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**HILL COUNTRY FLOODS** 

## GONE TOOSOON









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The idyllic summer refuge along the Guadalupe River — where campers sing, kids swim and families gather — turned into the unthinkable when the water came too fast and took too much in the early hours of July Fourth.

They were daughters in sparkly bows, coaches who changed lives and quiet heroes who sacrificed their futures to save others. They had names and nicknames, talents and dreams.













The river took them all.

At least 103 people, including 36 children, lost their lives when one of the deadliest floods in U.S. history overwhelmed Kerr County.

Victims continues on A8





From left to right, starting at top: Abby Pohl; Amanda and Bobby Martin; Shiloh, Amber and Jeff Wilson; Penny, Emlyn and Madelyn Jeffrey; Blair and Brooke Harber; Bailey Martin; Hadley Hanna; Chloe Childress; Greta Toranzo; Mollie Schaffer; Jane Ragsdale; John Burgess; Julia Anderson Burgess; Katheryn Eads; Linnie McCown; Holland, Reece, Lyle and Paula Zunker; Katherine Ferruzzo; Mary Grace Baker; Hanna and Rebecca Lawrence; Tim Walker; Mary Kathryn Jacobe; Mary Stevens

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