a fresh look at citrus

You don't have to be a nutritionist to know citrus fruits are good for you. You can just trust the great citrus taste. In fact, few things taste better than the juicy, zingy, refreshing flavor of fresh citrus.

Yet for all their great taste, enjoying citrus fruits is one of the nicest things you can do for your body.

For instance, everyone knows citrus fruits are rich in vitamin C. But did you know they're also high in fiber and potassium? And they're low in calories with almost no sodium.

The great taste and nutrition keeps on. Most citrus varieties store well up to two weeks or more in your refrigerator's crisper.

So, when you're shopping for nutritious citrus, the rules are simple. Look for fruit with smooth skin. Due of soft spots, and finding the store where you'll find unbeatable quality and prices this citrus.

CITRUS MAKES A HEALTHY CONTRIBUTION

Citrus fruits are known for their vitamin C content. But citrus also have high nutrient density, meaning the nutrients are greater in proportion than the contribution of calories. Grapefruits, oranges, tangerines and tangelos contain negligible amounts of sodium and at the same time they are high in potassium. One-half (4") grapefruit contains about 55 calories and one whole (2 5/8") orange only has about 65.

JUICY CALIFORNIA **Sunkist Lemons** 7 FOR 99¢

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CALIFORNIA NAVELS **Sunkist Oranges** 4 LB. BAG $2.49

JUICY CALIFORNIA **Sunkist Minneola Tangelos** LARGE SIZE LB. 69¢

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CALIFORNIA **Sunkist Grapefruit** 5 LB. BAG $2.19

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WASHINGTON EXTRA FANCY RED **Delicious Apples** 6/.99
CALIFORNIA **Pascal Celery** STALK .59
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Most taxes paid by Jan. 31 deadline; 7% penalty added

When it comes to predicting how many people will pay their taxes in Colorado County by the January 31 no-penalty deadline, history repeats itself, according to Bill Youens, chief appraiser for the Colorado County Central Appraisal District.

Through last Thursday, 89.7 percent of the taxes levied in the county (for all jurisdictions) had been paid. Last year the number was 90 percent. In dollars, $7.4 million in taxes were levied, and $6.6 million have been collected. Last year, $6.6 million were levied, and $5.95 million were collected by the end of January.

On Tuesday, Youens said that those who have not paid, will be charged an additional seven percent late penalty if they pay in February. That penalty charge escalates monthly, until it reaches 33 percent if taxes aren't paid until July 31. After that, taxes are delinquent, and Youens said his office will proceed with legal means to collect.

Some may scoff at that remark, since records show that some delinquent taxes are as much as 20 years old. Some may reason that if suits haven't been filed to collect those, then they may have a chance to escape. Not So, says Youens.

For the first time, probably because all tax appraising and collecting records are kept in one county office, his staff has compiled a complete delinquent records list, and by late March, will have notified those who haven't paid over the past two decades.

He already has done so with delinquents in the City of Columbus, with excellent results. When someone gets a letter telling them to pay up in 30 days or suit will be filed, Youens indicated, a lot of people pay. In the worst case, if there are delinquent taxes due on property, and no contact is made by the owner with the tax office, suit can be filed, and a judgment can be received from court. The court then orders the property sold, so taxes can be paid.

Just to show how people wait until the last minute to pay taxes, Youens has records of payments made through December 31, and those paid through January 31. For the city of Eagle Lake, for instance, only 41 percent of the taxes were paid by the end of December, but 80 percent were paid by the end of January. That 80 percent compares with 84 percent paid by this time last year, indicating tax collections for the city are slower. County-wide, only 34 percent of the taxpayers paid the taxes levied by the commissioners court by the end of December, but 90 percent paid by the end of January this year and last.

Youens said taxpayers should be reminded that a second notice on unpaid taxes will be mailed by his office in March, and a third in May, to give people an opportunity to avoid problems.

FFA ribbons and trophies were abundant Saturday at the Rice project sale. The ribbon represents Robert Dierschke's first place English Cross win, and the trophy is his for best daily gain of steer, which he shared with co-winner Bill Hefner. **Additional pictures and a complete list of sale results is on pages 8 & 9.**

22 indictments returned by grand jury

Six indictments of Eagle Lake area residents were returned Monday evening when the new (February) term of the Colorado County grand jury finished its first session. Altogether, the grand jury returned 22 indictments.

Included in the list was an indictment for Michale Eddie Ison, named in an indictment last week by the last term of the jury. The new indictment replaces the other, and is more specific about the age of the child, Ralph Falcon, which was a requirement of the legal system. Ison is charged with the child's murder, as well as injury to a child, but a trial date has not been set. The next District Court date in Colorado County is February 25.

District attorney Bud Kirkendall said Ison is the boyfriend of young Falcon's mother, Wanda, who was not named by the court. He said they had been living at the Alleyton Road address for several months, with the dead child's brother, Thomas Falcon Jr., age 6. Ralph Falcon was 3.

Kirkendall said Ralph was alone with Mr. Ison for up to three hours before the boy was taken to the Columbus Community Hospital emergency room. The coroner's report said the blow the boy suffered to the stomach, could not have been inflicted accidentally by the boy, and did not exclude the fact that it could have been done with a person's fist. One family member said one story that was told said the boy had fallen off a bed onto a vacuum cleaner.

Other survivors include his father, Thomas Falcon of Eagle Lake; grandparents Yolanda and Thomas Falcon, and Rosaura and Rafael Candelaria of Elizabeth, New Jersey; aunts, uncles and cousins from Eagle Lake, Richard Falcon, Yolanda Rodriguez, Norberto Rodriguez, Celia Rodriguez, Norberto Rodriguez, and Michelle Rodriguez, and from Sealy, Dinelia, David and Melissa Delgado, and Millie and Michael and Jeanny Rodriguez and Alfredo Falcon.

Other indictments of Eagle Lake area persons named Kenneth Hemphill for burglary of Coastal Contracting, and forging a check for $189.40; Richard Garay Prieto for attempted murder last November 5 of Kenneth Coats; Timothy Weeks for burglary last May 21 of the Kathryn McRee home; Oscar Thomas for the October 12 aggravated assault of Tony Long, who was cut with a knife, Basilio Reyes for the Nov. 5 attempted murder of Ray Charles Coleman who was hit with a shotgun blast, and Rogelio Reyes, for aggravated assault in connection with the Coleman case, as well as an indictment for aggravated assault in connection with a case involving C. B. Greer on the same date.

Others indicted are Jim Booth for the August 28 theft of 25 live oak trees from Jimmy Simpson; Joe Cordona for unlawful carrying of a weapon

Ralph Falcon

on January 7 and 8, 1985, into the Handi Shop and The Tavern in Weimar; Lettie McMillian for the Nov. 9 arson at her home in Weimar; Nona Giles for the Nov. 14 assault of Columbus Junior High principal Henry O. Priest and teacher Kimberlee Gildon; Isabel Gonzales and Ernest Torres for the Dec. 15 burglary of the Jerry Mikeska property;

Forrest Eugene Bryant for sexual assault on Dec. 13; Larry Paul Bowen for the Dec. 10 robbery and unauthorized use of a vehicle belonging to Rita Campbell; Juan Herrera for the Nov. 17 aggravated assault of Adolph Nava who was cut with a knife; Arturo Tinoco and Lionor Flores named in separate indictments of unlawful carrying of a weapon into Poorboy's, east of Columbus; Joe Lester Coleman for the January 9, 1985 attempted murder of Kirk Glen who

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FFA sale results top last year; barn heating fund begins

Despite worries over the area's sluggish economy, students, and sponsors of this year's Rice High School chapter, Future Farmers of America, sold their animals last Saturday for approximately $7,000 more than last year.

Rough estimates of Saturday's sale totals are more than $70,000, while last year the figure was reported as $63,000. United Buyers raised about $4,000 to help with the sales. Prices reported in this edition on the special FFA pages inside, will be confirmed later this week, when school reopens, and reported in next week's Headlight.

Another worry — about the wet, wintry weather — turned out to be little problem at all. The sun was bright, bringing some warmth to the afternoon's sale activities; but the early-morning trail ride from the Sandy Creek Drive Inn to the school campus, was cancelled because of the cold.

Shell Meitzen was crowned 1985 Trail Ride Sweetheart, although ride chairman Roy Van Nort suggested the title be changed to show queen, since the ride has been cancelled on more than one occasion in the past several years.

To help alleviate future cold-weather problems, a "heating" fund was started, with $3,300 already donated. Plans are to install heating in the show barn. Many other donations also were made for trophies, prizes, and to help finance the delivery of animals.

While all FFA students selling their projects were winners, those with championship animals are Marla Thomas, grand champion steer; Phil Huvar, showmanship winner and grand champion heifer; Gary Spates, grand champion hog, Mike Semora, grand champion pen of rabbits, and Shell Meitzen, grand champion lamb. Boettcher-Hlavinka of East Bernard bought the Thomas steer; Johnny's Sport Shop bought Semora's rabbits; Howard and Carol Wiese bought the Huvar heifer and calf; the First National Bank of Eagle Lake bought the Spates hog, and Columbus State Bank bought Shelly Meitzen's lamb.

The reserve grand champion winners, and all other sellers, as well as buyer information, are listed on the center pages of this issue. Animals that were up for resale were purchased by: hogs, David Mahalitc, 48-cents per pound; steers, Eddy Packing of Yoakum, 62 cents, and lambs, Frank Novak of El Campo, 49-cents. The hog that was purchased by Pete Mahalitc for $2.20 per pound was donated back to the FFA for resale, and was purchased by the Heritage House for $1.80 per pound.

As for the heating fund, Arthur Mahalitc and sons donated a tank and fuel to be used when the system is installed. Others making donations, and the amounts, are: Garwood Co-Op, $500; El Campo Livestock Commission Co., $500; Modern Fuels, $400; Columbus Livestock Auction, $200; Rusty Thomas, $300; Johnny and Pat Meitzen, $200; Leopold Brothers Grain, $200; Charles Gaskin family, $200; Kenneth and Jean Abel, $200; Sandra Huvar, $100; Bill Hefner family, $100; Gene and Gwen Paschall, $100; Mike Duarte, $100; Dan Canaris, $100; Truly Realty, $100, and Columbus Farm & Ranch, $100.

Those making donations for expenses of students and teachers delivering animals included Monogrammed Mallard, $200; Wayne and Brenda Corman, $200; Melvin Sunderman, $200, and Troy Krenek, $150. Those making donations of prize money for champion animals were the Lions Club in Garwood, Eagle Lake and Sheridan. Grand champion, showmanship and "best daily gains" winners received $625; reserved champion winners received 20, and first place winners received $15. Trophy, ribbon, banners and buyers scarfs were donated by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, Franka Huvar family, William Thomas Jr. family, Roy Van Nort and Rieland Ford-Mercury; 47 Ranch and the Sammy Tieb family, Intermedics Inc., and the Eagle Lake division of American Rice Growers.

The FFA four door prizes, one-fourth of a lamb each, were won by Eagle Lake Rice Dryer, Curtis Laughlin, Howard and Carol Wiese, and Labay Construction and Trucking Co. The rice dryer donated the lamb back to the FFA and it was purchased for $100 by Billy Hefner.

LCRA marks 50th anniversary Friday

The Lakeside Water Division of the Lower Colorado River Authority is joining in the 50th birthday celebration for LCRA this Friday by inviting customers, employes and friends to visit their offices for coffee and cake.

The celebration also will include the "long-deferred grand opening ceremonies for the Eagle Lake Office, according to Bruce Hicks, Lakeside manager. He said guests may stop by the office at 209 S. McCarty, opposite Wilcox Minimax, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. this Friday for the refreshments. The water division, which serves rice farmers in the Eagle Lake area, became an LCRA operation two years ago when it was purchased from Wintermann & Co. which now is Winco Agri-Products of Texas, Inc.

According to an LCRA spokesman in Austin, Sam K. Seymour Jr. of Columbus, former member of the LCRA board who served longer than any other director, plans to attend the 50th anniversary ceremonies at 2 p.m. Friday in the state capitol rotunda in Austin. Gov. Mark White will be the keynote speaker there. All other LCRA plants and offices also are conducting public activities that day.

In a news release dated February 1, an LCRA spokesman said President Ronald Reagan sent a letter of congratulations to Austin about the anniversary. "I am delighted to send my warm greetings to the directors and staff of the Lower Colorado River Authority as you celebrate..." Reagan wrote. "You and your predecessors have played a significant role in the transformation of Central Texas from an area plagued by drought, floods and poverty to one characterized by dynamic growth and prosperity.

"Your management of this region is a model of efficient, responsible government, and your fellow Texans greatly admire your example of public service...We (Nancy and I) send you our best wishes for continued excellence in the years ahead," the President's letter concluded.

BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

Pancake supper set

Eagle Lake Rotarians are busy selling tickets to their annual Hotcake Supper which will be held on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 19th in the Eagle Lake Community Center. The delicious pancakes, sausage and syrup will be prepared and served by the Rotarians from 5 to 7 p.m. for $2.50 per plate.

The tickets are available from all Rotarians or may be purchased at the door on Feb. 19th. You may enjoy the supper in the Community Center or you may obtain plates to go at the rear of the center in the pavilion area.

Proceeds from the event will assist the club in carrying out many worthy projects; such as, the annual WCJC scholarship to a Rice High School senior, sponsorship of Boy Scouts, special Olympics events, and others.

Museum seeking help

Dr. Rollin Baker, one of the founders and staunch supporters of Prairie Edge Museum in Eagle Lake has asked for help — the museum seeks donations of old collections, relics, souvenirs, anything that would aid in preserving the history of the city.

Dr. Baker or any of the other officers in the museum group would be happy to hear from donors.

Closer air service

Just as a matter of information and perhaps convenience, commercial air service to Dallas Love Field is several miles closer to Eagle Lake these days.

Air West now has daily flights out of West Houston Airport, just off I-10 near Park 10.

There are two morning flights both to and from Dallas and two each way in the afternoons. Several local residents have mentioned the airport saves quite a bit of time over Hobby and Houston Intercontinental.

Five arrests reported

Eagle Lake Police Department reported five arrests during the past week.

Two people were arrested for disorderly conduct and three others were charged with public intoxication, according to the report.

Braden resigns Democratic post

Colorado County Democratic party chairman, L. J. Braden, said Monday that he has resigned from his volunteer position. He gave up the post two weeks ago, he said.

Braden said that personal reasons required him to give up the position. He said a successor has not been appointed. Democrat Lester Cranek, county judge, was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Free immunization clinic at Ugarte Clinic February 14

The Free Immunization Clinic sponsored by the Texas Department of Health will be held Thursday, February 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Ugarte Clinic in Eagle Lake.

Immunizations for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP), Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella will be given to infants, preschoolers, and school-age children. Tetanus and/or Diphtheria will be given to adults.