Allocations Up Again

November Sales Prove Profitable for City of Seminole

AUSTIN -- Pre-Christmas holiday sales paired with the continuation of a flourishing local economy was shown on Wednesday with the latest report of sales tax allocations from the Texas Comptroller's Office.

According to figures, the City of Seminole was up 17.69 percent on November 2012 sales, as compared to those in November 2011.

The City of Seminole, according to Wednesday's report, was scheduled to receive an allocation payment of $135,509.68 from the state for November sales, compared to $115,132.67 received one year ago.

Last calender year, the City of Seminole received $1.63 million in allocation payments from the Comptroller's Office, which was 23.89 percent higher than payments received in the 2011 calender year.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said Wednesday that state sales tax revenue in December was $2.17 billion, up 9.4 percent compared to December 2011.

"Strong sales tax collections continue in most major economic sectors in Texas," said Combs. "The strongest growth was from business spending-driven sectors including oil and natural gas, manufacturing and construction."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their January local sales tax allocations totaling $530.8 million, up 7.3 percent compared to January 2012.

The sales tax figures represent November sales reported by monthly tax filers.

The City of Seagraves was scheduled to receive an allocation payment of $16,757.58 from the state for November sales transactions, which was down from $20,572.05 received by the municipality in November 2011.

In the 2012 calender year, the City of Seagraves received $238,265.45 in allocation payments, which is down 17.52 percent from the 2011 calender year.

For details of January sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

Gaines Remains 3rd in Texas Oil Production

AUSTIN -- Three counties within the Lone Star State produced over 2 million barrels of oil during the month of October 2012, according to the latest figures from the Texas Railroad Commission.

Despite the feat, Gaines County was ranked third of that elite ranking, behind neighboring Andrews County and Karnes County in the TRC's preliminary production report, which was released last week.

October 2012 Preliminary Production Figures

County	Production (in BBLS)
1. Andrews	2,556,141
2. Karnes	2,276,252
3. Gaines	2,048,101
4. Ector	1,994,692
5. Gonzales	1,863,370
6. Yoakum	1,775,952
7. LaSalle	1,773,155
8. Upton	1,753,824
9. Midland	1,731,208
10. Martin	1,647,433

**Source -- Texas Railroad Commission

Gaines County wells, during the month of October 2012, produced 2.04 million (2,048,101) barrels of oil during the 31-day monitoring period, which trailed the 2.5 million barrels produced by Andrews County (2,556,141) and 2.2 million barrels by Karnes County (2,276,252).

According to TRC figures, Texas' preliminary October 2012 crude oil production averaged 1.32 million barrels daily, which was up from the 996,583 barrels daily average of October 2011.

Texas' wells produced a total of 41.17 million barrels of oil in October 2012, which is also up from 30,89 million barrels reported during October 2011.

Trailing Andrews, Karnes and Gaines counties in the October production report was Ector County in fourth with 1.99 million produced barrels, and Gonzales County, with 1.86 million barrels.

Rounding out the state's top ten counties were Yoakum, LaSalle, Upton, Midland and Martin counties respectively.

The Texas average rig count as of December 2012 was 847, representing about 49 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 510 million barrels of oil and 7.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 528,495,674 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for October 2012 down from the October 2011 preliminary gas production total of 530,931,972 Mcf. Texas preliminary October total gas production averaged 17,048,247 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) a day.

Texas production in October 2012 came from 132,073 oil wells and 84,302 gas wells.

In November 2012, operators reported 1,486 oil, 279 gas, 41 injection and three other completions compared to 674 oil, 305 gas, 45 injection and one other completion in November 2011.

Total well completions for 2012 year to date are 13,997 up from 7,924 recorded during the same period in 2011.

Operators reported 385 holes plugged and three dry holes in November 2012 compared to 189 holes plugged and zero dry holes in November 2011.

The Commission issued a total of 1,586 original drilling permits in November 2012 compared to 1,878 in November 2011. The November total included 1,416 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 33 to re-enter existing well bores, and 137 for re-completions. Permits issued in November 2012 included 446 oil, 127 gas, 941 oil and gas, 57 injection, two service and 13 other permits.

The Commission's estimated final production for October 2012 is 48,820,645 barrels of crude oil and 500,062,457 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary October 2012 production totals of 41,178,007 barrels of crude oil and 430,828,342 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1856 for crude oil and 1.1607 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for November 2012 was 463,512,227 Mcf compared to 443,491,626 Mcf in November 2011. The December 2012 gas storage estimate is 456,816,111 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial January 2013 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 9,635,103 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial January 2013 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for January 2013 is reported.

Public Records

Marriage Licenses

Daniel K. Kipchilat, 27, and Karenda A. Hopkins, 21, both of Hobbs, N.M.

Gaines Co. Court Filings

State of Texas vs. Edgar Rene Madrid, theft of property.

State of Texas vs. Miguel Angel Chavez, Jr., burglary of a vehicle.

State of Texas vs. Brandon Kyle Seay, burglary of a vehicle.

State of Texas vs. Jesus Covarrubias, traffic offense.

State of Texas vs. Bryan Jamar Harris, traffic offense.

State of Texas vs. Loren Reyes, driving while intoxicated.

State of Texas vs. Pedro Barraro Sanchez, possession of marijuana.

Gaines Co. Court Dispositions

None to report this week.

106th Dist. Court Filings

Stone Rentals II, LLC vs. J-Cap Manufacturing, Inc. suit of damages.

State of Texas vs. Kimberly D. Flanagan, writ of habeas corpus.

106th Dist. Court Dispositions

State of Texas vs. Jacob Reimer Hildebrand, driving while intoxicated with two or more previous convictions, order of dismissal.

State of Texas vs. Brandy Rena Miller, use of equipment, possession and transport, order of dismissal.

State of Texas vs. Brandy Rena Miller, engaging in organized criminal activity, order of dismissal.

Warranty Deeds

Mark McCullough to Jorge Guenther and Susan Guenther, tract 1: 10.48 acres all that portion of labor 12, league 303, Dawson CSL; tract 2: E/100.90 acres of block 19, league 303, Dawson CSL.

Frank b. Jones to Grank Bedford Jones, FBJ 3 Trust, Margaret Clair Jones, MCJ Trust, tract 1: labor 16, league 281, Hutchinson CSL; tract 2: all of labor 1 and N/2 of labor 2, league 286, Schleicher CsL.

Jerry Max Patton and Majorie Ann Patton to Petty, Inc., lots 1&@, block 37 OT Seminole.

Michael Shea Floyd and Angie Floyd to Derick Miller and Ashley Miller, tracts in section 109, blokc H, D&W RR; section 29, block G, C&M RR; section 3, block C-33, PSL.

Joe Boles and Vanala Boles to Scott Boles and Sheri Boles, section 21, block C-31, PSL; S/2 of SE/4 of section 12, block C-32, PSL.

Edward L. Brown to Jerry Chapman and June Chapman, all of labor 13, league 285, Schleicher CSL.

Dale lee Truitt to Rita Kaylene Davis, section 1, leadug 280, Hutchinson CSL.

Dale Lee Truitt, Virginia Truitt, Rita Kaylene Davis and David Davis to Lonny Sherrill, section 1, league 280, Hutchinson CSL.

Jacob Reimer and Mary Reimer to Peter Klassen and Lisa Klassen, 2.50 acre tract in NE/corner of section 253, block G, Gaines.

Comanche Trails Partnership, J.N. Newton, Faye Johnson and J.G. Barnett to Henry Alvidrez and Roslyn Alvidrez, 2.31 acre tract out of certain 348.27 acre tract in section 19, block C-44, PSL.

West Texas Agriplex, Inc to Crop Production Services, Inc., 21.01 acre tract in N/2 of SE/4 and 0.517 acre tract in NE/4 of section 10, block C-34, PSL; 22.66 acre tract in N/ part of NE/4 of section 188, block G, WTRR.

Mary Bell McCormick to Steven Roy Culver, lot 18, block 77, Russal Addition.

Oil and Gas Lease

Petco Limited and Breck Operating Corp. to Sandridge Exploration and Production, S/2 and NE/4 of section 17, block A-12, PSL, 480 acres.

JFP Interest and Robert Kipp to Sandridge Exploration and Production, section 11, block A-12, PSL, 640.7 acres.

Olajoe West Behrens to TH McElvain Oil and Gas, LLP, section 18, block A-28, PSL., A-1991, 640 acres.

Dorothy Clapp Miles to TH McElvain Oil and Gas, LLP, section 18, block A-28, PSL., A-1991, 640 acres.

Nita C. Hight to TH McElvain Oil and Gas, LLP, section 18, block A-28, PSL., A-1991, 640 acres.

Billy E. Clapp to TH McElvain Oil and Gas, LLP, section 18, block A-28, PSL., A-1991, 640 acres.

Mineral Deeds

Georgia Ann Fleeger and John B. Fleeger to Georgia Ann Fleeger, W/2 of section 98, block G, WTRR.

Kay Christie to KC Royalty Holdings, LLC, sections 190, 196, block G, WTRR; sections 16, 25, block A-21, PSL; section 5, block A-22, PSL; sections 1,2, block A-23, PSL; sections 19, 20, 21, 22, block A-24, PSL.

John W. Walton and Carla G. Walton to J.C. Walton Investments and J&C Walton Investments, LTD, S/2 of section 316, Block G, CCSD and RGNG, RR

Drilling Permits

Gaines County

1 mile SE. of Denver City, Texas

Wasson 72 Field

Occidental Permian Ltd has a new drill permit for its Gaines Wasson Clearfork Unit Lease, Well No. 5514 (API No. 42-165-37701), a directional well --- 371' FNL & 1,119' FWL of Section 50, Block AX, PSL Survey, Abstract 995, 8,200' total depth, 4,436 acre lease

Gaines County

12.2 miles E. of Seminole, Texas

G-M-K South (San Andres) Field

Stanolind Operating LLC has a new drill permit for its Beckham Lease, Well No. 7 (API No. 42-165-37709), a vertical well --- 895' FWL & 2,580' FNL of Section 116, Block H, D&W RR Co Survey, Abstract 458, 5,700' total depth, 480 acre lease

Matters of Record

Seminole Police Dept.

Jan. 7 -- Seminole Police Dept. Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 200 block of Magnolia St., in reference to the burglary of a habitation.

SPD officers took a report and an investigation is underway.

Jan. 8 -- Seminole Police Officers observed a subject at a business in the 1100 block of Hobbs Hwy., who showed strong signs of intoxication.

SPD officers made contact with the subject and conducted a field sobriety evaluation, which was failed by the subject.

The subject, identified as Audelio Ontiveros, 36, of Plains was placed under arrest and transported to the Gaines County Law Enforcement Center for a charge of public intoxication.

Jan. 10 -- Seminole Police Dept. Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 400 block of N.W. Ave. F.

The driver of the vehicle was found to have a warrant for his arrest out of Gaines County.

The subject, identified as Kenneth Cabrera, 29, of Seminole, was placed under arrest for the warrant and transported to the Gaines County Law Enforcement Center.

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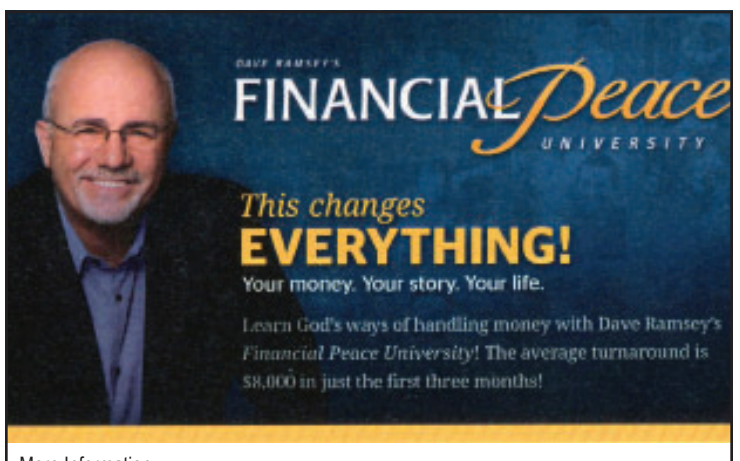

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