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## Lake Watch

Lake Level  
on April 7

532.86'

Normal Elevation 533.00'  
Lake Watch is provided by the  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
on Lake Whitney

## Lakeline

### Breakfast to support CASA

April's Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, and Hill Regional Hospital will hold a pancake breakfast supporting CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) of Hill County Wednesday, April 17. The breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Medical Office Building Lobby in Hillsboro. Proceeds

will be donated to Hill Child Abuse Prevention.

## Residents should prepare to register pets

The City of Whitney is encouraging all residents to prepare to register their dogs and cats with the city as part of an animal control initiative.

The City Council adopted an amended animal control ordinance at its March meeting, which includes mandatory registration of dogs and cats over four months of age.

The overall goal is to get control of the stray animal population in the city and return pets to their owners quickly when they are lost.

City administration has been researching animal control programs and discussing the issue during council meetings

since last fall. Other cities with successful programs have provided input and emphasized the importance of a pet registration program.

Registration fees will be waived until May 5 as the program is launched. After that, they will be \$5 for pets that are spayed/neutered and \$30 for pets that are not spayed/neutered.

The registration certificate will be valid for the period remaining on the current rabies vaccination certificate and will need to be renewed annually no later than the expiration date of the rabies vaccination certificate. All dogs and cats

four months or older must be vaccinated for rabies.

The city is planning pop-up locations, possibly at a local grocery store or another easily accessible location, to allow pet owners to register their pets. Staff is also working on making an online option available in the future.

While the registration options are being worked out, pet owners should take this opportunity to make sure their animals' rabies vaccinations are up to date and be prepared to provide proof of vaccination; proof of spay/neuter (which is not required but qualifies the owner for a lower fee);

the name, address and phone number of the pet owner; a description of the dog or cat, and a registration fee.

After an animal is registered, a metal tag with a serial number will be provided and should be placed on the animal's collar. Within 30 days of any change in ownership of a registered dog or cat, the new owner must have the registration certificate transferred to their name.

Violating the ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine.

The full animal control ordinance can be viewed online at [cityofwhitneytx.org](http://cityofwhitneytx.org) or at Whitney City Hall.

## Lake Whitney welcomes eclipse crowd



## banquet for Thurs

The Lake Whitney Chamber of Commerce will hold annual awards banquet day, April 11, to recognize members of our community who give of their time and talents to make the Lake area a great place to live. Awards will be presented to the citizen of the year, member of the year, and the year, young person of the year and Hall of Fame.

The chamber will also have an annual live and silent auction which are major fun that help support schools and promote Lake Whitney. The event will be held at the Hill CO Civic and Event Center in Itasca. Contact the chamber

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**books May 7**

Local Covington Independent School District (ISD) teacher and children's book author Letitia Pipes will hold an author reading and book-signing event at the Covington ISD Library Tuesday, May 7.

Pipes' latest book, titled "Herbert James Stows Away to Space," may be purchased on her Amazon page along with two other books she has penned.

The public is invited to discuss the books and get signed copies.

The library is located at 501 North Main Street in Covington.

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**NOTICE  
of Federal Program Planning  
for Whitney ISD**

The Whitney Independent School District is currently in the planning process for the 2024-2025 ESSA Consolidated Federal Grant Application for the following programs:

**Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs**

**Title I, Part C – Migrant Program**

**Title II, Part A – Improving Teacher Quality**

**Title III, Part A – Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students**

**Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment**

Campus eligibility for Title I is based on low income data and enrollment. Private Nonprofit Schools and/or Homeschools with government nonprofit status that serve students living in Whitney ISD boundaries and are interested in receiving program information and/or providing input into program planning for services for eligible students may contact Melissa Marbut, WISD Director of State and Federal Programs, at (254) 694-2536 or P.O. Box 518 Whitney, TX 76692.

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