

### Lake Watch

Lake Level  
on March 22  
**531.76'**  
Normal Elevation 533.00'  
Lake Watch is provided by the  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
on Lake Whitney

### Lakeline

#### Retired teachers to tour museum

Hill County Retired Teachers Association members will tour the Hill County Cell Block Museum at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 31. There is no entrance fee, but a donation box is available. The public is invited to attend. There will be no business meeting. The museum is located at 120 North Waco Street in Hillsboro.

#### Steele Creek VFD plans inside sale

Steele Creek Acres Volunteer Fire Department will hold an inside sale Saturday, March 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale will raise funds for the department's kitchen remodel efforts, and donations of gently used items are currently being sought. To arrange a donation pick-up or drop-off, call Gloria at 817-648-6643. The department is located at 1337 Farm Road 1713 in Morgan, on the Bosque County side of the Katy Bridge.

#### DRT meeting set in Hillsboro

The Sterling C. Robertson Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will hold its April meeting Thursday, April 2. Members and guests will meet for lunch at R&K Cafe, located at 103 North Waco Street in Hillsboro, at 11:30 a.m. Following lunch, the group will visit Jana Burch's residence at 992 FM 1243 in Bynum for the program "From Republic Roots to Family Legacy: The Story of a Texas Homestead."

### Lake Whitney FISHING REPORT

From Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: There will be a brief pause in weekly fishing reports. Details are being finalized to bring you the best fishing hole information in Texas. You can view past fishing report information during this transition at [tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov).

For information about fishing in Texas, visit: [tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/](http://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/)

# Chamber award nominations due Friday

## Banquet tickets, table reservations now available...

The Lake Whitney Chamber of Commerce will continue accepting nominations for awards to be presented at this year's chamber banquet through Friday, March 27. Tickets and table reservations are also now available for the 71st annual banquet planned for Saturday, April 18.

Each year, the chamber presents awards to individuals and businesses for their

significant contributions to the success of the Lake Whitney area.

Awards are presented to the citizen of the year, chamber member of the year, educator of the year and young person of the year, and a Hall of Fame Award is also presented.

The following information should be submitted by the nominator:

- Discuss why the nominee should receive the award.
- How has the nominee made a difference in the community in the nomination category?
- Provide examples of the nominee's volunteerism or advocacy.
- Provide any other information about the nominee that you feel should be

shared with the committee.

Information can be emailed to [info@lakewhitneychamber.com](mailto:info@lakewhitneychamber.com).

Those making nominations should expect to introduce the winner on the evening of the banquet.

Individual tickets to the banquet are available for \$75 each.

Corporate tables that seat six are available for \$600,

and partner tables seating six are available for \$400.

Reserve tables or tickets by emailing [info@lakewhitneychamber.com](mailto:info@lakewhitneychamber.com). Payments can be made by check or through Venmo: @whitneychamber.

The banquet will be held at the HILCO Civic and Event Center, located at 1000 South Files Street in Itasca.

### Spring Break Fun at the Library



Local representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers visited the Lake Whitney Public Library Tuesday, March 17, sharing water safety tips, discussing the importance of life jackets and giving children an up-close look at a park ranger boat during a spring break program. The library also hosted a sewing class for homeschool students last week. Ongoing programs offer opportunities for fun, connection and education for all ages. For a full schedule, see the weekly column in The Lakelander or visit the library's website at [www.whitneylibrary.org](http://www.whitneylibrary.org).

### Injured cliff jumpers rescued by boat

Local first responders worked together to rescue two people who were stranded on a rock ledge on Lake Whitney Saturday, March 21.

Bosque County Sheriff's Office dispatchers received a report of a man and a woman who had been injured while

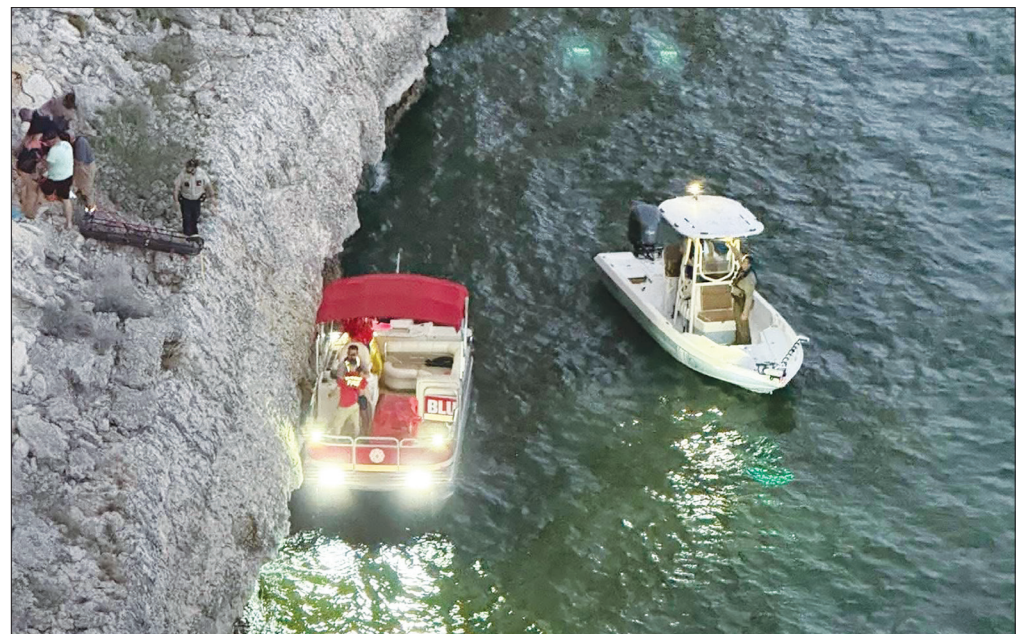
cliff jumping and were trapped on a ledge near Canyon Boat Ramp in the Bee Bluff area at approximately 5 p.m.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reported that due to the terrain and the couple's medical conditions, they had to be lowered from the rock

ledge and transported by boat to a landing zone, where they were transported by Air Evac helicopters for treatment.

Bosque County Sheriff's Office said that the rescue required a coordinated operation with multiple agencies

see RESCUE on back



Multiple agencies cooperated to rescue two people from a cliff on Lake Whitney Saturday, March 21. Due to the terrain, the couple had to be lowered onto boats and transported to shore for medical care. See accompanying story for more information. Bosque County Sheriff's Office photo

### Voter registration deadline is April 2 for May elections

The voter registration deadline for new voters planning to cast a ballot in May city and school elections is Thursday, April 2. This is also the deadline for voters to register a change of address for the May election date.

Texas law requires eligible voters to register by the 30th day before election day.

The City of Whitney and Whitney ISD will hold a joint election on May 2 to fill seats on the Whitney City Council and Whitney ISD Board of Trustees.

Eight candidates are seeking three seats on the Whitney City Council, including incumbents Cheryl Taylor-West and Vicki Wilson, Jason Sneed, Natalie Brennan, Rigo Farias, Teresa Wyatt, Ken Scales and Frank J. Baker III.

Three candidates will seek two full three-year school board seats. They include incumbents Nicole Corson and AJ Marino, along with Connie Terry. Incumbent Brent Marbut was the only candidate to seek a one-year unexpired term on the board.

To confirm voter registration status, Texans can visit the Texas Secretary of State's "Am I Registered?" portal,

which allows them to look up their voter registration record in the statewide voter registration database.

Those who have recently changed their name or moved can also update their voter registration online through [Texas.gov](http://Texas.gov).

To register to vote, return an application to the county elections office by the deadline. Applications are available at the elections office or can be filled out and printed at [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov).

For additional information or questions about registering, contact the Hill County Elections Administration Office at 254-582-4072 or visit the office at the Hill County Covington Street Annex, located at 126 South Covington Street in Hillsboro.

The Bosque County Elections Administration Office can be reached at 254-435-6650 or 104 West Morgan Street in Meridian.

Hill County voters should also keep in mind that the county offers instant election-related information through TextMyGov. Text "Hi" to 254-266-6442 to quickly connect with information about voting and elections.

### Council to meet Thursday

The Whitney City Council will meet in a special session at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 26.

The council is expected to hold a public hearing on amendments to the zoning ordinance related to outdoor display of goods for sale in the Central Business District.

There will be discussion and possible action on an America250 potluck event on July 5 at Whitney City Park.

The council will also discuss

a recommendation from the city's parks board to fill a board vacancy.

Some other items on the agenda include a budget update from city staff, the designation of April as Fair Housing Month and applying for the Texas Department of Agriculture's downtown revitalization grant.

The meeting will be held at the Lake Whitney Public Library, located at 602 East Jefferson Avenue in Whitney.

### Ag Youth meeting April 1

The annual meeting of Hill County Ag Youth will be held Wednesday April 1, at the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension building, 213 Stadium Drive in Hillsboro.

Those attending the meeting are asked to enter through the east door, not the front door of the building.

The public portion of that meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and is open to anyone who wishes to share con-

cerns or suggestions.

Up for re-election will be Michael Peavy, Precinct 1; Jason Ownbey, Precinct 2; Tammy Christian, Precinct 3; and Brooke Booth, Precinct 4.

Interested parties are invited to attend, and membership is \$10 per person. Paid membership is required to nominate or vote for someone in your precinct.

The executive meeting will follow at 6 p.m.

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