high and high school teams were once again sponsored by Ms. Fees. The junior high had a great year with Benji Davis placing first, second, and third respectively in the Eighth grade division, and Olivia Specht and Japheth Frey earning a third-place finish at Campo. Overall, a job well done by the Plainview Hawks!

Explaining the Rules/

Ms. Fees instructs all of the schools participating at the Plainview meet about where to go and most importantly ... when lunch is.

Smile Big/

Austin Healy looks pretty happy after a round when his team earned the most points. Way to go, "Hawks!"

Jennifer’s In Charge/

Ms. Wilson looks at the buzzer system while Jennifer Hopkins looks at the team that buzzed in order to determine whose turn it is to attempt to answer the question.

Bottom: The high school team takes a picture after the Swink regional meet. Pictured are Ryan Koeller, Grant Specht, Justin Rodriguez, Justin Dirks, VJ Christopher, Thomas Specht, Austin Healy, and Coach Ruth Fees.

Right: Benji Davis listens intently to the reader at the Campo Knowledge Meet.

Working Hard/

Ryan Koeller, Grant Specht, and Austin Healy work on their written round questions.
**Figuring It Out**

A covered-up Thomas Specht and Seth Splitter are eager to answer the question, although Seth is working it out on paper.

**The A-Team**

VJ Christopher, Thomas Specht, Seth Splitter, and Justin Rodriguez listen to questions posed to them by Mr. Papa in his room during the Plainview Knowledge Bowl Meet.

**Taking a Break**

Olivia Specht sits in the hallway waiting on the round to get done so she can get the score and take it to get recorded in the computer lab.

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**Puzzling Plainview Questions**

Plainview Knowledge Bowl-ers put their money where their brains are as they answer questions for competition.

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**TOP**: The high school team seems puzzled with the question that is being read.

**LEFT**: Mrs. Frey watches the buzzer system while Kristin Arns looks on.

**RIGHT**: Olivia Specht looks excited to be a runner at the Plainview Knowledge Bowl Meet.

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1. Benji Davis poses with his third-place trophy in the Springfield gymnasium after the meet.

2. Benji Davis poses with his third-place trophy outside Vilas School next to their historic school bell.

3. Olivia Specht and Japheth Frey are proud to be holding their third-place plaque in the seventh-grade division at the Campo meet.

4. The trophies sit awaiting the teams who earn the right to take them home at the end of the day during the Plainview Knowledge Meet. The home team came close to placing third, but their lower written score scuttled their plans. Better luck next year, Hawks!

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The high school knowledge bowl team gets ready to chow down on some delicious Thai Spicy Basil. VJ has a fairly sinister look on his face as he plans to order just about every appetizer on the menu...but the important thing is that the food is *amazing*! Bon Appetite, Gentlemen! Thank you, Ms. Fees!
Laying a Solid Foundation

Mrs. Kraft and Ms. Humburg help build strong foundation for all of the young Plainview children so they can learn to love learning and strive for greatness later on in their academic career.

Officer Logan
Logan Spruell looks like he is getting ready to arrest someone on Halloween. Everyone had better be good!!!
At left: Hailey Birt and Jalene Leonard do their work in class.

Below right: Nelly Dyck gets some fresh air out on the playground during recess.

Far right: Isaac Spliter shows off his red and gray striped shirt.

1. Margaret Votruba gets some help on her lesson from Ms. Humburg.

2. Is that Peter Parker or is that Tyler Schell? Tyler Schell is the Amazing Spiderman for Halloween.

3. Alyxx Egley looks to be very thoughtful as he sits quietly in Ms. Humburg’s class.

4. Braydden Crum seems like he is having a little difficulty with a problem... either that or he is just being funny and the problem is that easy.
All Work and Some Play//
1. Ky Harkness is deep in thought while he reads his book in class.
2. Elijah Harkness, Joey Specht, and Josh Votrub get their picture taken on the last day of school.
3. Janae Frey looks to be giving Ella Splinter a strong hug at recess...or a headlock...we’re not sure.

Piecing it TOGETHER
Ms. Greenfield and Mrs. Hopkins represent half of the elementary school staff, and their contribution to each child’s education is critical. They are the teachers who are charged with helping to build that bridge between primary and secondary Plainview Elementary and Plainview Middle School. They have been a part of this school and community for twenty-seven and thirty years respectively, and their hard work and dedication has always been admired and appreciated.

Reading under the table//
Zoie Kraft found a quiet place to read...and hide...regardless, she feels she is in a safe place.

Multi Tasking//
Trudy Dyck takes a break from reading to smile at the camera before she goes back to reading. That’s a pretty good book and a pretty decent smile, Trudy.

Reading //
Wesly Fehr looks happy because he finished his story and is ready to begin reading something else.

B E L O W : From his VERY BUSY looking desk, Joey Specht happily does his work for Miss G.

R I G H T : Sam Spruell reads to his mom on Reading to Moms Day in Ms. Greenfield’s room.

Worm’s Eye View//
Joey Specht seems upset that the camera is taking his picture and interrupting his reading time. Breathe, Joey, just breathe...
1. Emma Frey spies the camera over her book that she is wanting to check out in the library.

2. Victoria Christophersen looks very serious in the cafeteria, and quite frankly, we do not know why...was she caught off guard by the camera?

3. Jordan Dirks answers a question in Mrs. Hopkins' class while Rooney Fehr listens to what she has to say.

4. Speaking to the rest of the elementary, teachers, and community that attended, Jordan Dirks gives her speech at the spring oratorical festival.

Ms. Greenfield and Mrs. Hopkins
High School Boys Basketball ............. 54-55

High School Track ............. 56-57

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Junior High Track ............. 66-67

Elementary Field Day ............. 68-69
This year, the Plainview Hawks played their first varsity schedule in thirteen years and played under a new coach, Vincent Koeller. This was his first year coaching and had nine players go out for the team. Regardless of the outcome of the games, the team rallied together and went through the process of becoming a team. It was a learning experience all the way around.

**Posting to Score**
Josh Blodgett is posting up against a Bethune player during the homecoming game. The Hawks were successful in a win against the Bobcats.

**Going for Two**
Ryan Koeller capitalizes on a steal to take it down the floor for two. This was two of his twenty-one points during the homecoming game.

**Cutting for the Ball**
Joey Taylor cuts to the basket to get open in the lane against Granada to help the Hawks score on the road.

**Flying High For A Dunk**
Justin Rodriguez gets the first dunk of his high school career against Bethune. This was one of his three dunks during the game and his personal high score of 37 points.

**Pushing the Tempo**
1. Nick Crum looks to push the ball up the floor against McClave.
2. Coach Koeller gives the team instructions on what to do during a time out.
3. Grant Specht attempts to steal the ball from a Bethune player.
4. Ryan Koeller blocks the shot of a Granada player during districts in Lamar.
1. Ryan Koeller shoots a three pointer against the Cheyenne Wells Tigers.

2. "IF I WAS GOOD TODAY, I WILL TRAIN HARDER TO BE GREAT TOMORROW." - COACH CARTER

3. The Team

Back row (standing from left to right): Assistant Coach Pope, Manager Katelyn Rodriguez, Coach Koeller, Fred Specht, Justin Wanderlingh, Ryan Koeller, Josh Bridgett, Joey Taylor, Thomas Specht, Justin Wanderlingh, Jared Wanderlingh, Eric Carmody, and Manager Austin Healy.

The 2014-2015 Plainview Hawks Basketball Team

Cutting to the Basket

Justin Rodriguez cuts to the basket off a screen he set for Thomas Specht.

Flying In for the Score

Thomas Specht drives for a layup against Granada.

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Districts

Granada | 37 | 62 |

6 Wins - 8 Losses

Attacking the Rim

2. Thomas Specht drives the lane for a layup attempt at Cheyenne Wells.
3. Jared Wanderlingh shoots a fade away against Cheyenne Wells.
4. Quinton Weber gets an offensive rebound against Bethune and scores the put back.
LYDIA SPLITTER
In Lydia's first year in high school track, she participated in the 100 meter dash, the high jump, and discus. Lydia excelled in the high jump and landed at the state track meet.

RYAN KOELLER
Along with pitching in Granada, Ryan also went out for the track team at Plainview. Ryan threw discuss and shot put during the season.

GRANT SPECHT
Grant's first season as a high schooler consisted of long jump, the mile, and the 800 meter run. Grant used his will power to improve throughout the season.

"WHAT DOESN'T KILL YOU MAKES YOU STRONGER..."

Running, Jumping, and Throwing
1. Grant Specht works on his jumping form during the long jump.
2. Lydia Splitter continues to work towards her personal best during high jump at the Springfield Invitational.
3. RUN, GRANT, RUN! Grant Specht attempts to out-run his fellow runner at the Springfield meet.
4. Lydia Splitter leaps...and she's over!

LYDIA SPLITTER
Lydia Splitter continues to work on her high jump. Here she jumps at Holly and earned a spot at State with a jump of 4'9"
May 22nd, 2015, Lydia Splitter competed in the 1A State Track Meet for high jump. Lydia jumped her personal best: 4 foot, 10 inches and achieved 2nd place at the meet. Good job, Lydia!!!

"SUCCESS ISN'T GIVEN. IT'S EARNED. ON THE TRACK, ON THE FIELD, IN THE GYM. WITH BLOOD, SWEAT AND THE OCCASIONAL TEAR."

LYDIA SPLITTER // "My favorite memory of this track season was the ride to and from the track meets. I never knew if I was going to see the next day with the way you drove. But it definitely was a special memory."

RYAN KOELLER // "My favorite time with Mr. Pape I think was when I went to state my freshman year. He really coached me and I threw better and better the more times I threw."

LIVING BEYOND LIMITS

SPORTS Q&A // What is your favorite memory of Mr. Pape as a track coach?
Sophomore Ryan Koeller played baseball for Granada High School in the spring as Granada's starting pitcher. Granada went on to stale and got runner up in the 1A state championship. He also had a career high of 18 strikeouts.

Sophomore Eric Carmody played football in the fall for Holly High School. He played on both the junior varsity and varsity squads, playing both running back and kick returner.

Junior Seth Splitter played three different sports for the Eads Eagles. In the fall, he played quarterback for the JV team and was the back up kicker for the varsity. Eads varsity took runner-up at the 1A state championship. In the winter, he wrestled for Eads and placed sixth at regionals. In the Spring he went back to play baseball, pinch-running for the purple and gold.

Mixing the Sports/
1. "Swing batter, batter swing!" Ryan Koeller gets ready to smash the ball into outer space.
2. The Holly team in a huddle determining their next move.
3. Seth strategizes as to how to bring down his opponent.
4. Eric Carmody (#5) watches his teammates from the sidelines.
Tap
Seth Splitter gets down and ready to defend.

Top: Seth Splitter gets down and ready to defend.

Bottom: Ryan Koeller gets ready to catch a line drive at third.

Run Home, Seth!! //

Seth Splitter runs in from third to score a run for Eads against Holly.

SPORT Q&A // What was your favorite memory from the baseball season?

Seth Splitter //
"I really liked the companionship that I got from my teammates."

Ryan Koeller //
"My favorite memory was when I had 18 strikeouts against Springfield in the district game. When the game was over I new I had a lot, but not that many."
Cheering is Hard Work

Getting a crowd going crazy is hard, but yet the junior high cheer team did it...they were just a tad bit winded afterwards.

Parting Advice

Before the last member of the high school cheer team left, Ebanee Moyers gave some great advice to the junior high team that held us up this year: Lead with Enthusiasm and Heart.

Hanging out

After giving the crowd what they wanted, nothing is better than sitting down and smiling at the camera. Benji Davis was a stalwart member of the cheer squad, being named All-American and heading to Disney World over the holidays to perform in their annual parade.

A Great Birthday Hug

Jordan Dirks gives her cheerleading companion and great friend a hug to celebrate her birthday. Happy Birthday, Athena!

Stunts and Routines

1. Olivia Specht and Jordan Dirks try to steady Athena Crum while attempting a stunt during a junior high home game.
2. Benji Davis, the team's captain, tries to get the crowd going at a pep rally.
3. Athena Crum celebrates her birthday cheering at McClave and getting some birthday icing on her nose.
4. Benji, Athena, and Olivia begin a well-choreographed routine that they had practiced all year.
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members at a pep rally.
Top: The Plainview Junior High Cheer Team. From left to right: Olivia Specht, Athena Crum, Benji Davis, and Jordan Dirks. Coach Ruth Fees is kneeling in front.
Above: Olivia Specht tries to coordinate her moves with the rest of her team members at a pep rally.

Go! Fight!! Win!!!
Through prep rallies and games, the Junior High Cheer Team have stood strong and jumped higher then ever before.

SPORT Q&A//

Who's Got Spirit? We've Got Spirit, Yes, We Do! We Got Spirit, How About YOU?!

Split Decision/ Jordan Dirks gets up in the air at a pep rally to show her athleticism. Jordan will be cheering again next year.

Who Rocks The House!!!//
Although this was Athena's last year at Plainview, Benji Davis plans to continue on and be the lone cheerleader on Ms. Fees' team next year. Keep up the good work, Benji!!!

It's not all fun and games...Oh, wait, it is!

Junior High Cheerleading

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The junior high volleyball team consisted of boys and girls, grades 5-8. All of the kids worked hard for a spot on the team and improved greatly throughout the season. Under the leadership of Mrs. Candi Frey and Ms. Moore, the players learned not only about volleyball, but about sportsmanship and teamwork.

Leading with Enthusiasm
Ms. Moore takes to the sidelines to help coach the junior high volleyball team to a victory.

Giving It Her All
Hanna Campbell gives her volleyball serve everything she has to get it over the net.

Going for the Kill
Rooney Fehr leaps through the air to smack the ball over the net at the opposing team.

"Get that serve over."

LESS TALK, MORE VOLLEYBALL
1. Rooney Fehr proves himself, once again, to be one of the best servers on the team.
2. Athena Crum takes a break during warm-ups to pose for a quick picture.
3. Lisa Dyck works on her serve during the volleyball game.
4. Ms. Moore gives her team a quick pep-talk during a timeout against Karval.

One For All and All For One
Even when the junior high athletes aren't playing, they are busy cheering for those on the court.

RIGHT: Victoria Christophersen attempts to dig a ball during warm-ups.
TOP: Rooney Fehr looks at the ball against Eads while Kyle Scott seems to be paying attention to someone on the bench.
At top: The junior high volleyball players celebrate their first victory against Karval.
Above: Athena Crum gets ready to knock one over the net during the game.

"It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game."

LEARNING LIFE LESSONS

Player Puzzles

Every Hawk player brings something to the court. What is your contribution?

Pure Concentration
Olivia Specht concentrates on getting the ball over the net against Granada.

Small but Mighty
Rooney Fehr may not be the biggest kid on the team, but he sure can pack a punch when it comes to serving the ball.
The junior high basketball team made some significant strides this year. Both the boys and the girls teams showed their grit and determination in having to compensate for small numbers and, in many cases, small stature. What the Plainsview Hawks might have lacked in size and height, they made up for in heart. Head coaches Vincent Hamer and Elizabeth Moore, and assistant Laurie Butler had the team in full "Hawk" mode this year. Good work!

Getting Ready for the Game

Kayden Moser goes through her pre-game warm-up routine by shooting on the blocks.

Somebody Get Open!

Looking to pass the ball against Granada, seventh-grader Kyle Scott barks out some orders to get his teammates to get open.

Box Out!!!

Eighth-grader Lisa Dyck crashes the boards in hopes of getting the rebound at Granada.

"Defense is what wins games."

Basketball 101

1. Athena Crum and her pink basketball shoes drive into a crowd against the McClave Cardinals.
2. Kayla Wanderlingh works the blocks and goes up strong as Olivia Specht gets ready to rebound.
3. Orly Spruell, eighties haircut and all, surveys the court before getting the ball from the official.
4. Ms. Moore and her assistant Laurie Butler give instructions during a timeout in hopes of getting the offense back on track.

You Got This

Seventh-grader Olivia Specht has some encouraging words for eighth-grader Kayla Wanderlingh as she comes to the sideline during a timeout before shooting free throws after the break.
At top: Coach Moore gets ready for her team to play against Cheyenne Wells, sporting her Christmas sweatshirt that she wore on the last day before the holiday break.
Above: Urging his team to play the right way, Coach Koeller gives his team instruction during the time-out.

"You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them." – Michael Jordan

The Teams

The Plainview Junior High Boys Basketball Team: (right to left) Head Coach Vincent Koeller, manager Japheth Frey, Ben Splitter, Kyle Scott, Chris Knoles, Benji Davis, Student Assistant Justin Rodriguez, (front row kneeling): Olyyan Spruell, Rooney Fehr, Alex Schmidt, and Casey Shum.

The Junior High Girls Basketball Team: (from left to right) Manager Emma Frey, Kayla Wanderlingh, Lisa Dyck, Savannah Shum, Kayden Moose, and Head Coach Elizabeth Moore. Front Row: Olivia Specht, Victoria Christophersen, Athena Crum, and Jordan Dirks.

Player Puzzles

Reaching for the Ball
Chris Knoles tries to out-jump a Cougar during the opening tip against Alta Vista.

Small But Mighty
Victoria Christophersen may have been one of the smallest on her team, but she improved a lot and even scored a basket during the last game!
Running, Throwing, and Jumping at the Track!

With a large junior high track team, the Plainview Hawks attended meets promising, exciting, hectic, yet hopeful day of competition. The kids worked very hard to improve their time, heights, and distances, which is a great reason to run track. The other reasons you run track are to not only get better, but to also get in shape, and most of all, have fun. And if that is the barometer for a successful track season, then mission accomplished.

Relaxing on the Infield

Seventh grader Japheth Frey talks about how great the state of Nebraska is to sixth-grader, Joshua Beck.

Reporting to Coach

Japheth Frey and Kyle Scott report their distances to Coach Koeller at the Granada meet.

What are YOU looking at?

Kyle Scott does not look happy that someone is taking a picture of him eating his lunch at the track meet. Can't someone have a little privacy here?

"Ninety-eight percent of success is in the head and heart."

Tracksters

1. Victoria Christophersen lands successfully in the long jump pit. Good job, Victoria!
2. Rooney Fehr appears to be in the mix as far as this race is concerned. Run, Rooney, run!
3. Ben Splitter relaxes at the team camp waiting for his events to be called.
4. Cauly Sturm is pushing hard towards that finish line while Ben Splitter and ORyan Spruell try to catch up.

Looking Down at the Camera

The junior high track team along with Coach Koeller participate in some photographic experimentation orchestrated by Lydia Splitter. This would be what is known as a "worm's eye" view.
At top: Japheth Frey throws the discus with some gusto at the Granada meet.

Above: Little Alex Schmidt appears to be flying through the air as he clears the first of many hurdles in this race. This is quite impressive considering the fact that the hurdle isn't much shorter than Alex. Way to work, Alex!

"The will to win means nothing if you haven't the will to prepare."

A Day at the Track

1. Fifth-grader O'Ryan Sprueill is having a great day at the track meet, and looks pretty happy to be out of class for the day.

2. Cavy Stum and Rooney Fehr get the camp ready upon their arrival in Granada.

3. Rayla Wanderlingh and Jordan Dirks pose for a picture during a break in the action at Granada. With plenty of events on the schedule, these two will be quite busy running and jumping.

4. Seventh-grader Kyle Scott and sixth-grader Josh Beck use some of their down time getting caught up on their homework. This is something they can do as long as the wind doesn’t kick up.

Track Rules

"Hard Work Beats Talent when Talent Doesn't Work Hard."

Relax and Just Throw

Josh Beck gets ready to throw the discus...footwork is an important part of this event.

Don't Look at the Bar

Jordan Dirks is about to hurl herself over the bar for a successful jump at Granada.
SOARING HIGH
Katelyn Stum soars through the air in hopes of placing in the long jump.

LIKE THE WIND
Elijah Harkness focuses on winning his race, leaving the competition in the dust.

UP, UP AND AWAY
MaryKathryn Votruba gets ready to let the softball soar through the air.

"It's not whether you get knocked down; it's whether you get up." -Vince Lombardi

'A' FOR EFFORT
1. MaryKathryn Votruba pushes herself hard to finish her race.
2. Josh Votruba gives it his all in the softball toss.
3. Destiny Cornelius and Janae Frey race for the finish line.
4. Pyper Ramsey flies through the air during her attempt at long jump.
At tap: Fifth-grader Mark McClave clowns around on the infield hiding half his face in his cap.
Above: Pyper Ramsey and Maggie Votruba wait to compete at field day.

At top: Isaac Splitter sprints toward the finish line at Elementary Field Day.
Above: Ky Harkness rears back to throw the softball. It was a great day to get the ball airborne in Cheyenne Wells.

2. Alyxx Egley looks as though he is flying through the air as he completes his long jump competition.
3. Isaac Splitter just may be Plainview's next state track participant in the long jump. Just a few more years, Isaac...
4. Tyler Schell and Mary Kathryn Votruba pause from the track activities to gear down in the infield.

1. Brayden Crum pushes through the pain in order to finish the race.

Pyper Ramsey is pointing to everyone that they had better get out of her throwing range because she is getting ready to "bring it." Way to go, Pyper!

Little Tracksters/ Elementary Field Day 2015

Zoie Kraft/ Zoie races against her competition in hopes of earning a first-place ribbon on Awards Day at school.

Run, Forrest, Run!!!/ Alyxx Egley blows down the track with the wind in his hair...look at him go!
"Piece OUT"

End of Year Section

End-of-Year Division 71
What was your favorite part of "Annie Play Will Do"?

The cast has their favorites; what was yours?

RELAXATION...BREATHE...//
Mr. Pape does some relaxation exercises during the play to try and calm his anger and nerves about the "upcoming" show.

THAT REALLY HURT!!!//
Katelyn Wanderlingh playing "Laura" gives Japheth Frey's "FDH" a little help in getting into character by kicking him in the back of the leg during dress rehearsal.

INDIANA CHEF//
Grant Specht's "Leo" explains to Kayla Wanderlingh's "Rhonda" how he thought he was supposed to be an "Indiana Chef" and NOT an Indian Chief.

Puzzling Play Moments//
1. Katelyn Wanderlingh plays Little Orphan Annie while carrying around her locket...er, "rocket."
2. Mr. Pape listens intently as Thomas Specht's "know-it-all "Larry" goes into full-out "Wikipedia Bill" mode.
3. The cast of "Annie Play will Do" pose for a picture after their performance.
For Mr. Pape's last directing and acting experience at Plainview, his secondary students put on the play "Annie Play Will Do." The play follows a drama class that happens to be putting on two different plays but don't realize it until the night of the performance. It's a play within a play, and with the help of both junior, high, high school, staff, and community, it was a big success.

YOU NEED SOME MOUTH WASH, DUDE!//
Thomas Specht plays Larry, the unpopular, nerdy student while Jon McClave plays "Dustin," the surfer dude who openly complains about Larry's lack of dental hygiene.

ROLE REVERSAL!//
Mr. Pape plays the drama teacher, "Mr. Morris" while Benji Davis plays "Principal Martin" in this role switch-up. Notice how Benji's character "looks" a little taller than usual due to the aid of a portable step stool that folded up quite nicely.

To Be In High School Again!//
Ms. Amy Schmidt plays "Amy," a high school student, and Kayla Wanderlingh plays "Rhonda." The two "high schoolers" stop to pose during dress rehearsal.

"What do you MEAN my character got written out of the show?!"

"Annie One" or "Annie Two"...you decide!//
With two plays going on at once, how can you pick a favorite?

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNE!//
Kayla Wanderlingh plays Little Orphan Annie and spends the whole play trying to figure out why Annie Oakley hates her so much.

BIG ANNE OR LITTLE ANNE?!//
The girls cannot decide on which character is the most important, adding a hilarious tension to the play.

ANNE OAKLEY!//
Katey Wanderlingh plays Annie Oakley from the Wild West and becomes distraught as the other characters ruin her acting career.
What did you like best about prom?

Grant Specht://
"I liked the dance and the dinner because it was something for me to do and not just sit there."

Thomas Specht://
"I really liked it when me and my friends did jump-style at prom. I also enjoyed doing paintball."

Katelyn Wanderlingh://
"Playing paintball for 4 hours!!"

1. Jon, did you fall asleep during prom? He did, however, and inadvertently volunteered to donate his face to be a neon drawing board.

2. Grant is gearing up for paintball by wearing layers and layers and layers of clothing.

3. VI and his___ who's your date, VJ? VI poses with his invisible date during the Grand March... a step up from last year's "Bacon Barbie.

4. Lydia holds on to Abby Berggren to stay warm during after prom.

Puzzling Prom Thoughts://
1. Justin is literally glowing in the dark with his green suspenders at prom.

2. The Plainview After Prom kids get ready to play some Arkansas Valley Paintball.

3. Mr. Pape is crowned honorary King at prom. He sports a stylish crown along with some cool shades.
Prom is a night for bright lights and big memories. We might not have gotten the bright lights, but we definitely made a lot of great memories.

**Puzzling Prom Pics to Ponder**

- **Grant Specht** // Grant takes a picture with his new best friends. TWO ORANGE BALLOONS!!!!!!
- **Lydia Splitter** // Lydia is excited to have won a prize during Alter Prom...a brand-new soda streamer...something that carbonates water and turns it into soda.
- **Miss Wilson** // Ms. Wilson has fun chaperoning wild children at prom and making the most of the black-lighting by drawing lines on her face.

**Above:** Ms. Moore waves her glow sticks wildly to create an interesting effect for the camera taking her picture.

**Left:** Jon McClave poses with a TV he won during the after prom. He probably won't be sleeping for weeks!

**Thomas Specht and Kristin Arns** //
Thomas and his date, Kristin Arns smile for the camera during the Grand March.

**Katelyn Wanderlingh and Austin Healy** //
Senior Katelyn Wanderlingh and Austin Healy pose for the adoring crowd.

**Justin Rodriguez and Eboni Nash** //
Senior Justin Rodriguez and his date Eboni Nash can't wait for pictures to be over so they can get on the dance floor.
Awards Night and Elementary and Junior High Awards Day

Words are not enough to say how much we will miss you.

LEFT: Assistant cook Laurie Butler presents the retiring Mrs. Hopkins some flowers courtesy of the kitchen.

RIGHT: The soon-to-be-leaving Mr. Pape gives his good friend Mrs. Hopkins a good bye hug.

BOTTOM: Outgoing superintendent Mr. Kaufman and Board President Marvin Koeller present Mrs. Hopkins with a token of their affection...framed board meeting "doodles" by the renowned artist and elementary teacher.

We salute Mrs. Hopkins' almost four decades of service to this school and community. She has been a pillar of consistency and stability in both teaching and administration.

Too Cool for School?//
Lydia Splitter sports some cool blue shades as she gives the "peace" sign to the picture-taker. Lydia received awards in both athletics and academics.

Just look into the camera, Ms. Votruba...it won't bite you.//
Margaret Votruba looks a little worried as she takes her picture with Mr. Kaufman recognizing her for her stellar academic performance in the first grade. Way to go, Maggie!

The adults like to eat, too!//
Awards night and the last day of school offer a chance for the community to come together, break bread, and catch up on all that has been going on in and around the area.

Puzzling Awards Moments//
1. Seth Splitter feels a little intruded upon by the camera person.
2. Eighth grader Kayla Wanderling helps the yearbook staff by lending a hand and taking some pictures of awards night. Thanks, Kayla!
3. Mr. Pape poses for a picture with his Miss and Mr. PHS Track, Lydia Splitter and Grant Specht.

1. "May the Fourth Be With You"...Star Wars expert Ms. Wilson gives the math award to fellow Star Wars fan, Benji Davis.
2. Our camera person could not help but get a picture of the pretty balloons magically floating in the air...uh, that's helium, camera guy.
3. Coach Koeller has a hard time coaxing Thomas Specht out of his shell when giving him an award.
4. Uncle Justin Rodriguez tends to both niece Mackenzie Trujillo and nephew Alden Stum before the awards ceremony.
At the conclusion of every year, the faculty, students, and community come together to honor those students who displayed hard work, dedication, leadership, and pride in their academic and athletic accomplishments.

An Award for Dunking? //
Coach Vincent Koeller presents senior Justin Rodriguez with one of his many awards in varsity basketball.

Ms. Moore speaks! //
Ms. Moore talks about her experience coaching the junior high girls basketball team. She thanked them for their participation and effort, and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Food and Conversation...Thomas and VJ Style. //
Thomas Specht reacts to something VJ Christophersen said in between bites of the delicious food provided by the community as Seth Splitter looks on.

"This school and these programs are truly a community effort."

Let's hear it for the elementary students and their accomplishments throughout the year!

Celebrating the last day of the school year by recognizing the best!

Good work! // Braydden Crum gets a certificate from Mr. Kaufman that states he was an honor roll student during the 2014-2015 school year.

Ham it up, Josh! // Josh Votruba gives a couple of "thumbs up" as his class was recognized by Ms. Greenfield for their work throughout the year.

Getting props from the Lunch Lady // Head cook Dennill Splitter shakes Logan Sprueill's hand as he receives an award for exceptional lunchtime behavior.
Plainview School completed its fifty-second commencement ceremony on May 22, 2015. We salute the two eighth-graders who moved up to high school and the five seniors who moved forward in that great adventure called life.

The Eighth Graders move on to bigger and better things!/

LEFT: Kayla Wanderlingh receives her Certificate of Continuation from school board vice-president, Howard Votuba.

RIGHT: Kayla poses for a picture with her sister, Katelyn at their graduation.

BOTTOM: Howard Votuba looks to be the proud father by giving his son a handshake and a Certificate of Continuation signifying that Benji Davis has satisfied the requirements of the school board and the district and is ready to move on to high school.

I AM the TALLEST person in this room!/

VJ Christophersen proves once again that due to genetics, he seems to be always looking down at those who seem to be always looking up at him—in this case, altitude-challenged Sean McKim and Judy Splitter.

Once again, I AM the SHORTEST person in the room!/

O.K., there ARE small children in the gym, but Ms. Fees seems to be swallowed up by the podium as she gets ready to introduce the commencement speaker. Don't worry, Ms. Fees, James Madison was short, too!

Tall, Short...Who Cares? I Graduated!!!/

Quinton Weber gives a strange smile to the camera that seems to show his extreme happiness regarding his graduation. Way to go, Quinton...Now it's on to Lincoln Tech!

Pieces of Graduation/

1. Benji Davis begins his walk down the aisle at the start of graduation.

2. Wearing a dress that matched Benji's tie, 8th-grader Kayla Wanderlingh begins the process that will propel her and Benji into high school next year as freshmen.

3. Newly graduated Justin Rodriguez shares a congratulatory moment with Mr. Pope, with his former history teacher telling him how surprised he was for acknowledging him in his slide show presentation.

4. Justin Rodriguez receives a hug from his mother, Connie Moser, signifying an end to this part of the journey. We now move on to life after Plainview.
LEn't Susan and Lay Speth! give their son Thomas a big hug to congratulate him on his awesome accomplishment. The Class of 2015: Quinten Weber, Katelyn Wanderlingh, Thomas Specht, Justin Rodriguez, and VJ Christophersen pose with their diplomas following the ceremony.

"You must look where you're going and acknowledge where you have been."

The Future and the Past: VJ Christophersen acknowledges all those who made his journey to being Valedictorian possible. He spoke about how important it is to look ahead, but not to forget about where you came from, stating that you should appreciate the past.

Commencement Speaker Doris Lessenden: Former long-time Eads educator, Doris Lessenden speaks to the graduates about perseverance, having joy in your life, and above all, making sure you 'call your momma.'

And now for the history of our many-sponsored class: Thomas Specht delivers his salutatorian address to those in attendance, detailing the many choices and dilemmas that the Class of 2015 faced when having to choose a sponsor during their time in junior high and high school.

Puzzling Moments During Matriculation:

Really sticking his neck out... for flowers: VJ Christophersen seems a little confused as to what he needs to do next. He is asking Ms. Fees to please clarify the situation.

The Photo-bomber: One of last year's graduates, Kristin Arns, seems to be photobombing her cousin, Thomas Specht, as he gets a congratulatory hug from Sean McKim.

Mission Accomplished: Ms. Fees promised Justin Rodriguez when he was in junior high that he would get his drawing of a hairy mythological creature back when he graduated.
Fun in The Lone Star State//

LEFT: What, no lines? The seniors are going on a journey to Sea World in San Antonio Texas!

RIGHT: Thomas Specht gracefully skates around the rink at the mall.

BOTTOM: Thomas Specht looks at Justin Rodriguez during their meal. Justin must have said something that Thomas thought was funny in order to get that reaction.

The Senior Class of 2015 and their sponsor, Ruth Fees, along with parent-sponsors Jay and Susan Specht, took a van ride to Dallas, Texas where Medieval Times and ice skating were some of the activities on the docket. They then ventured on to San Antonio, where they took in Sea World, the River Walk, enjoying the atmosphere of city life in the Great State of Texas. Here are just some of their adventures as told through cell phones and digital cameras!

Foam Climbing//
Justin Rodriguez tries to get out of the foam cubes and go jump some more.

Selfie!//
Thomas Specht looks to keep the trendy "Selfie" going with a selfie on the segway. Just don't crash into anything, Thomas!

Making Another Right Turn!!!
Justin Rodriguez can actually get away with burn outs and going fast here. Just hope he didn't tear anything up in the process.

1. "Bruce Lee" takes up the challenge of making sure Thomas Specht eats all his vegetables. Bruce the waiter was also nice enough to talk to Mrs. Christophersen on VJ's cell phone...a conversation she won't soon forget.

2. VJ falls sound asleep in the van, a common occurrence amongst all of Plainview's travelers.

3. VJ Christophersen proves once again that "the pen is mightier than the sword."

4. Plainview's seniors get ready to ride the go-carts.

1. Jay Specht buckles himself in before he gets ready to take a lap.

2. VJ Christophersen looks to turn around the corner. With his cautious driving, let's hope he didn't crash into anything.

3. Quinton Weber took this picture of the seal show at Sea World.
Let's segway to something new!//
Quinton, VJ, and Thomas listen to the instructor before they hit the streets of Dallas cruisin' in style.

"Texas is neither southern or western. Texas is Texas."

Texas Rising

Senior Sneak

Justin, Quinton, VJ, Thomas, Ruth, Jay, and Susan make an 'excellent adventure' in the home of the cowboys, the Alamo, and everything BIG.

I'm Going to get YOU!//
VJ Christophersen looks to be headed for the camera because we all know how much he loves pictures being taken of him...Actually, Mr. Christophersen is trying his best to maintain his balance on the ice rink in Dallas.

Does it go Fast?//
Quinton Weber looks to be wondering about the sixty-four thousand dollar question...Does it go fast? That is to be determined by how hard you push it, Quinton!

Signifying Fun//
The segways signify that the senior class...and Jay Specht, are in for a new experience and adventure!

Puzzling Moments During Sneak//
The Journey at Plainview is officially complete...this part of the puzzle is finished.

Down for the Count!//
They say don't fall asleep when you can be pranked. In this case, just a picture is taken. Justin and Quinton take a selfie with the sleeping Fees.

Let's Do This!//
Thomas Specht looks excited to go indoor skydiving. Don't have too much fun, Thomas.

Don't let it Melt!//
Justin Rodriguez tries to keep the melted ice cream from overflowing. Don't eat too much Justin, you might get a brain freeze!
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1. DOW REACHES NEW HIGH

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closes above 18,000 following news about the growing strength of the U.S. economy.

2. ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER

Thirteen years after terrorists destroyed the original World Trade Center, a new 104-story tower opens in lower Manhattan.

3. MALALA YOUSAFZAI

At age 17, the Pakistani activist receives the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize.

4. SECRET SERVICE LAPSES

The head of the Secret Service resigns after a series of security breaches, including an intruder who managed to enter the White House.

5. SPACE PROBE

The European Space Agency lands a small space probe on the moving comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT

The United States and China reach a historic deal to curb their greenhouse gas emissions.

7. EBOLA IN THE USA

Hospitals contend with several cases of the deadly virus brought by travelers from West Africa and returning aid workers.

8. VIRGIN GALACTIC CRASH

The spaceship VSS Enterprise breaks apart during a test flight and crashed into the ground in the Mojave Desert.

9. KURDS FLEE ISIS

Syrian Kurdish refugees flee to Turkey to escape human rights abuses, war crimes and ethnic cleansing conducted by the Islamic rebel group ISIS.

FORBES MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE

1. VLADIMIR PUTIN  
   RUSSIA
2. BARACK OBAMA  
   UNITED STATES
3. XI JINPING  
   CHINA
4. POPE FRANCIS  
   ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
5. ANGELA MERKEL  
   GERMANY
6. JANET YELLEN  
   WASHINGTON, D.C.
7. BILL GATES  
   BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION
8. MARIO DRAGHI  
   EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK
9. SERGEY BRIN AND LARRY PAGE  
   GOOGLE
10. DAVID CAMERON  
   UNITED KINGDOM

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1. ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE The social media campaign goes viral, raising $115 million to treat and cure amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).
2. TOMS AT TARGET The fashion-forward charity shoe brand teams up with the fashion-friendly retailer on a line of accessories for the holiday season.
3. NBA 2K14 The new release of the popular basketball video game features a contemporary soundtrack chosen by LeBron James.
4. VSHAREACOKE The soft drink brand personalizes its cans with the 250 most popular first names among American teens and millennials.
5. Go PRO Users of these wearable HD video cameras record and share breathtaking adventures, athletic feats and everyday dramas.
6. GRUMPY CAT By bringing in almost $100 million in two years, the Internet’s most famous cat earns more than many human celebrities, according to ABC News.
7. FITBIT The health and fitness trackers surge in popularity among users of all ages, as consumers clamor for personal data via wearable tech.
8. PROTEIN-POWERED The high-protein/low-carb diet trend results in slumping cereal sales; manufacturers respond by adding more protein to their breakfast products.
9. TOP EMOJIS Researchers track the rising popularity of emojis among Twitter users; the top five are Hearts, Joy, Unamused, Heart Eyes and Relaxed.
10. DR. MARTENS BOOTS The edgy, rugged footwear is back in fashion among teens, celebrities and fashionable bloggers.

TOP 2014 GOOGLE TRENDS

The popular search engine releases the year’s most searched topics.

1. ROBIN WILLIAMS
2. WORLD CUP
3. EBOLA
4. MALAYSIA AIRLINES
5. ALS ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE
6. FLAPPY BIRD
7. CONCHITA WURST
8. ISIS
9. FROZEN
10. SOCHI OLYMPICS
1. WORLD CUP Germany wins the FIFA World Cup by defeating Argentina 1–0 at the soccer championship tournament in Brazil.

2. KEVIN HARVICK He captures his first NASCAR Sprint Cup championship in the Ford EcoBoost 400 race behind the wheel of his No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Chevrolet.

3. PEYTON MANNING By throwing his 509th career touchdown pass, the Denver Broncos quarterback breaks Brett Favre’s record.

4. RORY MCILROY At age 25, the professional golfer from Northern Ireland is the World Number One male player according to the Official World Golf Ranking.

5. WORLD SERIES In Game Seven, the San Francisco Giants defeat the Kansas City Royals 3–2 and claim their third championship title in five years.

6. CFP CHAMPS The fourth-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes defeat the Oregon Ducks 42–20 to capture the first-ever College Football Playoff championship.

7. SUPER BOWL XLIX In an exciting and hard-fought game, the New England Patriots defeat the Seattle Seahawks by a score of 28–24 in the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

8. DEREK JETER After 20 seasons with the New York Yankees, the shortstop plays the last game of his MLB career in Fenway Park against the Boston Red Sox.

9. SERENA WILLIAMS At age 33, she is the oldest player to be ranked the No. 1 singles player by the Women’s Tennis Association.

10. MATT RYAN $43.8 MILLION

http://www.forbes.com/athletes/
1. MAROON 5 The band crashes a Los Angeles wedding to surprise the lucky couple and capture footage for their “Sugar” video.
2. ARIANA GRANDE With a secret single on the new The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1 soundtrack, and rumors of diva behavior, this pop star is more notorious than “Victorious.”
3. TAYLOR SWIFT Her new album, 1989, breaks sales records with 1.2 million copies sold in the first week alone.
4. JOHN LEGEND The soulful singer-songwriter teams up with Common on “Glory,” for the soundtrack of Selma, the Martin Luther King biopic.
5. BEYONCÉ The “Flawless” singer performs a 16-minute medley of every song on her Beyoncé album at the MTV Music Video Awards.
6. IGGY AZALEA After the rapper’s “Fancy” becomes the song of the summer, fans follow her on the road and she’s afraid to drive fast enough to evade them.
7. ED SHEERAN The singer-songwriter from Liverpool is the year’s most-streamed artist on Spotify and receives two Grammy nominations for his album X.
8. LUKE BRYAN The CMA Entertainer of the Year receives seven nominations for the American Country Countdown Awards.
9. SAM SMITH The 22-year-old Brit tops the charts with his debut album, In the Lonely Hour, with sales of more than one million in both the US and the UK.

TOP iTUNES DOWNLOADS

These are the year’s most popular content downloads, according to Apple.

- ALBUM: FROZEN SOUNDTRACK
- MOVIE: FROZEN
- FAMILY MOVIE: THE LEGO MOVIE
- IPAD® APP: MINECRAFT
- IPHONE® APP: FACEBOOK MESSENGER
- YOUNG ADULT BOOK: THE FAULT IN OUR STARS
- AUDIO BOOK: DIVERGENT
- TV SHOW: GAME OF THRONES
- BEST APP OF THE YEAR: ELEVATE
- PODCAST: SERIAL
1. **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY** A team of Marvel Comics superheroes sets out to save the universe in this intergalactic adventure, starring Chris Pratt as Peter Quill.

2. **NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: SECRET OF THE TOMB** Historic wax figures come to life in this hotly anticipated sequel, starring Ben Stiller and Robin Williams.

3. **INTO THE WOODS** A wise witch, played by Meryl Streep, schools an all-star cast of wayward fairy tale characters in this enchanting movie musical.

4. **MOWINGJAY PART 1** Jennifer Lawrence returns as Katniss Everdeen in the first of two movies based on the final book in The Hunger Games trilogy.


7. **THE MAZE RUNNER** A community of teenage boys find themselves in a place surrounded by a huge maze with no memory of how they got there.

8. **PITCH PERFECT 2** The cast of the successful musical — including Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Skylar Astin, and Brittany Snow — reunites for the sequel.

9. **THE INTERVIEW** North Korean hackers breach Sony's network to suppress this movie comedy starring Seth Rogen and James Franco as bumbling, would-be assassins of Kim Jong-un.

**2014 HIGHEST-GROSSING MOVIES**

1. **TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION** OVER $1 BILLION

2. **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY** $727.7 MILLION

3. **MALEFICENT** $757.8 MILLION

4. **X-MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST** $748.1 MILLION

5. **THE HOBBIT: THE BATTLE OF THE FIVE ARMIES** $743.2 MILLION

6. **CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE WINTER SOLDIER** $714.1 MILLION

7. **THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 2** $709 MILLION

8. **DAWN OF THE PLANET OF THE APES** $708.3 MILLION

9. **THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY - PART 1** $697 MILLION

10. **INTERSTELLAR** $660.6 MILLION

SOCIAL MEDIA

1. TWITTER Katy Perry reigns as the most followed person on Twitter, with more than 60 million followers.
2. YOUTUBE With nearly five billion views, Rihanna has the most-viewed YouTube channel of any pop star.
3. VINE Despite making numerous controversial statements in his videos, Nash Grier, age 17, is the most popular user on the sharing service.
4. FACEBOOK With 103,008,884 likes, Portuguese soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo is almost as popular as Shakira, who has 105,962,307.
5. INSTAGRAM After the social networking service deleted fake accounts from their site, Kim Kardashian emerged as Instagram’s most-followed person.
6. SPOTIFY According to the streaming music service, Pharrell Williams’ “Happy” was the most-streamed song in the world.
7. SELFIE At public appearances and red carpet events, fans clamor to appear in smartphone photos with their favorite celebrities.
8. NETFLIX By offering full seasons of popular TV shows, as well as exclusive original programming, the on-demand streaming service surges in popularity.

TOP 10 YOUTUBE VIDEOS
Here are the most popular videos as compiled by CNN.com.

1. “MUTANT GIANT SPIDER DOG”
2. NIKE FOOTBALL (SOCCER) AD
3. “FIRST KISS”
4. NUN CONTESTANT ON THE VOICE OF ITALY
5. “IPHONE 6 PLUS BEND TEST”
6. HIP-HOP KIDS ON BRITAIN’S GOT TALENT
7. BUDWEISER “PUPPY LOVE” AD
8. “DEVIL BABY ATTACK”
9. “GOKU VS. SUPERMAN”
10. “10 HOURS WALKING IN NYC AS A WOMAN”
1. **ESPN** According to CNN Money, the sports network is more popular than ever, with 19 of the top 20 most-viewed programs in cable TV history.

2. **AMERICAN HORROR STORY:** **FREAK SHOW** The producers of the dark drama on FX set the fourth season in 1950s Florida.

3. **THE WALKING DEAD** The zombie horror series on AMC is more popular than ever in its fifth season.

4. **MELISSA & JOEY** ABC Family renews their popular series about a busy politician (Melissa Joan Hart) who hires a broke commodities trader (Joey Lawrence) to look after her niece.

5. **CHASING LIFE** Italia Ricci stars as April Carver, a 24-year-old journalist with leukemia in the drama series on the ABC Family network.


7. **THE POSTERS** The drama series on the ABC Family network, attracts a sizeable audience and numerous awards.

8. **STAR WARS REBELS** Aboard a freighter starship, insurgents stage a rebellion against the Galactic Empire in the animated series.

9. **PRETTY LITTLE LIARS** The ABC Family network renews the mystery drama series for a sixth and seventh season.

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**2014 INFLUENTIAL TEENS**

Time Magazine announces its Most Influential Teens of 2014:

- **MO’NE DAVIS,** 13
- **SASHA OBAMA,** 13, AND **MALIA OBAMA,** 16
- **KIERNAN SHIPKA,** 14
- **JAZZ JENNINGS,** 14
- **FLYNN MCGARRY,** 15
- **ERIK FINMAN,** 15
- **NASH GRIER,** 16
- **RICO RODRÍGUEZ,** 16
- **CIARA JUDGE,** 16
- **ÉMÉR HICKEY,** 17
- **SOPHIE HEALY-THOW,** 17
1. VANS Endorsements by star skateboarders reinforce the laid-back, California-casual vibe of this sneaker brand.
2. BEATS High price tags are no deterrents for fans of the colorful, bass-heavy, on-ear headphones.
3. NIKE The sports outfitter is the most popular clothing brand among teens and millennials.
4. PACSUN Kendall & Kylie, the Kardashian/Jenner family’s teen clothing line, helps this fashion retailer to attract teen shoppers.
5. APPLE The maker of the iPhone® and the iPad® is the favorite tech brand in the teen market.
6. UNDER ARMOUR Serious athletes (and those who want to look like them) are willing to pay premium prices for this high-performance athletic apparel brand.

FORBES MOST VALUABLE BRANDS

1. APPLE: $124.2 BILLION
2. MICROSOFT: $63 BILLION
3. GOOGLE: $50.5 BILLION
4. COCA-COLA: $56.1 BILLION
5. IBM: $47.9 BILLION
6. MCDONALD’S: $39.9 BILLION
7. GENERAL ELECTRIC: $37.1 BILLION
8. SAMSUNG: $35 BILLION
9. TOYOTA: $31.3 BILLION
10. LOUIS VUITTON: $29.9 BILLION

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