

BYE BYE BUCK. Going for their last hug, senior **Ishmael Blackwood** laughs at their relationship. **Mr. Wenglar** let Blackwood drive his truck back and forth to the administration building while working as the office helper. "It was a very bittersweet moment," Blackwood said. "I was honored with the priviledge to drive his truck and now it had all come to an end."
(Photo by Russell Zahradnik)

WHO SAID WHAT?

SENIORS MAKE TRULY UNFORGETTABLE SPEECHES

Elizabeth Blackert, Andrew Hudgins, & Trevor Cook

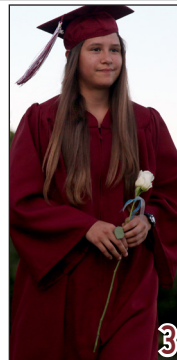
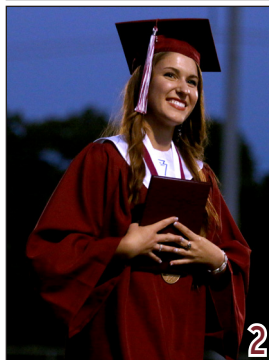
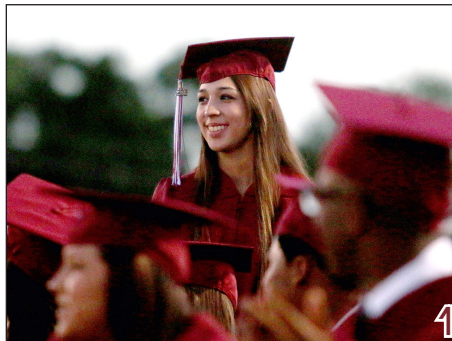
A "I KNOW I DON'T SPEAK VERY MUCH, BUT I'VE BEEN SAVING IT UP FOR 13 YEARS. NOW, SIT BACK, RELAX AND ENJOY THE NEXT 30 MINUTES OF YOUR LIVES."

B "ALRIGHT CLASSMATES, NOW THE MOMENT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR...A CHANCE TO SEE ME IN THIS GOWN. DON'T MIND THE PIT STAINS."

C "I DON'T KNOW HALF OF YOU HALF AS WELL AS I SHOULD LIKE; AND I LIKE LESS THAN HALF OF YOU HALF AS WELL AS YOU DESERVE."

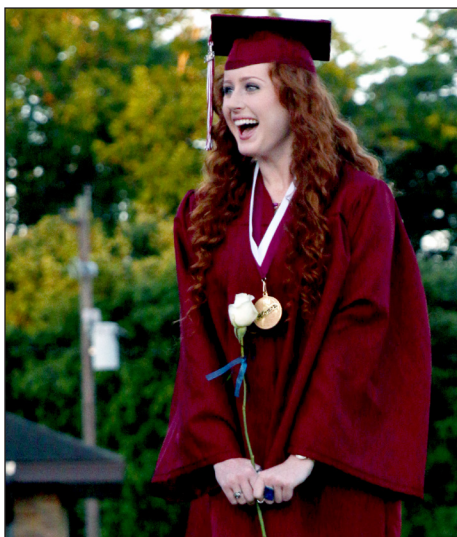
A. Trevor Cook, B. Andrew Hudgins, C. Elizabeth Blackert

1. As her name is called, senior **Elly Sanchez** stands to receive recognition. Sanchez will be going into the United States Air Force and serving our country. (Photo by Russell Zahradnik) 2. Smiling to the crowd, senior **Karen Johnston** holds a strong grip on her diploma. "It was like nothing I had ever felt before," Johnston said. "Suddenly the whole world was in front of me and I realized I could do whatever I wanted." (Photo by Russell Zahradnik) 3. While walking down the field, senior **Malori Muñoz** holds the class flower given to her by Mrs. **(Melissa) Janecek**. "I was so scared I was gonna fall in front of everybody," Muñoz said. "I hadn't worn those shoes before so I was walking very slow and very careful." (Photo by Russell Zahradnik) 4. Lifting Mrs. **(Keri) Slanina** in the air, senior **Andrew Hudgins** squeezes his favorite teacher while saying goodbye. "Kori and I are best friends so Coach Slanina is like my second mom," Hudgins said. "And when I saw her I was overwhelmed with excitement and wanted to share it with someone else." (Photo by Rebecca Rabius)



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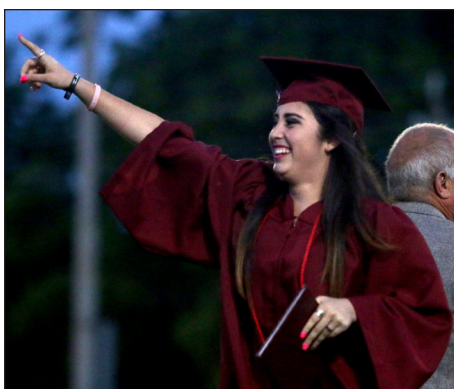
RED HAIR, ROSEY CHEEKS. Spotting her boyfriend, senior **Maggie Cheatham** excitedly stares while making the walk down the field. Cheatham wasn't aware that her boyfriend would show up which made it all the more special. "My heart shot to my finger tips," Cheatham said. "I wasn't sure if there would be any conflicts, but he kept his promise and came to see me get my diploma."



NEXT STOP, CHINA. As she strikes a dance move, senior **Beverly Keller** receives her diploma and makes a signature move. Keller will be moving to China where she will be given the opportunity to teach younger students to dance. "Who wants to go through life thinking 'Oh, I could have done that but I didn't,'" Keller said. "Do what you want. You only have one life and you should live it to the fullest."



LOOK MOM, I DID IT. Joking to his family, senior **Patrick Marik** points to his diploma as if he were surprised. Marik attended East Bernard ISD since his first day of kindergarten. "I knew my mom actually had some doubts about me," Marik said. "So I just wanted to shove it in her face and say 'I did it.'"



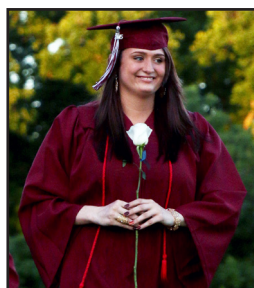
HEY DAD, I'M A GRAD. While pointing to her family, senior **Angie Cruz** happily walks off with her diploma in hand. Cruz plans to attend WCJC until she transfers to Sam Houston University to study criminal justice. "The feeling you get when you finally have that diploma in your hand is indescribable," Cruz said. "It's like finally all the hard work paid off."



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