

Sales Tax Up For Month Here

Sales tax payments to the city of Eagle Lake in September were \$16,433, an increase of 8.61 percent from last September, figures from the state comptroller show.

For the year, payments total \$141,956, which is a decrease of about 2.95 percent from last year.

For September in Colorado County, payments totaled \$76,976, an increase of 3.48 percent.

For the year in Colorado County, payments totaled \$959,618, an increase of 36.16 percent.

For September in Fayette County, payments totaled \$88,450, a decrease of 6.34 percent.

For the year in Fayette County, payments totaled \$898,597, an increase of 1.31 percent.

August state sales tax revenue and September payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in July.

Checks sent to area cities, with changes from last year, are as follows:

--Columbus- \$84,874, up .26 percent; for the year, \$858,343, up 7.28 percent.

--Weimar- \$25,695, up 1.36

percent; for the year, \$243,181, up \$20.

--Schulenburg- \$44,683, up 1.30 percent; for the year, \$438,386, up 1.53 percent.

--La Grange- \$119,682, up 4.94 percent; for the year, \$1,074,727, down 5.49 percent.

--Flatonia- \$15,803, down 12.90 percent; for the year, \$141,469, up 4.30 percent.

--Hallettsville- \$63,895, down 10.99 percent; for the year, \$681,463, up 1.43 percent.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said Friday, September 11, the state collected \$1.75 billion in sales tax in August, down 12.5 percent compared to a year ago.

"Monthly sales tax collections continue to decline as most major sectors of the economy, including oil and gas, construction and retail trade, continue to struggle," Combs said "For fiscal 2009, which began in September 2008, state sales tax collections totaled \$20.9 billion. Collections grew through January 2009, but monthly declines since that time resulted in overall collections dropping by 2.7 percent for the state fiscal year."

Local governments will receive \$428.3 million in monthly sales tax allocations on Monday, September 14, a 12.9 percent decrease compared to a year ago.

So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are down 3.3 percent compared to the same period in 2008.

Combs will send monthly sales tax allocations of \$290.3 million to Texas cities, down 12.2 percent compared to last year.

Texas counties will receive sales tax allocation of \$25.8 million, down 16.5 percent compared to a year ago.

The 152 special purpose-taxing districts around the state are getting \$16.4 million in sales tax revenue, a decrease of 11.6 percent compared to a year ago.

Ten Texas transit systems will get \$95.8 million in sales tax, down 14.4 percent compared to a year ago.

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

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, October 9.



Yard of the Month for September is the home of John and Cherry Cardenas at 414 Alamo.

September Yard Of The Month

By Patty Holloway

John Cardenas and wife Cherry live at 414 Alamo.

It is truly a bright spot in the neighborhood and that is where you will find the Yard of the Month

sign.

This yard is a work in progress and was called to my attention by a neighbor.

Mr. Cardenas drives a truck,

works on a farm in Columbus, works as a tree trimmer and finds time to beautify his own yard.

Thank you Mr. Cardenas for your effort to make Eagle Lake a nicer place to live.



Mario Hill heads into the end zone for one of his three touchdowns last Friday in Lexington.



Winners of the Little Miss, Junior Miss, Little Mister and Junior Mr. contests for Colorado County included, from left: Ryan Barnes, Jr. Mr. Colorado County; Christina Kearbey, Jr. Miss First Runner-Up; Lauren Dvorak, Jr. Miss Colorado County; Corey Lewis, Little Mr. Most Photogenic; Joshua Everett, Little Mr. Third Runner-Up; Alejandro Salinas, Little Mr. First Runner-Up; Trenton Kneblak, Little Mr. Colorado County; Emma Kearbey, Little Miss Most Photogenic; Skylar Heger, Little Miss First Runner-Up; and Morgan Wilke, Little Miss Colorado County.

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