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The Chamber of Commerce recognizes the Crockett County Museum as our May Business of the Month

The Crockett County Museum Board Members and Staff are honored to be recognized as the May Business of the Month by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

The museum falls under the responsibility of the Crockett County Historical and Scientific Society which was organized in Crockett County on April 21, 1939. The museum first came to life on the third floor of the Ozona High School building in 1939 under the supervision of C.S. Denham. The building that the museum is currently located in has an interesting history. It was built in 1926 as the Methodist Church of Ozona. It caught fire and burned in 1942 leaving only the rock structure. In 1945 the building was bought by Crockett County and turned into a hospital which remained open until 1956. It was then that the building became a court house annex which is where the museum landed two years later in 1958 on the first floor occupying only three rooms. Finally, in 1998 the county built a new court house annex and the use of the building was donated to the Historical Society. The museum now occupies all three floors of the building to house its artifacts.

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The first floor of the museum houses its Native American Exhibit. Some of its oldest artifacts date back to the time of the ***Paleo Indians*** arrival around 10,000 BC. This exhibit has been recognized and awarded three different times by the State of Texas. Other popular exhibits on this floor are the Alamo Exhibit which was generously donated by Board Member Erby Chandler. The Bank Exhibit which houses artifacts from Ozona's first bank which opened its doors on June 1, 1905 and was subsequently named ***Ozona National Bank***. The second floor exhibits include a unique Parlor Room and Kitchen with artifacts that date back to the late 1800's. This floor is also home to the gift shop and staff office. The third floor of the museum houses eleven different exhibit rooms. The most popular exhibits on this floor include the Blacksmith Exhibit, Mercantile Exhibit, Wool and Mohair Exhibit and Western Heritage Exhibit.

Looking for a birthday gift or souvenir? You will find everything from Davy Crockett memorabilia and arrow heads, to Ozona caps and coffee mugs, wool coats, socks, collars, and much more.

The museum has recently gone through some cosmetic changes. A new elevator has been installed which was a project that took many years of hard work and dedication. New carpet has been installed on the second and third floors. Renovations to have a handicapped restroom have been completed. A new media website has been launched this year and outdoor landscaping has given the museum a much needed facelift.

The museum staff greet tourist from all over the world. Some come from as far as Great Britain, Italy, Australia, Germany and Japan. The staff, which includes Coordinator Emily Guerra, Tour Guide's Tirzah Huddleston and Naomi Galindo, enjoy welcoming guests and sharing some knowledge of our county's history. The museum receives many wonderful compliments from its guests. This in turn shows a positive reflection upon our community and the museum as an educational and welcoming environment for all to enjoy.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the Crockett County Museum for their efforts to provide quality service in addition to being an added asset to the community of Ozona.

The Crockett County Museum is located at 408 11th Street. They are open to the general public and hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information you can call 325/392-3737, view their web site at www.crockettcountymuseum.com, or e-mail ccmuseum@wcc.net.

Happy Anniversary

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce would like to wish the following members a ***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY***, and THANK them for their support of the Chamber organization, its programs and services, and your community. We would like to recognize and express our ***SINCERE*** appreciation to the following members who joined during the month of May:

J. Cleo Thompson— 1996	West Texas Rehabilitation Center-1998
Crockett County Museum—1999	The Permian Basin's Better Business Bureau—2000
Ball & Strunk Partner's Ltd— 2007	Re-Bath of San Angelo—2008
Hunnicut Ranch-2009	Multi-Chem Group, LLC— 2010
Mi-Taco—2010	Ozona Remodeling & New Construction— 2010
Crockett County Public Library—1999	



Crockett County Interpretive Trail looking great thanks to YOU

We would like to thank those who have participated and supported the Crockett County Interpretive Trail by purchasing a memorial In Memory of, In Honor of, or Supports the Trail. Following are those that have been recognized in the trail.

In Memory of: Joe T. and Winnie Davidson, Judge Charles E. & Dixie Friend Davidson, Samuel Byrd & Lela Phillips, Chief Deputy Fred V. Fierro, Jimmie Thompson. Eugene & Vicky Miller, Mike Oglesby, Dilly and Dock Dockery, Buddy, Elaine and Hill Phillips, Benny Gail and John R. Hunnicutt, Hillery and Charlotte Phillips, Bud Meinecke, Coralie Meinecke, Arthur Byrd & Rae Crawford Phillips, Arthur Byrd & Bernice Collins Phillips, Arthur Byrd Phillips, Jr., Carl "Al" Biggerstaff, Mike Ledoux, Mike Clayton, Andres & Frances Borrego, Armando "Bronson" Ramirez

In Honor of: Jack Gillit, Shelly Mae, A.T. (Toby) & Corinne Phillips Carleton, Diane E. Phillips, Mike & Elizabeth Phillips Hure, David & Cathy Carleton Martin, Dori DeJong & Elaine Carleton, Kimberley & Phillips Carleton, Shannon & Rick Hunnicutt

Supports the Trail: Will & Beth Hoover, Dale & Sandy Bebee

If you would like to participate, or would like more information, please **REVIEW THE FLYER ENCLOSED IN THIS MAIL OUT!**

Welcome new Board of Directors

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors recently appointed three replacement directors to serve out the remaining available terms.

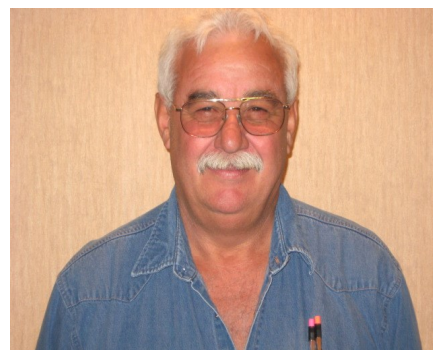


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Crockett County has a disaster plan-By Melissa Perner

At the May 22nd Chamber of Commerce luncheon, County Judge Fred Deaton, along with local emergency officials, addressed a packed room on the county's strategy if a disaster should strike. "We have a plan," he said. "We do try to prepare for all this."

THE PLAN AND PERSONNEL

The county's plan is tied to a \$250,000 Homeland Security grant. Also, the county budgets \$400,000 to \$450,000 for EMS and fire department each year.

The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department is headed by Fire Chief Bob Falkner, has 31 volunteers and Steve Kenley is the county fire marshal. Deaton also mentioned local ranchers use sprayers during wildfires.

On the EMS side, the county has three ambulances. EMT Coordinator is Eddie Martin. He is also the assistant emergency management coordinator. There are 19 volunteers in the EMS.

The county also works with the Family Health Center of Ozona through the Shannon Health System and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

There is also the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) that is a group of local volunteers that works with emergency personnel. It is headed by Commissioner Frank Tambunga.

"We live on one of the most dangerous stretches of Interstate-10 in the United States. We have the best emergency personnel to take care of us," Deaton said.

WARNING SYSTEMS AND PREVENTION

The county has a reverse 911 phone system. When an emergency hits, the county puts out a message through the system that calls all listed local phone numbers. People can also register on the county's website at www.co.crockett.tx.us to put their cell phone and unlisted numbers. The system was used in the 2011 wild-fires. "We can send a message to every phone and business in Ozona listed in the system," Deaton said.

The fire department also uses warning sirens. The siren that has three tones of different volumes is the signal for firefighters to come to the station for an emergency. The siren with one continuous tone is a signal for all citizens to take cover due to bad weather. The sirens are silent after 10 p.m. and during church services and funerals, unless there is a major emergency. Firefighters are also trained as weather spotters and are called out in bad weather.

Crockett County CCSD also has lightning warning systems in place at Lion Stadium and the north baseball parks. "It's important for you to have a plan and a place to go in bad weather," Deaton said. "Your car is not a safe place."



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Crockett County also has seven flood-control dams that were built by the Army Core of Engineers after the 1954 flood that killed 20 people and destroyed 300 homes. These dams are inspected every year and maintained by the county and the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District.

In 2007, the county received a grant from the Concho Valley Council of Governments to purchase a generator. This generator is on top of Waterworks Hill to provide water if the electricity goes out for long periods of time.

The Fair Park Convention Center is also supplied to house people if needed as a shelter.

Crockett County also has inter-local agreements with all surrounding counties for emergency services.

WHEN DIASTER STRIKES

Deaton said 72-hours is the key when a disaster hits. At this time, Deaton declares the county a disaster area and calls for help. Deaton used the 2011 wildfires that hit the county as examples throughout his presentation. After 72 hours, Deaton said that is when the state was called in to help through the Texas Department of Public Safety and the National Incident Management System. An emergency operations center is set up at the fire department or EMS building.

“It takes a lot of coordination to make this work. After three days, our local volunteers are tired. It’s hard on them. The state and federal officials start coming in and a lot of toes can get stepped on,” he said. “We keep local officials in the operations center with state and federal officials.” Deaton said local officials explain about private property issues, the disaster or situation at hand and the terrain or area that is being dealt with. “There’s a lot of emotion at this time. We practice so we can prepare for this,” Deaton said.

The Chandlerdale West area on the southeast part of Ozona has been discussed lately by commissioners due to heavy flooding that has occurred in that area. Deaton said the commissioners are still working on a plan and that an emergency gate has been put in place in that area. Falkner also said the fire department does yearly drills with local oilfield companies as well. Falkner said this is to help officials in case an explosion, like the recent one in West, Texas, happens.

HOW TO HELP

When a disaster strikes, it’s best to check with the fire department on how to help during that time.

Deaton said people are always needed to help. “Don’t think that just because you don’t have any firefighting skills, you can’t help,” he said. “I’ve never seen any place pull together like this town does.”

Volunteers interested in joining the CERT group can call Tambunga at 392-2827.

For more information on the reverse 911 system, call 392-2965 or visit www.co.crockett.tx.us.

Chamber Visitor Center Facts –APRIL 2013

Visitor Center

- April Walk-In Traffic into the Visitor Center—357
- Texas visitors 162, Out of State 140, Local 31, and Foreign 24
- Year-to-date traffic through April—1350
- Top five states visiting Ozona – AZ, CA, FL, NM, CO
- Top five cities visiting Ozona; Austin, San Antonio, Houston, El Paso, San Angelo
- Traveling East 115, West 63, North 18, South 13
- Chamber related inquiries 15%, Tourism related 85%
- Week days in order of the busiest– Mondays, Tuesdays, Saturday, Thursdays, Fridays, Wednesdays

WWW.Ozona.com APRIL Google Analytics

4,300 visits to www.ozona.com, 2,969 new, 1,331 returning

Of 4,300 visits, there were 7,117 page views, of these 6,101 were unique (1st time)

4,300 visits from 48 countries, 4,300 visits were from the US

Top 5 States

Texas	3,263
California	120
Florida	192
Louisiana	78
Arizona	51

Top 5 Cities

Brownwood	1,130
Dallas	303
Ozona	254
Houston	236
Austin	170

Top 20 Content Searches

1	Ozona	3,022 page views	11	Area Attractions	100
2	Hunting	764	12	Contact Us	100
3	History	410	13	City/County Map	100
4	Restaurant	282	14	Local Attractions	100
5	Lodging	192	15	Churches	91
6	County Officials	151	16	Municipal Airport	88
7	Events Calendar	140	17	Spring E-Brochure	85
8	Articles	132	18	Shopping	80
9	Job Postings	114	19	Location	71
10	Public Services	104	20	Membership Dir	64



Chamber Master

- 283 Chamber Member Business Directory Searches
- 140 Hot Deal Searches
- 1670 Member Page Hits

Chamber Facebook Page

- 79 Monthly active users
- 7 New wall postings
- 38 Visits
- 198 Average number of fans