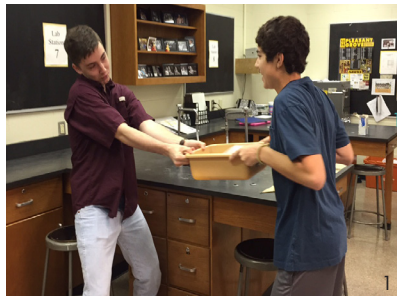


1. ICECREAM MAKERS

Will Boler and Diego Morlet shake their icecream back and 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]



Skyler Steinhilber [1] "I'm ready to get done with all the studying a stress that finally brings so that I can relax and enjoy the summer and have no stress of school and just hangout with my friends."

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

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

AFTER EXAMS

HAND IN THE SMOKE, Junior Anthony Delgornio plays with dry ice in chemistry teacher Mrs. Monica Smith's class. After exams were over, students in the Chemistry II class begged Mrs. Smith for a fun day to experiment. "We made bubbles and put some of the ice in hot water to make fog," he said. [LDavis]



EXPLOSIONS

AVOIDING THE REACTION, junior Grayson Kirk jumps back after dropping mentos gum into a bottle of diet Coke. "As soon as I dropped the gum in, I saw the diet Coke fizz and squirt up towards my face, so I moved out of the way as fast as I could," he said. [LDavis]



CROSSING SWORDS

WITH IMAGINARY SWORD IN HAND, freshman Anna Yowell learns how to theatrical sword fight during her theatre class. "It was cool to learn how to sword fight," she said. "It's a lot easier than it looks. Everyone that was teaching did a great job, which made it fun." [KMcCorkle]



END OF THE YEAR