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To the citizens of Eagle Lake for your continued support and faith in me. I look forward to serving you for another term.

**Sincerely,
Mayor Mike Morales**

Diabetic Support Group Meeting

Every Third Tuesday 6-7 p.m.
Methodist Fellowship Hall
200 W. Prairie St.

ALL diabetics and their friends are welcome.

The meeting will be held by and for diabetics as a means of support.

This meeting will not offer medical treatment and is not affiliated with the Methodist Church.

For more information call 234-2853 (nights)



Booster Club Scholarship Winners. Front left to right: April Pagel, Violette Villafuerte, Kaci Kazmir (also a Fink Award Winner), Kourtney Korenek, Katlyn Thomas, Hillary Johnson. Back left to right: Duryel Stevenson, Trey Staff (also a Fink Award Winner), Taylor Cook, Adam Shimek, Sylvester Middleton.

Stock Pond Seminar Set For May 16

The Multi-County New Landowners Educational Series will have its fourth seminar on Friday, May 16, at LCRA Cooper Farms, near Ledbetter.

This month's program will cover Stock Pond Management.

The program is open to anyone who wants to attend, but it specifically targets new landowners in the Austin, Colorado, Fayette and Washington County areas.

The seminar will cover these topics: stock pond management, aquatic weed control, pond construction do's and don'ts and stocking recommendations.

Peter Woods a specialist from Texas AgriLife Extension will be the main speaker.

He will discuss everything from pond construction to pond

maintenance and management.

The standard registration fee of \$5 applies for attending the program, which will provide refreshments and program material.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the Extension Office.

Three CEU's will be given to pesticide applicators, one for integrated pest management and two general.

Anyone wishing to have pond weeds identified is asked to bring his or her weeds freshly pulled and in a mason jar or zip-lock bag.

For information, contact the Fayette County Extension Office at (979) 968-5831 or the Colorado County Extension Office at (979) 732-2082.



Sarael Valdez and Chelsea Korenek-Cross Country MVPs, pictured with Coach Dustin Smith.

Property Tax Protest And Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

For information about informal review and obtaining property tax records, call Colorado County Appraisal District at 979-732-8222.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination.

The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated

agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 106 Cardinal Lane, Columbus, Texas 78934.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Colorado County Appraisal District, 106 Cardinal Lane, Columbus, Texas 78934, or 979-732-8222. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use

of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

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CCA Meeting May 22

Combined Community Action, Inc. will hold a Board of Directors meeting on May 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Giddings at the CCA Administration Building.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

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