

COME & TAKE IT 2023

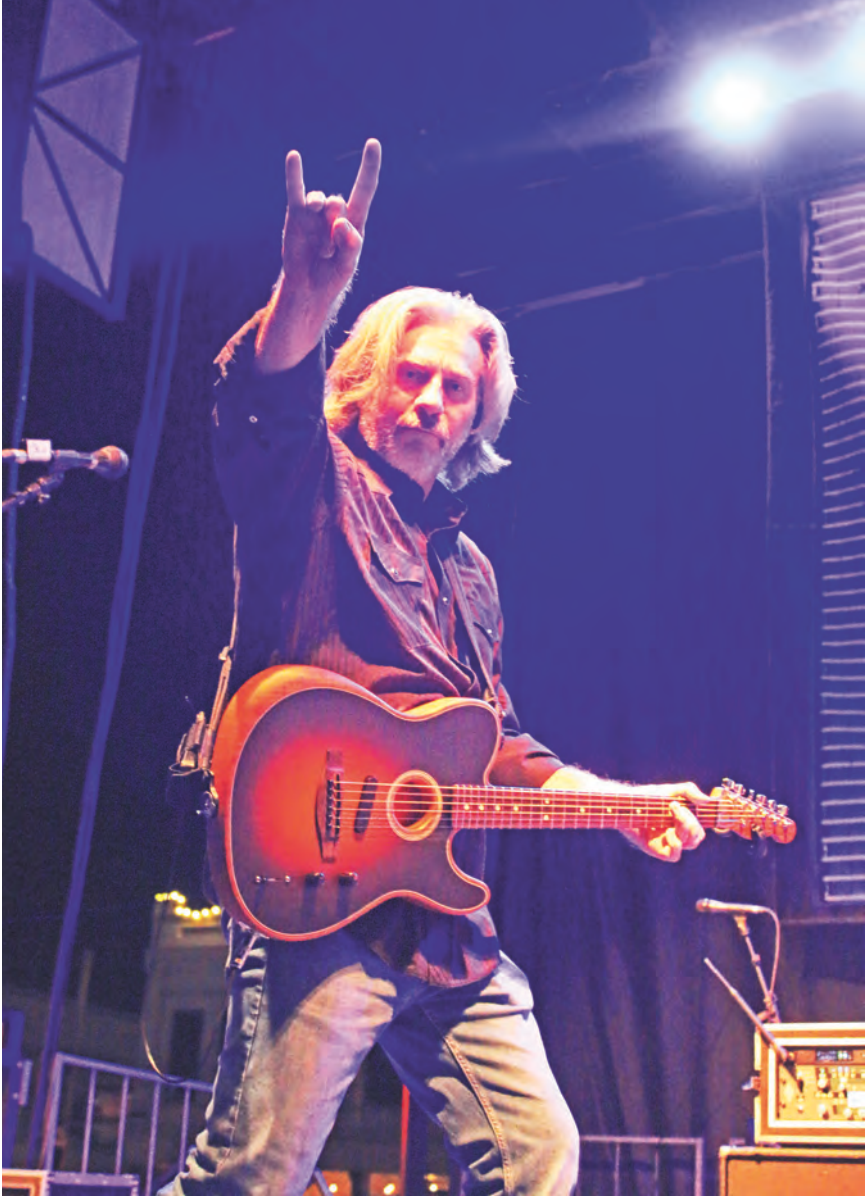
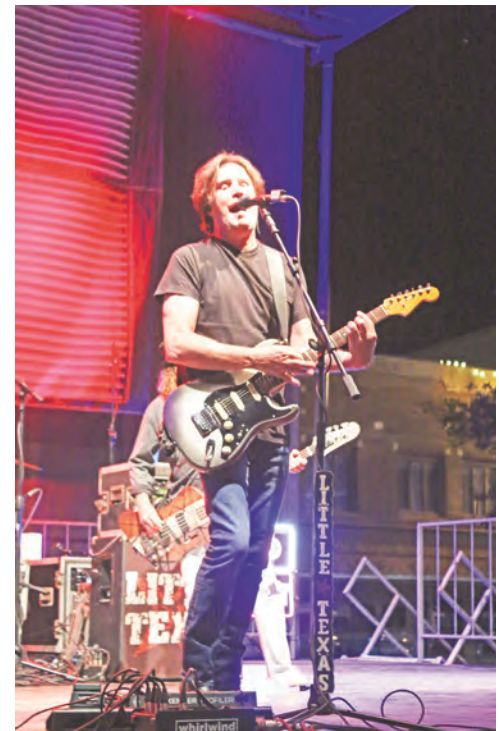
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TAKING THE STAGE



PHOTOS BY LEW K. COHN
Friday, Oct. 6 was a great night for music at the Come and Take It Celebration in downtown Gonzales. Performers included The Lost Cause Band, Nathan Colt Young and headliners Little Texas, who played their hits including "My Love," "God Blessed Texas" and "Amy's Back in Austin."



COME & TAKE IT: A WALK THROUGH HISTORY



Gonzales residents and many outside of the community gather to witness history re-enacted with the annual "Battle of Gonzales" reenactment at Gonzales Pioneer Village in celebration of the 2023 Come and Take It Festival and the first shot of the Texas Revolution.
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CHICKENS TAKE FLIGHT



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Birds of a feather flocked together at the annual Come and Take It Celebration Chicken Flying Contest. The winning flight this year was just a little over 79 feet (with many chickens turning 'chicken' and flying the wrong way for negative yardage). Smiling faces could be found everywhere.



MULLET MANIA

"Kentucky waterfalls," "Canadian passports" and "Achy-breaky-bad-mistakeys" all were on display during the second annual Mullet Contest at Come and Take It Celebration, sponsored by Gonzales Main Street. This hair-raising event is quickly becoming a fan favorite.

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COME & TAKE IT PARADE



People gathered on St. Paul Street for the annual Come and Take It Parade in Gonzales, Texas. Many businesses and organizations from in and out of the county showed off their Come and Take It pride with their unique floats.

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AROUND THE COME & TAKE IT CELEBRATION



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Pride of Texas Carnivals provided entertainment during Come and Take It, while there were a variety of food booths present to cater to all tastes — some run by local organizations and some by area businesses. The beer tent was quenching thirsts while the vendor booths were making people reach for their wallets for must-have items.



CTI COOKOFF



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Steak, chili and beans...OH MY! The Lions Club of Gonzales hosted its annual T-Bone, Chili & Bean Cook-Off. Many people young and old were showing off their grilling and cooking skills for the Come and Take It Festival attendees.



CTI CAR SHOW

People gather on St. Joseph Street for the annual Car Show at the 2023 Come and Take It Festival. Many car fanatics showed off their vehicles from classic Fords and Chevrolets, old and new vehicles, and the most customized vehicles.

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SHINER HOBO BAND

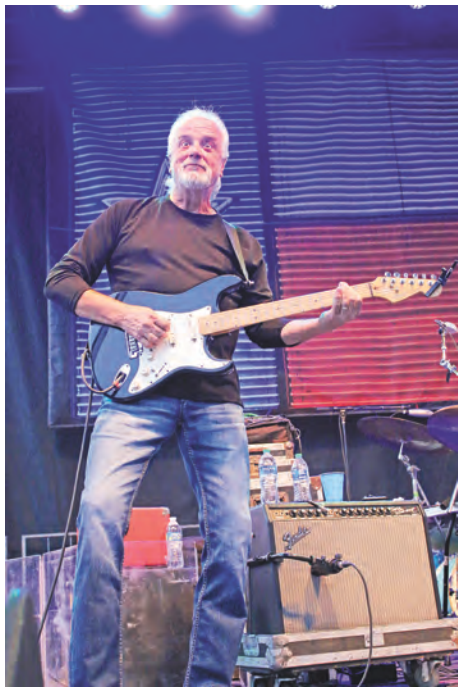


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The Shiner Hobo Band performs at the 2023 Come and Take It Festival.



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Saturday night at the Come and Take It Celebration saw music from Taylor Branch and the Lone Star Ramblers, Confederate Railroad and headliner Doug Stone, who performed such hits as "Busy Being in Love" and "Little Houses" and "Why Didn't I Think of That?" For those who like music with a Tejano flavor, Marcos Orozco and his band finished off the night. People of all ages were on their feet and "moving to the grooving."

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