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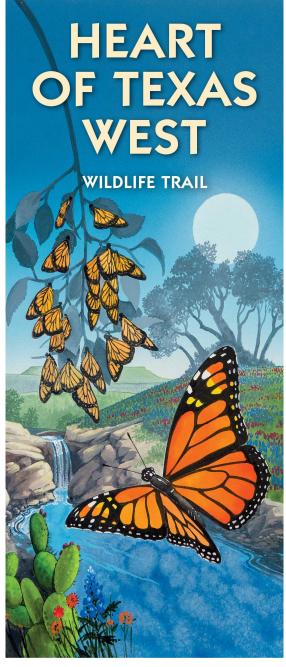


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Ozona is on the Map

On October 15th the Ozona Chamber of Commerce hosted the celebration and launch of the new Heart of Texas West Wildlife Trail driving map published by Texas Parks & Wildlife (TPWD). One of nine in the Great Texas Wildlife Trails Program, these wildlife and birding maps will guide travelers to the best nature viewing spots in the state.

The Heart of Texas West Map stretches north from San Angelo down south to Del Rio, west from Ozona and east into the Texas Hill Country. Included in the map are 115 sites and 12 separate loops, or trails, each of which encompasses an array of wildlife, nature and birding sites. The map furnishes information about trail locations, detailed instructions on how to reach each site and GPS coordinates where available.

"We have been working with local and area attractions as well as TPWD for several years now to insure that the new map includes our county. There were no attractions in Crockett County on the previous map. Now included is the Crockett County Interpretive Trail (located across the parking lot from the Visitor Center), Fort Lancaster Historic Site, Escondido Draw Recreation Area, Twistflower and Jarrett Juno ranches," said Shanon Biggerstaff, President of the Chamber.

Followed by a welcome given by County Judge Fred Deaton, Shelly Plante, Nature Tourism Manager with TPWD, shared with guests the program, new maps, and new highway signs that will now be posted in Crockett County.

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Along with the unveiling of the map, there were fourteen local and regional attractions on-hand to talk to residents about the sites to visit in the area. The Caverns of Sonora, the Eaton Hill Nature Center and Sonora Historic Society were present. Also the Devil's Sinkhole from Rocksprings, the Hummer House from Christoval, the X-Bar Ranch from Eldorado, and representatives of the Texas Pecos Trail, and the Texas Camel Corp. were present.

Over 400 local school children and residents stopped by the Visitor Center to view the map, learn about area attractions and to see camels Richard and Jadid.

The new maps are available at the Ozona Visitor Center and on the Texas Parks & Wildlife web site. Over 400,000 of these maps are distributed a year.













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4H Works in Interpretive Trail

As part of their community service, Kailey Roberts, FCS County Extension Agent, brought the 4-H kids over to the Visitor Center and Crockett County Interpretive Trail to put in some volunteer hours on Saturday, October 15th.

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce thanks them for spending the morning clearing the walking trail of weeds and debris. They did a super job!





Happy Anniversary

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

Fred Chandler-1996 **Key Energy Services-1997 Mesa Land Services-1999 Dollar General-2006** Millspaugh Ranch Company-2011 **Snowflake Donut & Kolache Shop-2011 Encino RV Park-2012** L & S Partners-2012 Southridge RV Park-2012 **Total Office Solutions of West Texas-2013 Rusty Gold on the Square-2013** Parties to Go-2013 **Kerbow Funeral Home-2013 Bunger Real Estate-2014** G & H Oil & Lube-2014 **House of Flowers-2014**



Who walked into the Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center in September

Visitor Center

-Walk-in traffic into the Visitor Center for the month-167 people -Where are they from? Texas visitors-153, Out of State-74, Local-79, Foreign-43 -Year to date traffic into the Visitor Center is 3,635 visitors

-Top states visiting Ozona for the month-CA, AZ, NM, OH, TN

-Top cities visiting Ozona for the month-San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, El Paso, Alpine

-Year to date Chamber related inquiries 28%, Tourism related 72%

-Week days in order of the busiest for the month-Tuesday, Thursday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Monday

-Top Requested Items-Oil Show, Maps, Restaurants, Interpretive Trail, Hotel Coupons, History Advertising

-Year-to-date the Chamber has filled, in response to our advertising, 14,295 requests for information on Ozona. An additional 3,047 brochures have been handed out to walk-in visitors and mailed to state wide Travel Centers.

What Services are sought on the www.Ozona.com web page

For the month of September, at www.Ozona.com, there were 1,179 business directory searches, 141 Hot Deal searches and 273 actual hits, 141 job searches, and 2,017 actual *member page hits*! These are people looking for YOUR services!

Following are the members that received 20 or more page hits:

Devon Energy-51 Ozona Cable & Broadband-48 OTTER-33 Barnhart Shaw's General Repair-35 Pon Seahorn Real Estate-59 Ozona Flour Mill & Goods-70 Wool Growers Central Storage-28 Chamber of Commerce-36 Venegas Construction, LLC-43 Super 8 Motel & RV Park-27 Family Health Center of Ozona-27 Crockett County Water Dept-24 **Ozona Mercantile-28** Sonic-26 Dollar General-25 The General Store-34 Will M. Black Real Estate-34

KYXX Ozona 94.3 FM Real Country-22 Knox Floor Covering-20 L & B Automotive-22 Triple C Hardware-21 Dublin Ranch, LLC-20



Chamber Dialogue What is Ozona.com doing for our members and the community? For the month of **September 2015**, Ozona.com had 3,102 sessions: 2,409 new 693 returning. Of these 3,102 sessions, there were 5,838 page views – of these 4,753 were unique (1st time views) The 3,102 sessions were from 44 countries and 2,958 sessions were from US. **Top 5 Texas Cities: Top 5 States:** 2,368 Houston Texas 345 California 97 Dallas 335 48 Brownwood Arizona 256 35 San Antonio Florida 221 Louisiana 34 Austin 130 **Top 20 Content Searches** 1. Home Page 97 1.095 11. Chamber of Commerce 79 2. Hunting Leases 1,037 12. Job Postings 3. Mobile Home Page 543 13. Membership Directory 71 4. Lodging 187 14. Location 69 5. Local Attractions 161 15. Search 68 16. Oil Show Details 6. Restaurants 138 66 7. Public Services 132 17. Oil Show 63 8. Interesting Facts 18. Contact Us 130 61 9. Events Calendar 121 19. Churches 61 10. County Officials 114 20. Hot Deals 58 **Chamber Master (Membership Directory Data Base) Business Directory Searches** 1,651 Hot Deal Hits 254 2,060 Hot Deal Searches 139 Member Page Hits Job Searches 103 Job Posting Hits 8 **Social Media Pages** Twitter Google+ Facebook 1,235 Search 39 Total Followers 1,707 Total Page Likes – Avg. 144 New Likes 0 Google+ Page Views **Pinterest** 144,697 Monthly Total Reach 72 Post Views **Total Followers** 9 9,819 People Engaged 1,140 Photo Views 0 Total Likes 52 Clicks to Website 116 Page Visits 2 Repins 22 Clicks for Driving Directions Impressions 639 Instagram 0 Clicks for Phone Calls 300 Users Reached 9 Total Followers 78 Total Likes Received **Top Searched Chamber Master Service Categories:** Oil & Gas Services 19 Catering 15 Internet 13 Feed Store **RV** Park 18 15 Painting 13 Remodeling Hunting Apparel 13 16 14 Repair 13 **Roadside Assistance** 16 Real Estate 14 AC/Heating 15