

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

505 15th Street, Ozona, TX 76943

www.Ozona.com

Facebook Tourism Page: OzonaChamber

Facebook Chamber Page: OzonaChamberBiz



May the
Luck of the
Irish be with
Y'all!

Happy St.
Patrick's
Day!



CHAMBER DIALOGUE

Volume 19

March 2022

OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET

CROCKETT COUNTY YOUTH & CIVIC CENTER - 103 MEDICAL DRIVE, OZONA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

**U.S. OLYMPIAN
JOHNNY QUINN**

Thursday, March 31, 2022
Start Time: 6:00 PM



RSVP:

Call (325) 392-3737
or email ozona_recip@verizon.net

Annual Banquet Returns after a Two Year Absence!

*Make Plans
to Attend!*

The Ozona Chamber of
Commerce would like to invite
you to attend the Annual
Chamber Banquet

**Thursday, March 31st
Crockett County
Civic Center**

This will be an exciting and
motivating evening as we award
the Business of the Year,
recognize various members, talk
about our plans for the future and

listen to our guest speaker and U.S. Olympian, Johnny Quinn. Mr. Quinn, who was also a professional football player, "is on a mission to deliver thought-provoking and action-packed messages to businesses and organizations of all sizes." He is a published author and has been featured on several major news outlets. He has made presentations across the country, including for companies like Toyota, Chick-fil-A, Cisco, Wells Fargo, Southwest Airlines, Zillow, and Lockheed Martin, just to name a few.

We hope you will contact the Chamber to make your reservations early. Tickets are available for \$15.00, or you may purchase a table of six seats for \$90 so you can bring your friends! Give us a call at 325-392-3737 today!



OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAND STEWARDSHIP BLOWOUT

THAT'S A WRAP!

On February 18th & 19th, Ozona Chamber of Commerce hosted a two-day seminar with the goal of educating local

residents, landowners, and visitors from around the state about responsible land stewardship and the many benefits of prescribed fire. With presentations from over 15 professional and respected instructors in their field, while utilizing multiple venues, the event proved extremely successful and generated 100% positive feedback.

"After months of detailed planning, Ozona received a tremendous amount of exposure through various media outlets, particularly a targeted social media campaign. We took a gamble with this event right at the start of my tenure with the Ozona Chamber, and it paid off in customer satisfaction, public relations and marketing, a safe prescribed fire, great speakers, happy sponsors, and revenue to our beloved Ozona community," said Chamber President, Philip Walker. "We also tested a new online registration system which worked well and saved our staff a lot of time and paperwork. I'm elated, proud, and satisfied the Ozona Chamber of Commerce could bring such a unique educational and successful event to Ozona."

"The Ozona Land Stewardship event was a major success for not only Ozona, but West Texas. This event brought the community together to learn and support a generational land owner in his quest to care for his land. Coming together in this way will help us protect wide expanses of land in Texas which are under threat with thousands of acres being lost across the state due to growth and development."

Karen Looby, PhD
Wild Spirit Wild Places Foundation



John & Amanda Griffin of Camp Wood with Karen Looby of Wild Spirit Wild Places Foundation

"I think the event went great and I think it was a great success. All of the participants that I talked to seemed to enjoy it. I think being able to do an actual burn was a big plus as well as it gave folks some good hands-on experience." Wesley Evans, Regional Fire Coordinator, Texas Parks & Wildlife



Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue representative explains about their adoption program.

A huge thank you to all of the sponsors, attendees, seminar speakers, prescribed fire instructors, Vicki Davis, Terri Crawford, the Chamber Board, Crockett County Fire Department, Crockett County Road Department, Crockett County 4-H, Ozona Knights of Columbus, Lowe's Market, Hitchin' Post Steakhouse, G & H Rentals, Ozona Partnering Hotels (Hillcrest Inn & Suites, Holiday Inn Express, Quality Inn, and Travelodge), Crockett County NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service), Baggett Family Limited Partnership, HG Rentals, Johnny Tambunga, Roland DeHoyos (Audio/Video), and Buster Reina



PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



DEVILS RIVER
CONSERVANCY
Treasure. Preserve. Protect.



CONSERVING THE LAST FRONTIER

The Ozona Stockman



Special Thanks to the Crockett County Soil & Water Conservation District for their Support!



Land Stewardship Blowout Participating Organizations/Speakers:

- Texas A&M Forest Service
- Texas Parks & Wildlife
- Quail Forever
- Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burn Association
- Spoke Hollow Outfitters
- Borderlands Research Institute
- Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue
- Devils River Conservancy
- X-Bar Nature Retreat
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- San Antonio Zoo
- Texas Agricultural Land Trust
- Wild Spirit Wild Places



The Ozona Chamber of Commerce recognizes Ozona Bank as our Business of the Month

Ozona Bank is special! Sure, we have been around for more than 116 years, and we serve customers who live in both rural and urban areas, but what makes us different is that we stay in touch—with our communities and our customers! We are proud to support the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, various non-profits in the area and our valuable customers. We are committed to giving back to the community, not only with financial support and sponsorships but also with our physical presence



The Ozona Bank lobby team looks forward to serving you!



The Ozona Bank Drive-Thru team is all smiles at being selected Business of the Month

and dedication. We believe the achievement of goals depends on a community of people working together.

As we grow and evolve to meet changes in our world, we remain committed to you. We are committed to providing the financial products and services you need, the trusted advice you can count on, and the personal service that is the hallmark of our community bank.

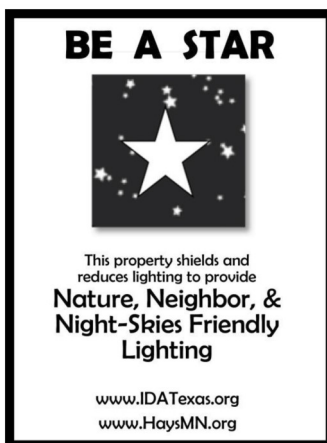
Ozona Bank looks forward to serving our community and surrounding area for generations to come.

If we can assist you with any financial or banking needs, please call, come by our location at 503 11th St., Ozona, Texas, or visit us online at ozonabank.com.

You can also expect an improved, user-friendly website in March to make banking a simpler experience for you.

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

Ozona Bank is a proud recipient of the Be A Star Award! Learn more about this award at texas.darksky.ngo



Ozona Bank



Member FDIC

What services are sought at www.Ozona.com

For the month of January 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:

Encino RV Park - 150	Wool Growers Central Storage - 17
7 Oaks Ranch / Philip Walker - 63	Zarvona Energy LLC - 17
Emerald R.V. Campground - 56	Bahlman Cleaners - 16
Epic Permian Operating LLC - 49	Country Club View Apartments - 16
Ozona Country Club - 43	Hillcrest Inn & Suites - 16
Esperanza Ranch - 39	Ozona Community Center - 16
Crockett County Abstract Company - 37	Red Stag Operating, LLC - 16
Sunoco Energy Services, LLC - 35	Sutton County Steakhouse - 16
Lowe's Market - 34	Treto's Tire & Towing - 16
Escondido Draw Recreational Area - 33	Village Barber and Beauty Shop - 16
Family Health Center of Ozona - 33	Bug Express Pest Control - 15
Mi Familia Restaurant - 32	Bunger Real Estate Company, LLC - 15
Eldorado Animal Clinic - 31	Johnson Draw RV Park - 15
Crockett County Collision Repair - 29	King Construction & Remodel LLC - 15
El Chato's - 25	ASU - Small Business Development Center - 14
L & B Automotive - 25	Crockett Automotive, Inc. - 14
Stokes Drilling LLC - 25	Kerbow Funeral Home - 14
Main Street Realty, Hudson Properties-	Specialty Diesel Services, LLC - 14
Will M. Black, Realtor - 24	Venegas Construction, LLC - 14
Dublin Hunters Group - 23	Village Drug - 14
D's Liquor Store - 22	Ambit Energy - 13
Crockett County Water Control & Improvement	Lilly Construction, Inc. - 13
District #1 - 21	Ozona Bank - 13
Jody K. Upham, Attorney at Law - 21	Triple C Hardware Lumber & Rental, Inc. - 13
Natgas, Inc - 21	Alejandro Tree Service - 12
Ozona Insurance - 21	Bob Buchholz - 12
Le A&N LLC Happy Nails - 20	DJH Oil & Gas, LLC - 12
Rusty Gold on the Square - 20	Double "T" Ranch - 12
The Ozona Stockman - 20	J J Marley Ranch - 12
HW Car Wash - 19	White, Mr. & Mrs. Mark - 12
Ozona Cable & Broadband - 19	Ball & Strunk Partners, Ltd. - 11
Twistflower Ranch Nature Retreat - 19	Barnhart Shaw's General Repair - 11
Alpine Ala Carte, LLC - 18	Hudspeth River Ranch - 11
Baggett "Bandera" Ranch - 18	Mediajaw - 11
Bill Black Ranch - 18	CTWP Digital Solutions - 10
Howard's Well Ranching Company - 18	Interim Hospice of San Angelo - 10
RV Repair Crew - 18	Jarrett Juno Ranch Partnership - 10
Soto Inc. - 18	MAC - Mike's Auto Care - 10
Stokes, John C.P.A. - 18	Millspaugh Ranch Company LLC - 10
The General Store - 18	Ozona Environmental, LLC - 10
Close to Our Hearts Country Store - 17	Petals & Pearls Boutique - 10
Crockett County Public Library - 17	T Nails & Spa - 10
JL Ready Mix Concrete - 17	Total Office Solution of West Texas - 10
Shannon AirMed1 - 17	



Happy Anniversary!

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 March.

Wool Growers Central Storage—1996	Baggett “Bandera” Ranch—2016
KYXX Ozona 94.3 FM—1996	Brad & Janet Thompson—2018
John Stokes, C.P.A.—1997	MAC—Mike’s Auto Care—2018
Ozona Country Club—2000	Ozona Community Center—2019
Triple C Hardware Lumber & Rental, Inc.—2002	King Construction & Remodel LLC—2019
Escondido Draw Recreational Area—2008	Johnson RV Park—2019
Main Street Realty, Hudson Properties-Will M. Black, Realtor—2010	Emerald R.V. Campground—2020
Natgas, Inc—2010	Lone Star Contracting, LLC—2021

January Chamber Visitors:

Visitor Center

-Walk-in traffic into the Visitor Center in January 2022 totaled 602 visitors, with 27 being local residents, 292 travelers from Texas, 259 from out of state, and 24 from foreign countries.

Online Visitors

-Ozona.com had 3,897 sessions from 49 countries with 6,397 page views.
-The Top 20 website pages visited were:

1. Homepage	1,608	11. Public Services	91
2. Hunting Leases	1,390	12. Visitors Guide	88
3. Area Attractions	196	13. Job Postings	78
4. Land Stewardship Blowout	188	14. Airport	68
5. Location	149	15. Weather	67
6. Photo Gallery	145	16. Local Attractions	67
7. Lodging/RV	132	17. Interesting Facts	63
8. History	111	18. Pandale Crossing	62
9. County Officials	99	19. Events Calendar	61
10. Restaurants	97	20. Membership Directory	56
		20. Contact Us	56



-The Ozona Facebook pages continued to grow, ending January with 10,317 fans on the Chamber’s Tourist page (OzonaChamber) and 808 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 154,239 and 27,708 total impressions of our posts respectively, reaching people from all over the world with information about Ozona. Our Twitter page ended January with 108 followers and had 666 impressions throughout the month.

Night Sky Friendly Business Recognition Program

INTRODUCING the newest recipient of the "BE A STAR" Award:

OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ozona Chamber of Commerce is the latest Ozona business to be awarded this coveted distinction as designated by the Texas Chapter of the International Dark Skies Association (IDATexas.org).

For more information on the Award visit: texas.darksky.ngo/earn-the-be-a-star-award

The exciting part about receiving the award was the fact that we really didn't have to make any changes to qualify for the award! We only had to fill out the application, which included questions like:

- ◆ Do each of your lights serve a purpose?
- ◆ Do all of your outdoor light fixtures hide the source of the light and direct the light only where it is needed (and below the horizontal)?
- ◆ Are the lights low-output lights directed so no one off your property sees the source of the light, and which are turned off when no one is there to use them?
- ◆ Do you normally turn off outdoor lights at night when no one is using them?
- ◆ Do your outdoor lights gently illuminate without glare, allowing you to see beyond the lit area? (If they light up some areas like daylight or create glare for sensitive people, then your answer is no.)
- ◆ Are your outdoor lights (that are brighter than the equivalent of 25 watts incandescent) warm colors? In other words, are they a little gold tinted rather than bright white?

**Learn more at
txnsf.org/our-night-sky**



***Maybe your business already qualifies!
Download the application form at
texas.darksky.ngo/earn-the-be-a-star-award***

Congratulations to the Ozona Chamber of Commerce! Chamber President, Philip Walker, is happy to show off the new "Be a Star" award!

Out and About!



Ozona Elementary Teacher Crystal Shaffer and her class had a great time working on their Science lessons in the Crockett County Interpretive Trail!



No matter what your style, Ozona Chamber is ready for all kinds of visitors. Have you dropped by the Visitor Center to see our collection of brochures and information about Ozona and the surrounding region? These folks did and they are ready for ANYTHING!



Philip Walker had a great time getting to know Dr. Carolyn Boyd with Texas State University & the Shumla Foundation at the reception celebrating the Skiles Family Collection in Del Rio. The Shumla Archaeological Research & Education Center is one of our www.Ozona.com/AreaAttractions!



Welcome New Members!

WeadCo Insurance LLC

906 Ave. F
Ozona, TX 76943
Phone: (325) 617-2811
Website: www.weadcoinsurance.com

Established May of 2021 by Ronya Weadock, WeadCo Insurance is partnered with national insurance carriers to bring competitive rates and exceptional service. With our home office in San Angelo, we are excited to be expanding to Ozona. We can't wait to serve Crockett County on a more personal level with this new office. Drop by and say hello!

West Texas Fire & Industrial Supply / City Janitorial

138 W. Concho
San Angelo, TX 76903
Phone: (325) 655-5441
Fax: (325) 653-4111
Website: wtxsupply.com

Extinguisher Sales & Service, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), First Aid, Janitorial & Cleaning Supplies, Paper Goods, Kitchen Supplies (WareWash Machines, Chemicals) & Hotsy Pressure Washers

Did You Know?



The Crockett County Interpretive Trail is a wonderful collection of native plant material that would be seen within 100 miles of Ozona. It is an interpretation of their natural habitat. The trail includes a Rain Harvest Exhibit with signage on the process of collecting water for landscaping, livestock watering or home use. There is also a wildlife viewing area and a watering hole for birds and butterflies. Learn more about it at www.Ozona.com/InterpretiveTrail.