

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

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# CHAMBER DIALOGUE

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## **The Ozona Chamber of Commerce recognizes Alejandro Tree Service as our Business of the Month**

Alejandro Tree Service has been in business since 2008. It is a family-owned business passed down from generation to generation, with a combined 45 plus years of experience. With all the family members working together, we strive to make our customers happy. Alejandro Tree Service settled down in Ozona in 2014, and this great community became home to us. We take tremendous pride in satisfying our customers' needs, likes and wants.



*Owners: Brittney and Antonio Alejandro*

Brittney Alejandro had the business passed down to her from her father, Floyd Preece. Whether it is commercial or residential work, they have been working together to do the best they can to serve their customers. There is never a job too big or small! If it's work, we are happy to help! We also travel to provide services for many customers. We are located at 512 Avenue J in Ozona, Texas. The yard and sawmill are located at 1201 6th Street in Ozona, Texas. For all your tree removal, trimming, pruning, planting and landscaping needs, don't hesitate to call us for a free estimate at 830-900-4232 or 830-279-6187.

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize Alejandro Tree Service for their efforts to provide quality service to the residents of Ozona and the surrounding area.



## **Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2022!**

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce are proud of you!

"What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

*Graduation Ceremony is May 27th.*



*Aaron Thim Owners Tim and Christine Pol are joined by son, Aaron Thim, to accept their award.*

## Ozona Donuts Named 2021 Business of the Year at Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet

Ozona Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Banquet Thursday, March 31st, at the Crockett County Civic Center. The evening began with an invocation given by Frank Tambunga of Ozona Bank, followed by a buffet meal catered by the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse.

Chairman of the Board, Stormi Oglesby, welcomed the banquet attendees, then introduced the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and staff, as well as introducing President Philip Walker. He recognized and thanked the sixteen businesses who sponsored the evening's events.

After giving a brief history of how he and his family are connected to the area, Walker also spoke to guests about recent and future Chamber projects as well as reminding the audience about the benefits of being a Chamber member.

Chamber Board Member, Paul Stroope, had the privilege to announce that Ozona Donuts had been chosen as the 2021 Business of the Year. This family business is owned and operated by Tim and Christine Pol, and their daughter Jessica Thim. They pride themselves on being able to serve local residents and visitors to Ozona with items made fresh daily, such as a selection of cinnamon rolls, cinnamon twists, donuts, eclairs, apple fritters, sausage and jalapeno Kolaches, croissants and biscuits made with your choice of bacon, egg, sausage, ham and cheese. Both large and small orders are welcome!



*Guest speaker Johnny Quinn provided an exciting presentation for the evening!*

The evening was rounded out with an animated presentation by guest speaker and former Olympian, Johnny Quinn. Mr. Quinn's inspiring speech motivated the crowd with ways to be successful in life as well as business. Thanks, Johnny, for providing our keynote.

You can thank these businesses for a great night!

**CROCKETT**  
NATIONAL BANK

**Ozona Bank**

**BUNGER REAL ESTATE**  
Company

**Hampton Inn**  
by Hilton

**The Ozona Stockman**

**LILLY**  
CONSTRUCTION, INC.  
OZONA, TEXAS (325)392-2669

**NATGAS, INC**

**TotalOfficeSolution**  
OF WEST TEXAS

**MIKE'S AUTO CARE**  
806 11th St.  
Ozona, TX  
325-392-3533 phone  
325-392-3952 fax

**OTTER**  
OZONA TRUCK TOWING  
& EMERGENCY REPAIR  
FULL SERVICE AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR

**SONIC**

**REHAB**  
WEST TEXAS REHABILITATION CENTER

**TRIPLE C**  
HARDWARE

**Holiday Inn Express**  
& Suites

**LOWE'S**

**HW CAR WASH**

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We would also like to thank Matt Mecke and the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse for catering our meal, Johnny Tambunga for the audio and visual portion of the program, and Allen Williams and his Civic Center helpers for setting up and hosting our event.

Finally, we also want to recognize the hard work of the Executive Committee and Board Members for their service to the Chamber throughout the year: Chairman of the Board Stormi Oglesby, Vice-Chairman/Treasurer Amit Patel, Past Chairman Janet Thompson, President Philip Walker, Paul Stroope, Ed Hale, Evelyn Kerbow, and Melissa Perner. Thanks also to all the Chamber members for their attendance and support, participation and contributions to our various programs and activities.



### Banner Advertising Space is Available on [www.Ozona.com](http://www.Ozona.com)

A very limited amount of advertising space is now available on Ozona.com. Our homepage receives over 1,800 visitors each month. For inquiries call the Chamber office at (325) 392-3737!

### Lunch & Learn - Essentials to Business Startup

**Tuesday, June 14 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

***Ready to turn that business idea into a reality?*** Join the ASU-SBDC professional staff as they present a comprehensive, basics of starting a new business seminar for entrepreneurs and new business owners.

Contact the Chamber at 325-392-3737 before June 7 to reserve your seat. \$10 per person. See attached flyer for more details! Cash and checks accepted upon arrival.

### Have an Idea for a Lunch & Learn Training?

The Ozona Chamber is always open to new ideas! We would love to hear your ideas about what topics to offer. We encourage you to give us a call at 325-392-3737 to let us know your thoughts!

## What services are sought at [www.Ozona.com](http://www.Ozona.com)

For the month of March at [www.Ozona.com](http://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 - 88	Baggett "Bandera" Ranch - 18
Ambit Energy - 43	Bill Black Ranch - 18
Epic Permian Operating LLC - 39	CGF&R Inc. - 18
Wool Growers Central Storage - 39	Treto's Tire & Towing - 18
Ozona Cable & Broadband - 34	Clayton-Hill Ranches - 17
Eldorado Animal Clinic - 33	Family Health Center of Ozona - 17
Sunoco Energy Services, LLC - 33	Jarrett Juno Ranch Partnership - 17
Natgas, Inc - 31	L & B Automotive - 17
Preddey Funeral Home - 31	Plumbing by Rick, LLC - 17
HW Car Wash - 29	Stokes, John C.P.A. - 17
Fort Lancaster State Historic Site - 28	Sutton County Steakhouse - 17
Ozona Insurance - 28	T Nails & Spa - 17
West Texas Rehabilitation Center - 28	7 Oaks Ranch / Philip Walker - 16
Bunger Real Estate Company, LLC - 27	Mi Familia Restaurant - 16
The Ozona Stockman - 27	Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue - 16
Barnhart Shaw's General Repair - 26	Twistflower Ranch Nature Retreat - 16
Main Street Realty, Hudson Properties- Will M. Black, Realtor - 26	Village Barber and Beauty Shop - 16
Escondido Draw Recreational Area - 25	AEP Texas - 15
Lone Star Contracting, LLC - 25	Alejandro Tree Service - 15
Redeem Construction, LLC - 25	Bob Buchholz - 15
Crockett County Collision Repair - 24	CTWP Digital Solutions - 15
DJH Oil & Gas, LLC - 24	Crockett County Public Library - 15
Triple C RV - 24	G's RV Park - 15
Crockett County Abstract Company - 23	Rusty Gold on the Square - 15
D's Liquor Store - 22	The General Store - 15
El Chato's - 22	Western Poster Service, Inc. - 15
Interim Hospice of San Angelo - 22	Bug Express Pest Control - 14
Lowe's Market - 22	Country Club View Apartments - 14
Pepe's Cafe - 22	Hampton Inn - 14
Zarvona Energy LLC - 22	JL Ready Mix Concrete - 14
Americas Best Value Inn - 21	King Construction & Remodel LLC - 14
Ozona Bank - 21	RV Repair Crew - 14
Ozona Country Club - 21	Total Office Solution of West Texas - 14
Triple C Hardware Lumber & Rental, Inc. - 21	Village Drug - 14
Crockett Taxidermy & Processing - 20	Allen Ranch - 13
J. Cleo Thompson Wellness Center - 20	Bahlman Cleaners - 13
Jody K. Upham, Attorney at Law - 20	Crockett Automotive, Inc. - 13
Mediajaw - 20	Dublin Hunters Group - 13
Ozona Community Center - 20	Hillcrest Inn & Suites - 13
Red Stag Operating, LLC - 20	J J Marley Ranch - 13
Crockett County Water Control & Improvement District #1 - 19	Ozona Truck Trailer & Emergency Repair - 13
Stokes Drilling LLC - 19	Quality Inn - 13
UniFirst - 19	Republic Hotel of Ozona - 13
	Stuart Operating, LLC - 13
	WeadCo Insurance LLC - 13

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ASU - Small Business Development Center - 12  
 Ball & Strunk Partners, Ltd. - 12  
 Crockett County Museum - 12  
 Crockett National Bank - 12  
 DCP Midstream Partners, LP - 12  
 Discovery Natural Resources LLC - 12  
 Johnson Draw RV Park - 12  
 KYXX Ozona 94.3 FM - 12  
 La Esperanza Clinic, Inc. - 12  
 Soto Inc. - 12  
 Specialty Diesel Services, LLC - 12  
 Travelodge - 12  
 White, Mr. & Mrs. Mark - 12  
 XL Ranch c/o David Gardner - 12  
 Advanced Technology Solutions - 11  
 Alpine Ala Carte, LLC - 11  
 Close to Our Hearts Country Store - 11  
 Double "T" Ranch - 11

Economy Inn & RV Park - 11  
 Esperanza Ranch - 11  
 Fred H. Chandler Ranching - 11  
 Howard's Well Ranching Company - 11  
 Hudspeth River Ranch - 11  
 Lester Wright - 11  
 MAC - Mike's Auto Care - 11  
 Ozona Environmental, LLC - 11  
 Shannon AirMed1 - 11  
 VIP Ranch Co - 11  
 West Central Wireless - 11  
 X-Bar Ranch Nature Retreat & RV - 11  
 Aries Residence Suites - 10  
 Baggett Family Limited Partnership - 10  
 Freeman-Kincaid Ranch - 10  
 Names & Numbers - 10  
 Sonora Bank - 10

*Let your dreams be bigger than  
 your fears and your actions  
 louder than your words.*

*-anonymous*



**Calling All Handymen & Handywomen**  
**WE NEED YOU!**  
 The Concho Valley Council of Governments  
 is looking for individuals willing to provide handyman  
 services throughout our rural service area.

If you are interested in providing these services,  
 can provide an estimate & can commit to completing  
 the project, please contact us to join our interest list.  
**We have a project waiting for YOU!**

**Procurement-dept@cvcog.org or 325-944-9666 x279**



The service area of the CVCOG includes - Concho, Coke, Crockett, Irion, Kimble,  
 Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, & Tom Green  
 Counties. The Concho Valley Council of Governments is a voluntary  
 organization of local governments to foster a cooperative effort in resolving  
 problems, policies, and plans that are common and regional.

## Chamber Hosts a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for WeadCo Insurance LLC



Chamber Board of Directors, staff and Ambassadors,  
 county officials, family and friends, as well as local  
 business owners all gathered at a Ribbon Cutting  
 Ceremony Thursday, April 28th, to welcome the  
 WeadCo Insurance LLC as a new business to the  
 community of Ozona.

WeadCo Insurance LLC specializes in Farm & Ranch  
 Insurance, as well as offering Auto, Home, Commercial  
 and Life Insurance.

Owner Ronya Weadlock and agent Kelbie Tucker invite  
 you to drop by their new office at 906 Avenue F to discuss  
 your insurance needs, give them a call at (325) 617-2811,  
 or visit their website [www.weadcoinsurance.com](http://www.weadcoinsurance.com).





### 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 May.

Red Stag Operating, LLC - 1996

Sunoco Energy Services, LLC - 1996

West Texas Rehabilitation Center - 1998

Jack & Janie Riggs - 1999

Crockett County Museum - 1999

Crockett County Public Library - 1999

Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin - 2000

Ball & Strunk Partners, Ltd. - 2007

Names & Numbers - 2014

Specialty Diesel Services, LLC - 2016

XL Ranch c/o David Gardner - 2019

### March Chamber Visitors:

#### Visitor Center

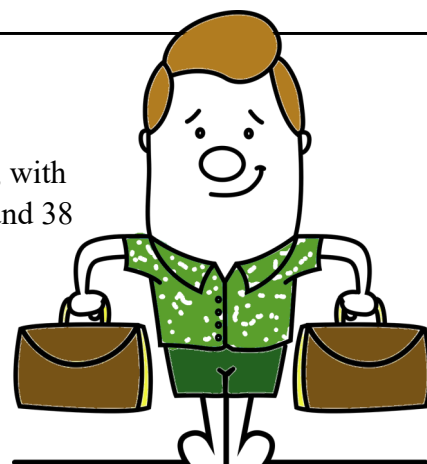
-Walk-in traffic into the Visitor Center in March 2022 totaled 840 visitors, with 39 being local residents, 410 travelers from Texas, 353 from out of state, and 38 from foreign countries.

#### Online Visitors

-Ozona.com had 2,899 sessions from 41 countries with 4,985 page views.

-The Top 20 website pages visited were:

1. Homepage	1,595	11. Events Calendar	77
2. Hunting Leases	626	12. Airport	72
3. Area Attractions	214	13. Location	70
4. Photo Gallery	122	14. Interesting Facts	68
5. County Officials	110	15. Job Postings	67
6. Lodging/RV	90	16. Local Attractions	65
7. History	88	17. Restaurants/Dining	63
8. Business of the Month	85	18. Pandale Crossing	62
9. Public Services	82	19. Chamber of Commerce	59
10. Visitors Guide	78	20. Public Parks	56



-The Ozona Facebook pages continued to grow, ending March with 10,314 fans on the Chamber's Tourist page (OzonaChamber) and 821 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 48,639 and 11,500 total impressions of our posts respectively, reaching people from all over the world with information about Ozona. Our Twitter page ended March with 112 followers and had 946 impressions throughout the month.

## Night Sky Friendly Business Recognition Program

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

**INTRODUCING the newest recipient of the "BE A STAR" Award:  
Twistflower Ranch Nature Retreat**

Ozona Chamber of Commerce is happy to congratulate Twistflower Ranch Nature Retreat for being designated as a Night Sky Friendly Business by the Texas Chapter of the International Dark Skies Association (IDATexas.org).

West Texas is becoming known for its wide areas of dark night skies, attracting tourists from all over the world. They are drawn to the opportunity of being able to view the stars and Milky Way unencumbered by the light pollution that plagues metropolitan areas.

Twistflower Ranch Nature Retreat's recognition is setting the pace for other nature tourism destinations and businesses, bringing travelers and appreciation for our special and unique rural atmosphere.



*Congratulations to the Twistflower Ranch Nature Retreat for helping us preserve our heritage of dark skies!*

**Do you think your business might qualify for the Be A Star Award? We invite you to visit:  
[texas.darksky.ngo/earn-the-be-a-star-award](http://texas.darksky.ngo/earn-the-be-a-star-award)**

## Escondido Draw seeks International Dark Sky Park Certification

The Escondido Draw Recreational Area (EDRA) is seeking certification as an International Dark Sky Park, joining the increasing number of West Texas communities and areas working to preserve the night sky. Other nearby dark sky places already certified by the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) include the Greater Big Bend International Dark Sky Reserve (the largest dark sky preserve in the world), Devils River State Natural Area and South Llano River State Park. There are only 195 International Dark Places in the world!

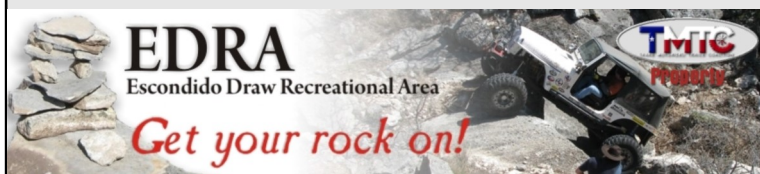
An International Dark Sky Place designation helps enhance the visibility of locations and fosters increased tourism and local economic activity in addition to protecting an area's natural and rural heritage.

Encompassing more than 3,500 acres, the new Escondido Draw Recreational Area is located just west of Ozona, on the western edge of Crockett County. The Texas Motorized Trail Coalition owned park consists of a variety of landscapes and recreational opportunities including challenging off-road vehicle trails, mountain biking, bird watching, swimming, camping and of course star gazing. For more information visit [www.escondidodraw.org](http://www.escondidodraw.org).

"The night skies of Texas are one our state's greatest natural assets, and travelers from around the world visit the Big Bend area to experience them," said Travel Texas Director, Tim Fennell. "Travel Texas looks forward to sharing this International Dark Sky designation as part of our work to showcase Texas as a premier travel destination."  
- *Travel Texas Director, Office of Governor Greg Abbott, Tim Fennell*

"I am thrilled about the announcement of Escondido Draw Recreation Area's efforts to become an International Dark Skies Park. 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."

- *Representative Andrew Murr*







Crockett County Museum Board Members and staff were happy to welcome Bobby Whitlock and his new exhibit of artwork. Exhibit runs through October!

## Out & About



Tito & Jojo Sanchez celebrate their 40th Anniversary with a cross country trip from Long Beach, CA to Key West, FL...in their new RV. They loved the Ozona Chamber & Visitor Center Park!



The Fieldguide Birding Tours from Austin stopped by the Visitor Center to take advantage of our clean restrooms on their way to the Big Bend! The tour makes Ozona a stop each time they pass through!



The Crockett County Interpretive Trail was chosen as the Garden of the Month by the Ozona Garden Club!

## Welcome New Member!



### Raelee's Wood Crafts

1002 Ave. E  
P.O. Box 4103  
Phone: 325-226-6230  
raelee.capry17@gmail.com



Lowe's Market is proud to show off their new parking lot paving! Have you been by to see it yet?



## Did You Know?



Memorial Day commemorates those who lost their lives while in service to the United States Armed Forces.

It was once known as Decoration Day and was declared a National Holiday by Congress in 1971. The U.S. flag is raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains until noon. It is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day. In 2000, Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act. It is suggested that you stop at 3 p.m. local time for a minute of silence to honor and remember. REMEMBER TO HONOR ALL OF THE INCREDIBLY TOUGH AND BRAVE MEN AND WOMAN WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIFE FOR YOU, THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES.