

**OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& VISITOR CENTER PARK**

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***Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Board of Directors
& Staff of Your Chamber of Commerce!***

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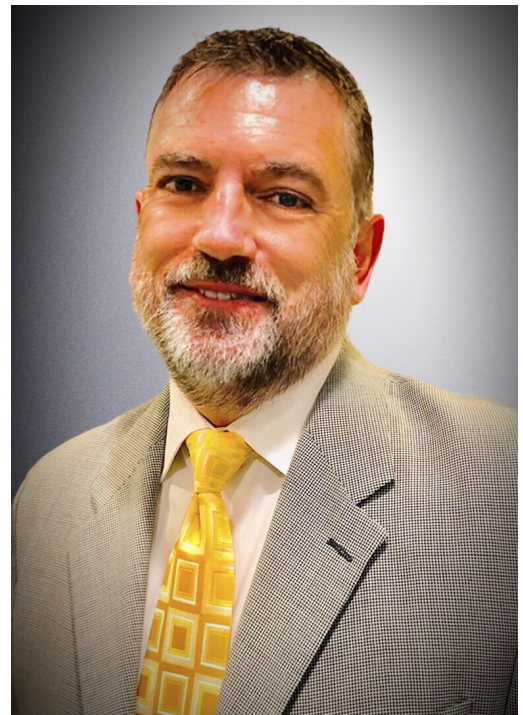
**The Ozona Chamber of Commerce recognizes
Prosperity Bank and President Rusty Garvin
as our Business of the Month**



Prosperity Bank of Pleasanton, Texas (one of the Chamber's most recent additions) and its President Rusty Garvin, a life-long fan of Ozona, is being recognized as Business of the Month.

Ozona is a special place for Rusty Garvin and he has been visiting Ozona and the immediate region since the 60's. If Rusty could live in Ozona he probably would, and he often refers to Ozona as his life-long "get away place". Rusty has roots in West Texas and was born in Odessa and graduated from Angelo State University in May of 1989.

Rusty Garvin has over 24 years in the banking industry and has lived in a variety of cities including San Angelo, Kerrville and Ruidosa, NM. He's been with Prosperity Bank of Pleasanton, Texas for more than 7 years. Prosperity Bank, founded in 1983 with 273 full-service banking locations, is a Texas-based regional financial holding company providing personal banking services and investments to consumers and small to medium-sized



Prosperity Bank President Rusty Garvin

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businesses throughout Texas and Oklahoma. Of the total 273 full-service locations there are 34 in West Texas to serve its customers.

“Spending time in ‘The Biggest Little Town in the World’ and Crockett County has been a major part of my life and I have many great memories hunting with loved ones, fishing on the Devils, viewing the stars, sitting around the camp fire and partaking in prescribed burn events. I have gotten to know many great folks in Ozona over the years and focus on supporting the local businesses any chance I get. Ozona is like a second

home and it represents recreation, fellowship and relaxation to me. I like the small-town atmosphere, friendly people, wide open spaces, and independent spirit of Ozona.”

For more information contact Rusty Garvin at 830-285-5120 or rusty.garvin@prosperitybankusa.com.



Rusty Garvin's,
aka “Rooster’s”
Hot German
Potato Salad

8-10 Medium Red Potatoes / cut up into cubes / leave skin on;
1 lb. of your favorite thick sliced bacon / cut bacon into ½ inch pieces;
1 small red onion / diced;
1-2 bunches of green onions / diced;
¼ cup vinegar;
½ cup sugar;
2 T. yellow mustard;
1 small jar sweet pickle relish.

Boil potatoes until soft / leave skin on / pour off water and put back in boiling pot / salt & pepper to taste. While potatoes are boiling / cook bacon until crisp / take up bacon and retain 2 T of bacon grease. On low-medium heat add onions to bacon grease and sauté until just turning soft. Add vinegar, sugar, mustard, sweet relish, and bacon to onions and simmer. Pour hot mixture over potatoes and stir in. Can serve hot, warm, room temperature, or cold.



Chamber members recognized

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 their community.

We would like to recognize and express our **SINCERE** appreciation to the following members who joined during the month of November.

Crockett County DeerFest Association - 1999

Stokes Drilling Company - 1999

DJH Oil & Gas, LLC - 1999

VIP Ranch Co - 2001

Sutton County Steakhouse - 2006

Western Poster Services, Inc. - 2008

West Central Wireless - 2008

Fort Lancaster State Historic Site - 2012

The General Store - 2013

Venegas Construction, LLC - 2014

SKG Engineering, LLC - 2016

HW Car Wash - 2016

Norman & Helen Manning - 2018

Crockett Taxidermy & Processing - 2018

Allen & Heather Claburn - 2018

Stuart Operating, LLC - 2020

Welcome New Ozona Chamber Staff Member

We would like to wish a warm welcome to our newest staff member, Seferino Gonzales. He will be handling all the custodial work at the Visitor Center. If you see him around, be sure to let him know how much you appreciate the great job he does helping us put our best foot forward to those visiting our community and dropping by our offices.



What services are sought at www.Ozona.com

For the month of October at www.Ozona.com, there were business directory searches, and actual *member page hits*!

These are people searching for YOUR services.

Following are the members that received 10 or more page hits this month:

Encino RV Park - 132	Bug Express Pest Control - 15
Epic Permian Operating LLC - 59	Crockett County Public Library - 15
Crockett County Abstract Company - 31	Kerbow Funeral Home - 15
Escondido Draw Recreational Area - 30	Le A&N LLC Happy Nails - 15
Crockett County Water Control & Improvement District #1 - 29	7 Oaks Ranch / Philip Walker - 14
Eldorado Animal Clinic - 26	Bunger Real Estate Company, LLC - 14
El Chato's - 25	Millspaugh Ranch Company LLC - 14
Family Health Center of Ozona - 25	New Beginnings Ozona - 14
Ozona Cable & Broadband - 24	RV Repair Crew - 14
Crockett County Collision Repair - 22	Village Barber and Beauty Shop - 14
Mi Familia Restaurant - 21	Alpine Ala Carte, LLC - 13
Ozona Country Club - 21	JL Ready Mix Concrete - 13
Sunoco Energy Services, LLC - 21	Natgas, Inc - 13
Ambit Energy - 20	Rusty Gold on the Square - 13
Emerald R.V. Campground - 20	Soto Inc. - 13
King Construction & Remodel LLC - 20	Stuart Operating, LLC - 13
Close to Our Hearts Country Store - 19	D's Liquor Store - 12
Lowe's Market - 19	Pepe's Cafe - 12
Sutton County Steakhouse - 19	Zarvona Energy LLC - 12
L & B Automotive - 18	ASU - Small Business Development Center - 11
Treto's Tire & Towing - 18	Alejandro Tree Service - 11
Venegas Construction, LLC - 18	Country Club View Apartments - 11
Will M. Black, Realtor - Main Street Realtor, Hudson Properties - 18	DJH Oil & Gas, LLC - 11
Crockett Automotive, Inc. - 17	Ozona Environmental, LLC - 11
Devils River Conservancy - 17	Stokes Drilling Company - 11
Wool Growers Central Storage - 17	X-Bar Ranch Nature Retreat & RV - 11
Twistflower Ranch Nature Retreat - 16	All About Rekers Tow / Recovery - 10
Village Drug - 16	Bahlman Cleaners - 10
Barnhart Shaw's General Repair - 15	Ozona Truck Trailer & Emergency Repair - 10
	Specialty Diesel Services, LLC - 10
	Triple C Hardware Lumber & Rental, Inc. - 10



Thank a Veteran!

We love our local veterans! If you see one of these veterans pictured from the Veterans Dinner on November 11th, be sure to shake their hand and thank them for their service!

"No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation."

General Douglas MacArthur

Pick Up a Bit of Cool Gear at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center!



Local Residents Diane Womack, Debra Lindsay and Candy Dunn from Dallas are all smiles as they show off their new Ozona gear.

Take a few moments to drop by the Visitor Center and pick up your very own Ozona gear! We have new items to choose from including t-shirts, window stickers, and more! Come see us and join in as we celebrate Ozona, the Biggest Little Town in the World!

October Chamber Visitors:

Visitor Center

-Walk-in traffic into the Visitor Center in October 2021 totaled 868 visitors, with 44 being local residents, 487 travelers from Texas, 304 from out of state, and 33 from foreign countries.

Online Visitors

-Ozona.com had 3,393 sessions from 55 countries with 5,818 page views.

-The Top 20 website pages visited were:

1. Homepage	1,994	11. Lodging/RV	92
2. Hunting Leases	690	12. Public Services	91
3. Area Attractions	360	13. Local Attractions	85
4. Events Calendar	188	14. Job Postings	84
5. Photo Gallery	163	15. Restaurants	83
6. History	141	16. Interesting Facts	80
7. County Officials	117	17. Deerfest	73
8. Facebook Pages	108	18. Pandale Crossing	63
9. Location	102	19. Pecos River Highway Bridge	59
10. Visitors Guide	97	20. Airport	56



-The Ozona Facebook pages continued to grow, ending October with 10,271 fans on the Chamber's Tourist page (OzonaChamber) and 786 fans on our local page (OzonaChamberBiz). We hope you will share our pages with your friends and family as we promote Ozona and our member businesses.

-Our two Facebook pages received 89,222 and 15,825 total impressions of our posts respectively, reaching people from all over the world with information about Ozona. Our Twitter page ended September with followers and had 587 impressions throughout the month.

“Be a Star!” Night Sky Preservation Award

Hampton Inn was the first-ever Ozona recipient of the Be a Star Award by the Texas chapter of the International Dark Sky Association. (IDATexas.org) In the future, the Chamber plans to recognize local Chamber members who are presented with the Be a Star Award! This will be part of the new Night Sky Friendly Business Recognition Program. Congratulations to Hampton Inn and future awardees for their commitment to preserving Ozona’s rural night skies! Texas Representative Andrew Murr is promoting this new program with the following statement:

“The preservation of Ozona’s night skies will play a sizeable role in maintaining its rural heritage, protecting its historically dark skies while supporting the economy, lowering energy costs, and promoting tourism. I would like to respectfully encourage that The Ozona Chamber look into implementing a Night Sky Friendly Business Recognition Program similar to what other Texas Communities have done. Thank you in advance for your consideration and should you have any questions or wish to visit further, please don’t hesitate to contact me.”

Very Sincerely,
Andrew Murr
State Representative
House District 53



Texas Representative Andrew Murr dropped by the Visitor Center to visit about implementing a Night Sky Business Recognition Program.

Ways to Preserve the Night Skies at Your Home or Business:

All light should have a clear purpose.

Light should be directed only to where needed.

Light should be no brighter than necessary.

Light should be used only when it is useful.

Use warmer color lights where possible.

**Lights should be directed downward and shielded
if possible**

For more info please visit IDATexas.org



Congratulations to the first-ever Ozona recipient, Hampton Inn and owner Amit Patel, shown receiving the “Be a Star” award from IDA Texas director, Cindy Cassidy.

OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & WILD SPIRIT WILD PLACES
LAND STEWARDSHIP BLOWOUT
FEBRUARY 18-19, 2022

“Conservation is a State of Harmony Between Man & Land.”- Aldo Leopold

Evening on the Town

Hosted by the
Ozona Chamber of Commerce



PRIZES

*The MORE PLACES you visit,
the MORE CHANCES to WIN!*

Evening on the Town Activities

*Village Barber & Beauty Shop (512 9th St.)
- Santa & Mrs. Claus*

*On the Square - Come dance in the Snow Flurry
and Glow Foam Party while you listen to DJ Johnny
Tambunga and the Sounds of Christmas.*

*First Baptist Church-Live Nativity Scene
6:00 to 6:30, 7:00 to 7:30, & 8:00 to 8:30*

*OLPH Church Youth Choir will sing Christmas
Carols throughout the Evening.*

*Crockett County Public Library - Polar Express -
must pick up a ticket to ride BEFORE the event.*

*The following Chamber member
businesses would like to extend an
invitation to the residents of Ozona to
stop by each business to learn about the
products and services they provide, do
all your holiday shopping or just stop in
to show your support.*

*Close to Our Hearts Country Store
Crockett County Public Library
D's Liquor Store
El Chato's
Hampton Inn
Hillcrest Inn
Kerbow Funeral Home
Lowe's Market
Mi Familia Restaurant
Ozona Insurance
Rusty Gold on the Square
Sonic Drive-In of Ozona
T Nails & Spa
The General Store
Village Barber & Beauty Shop*

*For More Information, call 325-392-3737
or visit www.Ozona.com*

*While stopping at each location, fill out a ticket for
a chance to win one of MANY DOOR PRIZES!
Businesses will notify door prize recipients and
winners names will be posted at www.Ozona.com the
following day.*

Thursday, Dec. 9
6:00-8:30 p.m.

Evening on the Town

Participating Businesses Donating Door Prizes

Alpine Ala Carte
Ambit Energy
Close to Our Hearts Country Store
Terri Crawford Family
Crockett Automotive
Crockett County Library
Crockett County Water Dept.
Crockett National Bank
D's Liquor Store
Devils River Conservancy
El Chato's
First Baptist Church
Fort Lancaster State Historic Site
Hampton Inn
HW Car Wash
Hillcrest Inn
Kerbow Funeral Home

Lowe's Market
Madyson Grayce Photography
Mi Familia Restaurant
Mike's Auto Care
Ozona Bank
Ozona Insurance
Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue
Rusty Gold on the Square
Sam's Club
Sonic Drive-In of Ozona
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Treto's Tire and Towing
Village Barber
Village Drug
West Texas Rehabilitation Center
X-Bar Ranch

