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This is our annual opportunity for you, the reader, to vote for your favorites in categories such as Best Florist or Best Place to Swim or for Mr. Gonzales County or even which spot has the Best Fried Chicken.

All eligible participants are located in the Gonzales County area and only ballots printed in the newspaper were counted.

Join us in celebrating this year's winners. You just might find a new favorite among the honorees.



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Best Auto Repair: Allen's Body Tech Inc

Best Backhoe/Tractor Service: Vic's Concrete

Best Bank/Financial Institution: Gonzales National Bank

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Barbara Friedrich is all smiles as the Gonzales Main Street's Summer Concert Series was named Best Family Entertainment.

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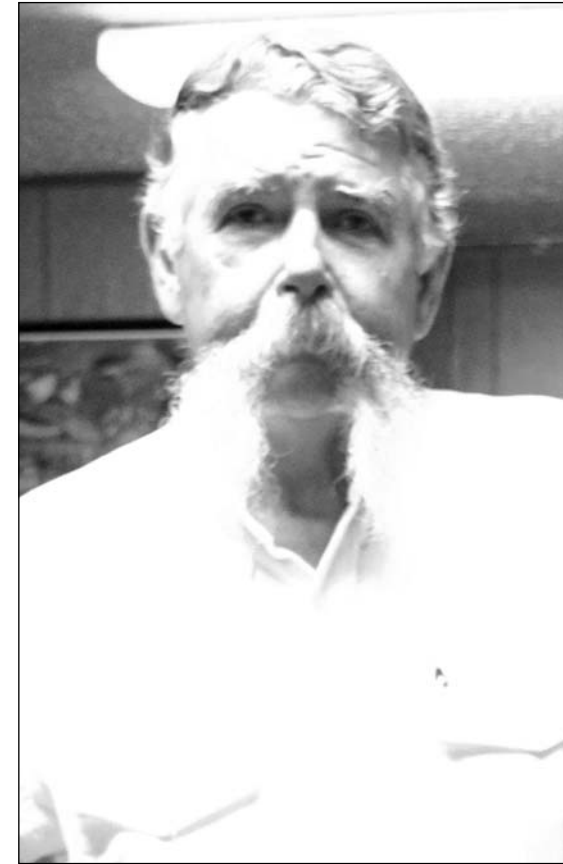


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Best Beauty Shop: Shear Design's
 Best Bed and Breakfast: Bell Oaks Inn
 Best Body Shop: Allen's Body Tech Inc.
 Best Boutique: Shear Designs
 Best Building Supplies: W B Farm & Ranch Supply
 Best Caterer: Guerra's Grill & Catering
 Best Cattle Company: Graham Land And Cattle
 Best Certified Public Accountant: Le Ann Wolff
 Best Child Care: Christian Kids
 Best Children's Wear: China Basket
 Best Chiropractor: Gary Heximer, DC
 Best Craft Store: WalMart Supercenter
 Best Costume Jewelry: Angels & Outlaws
 Best Computer Service: Greg's Computer Repair Services

Best Community Volunteer



Gonzales County's best community volunteer award went to longtime volunteer Ken Hedrick. Among many awards he's won, Hedrick was given the David B. Walshak Community Service Award in 2011.



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Best Firearms: Fehner & Son Grain Co.

Best Florist: BZ's Country Petals

Best Funeral Services: Seydler - Hill Funeral Home

Best Furniture: Edwards Furniture Co

Best Gift Shop: China Basket

Best Grocery Store: H-E-B Food Store

Best Hardware: W B Farm & Ranch Supply

Best Health/Fitness Business: Thrive Healthplex

Best Heating/AC: KARDOSZ, INC. David Kardosz

Best Home Builder: Pish Marek Investments

Best Hotel/Motel: Sleep Inn & Suites

Best Hospital: Gonzales Memorial Hospital

Best Insurance Company: Texas Farm Bureau Insurance

Best COACH



Gonzales ISD athletic director Kodi Crane was named the county's best coach. The head football coach joined Gonzales in 2014.

Best SCHOOL SPIRIT



Gonzales Elementary won the Reader's Choice award for best school spirit. Here they were pictured after donating a truckload of canned foods and dry goods to Gonzales Christian Assistance Ministries (GCAM).

Best Internet Provider: GVEC.NET
Best Investment Firm: Edward Jones
Best Landscaping/Ground Maintenance:
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Best Laundry Service: Victory Cleaners
Best Law Firm: Sue C Ortman Law Offices
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Best Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Texan
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Best Oil Change: Apache Express Care
Best Pet Grooming: Brandee's Grooming
Best Pest Control: Annie Oakley Pest Control
Best Pharmacy: Mohrmann's Pharmacy
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Best Physical/Occ. Therapy: Thrive Healthplex
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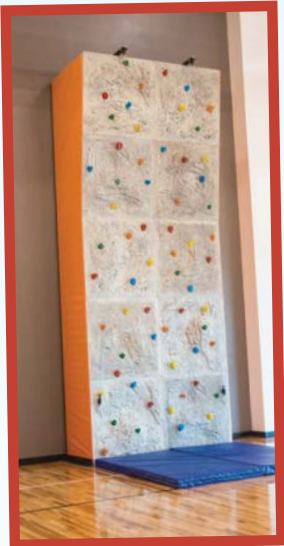
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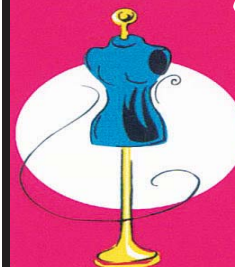
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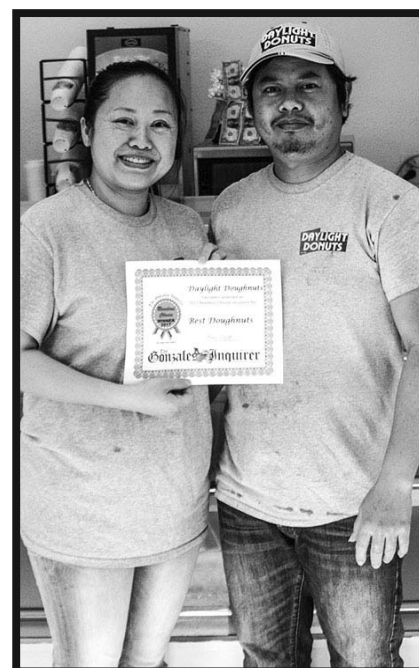
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 Mrs. Gonzales County: Daisy Freeman
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 Best Bank Teller: Kourtney Wishert - Gonzales National Bank
 Best Barber: Vic & Joe's Barber Shop
 Best Bartender: Sarah Hohensee - Running M
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Best Doctor: Dr Commie Hisey - Sievers Medical Clinic

Best Elected Official: Judge David Bird

Best Electrician: T Electric - Tommy Avant

Best EMS Worker: Jim and Carla Russell

Best Firefighter: Briant Hand

Best Government Employee: Carly Russell

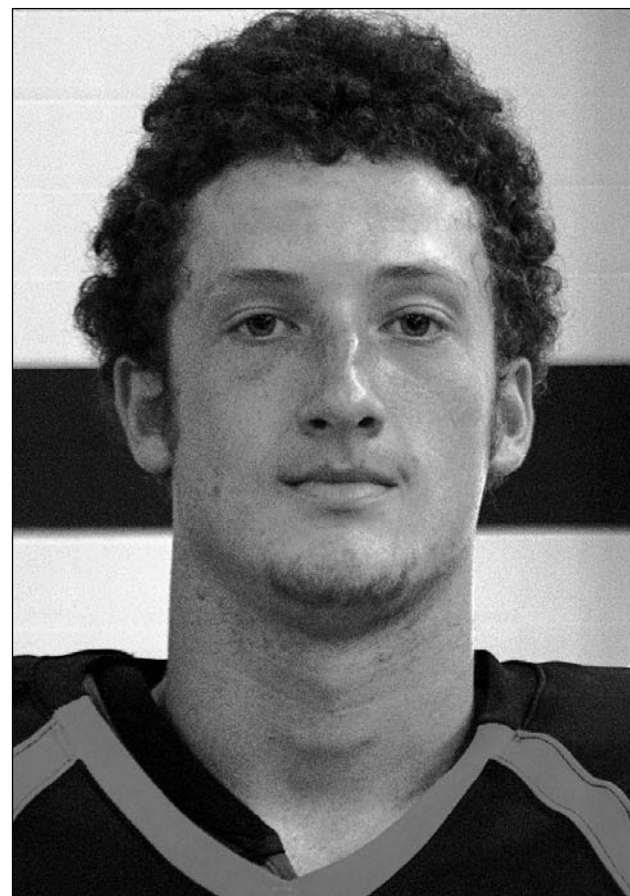
Best ELECTED OFFICIAL & Best GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE



Judge David Bird (left) and Carly Russell (right) each were honored with a Reader's Choice award. Judge Bird was named best elected official while Russell was named best government employee.

Best High School Athlete: Colby Cox
Best High School Academic: Clayton Reese
Best Insurance Agent: Scott Dierlam - State Farm Insurance Agent
Best Lawyer: Robert Bland
Best Local Band or Musician: DJ Richter
Best Manicurist: Linda's Nails
Best Massage Therapist: Crystal Gray – Lepetit Salon
Best Nurse: Kerry Reese - Craigs Cardiovascular Center
Best Physical Assistant: Todd Crawford - Sievers Medical Clinic
Best Peace Officer: Don Cartwright
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Best MALE ATHLETE



Gonzales Apache Colby Cox was named the Reader's Choice best male athlete.

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Best Salesperson: Bret Hill - Caraway Ford

Best School Principal: Neely Yackel - Shiner
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Best School Spirit: Gonzales Elementary

Best Teacher: Lu Fullilove - North Avenue

Best Truck Driver: Tim Gray - Tim Gray Trucking

Best Wait Person: Robin Hunt - Running M

Best Welder: Richard Hood - MBH Welding

Best Postal Carrier



Longtime postman David Janota racked up another Reader's Choice award, winning best postal carrier yet again by Inquirer readers.

Best PARK



Coming down the slide is Tim Patek who holds up Independence Park's award for best park in Gonzales County.

FOOD AND DRINK

Best Appetizers: Come and Take It Bar & Grill

Best BBQ: Baker Boys BBQ

Best Breakfast: Cow Palace

Best Breakfast: Tacos Matamoros Taco Hut

Best Buffet: Tony's Food Market

Best Chicken Fried Steak: Cow Palace

Best Chili: Sonny's

Best Coffee: Puff n Snuff

Best Doughnuts: Daylight Donuts

Best Drive-Thru: Sonic

Best Fine Dining: GG's Steak & Spirits

Best French Fries: Cow Palace

Best Fried Chicken: Guerra's Grill & Catering

Best Hamburgers: Cow Palace

Best Hot Sauce: Matamoros Taco Hut

Best FISHING HOLE



Palmetto State Park was named best fishing hole for this year's Reader's Choice awards. The headquarters building (pictured here) is just a starting point for future explorers and campers to begin their adventure at the state park.

Best CIVIC CLUB



The Pilot Club of Gonzales had more than one reason to celebrate as they pose with their Reader's Choice award for best civic club. The Pilots also celebrated the club's 44th birthday.

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Best Iced Tea: Sonic

Best Italian Food: La Bella Tavola Italian Grill & Pizza

Best Kids Meal: McDonald's

Best Lunch Specials: Running M

Best Margarita: Come and Take It Bar & Grill

Best Mexican Food: Matamoros Taco Hut

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