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# Russet Potatoes

8.97 LB. BAG

CALIFORNIA

# Creamy Avocados

3.51 FOR

**MINIMAX**

NATIONAL BRANDS

## SALE DAYS

- FRESH BUNCH
- Green Onions 3/99
  - 6 OZ. CELLO
  - Red Radishes 3/99
  - LARGE SLICING SIZE
  - Cucumbers 3/99
  - SUNKIST MINNEOLA
  - Tangelos LB. 51
  - 4 OZ. TUBE
  - Alfalfa Sprouts .59

# SALE DAYS

- FRESH
- Rutabagas LB. 29
  - RED EMPEROR
  - Grapes LB. 79
  - SALAD
  - Tomatoes LB. 59
  - KIMI
  - Fruit 2/99
  - CALIFORNIA SUNKIST
  - Juicy Lemons 8/99

- 1 LB. BAG SWEET
- Texas Carrots 3/.99
  - SLICING SIZE
  - White Onions 3 LBS. .99
  - CELLO PACKAGE
  - Spinach 10 OZ. BAG. 79
  - RED DELICIOUS
  - Crisp Apples 3 LB. BAG. 99
  - Green Cabbage LB. 19



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# Drumsticks or Thighs

LB. .69



## LCRA to buy Lakeside Irrigation Co. Monday

The Lower Colorado River Authority and Lakeside Irrigation Co. of Eagle Lake announced here Tuesday that the sale of the water company to the quasi state agency will become final next Monday, and LCRA will open its offices here Tuesday morning.

The new LCRA entity will be known as Lakeside Water Division, and will continue to provide irrigation for approximately 28,500 acres in Colorado and Wharton counties through approximately 270 miles of canals.

At the same time, W. E. "Bill" West, Jr., the LCRA system operations manager, announced the water rate for the 1983 rice crop will increase to \$59 per acre for the first crop and \$20 per acre for the second crop. Last season's rates were \$52.50 and \$15.

Dan Thornton, president of Lakeside, and West made those and other comments

during the annual barbecue luncheon that Lakeside sponsors for farmers and others allied with the area rice industry.

The afternoon's only round of applause came when Jay Anderson of Oesterville, a member of the LCRA board of directors, spoke in praise of David Wintermann, Lakeside owner, for the leading role he has taken in the development of the area.

Questions from the audience centered around water costs and delivery timing, as well as what effect the federal Payment-In-Kind program might have on rates and future water availability.

The signing of the sale papers on Monday will end about two years of negotiations between Lakeside and LCRA. One of the comments that Anderson made was that for many years Wintermann said that if and when he sold the irrigation company, it would be to LCRA.

It was only a year ago



Bill West, system operations manager for the Lower Colorado River Authority, answers questions following the meeting Tuesday announcing that the sale of Lakeside Irrigation Co., Inc. would be concluded Monday. In the background is Frank Higgins and with his back to the camera is I.V. Duncan.

### Festival committee meets

On Thursday afternoon, the Festival Committee, a subcommittee of the Revitalization Committee, met to discuss plans for a festival in downtown Eagle Lake.

Candy McCreary, chairman of the committee, said Monday that an exact date has not been set, however, the goal is for the last of April or first of May. She

stated that local artisans will be given first priority in reserving booths. Advertising to bring in different exhibitors will begin in the near future.

Anyone wishing to sponsor an event or reserve a booth is asked to call Mrs. Joe H. (Candy) McCreary.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for this Thursday afternoon.

## November sales increased here

Sales in November in the city of Eagle Lake increased over the same period a year ago, according to figures released this week in Austin. Sales in Columbus decreased dramatically.

The check the city government received this month

was for \$8,222.22, representing its one-cent share of sales tax collected on November sales. During the same month a year ago, the city received a check for \$7,691.62. The increase from year to year is 6.9 percent.

Columbus' check this

month was for only \$8,884.74, a 15.6 percent decline over the \$10,524.21 check received a year earlier. These figures represent sales reports for businesses which report monthly. Next month's check will include those businesses as well as ones which report quarterly.

Weimar's sales were down 22.9 percent. That city received a \$4,036.74 check, compared to \$5,297.34 a year ago.

### FFA trailride Feb. 5

The Rice Future Farmers of America trailride is scheduled February 5 starting at 8 a.m., according to Roy Dean Van Nort, trailboss.

All trailride queen applicants must register and receive a number at the start of the ride and must

ride as they will be judged along the way.

Also, all interested riders should meet at Myrtle Cemetery near Rock Island prior to the start of the ride. The trailride ends at the Rice High School FFA Barn.

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The sweetheart contestants entering the trail ride must be there by 8 a.m. to receive their number from Kevin Brisco. After reaching the show barn around 11 a.m., the sweetheart contestants will be judged. The public is invited to participate in the trail ride.

### Tax penalties start February 1

If you haven't paid your property taxes yet, you only have a few days until stiff penalties will be added, according to Billy Youens, county appraisal district chief. All taxes not paid by February 1 will increase by a seven percent penalty.

Additional penalties are added the first of each additional month the taxes remain unpaid until July.

when the penalty becomes 33 percent and the taxing entity can then turn the bill over to an attorney for legal collection.

Youens said to avoid any penalties, taxes can be paid in person to the tax office in Columbus or postmarked with a January 31 or earlier date.

City taxes can be paid at the Municipal Building in Eagle Lake.

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### Scouts hear wildlife talk

A group of Scouts, Cub Scouts and Tiger Cubs met last Tuesday afternoon at 8:30 in the library conference room to hear a program on wildlife.

Joe T. Stevens, a retired wildlife biologist, presented the program to the scouts. Through a well presented slide show and imitation of animal calls, Stevens took

the scouts to the world of birds and fur-bearing animals of the state.

Larry Dulany, who coordinated the presentation, said that with the scouts being the leaders of the future, the responsibility of conserving animals will be on their shoulders.

With this in mind and being active in wildlife conservation and manage-

ment, Stevens presented slides of those animals which have become extinct in the state, such as the grey fox and discussed conservation methods.

In his presentation at the Chamber banquet that night, Stevens said he hoped he had planted in each boy a small seed of concern for wildlife.

### Commissioners plan better money management

Better money management was one of the items of discussion during the Colorado County Commissioners meeting Monday in Columbus.

The group approved details for bidders seeking to be the county financial depository for the next two years.

In other business, commissioners voted to start condemnation proceedings on property in the right of way of U. S. 71 where four lane work is planned.

They also appointed Rev. Michael Hinton of Eagle Lake as president of the county Mental Health and Mental Retardation board.

During the discussion about the county depository specifications, Judge Lester Cranek said that during the past year, the county kept too much money in cash accounts when it could have been in interest bearing accounts.

During the last year the county averaged deposits as high as \$1.96 million last January when tax collections were high, and as low as \$0.59 million in October.

As for the condemnation proceedings, the state is planning to construct the newly rebuilt portion of U. S. 71 in Fayette County south of La Grange with the new four lane section of the same highway that feeds directly into Interstate 10 west of Columbus.

However, several property owners disagree with the state on the value of their property, and have refused to sell. An attorney for one of the owners, Mark Boykin, told the court Monday in a letter that the county should start condemnation proceedings.

The court voted to do just that. Cranek said there were a few parcels left to be purchased and that the highway department wants to let a contract for the roadbuilding work "in the very near future."

Rev. Barron was appointed to the MHMR board when current president Ernest Dean Jr. of Weimar asked he not be reappointed. Dean and the commissioners spoke highly of the board's work.

In other business, Commissioners reviewed a decision from the last meeting and held Pierce Arthur Columbus CPA, to audit federal revenue sharing funds allotted to the county. At the last meeting, commissioners decided to postpone such action until after the tax season when other CPA firms might have the time to perform such work, and therefore might render a lower bid. However, the audit, which is only done every three years, has to be completed by the end of May. The Arthur bid was an estimated \$4,000, which is for more than 337 hours of work.

Took no action at this time on a child welfare contract with the state. Such a contract would help pay costs of supporting local in digent children.

Decided to advertise for bids for pitings and piling-driving work on Grassy Creek, county road 1066 in Commissioner Otto Loesslin's precinct.

Added Bernard Braden of Weimar and Henry "Butch" Strunk to the county historical survey committee for 1983-84.

### Rice FFA show and sale

The 1983 Rice F.F.A. Show and Sale will be held on Saturday, February 5 at the Rice F.F.A. Show Barn on the Rice High School Campus in Akbar.

We will begin the day

with a trail ride sponsored by the Eagle Lake Lions Club. The trail ride will begin at 8 a.m. from the Myrtle Cemetery at Rock Island to the Rice High School FFA Show Barn.

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### Christian book reviewer at First Baptist Church Feb. 4

A ladies luncheon and book review will be held at the First Baptist Church Friday, February 4 at 11:30 a.m.

Lawanna McIver, a noted reviewer of Christian books, will be the keynote speaker. She will be reviewing "Walk Across America," a story about a young man who becomes disenchanted with America.

Anyone desiring to attend, who has not been contacted by a delegate from your church, may make reservations by calling the First Baptist Church at 234-2571 before Tuesday, February 1.

Also at 8 a.m. the livestock judging will begin. The steers will be judged by Dr. Harold Franke and the hogs by Dr. T. D. Tanksey. The animals will be placed according to USDA grading standards. Also there will be a steer and showmanship contest.

A barbecue dinner, prepared by Mike's of Columbus, will be served at noon in the Vocational Agriculture Shop. All are invited to come out and enjoy the delicious beef and pork meal sponsored by the Sheridan Lions Club.

The auction will begin at 1:30 p.m. There will be approximately 45 calves and 30 hogs entered. The auction will be sponsored by the Garwood Lions Club with Billy Bode, serving as auctioneer. The buyer may have his animal processed or he may resell it in a special Commercial Sale immediately following the sale. "If you wish to purchase an animal, but cannot attend the sale, please contact Bill Carpenter at 758-3298 or 234-3535.

We hope we can interest you in buying a calf or hog from some of the F.F.A. members. The animals are fed by these members who take pride and interest in caring for their animals. Without your support, many of the F.F.A. members could not participate and thereby benefit from the F.F.A. program. This show and sale aid our youth in gaining valuable experience and training through the Rice F.F.A. program.

So please come out and support your local youth on Saturday, February 5 at the Rice F.F.A. Show and Sale.

### Council to put teeth into truck policy

It appears city council soon will approve an ordinance banning parking on city streets by vehicles that have more than six wheels, but the question remains on how stiff that ordinance will be.

During council's regular meeting Tuesday night, that ordinance was one of the main items of business, plus action on revision of the sidewalk sales ordinance and a discussion on the possibility of reducing city expenses during the next fiscal year.

Council also voted to delay a payment on the new city sewer plant until the city receives written approval of the plan from the Texas Department of Water Resources.

The truck ordinance, simply stated, will put into law a policy the city has been attempting to follow for some time. Through cooperation of trucking firms, the unwritten policy has been that drivers of loaded gravel trucks are forbidden to drive such

trucks on city streets, and the parking of such trucks, loaded or empty, on city streets has been forbidden.

However, not all truckers are helping the city enforce such a policy, and recently truck parking has become a problem because of the narrow streets. An ordinance will give the policy department enforcement powers.

The ordinance under consideration does not single out gravel trucks, but defines a truck as a vehicle which has more than six wheels and is designed or used primarily for transportation of proper. It defines an empty vehicle as one that has less than one-fourth of its property carrying space occupied by goods or commodities.

The ordinance sets the restrictions that no person shall operate a loaded or partially loaded commercial vehicle on any city street except for the purpose of delivering or picking up materials or merchandise, or for the purpose of driving to and from commercial repair or service facilities. It also says "a person shall not operate a commercial vehicle on city streets to go to and from his or her residence if the vehicle is empty."

Penalty for violation of such an ordinance is a fine of between \$25 and \$200. Vehicles also may be impounded.

Although council seemed to agree the ordinance should be approved, there

### Truly not to seek council seat

City Councilman Ralph Truly indicated Tuesday night he will not seek reelection this spring to his seat on the city council.

At least one new commissioner will be elected in the April 2 city elections.

Truly's seat, and those of councilmen Mike Duarte and Alvin Kohleffel are the posts that will be on the city ballot.

Kohleffel said Tuesday that he was undecided whether he will seek another term, and Duarte

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was discussion on whether empty vehicles should be allowed to park for 30-minute periods. This would allow drivers to patronize local businesses.

Council will discuss the ordinance at its next meeting on February 8.

The sidewalk sale ordinance, as it was adopted last summer included a January review clause. Under that review, such a clause will be removed, and

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the restriction on the number of sales merchants will be allowed has been expanded to six per year, not counting sales in conjunction with community-wide events such as a festival or the Santa Claus visit.

The city budget for next year is in the preliminary preparation stage by city manager Robert Klockman. Mayor Elmer Struss asked

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Truly had no comment on whether he would seek reelection.

The first city residents can file for election. There is no filing fee.

On February 8 council is scheduled to call the election. March 2 is the last day to file, and absentee voting begins on March 14.

Truly has held several terms on council and Kohleffel has been on council for more than 15 years.