

*Hang Your Hat In History*  
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& VISITOR CENTER PARK  
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## CHAMBER DIALOGUE

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**Make your reservations now—  
RSVP Deadline Friday, August 21st**

The Chamber will host its fourth member educational luncheon **Tuesday, August 25, 2009**, at the Visitor Center Conference Room. Featured speaker will be Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, and we hope Chamber members will support our efforts to bring your representative to you!



**Lunch and the program will start immediately at 12 noon.**

Cost for lunch is \$9.00 per person payable at the door, and will be catered by Chatter Box. Menu includes King Ranch Chicken, spinach salad, green beans, garlic bread, tea, and banana pudding.

Topics of discussion are to include the new Go Texas Wildlife Program, the status of the Pecos River Protection Program, new state predator programs / assistance, the future of Texas Agriculture and Crockett County land owner agriculture opportunities.

Call and make your reservations at 392-3737. Or you can login to Chamber Master using your login name and password and make your reservations directly with us. Chamber master will automatically send you a confirmation. Need your login name and password? Give us a call. Hope to see you all there.

### **Rainwater harvest presentation**

Following the Chamber luncheon and Commissioners Staples' presentation, at 1:45 p.m., the Agri-Life Extension office will host a Rainwater Harvest presentation, also at the Visitor Center Conference Room. There is no cost to sit in on the presentation that will be given by Gary Bryant, Extension Specialists in Water Management, from Fort Stockton. The discussion will include the use of rainwater for wildlife, home use, landscaping, and commercial business use. Anyone interested in the benefits of rain water collection, cost, and resources to get started are encouraged to attend. Luncheon attendees may stay to listen to the presentation as well. **Mark your calendars now for Tuesday, August 25th. For more information contact County Ag Extension Agent Chase McPhaul at 392-2721.**

**CHAMBER  
WELCOMES  
NEW MEMBERS**

**Mike Howard Hunting**

P.O. Box 691244  
Houston, TX 77269-1244  
832-243-0300

**Adios Wrecker**

P.O. Box 2069  
Ozona, TX 76943  
Lyndon English-Owner  
325/392-3963 or 325/226-0074  
Towing & 24 Hour Road Assistance

**Treto's Tire & Towing**

P.O. Box 701  
Ozona, TX 76943  
Eliseo Treto-Owner  
Rigo & Eliseo Treto Jr.  
325/392-9111 or 325/392-5263  
Tire sells, towing, lock-outs, battery replacement, jump starts, trailer repair, oil changes, car washes, flats, minor brake, ball joint, starters, alternator repairs

**Collectables**

904 Avenue E  
Ozona, TX 76943  
Kathy Gallarzo  
325/259-3057 or 915/204-7196  
Fine art, furniture, home accessories, gifts, floral arrangements, piñata's for all occasions, Mexican candy, custom drapery, pottery, dishes, throw rugs, Flooring. Gift registry, lay-away, gift certificates  
Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm  
Saturday 10am-2pm

**Attention Chamber Members:**

Having a sale? Offering after holiday discounts? Do you have a new product, service or new hours you would like to introduce?

As an added Chamber member benefit, the 'Chamber Dialogue' is an ideal vehicle to gain additional exposure to local residents and businesses.

Simply drop off or e-mail your flyer to the Chamber office by the first of each month.

It will be mailed along with the newsletter to all Chamber members.

Extras will be distributed to visitors to the Chamber office.

**Other Benefits**

-Use the Chamber web site as a resource to locate needed services. Refer your fellow Chamber members.

--**Need to be reminded about an event:** Go to [www.ozona.com](http://www.ozona.com), on the home page, click on Events Calendar, select an event, and then you will have the option to Set A Reminder. You will receive an e-mail reminder about the event and can even choose how many days in advance you need to be reminded.

**-Chamber Master Benefits-the Chamber has purchased a new software that integrates with our web site that allows you, the member, to:**

- Update your member information.
- Edit your member information.
- Post your business events, job openings or hot deals on our web site.
- RSVP for Chamber activities.

Want to take advantage of your member benefits? Call our office for your Chamber Master login and password.

**Make the most out of your membership investment!**



**State Representative Harvey Hilderbran  
Visit to Ozona**

**By Melissa Perner  
Ozona Stockman**

Helping rural communities and maintaining a strong Texas economy were some of the issues State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, addressed during his stop in Ozona. Hilderbran spoke at a luncheon held June 11 at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

Recreation and tourism were two areas Hilderbran said is one of the big “drawing focuses” of rural communities.

The Escondido Draw Recreational Area off-road vehicle park in Crockett County is one of the projects Hilderbran said his office has helped in getting off the ground.

“I was surprised when I heard it was not further along. I’m glad now that we are able to help it get moving along,” Hilderbran said.

Tony Eeds, president of the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition that is overseeing the work at the park, said they plan on opening the park soon.

Hilderbran’s district covers 15 counties, with Kerrville being the largest city.

“The key to preserving Texas’ future is to preserve rural Texas,” he said.

“I have to have a lot of broad interests being a representative in a big district with rural communities in it,” he said.

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**Where do Ozona visitors come from?**

<b>Walk-In Visitors:</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>% Change</b>
January	513	290	77%
February	460	282	63%
March	815	374	118%
April	651	357	82%
May	764	540	42%
June	651	747	-13%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3854</b>	<b>2590</b>	<b>61.5%</b>

	<b>2009</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>Other States</b>	<b>Foreign</b>
Jan	5.9	40.0	48.1	6.0	
Feb	4.1	28.3	58.7	8.9	
Mar	2.2	46.6	46.1	5.0	
Apr	5.7	39.3	49.8	5.2	
May	3.9	57.2	30.9	8.0	
June	5.8	43.9	43.2	7.1	

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The stronghold of the Texas economy was also discussed. Hilderbran echoed recent visitor, Comptroller Susan Combs, when he said that Texas is the leading economy in the country.

He said that more businesses are coming into the state, but that it doesn't mean the state hasn't had challenges with the drop in oil and gas.

"It is coming back up," he said about the oil and gas industry. "This industry is a big asset for us, along with wind and solar. With us having wind and solar, Texas can be an energy leader for years in the future."

As a member of the ways and means committee this legislative session, Hilderbran spoke on the \$182 billion budget passed as the session ended on June 1. The budget has a \$2 billion surplus and leaves \$9 billion in the Rainy Day Fund a savings account that may be desperately needed when Texas legislators convene again for a regular session in 2011.

"If the economic woes get extended, then that could cause some great challenges," he said.

The budget also includes \$12.1 billion in federal stimulus money, which has been earmarked for items that are "one-time expenditures."

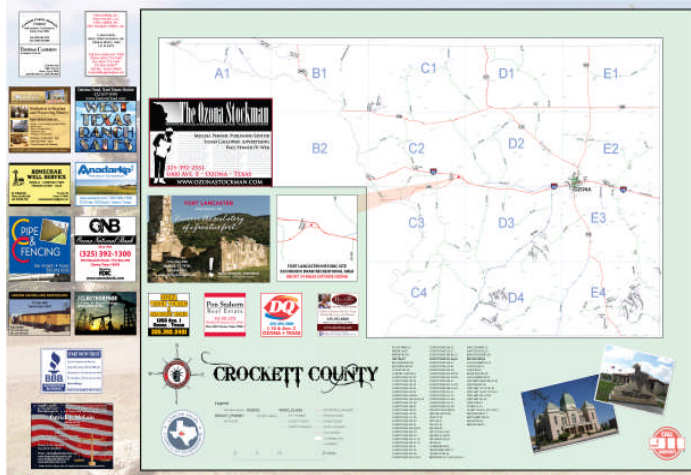
One item the state did not accept in federal money was for unemployment insurance, which Gov. Rick Perry has spoken out against.

"We could have taken more federal money but a lot of it had strings attached," Hilderbran said.

Unlike other states, where money is tight and budgets are in trouble, Texas moved through its legislative session without major budget hurdles, where states like California, Florida, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and Illinois, had to take in more stimulus money, raise taxes and ended with big deficits.

The legislature also amended the small business tax. Under current law, companies with less than \$300,000 in annual revenue are exempt from paying the tax. Now those making up to \$1 million would be exempt, at least initially. The tax cut is estimated to be \$172 million over the coming two years.

After two years, the number is expected to go back down to \$600,000, Hilderbran said.



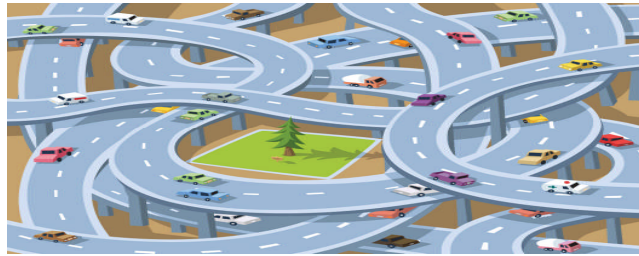
### Chamber completes new Crockett County map project

Members were contacted a few weeks ago by Liberty Marketing about purchasing an ad to be placed on the new "full color" Crockett County maps. If you are an advertiser you will receive 50-200 maps depending on the ad size you purchased.

Look to receive the maps in the next 2-3 weeks. Maps will also be shipped to the Chamber of Commerce office to be distributed to visitors. The map will be posted at [www.libertymapads.com](http://www.libertymapads.com) until a new Crockett County map is produced. It will also be available to view at the Chamber web site at [www.ozona.com](http://www.ozona.com).

**They look great!**

**Where do Ozona visitors come from-  
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**Top 5 States Visiting Ozona**

California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Washington

**Top 5 Texas Cities Visiting Ozona**

Houston, San Antonio, El Paso, Austin, Midland

**Top Foreign Countries visiting**

Canada, Japan, Germany, Mexico Australia

**Top 5 Requested Items / Services**

Restaurants, lodging, brochures, directions, &  
Maps

**Busiest Day of Week**

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jan	fri	sat	mon	wed	thur	tues
Feb	fri	wed	tues	thur	mon	sat
Mar	fri	mon	sat	tues	wed	thur
Apr	thur	mon	fri	wed	sat	tues
May	fri	mon	tues	thurs	sat	wed
June	fri	weds	mon	tues	sat	thurs

**Traveling**

East: 1644    West: 914    North: 132    South: 118

**Time of Day Visited**

	9am-12pm	12pm-closing
Jan	168	345= 513
Feb	175	285= 460
Mar	567	248= 815
Apr	229	422= 651
May	223	541= 764
June	276	375= 651

**Monthly Ranking-Months with the most visitors**

	2009	2008
March	1	6
May	2	5
April	3	9
June	3	2
January	4	11
February	5	12