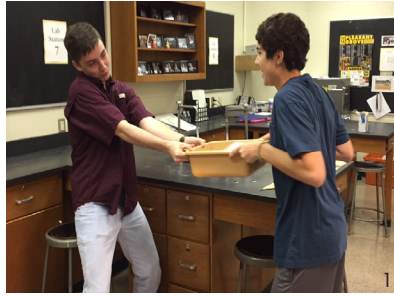


1. ICECREAM MAKERS

Will Boler and Diego Morlet shake their icecream back an forth on the final day of Chemistry.



[Submitted] 2. PULLING

TIGHT, sophomores Allen Lambert, Connor Court, and junior Reagan England tie their hammocks to a tree in Bringle Lake East. "I really like to stack our hammocks and be on the top one," sophomore Allen Lambert said. "It's more thrilling that way." [BSwanson]



3. SMILY AND FRUITY,

senior Reagan Thomas holds up a watermelon to match his friend's costumes. "I tried to be creative with my grad party, and I think Halloween in spring has never been done," Reagan said. "Everyone loved getting to dress up and pretend it's fall for a while." [Submitted]



4. WITH

RICHMOND UNDER water, students have a hard time getting to town. [PhilWalsh]

WATER YEAR ENDS ON 'HIGH' NOTE DESPITE HISTORIC FLOOD OVER THE BRIDGE

While some students were worrying about the finals they would take, other were just worried about how they were going to get home.

With roads leading down to the Red River bottom flooded, students who lived off Richmond and Summerhill Roads faced detours and barricades as the water continued to rise. Signs warned drivers that they wouldn't be able to tell the difference between flooded flat land and the road.

"I live out past Wamba, which is where all the flooding was going on," sophomore Emily Gatlin said. "Both ways to town were flooded, so my only option to get to school was to take a dirt road into Leary."

Throughout the state, continuous rain fell throughout the spring, leaving Texas without four consecutive days of sunshine since February.

For students like senior Taylor Langdon, the longer drive to school wasn't her worst problem. For her family, this was a snapshot into the past.

"During the flood in 1990, when they flooded Lake Texoma like they are now, my grandmother lost her house and everything in it," Taylor said.

"She doesn't have any photographs left anymore because they were all ruined."

So instead of preparing for grad parties, graduation and college orientation, Taylor focused on moving everything out of her barn before the water came in.

"I had ten days to clear out all my tractors and everything else I could get out. I even moved my four horses to the fairgrounds," she said. "It was gradual but eventually it was about waist deep. Everyday you could see the water creep in."

The river crested near the end of the school year, at a new historic high, leaving mud and destruction behind. For many students and their families, there wasn't the promise of summer fun and no homework. Instead they hoped that the rain would leave before anything else was washed away. Page by Emily Engstrom and Kenzie Glover