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CHAMBER DIALOGUE

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Local employee, Belinda Ramos, is happy to help you with all your cleaning needs!

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce recognizes Bahlman Cleaners as our Business of the Month

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize Bahlman Cleaners as our Business of the Month.

Bahlman Cleaners was originally founded by Melvin Bahlman, who opened his first cleaners in 1947. He led the company through expansions and opened several other locations throughout the decades, before eventually selling the San Angelo locations to his brother, Leon Bahlman, in 1979. Leon had served as general manager for many years prior to this acquisition. An interesting fact: in 1980, the

business negotiated a contract with the local Levi Strauss factory to pre-wash and press as many as 10,000 pairs of jeans per day. Yes, that number is correct...10,000 pairs a day!

Eventually, the business continued to expand to various locations throughout the Concho Valley. Today, there are 6 active locations. There are other places where contract services are provided. The current owner, Danny Bahlman, purchased full ownership in 2008. "When I was 13, Dad handed me a pipe wrench and threader and suggested I learn how to use them because I would need some money in a couple of years to buy a car. That was my introduction to the dry-cleaning world," said Danny.

In 2019, Bahlman Cleaners received the Texas Treasure Business Award for 50+ years of successful operation in Texas. Owner Danny Bahlman serves as Chairman of the Board for the Southwest Dry Cleaners Association, which represents cleaners in 10 states. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Dry Cleaners & Laundry Institute International, representing dry-cleaners throughout the globe.

Bahlman Cleaners opened their Ozona location at the beginning of 2010, moving to their current location at 604 11th St. in the summer of 2013.

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Bahlman Cleaners is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. The business is closed on Thursday. Their services include dry cleaning, laundry, alterations and more. NEXT DAY SERVICE is also available if laundry is dropped off by 10:00 am. Alterations may take additional time. They can be reached at 325-392-8000 or by visiting www.bahlmancleaners.com

The Ozona Chamber would like to recognize Bahlman Cleaners for their efforts to provide quality service in addition to being an asset to the local business community.



Although Prince Albert (1819-1861) is often credited with bringing the first Christmas tree to England, the honor actually belongs to his wife's, Queen Victoria, grandmother—Queen Charlotte. She had grown up in Germany and introduced the tradition of decorating a live tree at Christmas, setting up the



first known royal tree sometime around 1800. The practice was picked up by the aristocracy, but was relatively unknown by the common people. The tradition did not become popular until Prince Albert decorated a tree for his children. The news media, which were fascinated by all things related to Prince Albert and Queen Victoria, began to print romanticized drawings and accounts of the royal tree, and the fad went "viral" as they say. Thus the tradition became almost universal among Christian nations. So, give a nod to Queen Charlotte and Prince Albert as you decorate your tree this year!

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Barnhart Shaw's General Repair - 2005
Discovery Natural Resources LLC - 2007
Advanced Technology Solutions - 2008
Bug Express Pest Control - 2012
Interim Hospice of San Angelo - 2013
Mi Familia Restaurant - 2016
Epic Permian Operating LLC - 2016

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.

Aries Residence Suites - 2018

JL Ready Mix Concrete - 2020

ASU - Small Business Development

Center - 2020

Lilly Construction, Inc. - 2021

Hitchin' Post Steakhouse - 2021

Petals & Pearls Boutique - 2021

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

What services are sought at www.Ozona.com

For the month of October at www.Ozona.com, there were 21,754 business directory searches, and 3,195 actual member page hits!

These are people searching for YOUR services.

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

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Freeman-Kincaid Ranch - 13

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Fred H. Chandler Ranching - 12

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Petals & Pearls Boutique - 12

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Soto Inc. - 12

White, Mr. & Mrs. Mark - 12

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Crockett County DeerFest Association - 11

Crockett County Public Library - 11

Crockett County Water Control & Improvement

District #1 - 11

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Perry Family Trust - 10

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Janitorial - 10

XL Ranch c/o David Gardner - 10



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December & January - Veterans Day Exhibit at the Crockett County Museum (Free to Veterans and their families.)

December 17 - Crockett County 4-H Junior Livestock Show

December 18 - Community Christmas Service at the Civic Center

December 23-26 - Visitor Center Closed for Christmas.

December 31-January 1

- Visitor Center Closed for New Year's.

January 10 & February

14 - La Esperanza Clinic at the Chamber (Call 325-947-5601 for appointment.)



Find even more exciting events at www.Ozona.com/Events-Calendar

October Statistics

Visitor Center

-Walk-in traffic into the Visitor Center in October 2022 totaled 1,736 visitors. *(A NEW RECORD!)* There were 65 local residents, 1,038 travelers from Texas, 578 from out of state, and 55 from foreign countries.

Online Visitors

- -Ozona.com had 2,654 sessions from 45 countries with 5,425 page views.
- -The Top 20 website pages visited were:

1.	Homepage	972	12.	Lodging/RV	74
2.	Hunting Leases	625	13.	Restaurants/Dining	71
3.	Membership Directory	380	14.	Interesting Facts	67
4.	Events (Conference Room)	349	15.	Location	65
5.	Events Calendar	259	16.	Hot Deals	63
6.	Area Attractions	214	17.	Airport	60
7.	County Officials	153	18.	Interpretive Trail	54
8.	Photo Gallery	141	19.	Public Services	50
9.	History	106	20.	Pandale Crossing	47
10.	Job Postings	106	21.	Local Attractions	47
11.	Deerfest	75			



-Our two Facebook pages received 69,444 and 13,779 total impressions of our posts respectively, reaching people from all over the world with information about Ozona. Our Twitter page ended October with 114 followers and had 448 impressions throughout the month.





Thanks to our Bat Box Sponsors!

Alpine Ala Carte, LLC
Crockett County Soil & Water Conservation District
Devils River Conservancy
Rusty & Dawna Garvin
Will & Beth Hoover
International Dark Sky Association - Texas Chapter
Charli, Atli & Quinn Oglesby
Alice Ball Strunk - Hudspeth River Ranch
7 Oaks Ranch - Ellie Walker
X-Bar Ranch Nature Retreat & RV



"Bats eat at least one-third of their body weight every night in bugs, including mosquitoes. This means they can eat from 500 to 3000 insects a night." Source: https://www.animalfoodplanet.com/how-many-mosquitoes-do-bats-eat/

Congratulations to These Businesses!

We LOVE our starry nights! Help preserve our rural heritage!

If you visit one of these businesses, be sure to say congratulations and thank them for being a part of our

Night Sky Friendly Business Recognition Program!

Baggett Family Limited Partnership & the "Bandera" Ranch Crockett County Museum Crockett County Public Library Escondido Draw Recreational Area Hampton Inn Holiday Inn Express Ozona John Stokes, C.P.A.
Ozona Bank
Ozona Chamber of Commerce
Ozona High School
Twistflower Ranch Nature Retreat
Ward Walker 7 Oaks Ranch

Learn more about the International Dark Sky Association at: https://www.darksky.org/

Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas.

-Peg Bracken



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Philip had a productive meeting with the Executive Director of the Junction Chamber of Commerce.



There was a great turnout for the Veterans Day ceremony hosted by Ozona Schools. Special thanks to The Ozona Stockman for sharing this photo.

Ozona is looking very festive! We hope you'll take a moment to thank the county employees who set up the decorations. They make us look great!



Sign spotted at Crockett County Appraisal District office. Seems like pretty good advice!



Jenny Venegas and Stephanie from Small Town Glow Boutique were ready for Evening on the Town!

Right: Jefferson Spilman of Fort Lancaster State Historic Site and Philip stopped by to see how things were coming along at the Crockett County Museum. Jennifer Medina was proud to show off the new Museum gear in preparation for Evening on the Town!













