

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

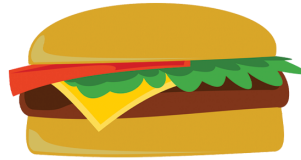
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**National
Cheeseburger Day!**



September 18th!



CHAMBER DIALOGUE

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The Ozona Chamber of Commerce recognizes Hampton Inn by Hilton - Ozona as our Business of the Month

Opening its doors in August 2017, the Hampton Inn by Hilton Ozona is owned and developed by Ozona Hospitality Group, LLC. “We are pleased to be a part of the lodging community in Ozona. We have everything our guests need plus more to ensure a happy and memorable stay,” said Amit Patel, General Manager. “We are a global mid-priced hotel chain known for providing travelers with our signature Hamptonality service. We strive to offer consistent and quality accommodations with value-added amenities such as a spacious meeting space, complimentary Wi-Fi, a 24-hour fitness center, business center, guest laundry, and a seasonal outdoor pool and patio area with BBQ pits.”



Pictured left to Right: Ahmed, Tulsi, Michelle, Dora, Minnie, Sarah & Amit

The 72-room hotel also offers guests a free hot breakfast featuring delicious waffles, On the Run™ Breakfast Bags for the on-the-go traveler and a 24/7 TREATS shop.

“My wife Tulsi, daughter Amia, son Aryan, and I have truly enjoyed getting to know the people in Ozona. Ozona is home and a fantastic place to raise a family. We have built a base of repeat guests and travelers that we always enjoy seeing throughout the year. We are also enjoying serving the residents of Ozona and their families. We welcome the opportunity to host your class or family reunion, quinceañera, wedding, or any event. We have eager team members ready to serve you daily,” said Amit.

Hampton by Hilton has long been known for its unique and unmatched approach to hospitality. Team members proudly exhibit a unique culture described as Hamptonality. This term is defined by each

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hotel's approach to friendly customer service, anticipation of guests' needs, and establishing an authentic, friendly and caring culture.

Hampton Inn Ozona was recently recognized from the brand by receiving the 2021 Award of Excellence. The award solidifies the hotel as one of Hampton Inn's best in class properties for the past year. This award recognizes the top 5% of hotels in the Hampton brand for exceptional product and overall guest experience.



Hampton Inn by Hilton Ozona is part of Hilton Honors, the award-winning guest-loyalty program for Hilton's 18 distinct hotel brands. Hilton Honors members who book directly through preferred Hilton channels save time as well as money and gain instant access to the benefits they care about most, such as an exclusive member discount, free Wi-Fi and a flexible payment slider that allows members to choose nearly any combination of Points and money to book a stay. Members can also redeem their Points for free nights, to gain access to unique events through the Hilton Honors auction platform or to make purchases at Amazon.com with Amazon Shop with Points.

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the Hampton Inn by Hilton Ozona for the quality service they provide to the community and the region.

For more information you may call 325/392-1449, e-mail: amit.patel4@hilton.com, or visit www.facebook.com/hamptoninnozona.

You're Starting a Small Business...So Now What? Make Plans to Attend the Lunch and Learn!

Finding Funding for Your Small Business

Hosted by the
Ozona Chamber of Commerce
and the
Angelo State University
Small Business Development Center

\$12 per person - Lunch included
Program starts at 11:45
and ends at 1:00 p.m.
Arrive by 11:30 a.m.

September 28th

Must RSVP by Friday, Sept. 23,
by phone at 325-392-3737,
by mail at P.O. Box 1135,
or by email at
ozona_recip@verizon.net





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,

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

Unifirst - 1997
 Soto Inc. - 1998
 DCP Midstream Partners, LP - 2002
 Jody K. Upham, Attorney at Law - 2006
 Carmen Sutton - 2010
 Zarvona Energy LLC - 2011
 Ambit Energy - 2012

Francine Friend - 2012
 CGF&R Inc. - 2016
 Stone Basin Ranch - 2019
 Prosperity Bank - Rusty Garvin - 2021
 Ozona Donuts - 2021
 Blaine & Terri Crawford - 2021
 Devils River Conservancy - 2021

Bat Houses Sponsors Wanted!

Introducing a new Bat House program in our Crockett County Interpretive Trail!

If you are interested in participating in our new program, we could use a few sponsors. We hope to have a small educational sign near the Bat Houses explaining the important role that bats play in the ecosystem. Our sponsors will be recognized through several marketing

platforms including the Chamber Newsletter and a press release. The installation of the Bat Houses will help market Ozona and the unique Interpretive Trail, while also increasing the educational theme of the Visitor Center area.

Sponsorships are only \$125. For more information, please call 325-392-3737.



Daisy Galindo is happy to model the Chamber's new souvenir t-shirt!

**Come Pick Up
 Your New
 "Biggest Little Town
 in the World"
 Gear!**

T-Shirt - \$25.00

Koozie - \$3.00

Bumper Sticker - \$2.00

Coonskin Cap - \$12.00

All merchandise is available in the lobby at the Ozona Visitor Center, 505 15th St.
 For more information, call the office at 325-392-3737.

What services are sought at www.Ozona.com

For the month of July at www.Ozona.com, there were 8,178 business directory searches, and 2,203 actual *member page hits*!

These are people searching for YOUR services.

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

Epic Permian Operating LLC - 50	Travelodge - 18
Encino RV Park - 48	7 Oaks Ranch / Philip Walker - 17
Crockett County Abstract Company - 43	Eldorado Animal Clinic - 17
Ozona Cable & Broadband - 42	Ozona Country Club - 17
D's Liquor Store - 41	Ozona Bank - 16
Sunoco Energy Services, LLC - 41	Zarvona Energy LLC - 16
Plumbing by Rick, LLC - 39	Bunger Real Estate Company, LLC - 14
Lone Star Contracting, LLC - 38	Howard's Well Ranching Company - 14
T Nails & Spa - 38	Redeem Construction, LLC - 14
Bahlman Cleaners - 36	Crockett County Collision Repair - 13
Ozona Community Center - 36	HW Car Wash - 13
Pepe's Cafe - 36	Hampton Inn - 13
Triple C RV - 36	Holiday Inn Express Ozona - 13
Ambit Energy - 35	L & B Automotive - 13
Main Street Realty, Hudson Properties-	Lowe's Market - 13
Will M. Black, Realtor - 35	Millspaugh Ranch Company LLC - 13
CTWP Digital Solutions - 34	Stokes Drilling LLC - 13
DCP Midstream Partners, LP - 33	Stokes, John C.P.A. - 13
UniFirst - 33	Treto's Tire & Towing - 13
G's RV Park - 32	Baggett "Bandera" Ranch - 12
Village Barber and Beauty Shop - 32	Double "T" Ranch - 12
ASU - Small Business Development Center - 31	Escondido Draw Recreational Area - 12
Devils River Conservancy - 31	Johnson Draw RV Park - 12
Crockett Automotive, Inc. - 30	La Esperanza Clinic, Inc. - 12
Shannon AirMed1 - 30	Ozona Truck Trailer & Emergency Repair - 12
Crockett Taxidermy & Processing - 29	Small Town Glow Boutique - 12
Natgas, Inc - 29	West Texas Rehabilitation Center - 12
Total Office Solution of West Texas - 29	Alejandro Tree Service - 11
Pon Seahorn Real Estate - 26	Baggett Family Limited Partnership - 11
Barnhart Shaw's General Repair - 23	DJH Oil & Gas, LLC - 11
Wool Growers Central Storage - 23	Fort Lancaster State Historic Site - 11
Childress Tree Trimming, LLC - 22	Rusty Gold on the Square - 11
West Texas Fire & Industrial Supply /	Sotol House Ranch LLC - 11
City Janitorial - 21	Sutton County Steakhouse - 11
AEP Texas - 20	Blue Sky Solar, LLC - 10
Crockett County Water Control & Improvement	Discovery Natural Resources LLC - 10
District #1 - 19	JL Ready Mix Concrete - 10
Family Health Center of Ozona - 19	King Construction & Remodel LLC - 10
Ozona Insurance - 19	Lilly Construction, Inc. - 10
Close to Our Hearts Country Store - 18	Southwest Texas Electric Coop - 10
MAC - Mike's Auto Care - 18	Triple C Hardware Lumber & Rental, Inc. - 10

What's Coming Up

September 10-11 - Escondido Draw Recreational Area will host a 9-11 Memorial Event. Call 325-206-4251 for more information.

September 13 & October 11 - La Esperanza Clinic at the Chamber (Call 325-947-5601 for appointment.)



September 17 - Ribbon Cutting and Tour of the new Ozona High School campus. Ceremony begins at 9:00 a.m.

September 28 - Lunch & Learn: Finding Funding for Your Small Business at the Chamber Conference Room.

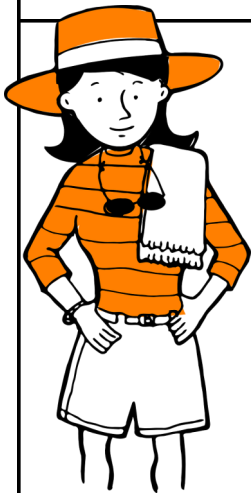
November-December - Veterans Day Exhibit at the Crockett County Museum

December 3 - 34th Annual DeerFest Hunter Appreciation Dinner

December 8 - Evening on the Town sponsored by the Ozona Chamber

December 18 - Community Christmas Service at the Civic Center

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



July Chamber Visitors:

Visitor Center

-Walk-in traffic into the Visitor Center in July 2022 totaled 630 visitors, with 35 being local residents, 373 travelers from Texas, 199 from out of state, and 23 from foreign countries.

Online Visitors

-Ozona.com had 2,778 sessions from 51 countries with 4,845 page views.

-The Top 20 website pages visited were:

1. Homepage	1,085	11. Pandale Crossing	94
2. Membership Directory	402	12. History	94
3. Hunting Leases	379	13. Job Postings	92
4. Area Attractions	236	14. Location	88
5. Conference Room Calendar	195	15. Hot Deals	72
6. Freedom Fest	163	16. Visitor Guide	65
7. Photo Gallery	146	17. Local Attractions	65
8. Events Calendar	143	18. Public Services	63
9. Public Parks	126	19. Airport	63
10. County Officials	124	20. Restaurants/Dining	62

-The Ozona Facebook pages continued to grow, ending July with 10,341 fans on the Chamber's Tourist page (OzonaChamber) and 850 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 27,100 and 9,788 total impressions of our posts respectively, reaching people from all over the world with information about Ozona. Our Twitter page ended July with 112 followers and had 459 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:

John Stokes, C.P.A.

Congratulations to John Stokes, C.P.A. for being the latest recipient of the "BE A STAR" Award!

This award rewards property owners who contribute to conservation efforts by protecting the night sky. The program encourages everyone to evaluate their outdoor lighting so as to keep the light they need while eliminating glare, light trespass and excess light on their property.

We encourage you to visit txnsf.org to learn more about how you can get involved with this important program, including reasons why we want to preserve our dark skies, online learning, common sense resources, and more!

Nature, Neighbor & Night Skies Friendly Lighting!



Darolynn Webster, John Stokes and Wendy Tambunga were thrilled to receive the new award!



NEED A JOB or a better one?

The Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult or Youth Programs may be able to help!

ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE

Dislocated Worker

An adult who has lost their job due to downsizing and needs training to move into a new job

Youth Program

Aged 14 -24 and at risk of not completing high school or out of high school and needs training or assistance to find work

Low Income

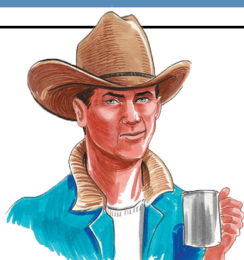
18 years or older and unemployed or underemployed

* Additional eligibility requirements may apply

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**A man does what he feels is right,
no matter what it costs him.**

- Elmer Kelton



An Ode to the Texas Pecos Trail Region

by Mitzi Johnson

The Texas Pecos Trail drive,
Is surely a great sight to see,
Covering hundreds and hundreds of miles,
A uniqueness in history.

Tabletop mesas will rise up,
From wide open prairies below.
Springs will arise from under the ground,
Giving water that flows and flows.

In the coolness of every morning,
You start your day with a smile,
As you travel along the great highways,
Seeing new sights mile after mile.

Your day will soon turn to nighttime,
And the stars will cover the sky,
As you drive that long lonely highway,
The stars you can touch if you try.

As you travel this West Texas roadway,
Here are some sights you will see,
Museums in each and every town,
Sharing multitudes of history.

The wild winds will move all the sand dunes
Making new shapes every day.
When you climb to the top of the tallest,
You can feel the sun's warming rays.

You can go to some of the state parks,
That have many fun things to do.
You can travel deep into caverns,
And see stalactites and stalagmites, too.

You can visit forts that tell of our past,
Where Buffalo Soldiers stood guard,
Protecting our settlers as they passed through,
Heading to a life new and hard.

There's also a place where many bats live,
Way down deep they abound.
At dusk you can watch and see them,
Emerge from their home underground.

As you walk in the footsteps before us,
Many places you'll visit and see,
Taking you back to long ago times,
Showing how life used to be.

These are some wonderful places
You'll see on the great trail you'll ride,
Traveling the highways of Texas,
In the big open lands far and wide.

*The Ozona Chamber would like to extend a
special thanks to Mitzi Johnson for allowing
us to share this beautiful poem!*



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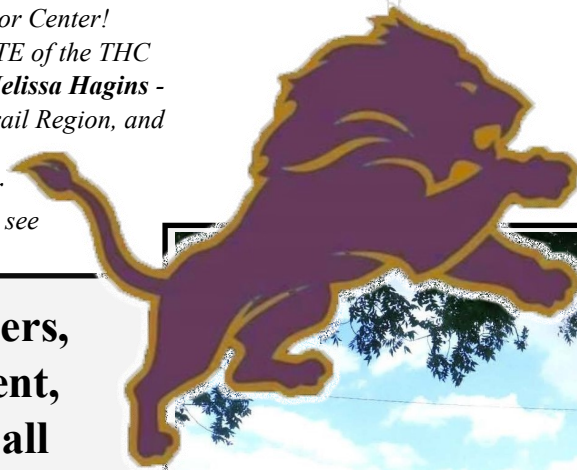
Look who dropped by the Visitor Center!
L to R: **Sarah Page** - TMP, CTE of the THC Heritage Tourism Program, **Melissa Hagins** - Director of the Texas Pecos Trail Region, and **Jefferson Spilman** - Site Manager of the Fort Lancaster State Historic Site. We hope to see you again soon!



The first home game of the season was a close thriller! Go Lions!



The Goat Roper's Gala fundraiser for the West Texas Rehab Center was a great success! Local residents Sandra Childress and Mary Anne Deaton sure looked like they were having a wonderful time!



**Sending prayers,
encouragement,
gratitude to all
teachers, staff,
and administrators
as our town's
children begin
another school year!**

Every Step Lion Pride!



We encourage you to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Tour of the new Ozona High School on September 17th.

9:00 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Campus Tour

10:00 a.m. - Class Reunions Campus Tour

1:00 p.m. - Dedication of Masonic Stone



Did You Know?

The first day of Fall (Sept. 22nd) is also known as the Autumn Equinox. So what is an equinox, you ask? There are two days in the year when the day and night are exactly the same length. The sun shines directly on the equator and both the northern and southern hemispheres receive the same amount of sunlight. The word "equinox" is derived from two Latin words: equal (*aequus*) and night (*nox*). After the Autumn Equinox, the northern hemisphere will tilt away from the sun, causing the nights to be longer and the temperatures to fall. The days will get shorter and shorter until the Winter Solstice, which also is the first day of Winter.