

# SUMMA

DAYS

STUDENTS STAY CLOSE THROUGHOUT SUMMER  
By Russell Zahradnik



sophomores Joshua Hlavinka, Sydney Campbell, Callie Kopecky



senior Kelbi Fortenberry  
junior Adriana Navarro



sophomores Claudia Zopalac, Addie Evans



sophomore Logan Goudeau, senior Blake Whitley



senior Haley Clark,  
junior Justice Talas



senior Brooke Polak



junior Hadley Carr,  
senior Megan Lee

Out of school, a completely different world occurs between students, friends, relationships and acquaintances. Students participated in dances, pool parties, camps, and even trips during this summer.

To start off the summer, a large number of students attended the annual MYF mission trip to Colorado. As the summer progressed, other students involved in Band, Drama, or FBLA were invited to NYC to visit and bask in its view.

"Visiting New York exposes you to new and different things that you don't get to see in EB," sophomore Claire Coker said. "It was nice."

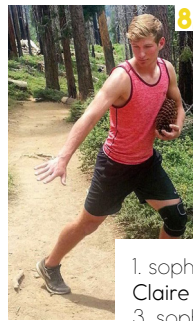
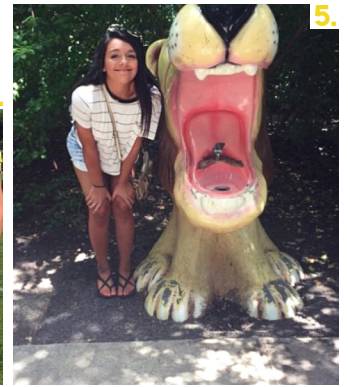
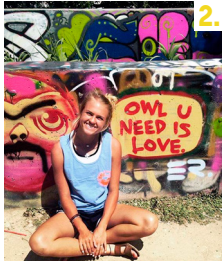
As summer came to a close, students tried to spend as much time together as possible.

"Most of my friends are seniors so I realized that my last summer with them needed to be the best," junior Hadley Carr said.



senior Brooke Boettcher





1. sophomores Sydney Campbell, Claire Coker. 2. senior Haley Clark. 3. sophomores Callie Kopecky, Evan Delgado, Claire Coker. 4. seniors Austin Henry, Lane Kolafa, junior Justice Talas, senior Allen Anderson. 5. junior Brandi Rosales. 6. seniors Sara Marie Berrett, Russell Zahradnik. 7. sophomores Addie Evans, Claudia Zopalac, Shelby Aubuchon, Mrs. Debbie Jones, Mr. Kenney Peters, Mrs. Tiffany Aubuchon. 8. senior Jared Rejsek. 9. junior Savannah Cessna. 10. junior Reagan New, Courtney Howard, Adrianna Navarro, senior Bailey Hlavinka, junior Kenzie Floyd, senior Sara Berrett. 11. senior Brooke Boettcher.

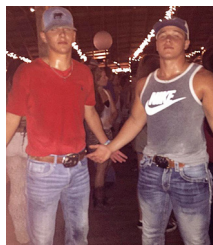
## IF YOU AIN'T SWEATIN', YOU AIN'T SWISSIN'



"Swiss is basically a bunch of sweaty teenagers running around and dancing with each other," senior **Morgan Swoboda** said.



"It's the only dance hall around where you can meet people from other schools," senior **Jared Rejsek** said.



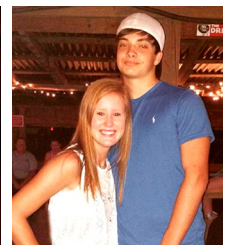
"It was always cool to get out of the house and go dancin'," senior **Ty Jaloway** said.



"Swiss is just a super fun place to dance, see people from surrounding towns, and have a good time," junior **Quinn Dusek** said.



"I always wonder why I keep going to Swiss because all you do is sweat, but I end up having fun anyway," junior **Kristen Morse** said.



"What I like most about Swiss is that you see different people that you wouldn't normally see on a regular basis," junior **Kenzie Floyd** said. "It's pretty cool."



**BREAD WINNERS** While everyone gets their hands dirty, senior **Jared Rejsek** demonstrates how to roll and pat the tortilla dough. The Spanish IV class made tortillas with instructions written completely in Spanish. "I loved making tortillas with my hands," senior **Tony Martinez** said. "That's the way my family makes them at home." (Photo by Evan Delgado)



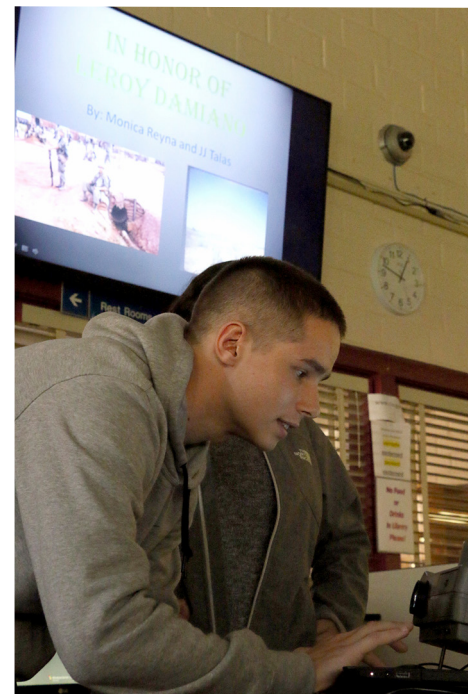
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1. Walking down the hallway on her way to class, sophomore **Claudia Zapalac** smiles. The English II class dressed as characters from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for extra credit. "We had to stay dressed like that all day," Zapalac said. "It was a little embarrassing but surprisingly comfortable." (Photo by Sara Kubena) 2. After he coats his balloon in a layer of glue and paper, sophomore **Jonah Korenek** hangs his pinata outside to dry. The Spanish II class made pinatas an annual project. "The glue was so sticky and it got everywhere," Korenek said. "I was just looking forward to actually putting the paper on it." (Photo by Tara Kubena) 3. The Spanish Club members pose for a picture in front of a graffiti-inspired mural. The club visited the Houston Hispanic Forum Career and Education Day. "I loved that I got to use my Spanish skills and that they will help me in the future," sophomore **Ceci Saldierna** said. "We even met with representatives from Univision News and Weather." (Photos by Sandra Sandoval)



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**IN MEMORIAM** While junior **Monica Reyna** speaks to the audience, junior **Justice Talas** advances to the next slide. The English III Pre-AP class researched and made presentations for Vietnam War veterans that were from Wharton County. "It was an honor to research a veteran," Reyna said. "We hoped to do their stories justice." (Photo by Russel Zahradnik)



**QUIZ LIT** As the timer counts down, junior **Zack Gohlke** chooses his answer. In Mrs. **Emily Gertson's** English classes, the students use a group quiz game called Kahoot to review. "Kahoot helps us review for tests," Gohlke said. "I liked it better than normal reviews because it's a game." (Photo by Tara Kubena)



# TALK TO ME

By Mackenzie Van Gossen

COMMUNICATION IS KEY



**SAY QUESO** While they hold up their artwork, the Spanish IV students smile for a photo op. The class made Spanish inspired art work to learn more about the cultures that speak that language. "We had to write an essay about the artist we chose," junior **Marissa Macha** said. "All of the art was colorful and interesting." (Photo by Hannah Churchal)

**L**anguage is defined as "the system of words or signs that people use to express thoughts and feelings to each other, any one of the systems of human language that are used and understood by a particular group of people, or as words

of a particular kind". Language classes exist to help us use words efficiently and effectively.

"Every person's idea of language and its purpose is different," junior **Kayla Dobias** said. "You can't avoid language, we use it every day of our lives. That's what social media

is all about and we use it every day."

The importance of language and using it effectively is realized as we go through our high school experience.

"Language is really important, and so is communication," junior **Kaechele Linder**

said. "Sometimes we communicate without words, and that's just as important as when we communicate verbally."

Language and communication is not only essential to being successful, but its essential to a fulfilling life - no matter what the language.



1. Huddling together, the girls varsity team prays before the race. "I get really nervous before every race and praying is the only thing that calms me down," junior **Elizabeth Guerra** said. 2. After the race, both teams gather up for a picture. "It felt awesome to get to experience that," freshman **Alyssa Schulte** said. 3. Running to the best of her ability, sophomore **Jessica Rabi** finishes the race. "It felt good to know that I had improved since my freshman year and that my time is the best on that course over the years," Rabi said. 4. Finishing the race, sophomore **Jacob Wondrash** fights to the finish. "The regionals course was the hardest meet for me because every time I would step I would get stuck," Wondrash said.



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**COMING IN HOT** Her legs are tired as she runs to the finish line. Sophomore **Mackensi Muzik** sprinted to finish the race and secure a good placing for her team. "It was good to know that we were improving as a team from year to year," Muzik said.



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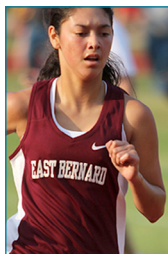


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## LAST LAP SENIORS LEAVE SOME FINAL WORDS



"Always have a good attitude, stay positive, encourage each other and be a good teammate to one another," senior **Corrina Navarro** said.



"Spend time with the team because we are like our own little family," senior **Shane Kresta** said.



"Any mile could be the last mile," senior **Russell Zahradnik** said. "Never take the time with your team or this sport for granted."



"I think having that close relationship helped me push their limits and make them better," senior **Caleb Moseley** said.



"Keep striving to get better and know that you will always have a team to back you up in everything you do," senior **Jacob Muniz** said.



**GOING DOWN HILL** As he strides past the other runners, junior **Blaine Whitley** works hard to finish the race. Whitley has contributed to the team for 3 years. "Competing feels great," Whitley said. "Not many people can say they were on varsity as a freshman and continued at that level through out high school."





# DARK & EARLY

IN IT TO WIN IT

By: Adrianna Navarro



**D**ark and early, the cross country teams lace up their shoes for their morning practice. Both teams set their minds for the hard work ahead as they strive to continue their winning streaks.

"It's not one person. It's everybody working together to achieve one goal. To prepare for district, we ran at 5:30 a.m. and again during 8th period," freshman [Jackson Barta](#) said.

The boys and girls cross country teams have placed 1st at the district meet for 8 consecutive years. Every day is a different work out, but no matter what it is, they never fail to work hard and do their best.

"It was worth getting up every morning," sophomore [Jillian Hlavinka](#) said.

"Winning state was the outcome of our hard work."

At the district meet, both boys and girls teams were district champions once again.

"I felt confident going into the district meet because we had competed against other members in our district and I knew we would perform well," Coach [Susie Walters](#) said.

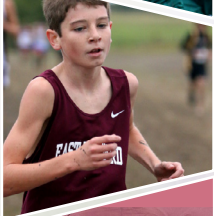
With two meets left, both teams prepared for the ultimate goal—an appearance at the state meet. The girls prepared for a repeat appearance, and the boys looked to get past regionals—both teams accomplished their goals.

"The cross country boys and I were only hoping that we could make it to the state meet," senior [Russell Zahradnik](#) said.

**NO PAIN, NO GAIN** With legs burning, freshman [Isaac Ortiz](#) sweats as the sun is beaming on him during his race. Ortiz made the difficult jump into varsity sports as a freshman. "Cross Country was challenging," Ortiz said. "But sometimes you have to push through the pain for your team."  
(Photos by Rebecca Rabius)



1. junior Liz Guerra.
2. sophomore Jessica Rabius.
3. junior Adrianna Navarro.
4. freshman Jackson Barta.
5. Varsity girls team.
6. Seniors.



freshman Alyssa Schulte



senior Russell Zahradnik

After several years of chasing the ultimate prize, the girl's cross country team took the highest honor - State Champion. "Super proud of our girls for representing East Bernard in the highest honor," senior Caleb Moseley said.

Both boys and girls teams alike qualified for the state meet in Round Rock. The road to get there was paved with mud and muck.

"I would say regionals benefited us because the other teams ran on easier courses, unlike our muddy, wet course," Moseley said.

The girls' team was able to capture the state title while the

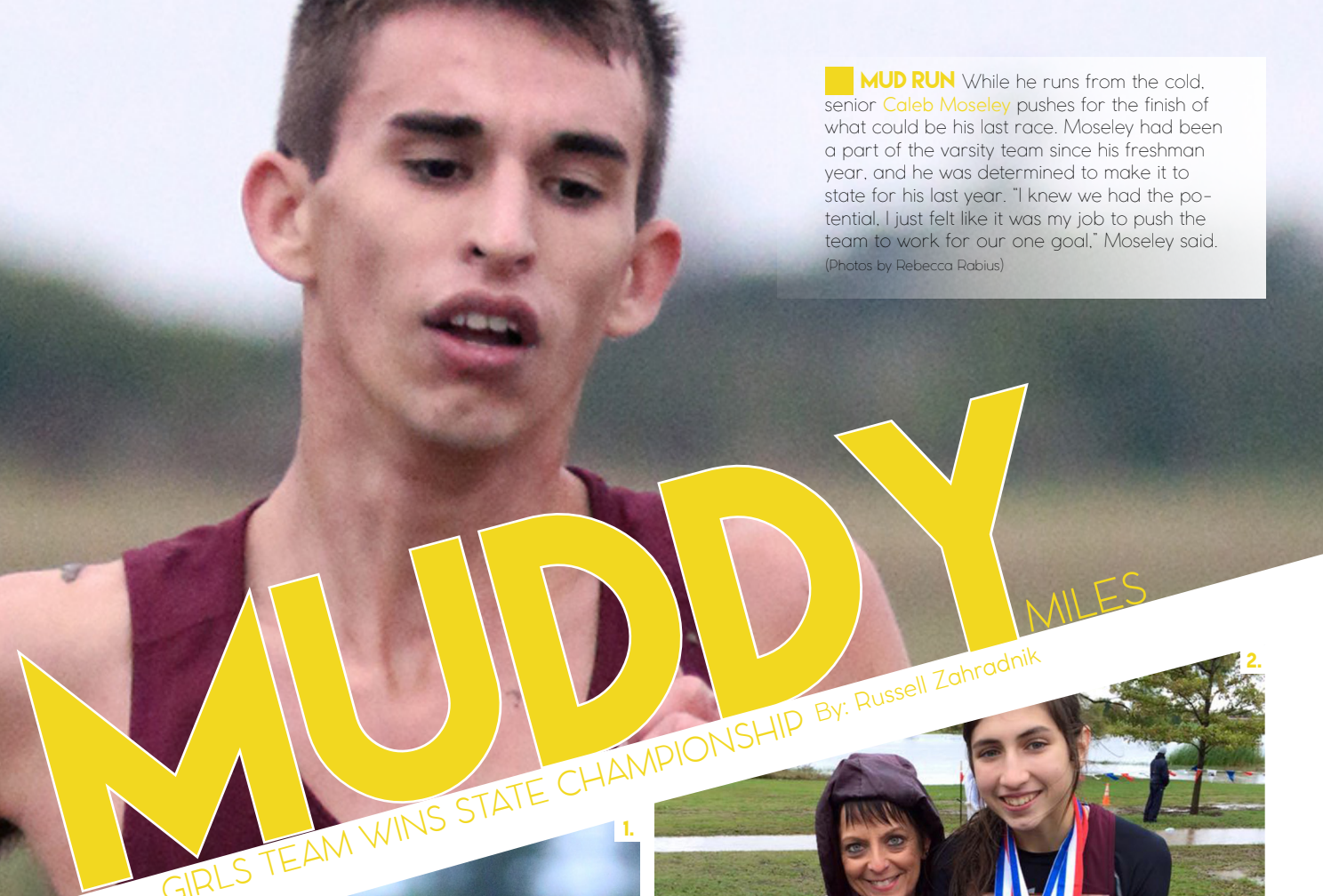
boy's team secured 14th place. One individual brought home additional hardware.

"It felt great coming in first since I had no confidence in myself at the beginning," sophomore Jessica Rabius said. "I look forward to many more appearances at state."

Even in the worst weather the team competed in all year, the girls still managed to come out on top.

"Our bond was unbreakable," junior Elizabeth Guerra said. "Getting second last year really lit a fire under us, so we knew that every practice, every workout, and every drop of sweat, was done for the right reason."

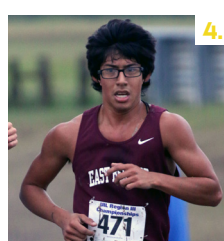
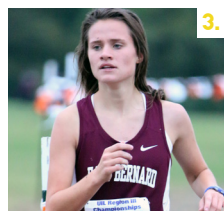
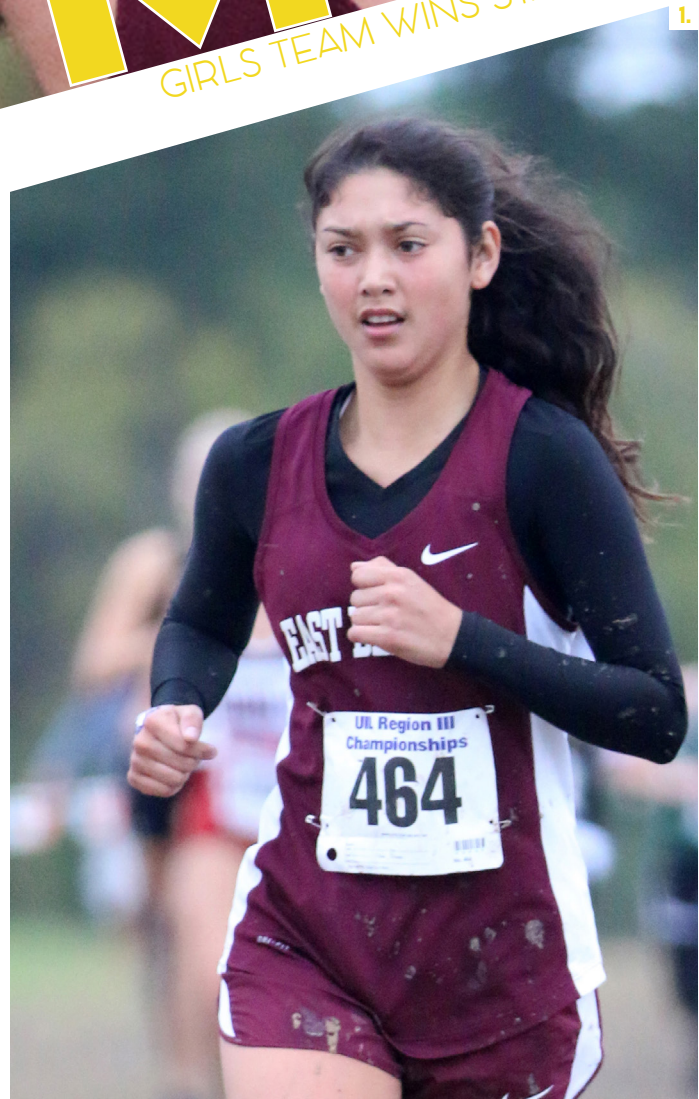




**MUD RUN** While he runs from the cold, senior **Caleb Moseley** pushes for the finish of what could be his last race. Moseley had been a part of the varsity team since his freshman year, and he was determined to make it to state for his last year. "I knew we had the potential. I just felt like it was my job to push the team to work for our one goal," Moseley said. (Photos by Rebecca Rabius)

# MUDDY MILES

GIRLS TEAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP By: Russell Zahradnik



1. With mud on her uniform, senior **Corrina Navarro** finishes the race in Sam Houston State University. "State and Regionals were the same yucky conditions and that's why we won. We were mentally tough," Navarro said.

2. Holding the State Championship plaque, sophomore **Jessica Rabius** poses with Coach **Susie Walters**. Rabius was the 2015 3A Girls individual State Champion as well as a team State Champion.

3. As she bears the cold weather, sophomore **Jillian Hlavinka** toughs it out for the last steps in the Regional race. This was Hlavinka's second year on varsity.

4. While sprinting to the finish, senior **Jacob Muniz** pushes against the slick mud on his way to the finish. Muniz's main goal for the season was to make it to state and the boys' team accomplished that goal. (Photos by Rebecca Rabius)



# JESS DO IT

## RABIUS WINS TRIPLE CROWN

By Russell Zahradnik

"As her coach, it is very gratifying to see the hard work pay off in all that she has accomplished. You cannot keep getting better unless you continue to push in practice. Besides counting on Jess to finish in the top of the races, Jess is a leader by the encouragement of her teammates and by her example in wanting to work hard. Running is NEVER easy. Many think that running is easy to CC runners, but it isn't any easier for them; they are just willing to do the work to get in shape to run faster." -Coach [Susie Walters](#)

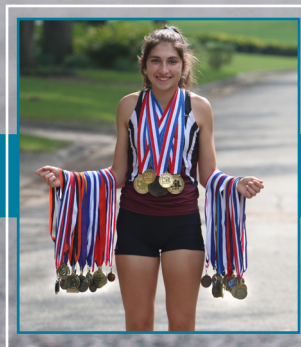
"Success is not only measured by the medals around your neck but by the hard work, determination, and effort you give to what you're doing. I am overjoyed when she wins a race, however I am elated when she waits until every single athlete crosses the finish line to give them a hug, a high five, or words of encouragement. Witnessing this sportsmanship toward others warms my heart. I pray that she continues to stay healthy physically and mentally. If it is God's will for her to continue with a running career, I will continue to support her in whatever choice she makes. I would love to see her on the podium at the next level." -Mrs. [Denise Rabius](#)



Jessica Rabius and Coach Susie Walters pose with their state champion plaque and medals.



Jessica Rabius running the 1600m race at the state track meet where she placed first.



Jessica Rabius with all of her medals won during her freshman and sophomore year.





To be good at something means to love what you do and succeed while doing it. Not only does sophomore **Jessica Rabijs** succeed but she also has a passion for what she does.

"I think people think I enjoy running," Rabijs said. "I don't, I love running. The feeling I get when I cross the finish line as first and when the medal is placed over my head is the best feeling in the world."

In 2014, her freshman year, Rabijs placed 2nd as a team and individually at the State Cross Country Meet. This lit a fire under her, bringing her back to the state meet in 2015 and placing 1st as a team and 1st individually. This win named her as the State Champion of the 3A division. Having this title, Jessica needed to be a leader on her team.

"I feel like me being one of the fastest ones on the team, automatically makes me have to be a leader," Rabijs said. "I do my best to help everyone out and I give advice on how I run my race when needed."

Rabijs' freshman year of track didn't go as well as she would have liked because of an injury. Although, her sophomore year, Jessica has yet to place anything other than 1st in her track season. She was district champ, regional champ and even, state champ in the 3200m run and the 1600m run.

"The other thing many don't realize is that just because you do something once, doesn't mean you will keep achieving something at that same level without continuing to work hard. Jessica is tough mentally and she is very competitive. Both qualities help make her successful, not just in running but in everything she does," Coach Susie Walters said.

Jessica has two years left in her high school running career and she hopes to make the best of them.

"My future goals are to make it to state again and take it home," Rabijs said. "I wouldn't want it any other way."