

The Oilette

A blue-tinted photograph of an oil pumpjack in a snowy field under a full moon. The pumpjack is the central focus, with its long arm extending upwards and to the right. The ground is covered in snow, and the sky is a deep blue with a large, bright full moon on the right side. The overall scene is industrial and serene.

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Ellie Gallagher, Editor

Educating Our Future

December 2024

Dear Members,

Where has the year gone? I can't believe we are heading into the Christmas holiday season! The year has flown by for me. I am amazed at how much our club has learned this year. I am also grateful for our new members and the opportunity to be your President in 2024. My sincere, heartfelt thanks goes out to the Board, committee chairmen and each member for the support and encouragement that has been given to me. You are all outstanding!

The future of our club is assured with the wonderful new 2025 Board of Directors. Cindy Garrison, President; Kelly Barajas, Vice President; Patti Stacy, Secretary; Lori Gomez, Treasurer; Gwen Burke and Justin McClelland, Directors and Jackie Hewett, Immediate Past President.

Now that we have our 2025 Board, we need the rest of our members to help with continued participation in the club. Our new President will be seeking Committee Chairs and members for committees. She needs all these committee positions filled to make our club work!

The next membership meeting is December 17th at the Roswell Elks Lodge at 12:00 noon. We will not have a speaker as this is our Officer Installation. Wendy Northcutt will be installing the 2025 Officers. Don't forget to RSVP to Patti Stacy if you are attending or not attending.

Our Secret Santa end of the year gift exchange will happen at our December meeting! Remember to bring your wrapped gift for the gift exchange game (\$20 limit). It will be such a fun end of the year Christmas party!

Words cannot express my deep appreciation for each member. My year as President has been deeply rewarding. To everyone that has sent me a note of encouragement or given me your support; thank you from the bottom of my heart! It has been my honor and pleasure to represent the Roswell Club and the fine group of people that are our members. I have enjoyed myself and learned so much. Thank you for the privilege.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May the joy of the season be with you all year long!

Jackie Hewett
2024 President

All successful people men and women are big dreamers. They imagine what their future could be, ideal in every respect, and then they work every day toward their distant vision, that goal or purpose.

Brian Tracy

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My President's report given at ADDC Convention:



We've had a good year. The ADDC board meets monthly via Zoom, and we discuss financials, things going on in the regions and new and old business. A few of the first things we discussed and approved were deadlines for Club and Region Bylaw review, 2025 ADDC Board nominees, Charity Rising contract and the operating budget. This was the year of the form updates. We approved the Bylaw Amendment Forms, EAB form and most recently the new Program Form.

This year has been everything I had hoped it would be. Thought provoking discussions. Assuming some issues would be a big discussion, and they weren't...Or things I thought would be a given...were not. Building new relationships personally and professionally within this organization and strengthening old ones. Balancing my big-picture thinking with attention to detail has been challenging and welcomed. I have learned more about this organization than I ever thought possible, and I hope that I have also taught people about this organization and our industry. I loved learning about Robert's Rules and Parliamentary procedures.

Finally, I feel this year has helped me grow as a leader in all aspects of my life. I can say that I have genuinely enjoyed this year more than I ever could have imagined and honestly more than I ever expected! I will forever be grateful to you for allowing me to be your 2024 ADDC President.

Much love,

Wendy

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Dear West Region Members:

As we close out the year, I reflect on all that has transpired in my tenure as West Region Director. I am so grateful for the opportunity that you all afforded me to be your representative on the ADDC Board and hope that I proved to be a constructive voice of your needs and wishes.

Our Region's clubs and members have had both struggles and successes this year. I am humbled to see how each of your club's members support one another and hope that you continue to discover ways to brighten each other's lives.

A few last informational items and reminders:

The Ad Hoc Committee should be releasing their findings and recommendations for proposed amendments regarding the restructuring proposal they were tasked with. As we look forward to next year, I encourage you to brainstorm within your clubs any proposed amendments you might submit to the Rules committee in February.

Speaking of committees, please consider serving as a Region Representative or even an Association Chair for one of the many committees. If you are interested, please be sure to let Wanda know. Many hands make for lighter work.

January 15th will be the deadline for submitting entries for the A.I.M.E.E. contest. It would be wonderful to have entries from each club, so get a head start if you can and start making your choices for your submittals now. Remember, you don't have to submit an entry for each category, you can do as few as one!

Also, as club elections are finalized, please be sure to send your New Club Officer Form, ADO-31, to myself (Heather.Woods@WhiptailMidstream.com), Wanda Guenther (WCGuenther@Gmail.com), and to ADO (ADO@ADDC.org).

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Region Director and I hope that 2025 brings many great things to our organization.

**Sincerely,
 Heather Woods**



PETROLEUM PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES

'Tis the season to deck the halls with jingle bells and Christmas trees. Artificial trees are a part of Christmas in homes around the globe, and they come in many shapes and sizes; some come with lights already attached and some even come with the appearance of a fresh dusting of snow.

In America, the first Christmas trees were much different from what we are used to seeing today. They were smaller and often displayed in the center of a room on a table. Decorations included berries, cotton, cookies and more. They were lit by candles (a petroleum derivative), but only for short amounts of time to avoid fires.

Early artificial Christmas trees appeared in 19th century Germany and were made from goose feathers that were dyed green. These feather trees soon became popular in America, but were preceded by a wooden tree-shaped structure adorned with branches and candles. These were developed in Bethlehem, PA in the mid-1700s.

Man-made ornaments became popular in the late 1800s and were often advertised as a time-saving way to decorate. Today, artificial trees are made from a variety of materials including aluminum and plastic.

Environmental Impact

There's been a lot of back-and-forth on this for years. Some people believe that cutting down a real tree harms the environment, since you're actually removing the trees from said environment, and others believe that artificial trees are harmful because they cannot be recycled. However, a study in 2010 stated that, as long as an artificial tree is used for at least 4 years, its harm on the environment is less than that of cutting down a fresh tree each year.

Petroleum

And here it is. Petroleum plays a major part in your Artificial Christmas Tree. Today, the most common type of artificial tree is made of PVC, which is made from petroleum! These trees are fire-retardant and even come in a variety of shapes and colors. Treetopia produces a very unique rainbow tree, pastel trees and even black and white trees.

Lubricants

If you want to make assembling your artificial tree easier, you might want to consider involving lubricants in the process. You can apply a thin layer of lubricant to the end of each piece's pole to make assembling and dismantling your tree a little easier.

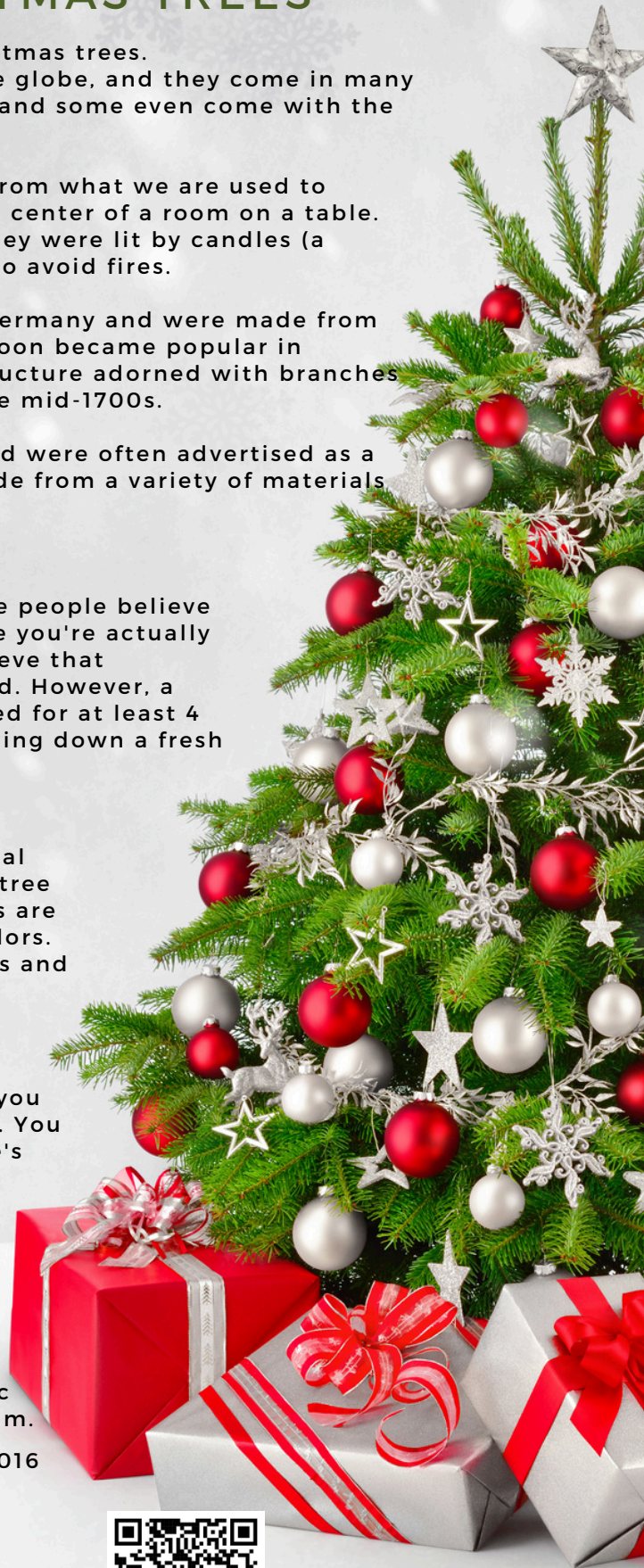
Decorations

There's plastic in a lot of other pieces you use to decorate for the holiday as well. If it's plastic, it's made from petroleum. Do you decorate your front yard with glowing, plastic nativity scenes? Petroleum. How about those plastic candy canes to light up a path to your front door? Petroleum.

-Excerpts from Petroleum Service Company from Dec. 2, 2016



HO HO HO!!
See here how those big beautiful
department store and town square
trees are made!



Oil Boom Brings First Hilton Hotel

Conrad Hilton saw a line of roughnecks waiting outside a Texas hotel – and recognized an opportunity.

-American Oil and Gas Historical Society

Hilton Hotels began in 1919 after Conrad Hilton witnessed a crowd of roughnecks waiting in front of a small hotel in Cisco, Texas. He had intended to buy a bank in the booming Ranger oilfield. “He can keep his bank!” declared the businessman before buying the Mobley Hotel.

On October 17, 1917, the McCleskey No. 1 well hit an oil-bearing sand at 3,432 feet deep and launched the world-famous Ranger oilfield boom. Thanks to this “Roaring Ranger,” in just 20 months the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company – whose stock had skyrocketed from \$30 to \$1,250 a share – was drilling 22 wells in the area.

Eight Eastland County refineries were soon open or under construction, and Ranger’s four banks added \$5 million in deposits. The Ranger oilfield and other nearby North Texas discoveries gained international fame by eliminating critical oil shortages during World War I – allowing the Allies to “float to victory on a wave of oil.”

Investment capital and aspiring millionaires soon overwhelmed the little town of Ranger as well as nearby Cisco, where the Texas Central Railroad crossed the Texas & Pacific. The new Texas oilfield gave birth to countless stories of fortunes made with gushers and good luck. But one tale endures of a fortune made because oil was easier to find than a good place to sleep.

Conrad Hilton learned the banking business in his hometown of San Antonio, New Mexico (still a territory when he was born there in 1887). As a young man with only \$2,900 capital, he founded the New Mexico State Bank of San Antonio. His tenacity in pursuit of investors and deposits paid off. In two years, Hilton built his bank’s assets to \$135,000. He believed he had found his life’s work. World War I interrupted his plans, prompting Hilton to sell his bank and serve his country.

Upon returning from France after the Armistice, Hilton began anew. He set out for Albuquerque, determined to start again in the banking business. But times had changed and banking opportunities had dried up. Despite Hilton’s best efforts, he couldn’t break back into the business. Then a longtime Albuquerque friend, Emmett Vaughey, suggested Texas, where the Ranger oilfield was making millionaires. Persuaded and confident, Hilton boarded the train bound for Wichita Falls. However, just as Hilton had discovered in Albuquerque, there was no room for a “new guy” in the solidly locked-up banking community of Wichita Falls. The same was true even further south, in Breckenridge.

Disappointed but determined, Hilton continued down the Texas Central Railroad to the Cisco railway station, just east of Ranger’s booming oilfield in Eastland County. He was 31 years old and determined to build a banking empire. With \$5,011 in his pockets, Hilton walked to the first bank he saw in Cisco and found to his delight that it was for sale – asking price – \$75,000. Accustomed to finding financial backers and undeterred by the \$70,000 shortfall, he wired the absentee Kansas City owner to close the deal. Conrad Hilton was poised to build the banking empire he had long dreamed of when the Cisco bank seller sent him a telegram tersely raising the sale price to \$80,000.

In his autobiography, *Be My Guest*, Conrad Hilton recalled telling the startled telegraph operator, “He can keep his bank! Then I strode out of the station and across the street to a two-story red brick building boasting itself as the ‘Mobley Hotel.’” Henry Mobley, the hotel’s owner, was making the most he could off of the Ranger oilfield boom. His lobby was constantly packed with tired workers, maneuvering for space and impatiently awaiting their turn to rent a room. Mobley rented the hotel’s 40 beds in eight-hour blocks corresponding to shifts.

The Mobley Hotel, purchased by Conrad Hilton in 1919, today serves as a community center – and tourist attraction. Hilton joined the crowd in line, suddenly alert to an unanticipated opportunity. He approached Henry Mobley, who was convinced that the real money was in oil, not in the “glorified boarding house” business. Before long, they closed a \$40,000 deal and Conrad Hilton had his first hotel. He would never return to banking.



Conrad Hilton visited Cisco, Texas, intending to buy a bank. When the deal fell through, he went from the train station across the street to a two-story red brick building called the Mobley Hotel. He noticed roughnecks from the Ranger oilfield waiting in line for a room.

See QR code at right for the rest of the Hilton story as well as a crazy “Bad Santa” story that happened in Cisco around the same time period that Hilton was there.





DECEMBER

Congratulations 2025 Board!

President - Cindy Garrison
Vice Pres - Kelly Barajas
Secretary - Patti Stacy
Treasurer - Lori Gomez
Directors - Gwen Burke
Justin McClelland
Immediate Past Pres - Jackie Hewett

December Member Meeting
and Joint Board Meeting.

Tuesday, December 17
Noon

Elk's Lodge

Menu: Santa Fe Chicken

Program: Board Installation
by Wendy Northcutt

Bring a wrapped gift
(\$20 limit) if you want to
participate in the
gift exchange

Merry Christmas!



Happy Birthday!!



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Eric
Neria



8
Wendy
Northcutt



14
Lori
Gomez



24
Jackie
Hewett



26
Anna
Carreon



31
Nancy
Jones



Around Town



Roswell Community Little Theatre
1717 S. Union



NOW and THEN

January
10, 11, 12, 17, 18 & 19
Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30pm Sundays at 2:30pm

"Facing the cost of the choices we make, and the people who make them with us."

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THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS
Christmas in Downtown Roswell

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6
12 P.M. - 7 P.M.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7
10 A.M. - 9 P.M.
CHAVES CO. COURTHOUSE

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OVER 40 VENDORS!

10-4PM
DECEMBER 14TH
ROSWELL MALL

FROM THE CREATORS OF THE ROSWELL CHRISTMAS RAILWAY
A NEW EXPERIENCE COMING TO DOWNTOWN ROSWELL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

BRICKTOWN Christmas



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Roswell Symphony Orchestra

AMAHL & THE NIGHT VISITORS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2024
2:30 PM

Christmas Classics

IN A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CLASSICS EVENT, THE RSO AND WAY WAY OFF BROADWAY PRESENT MENOTTI'S AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS.

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Small text: Roswell Community Little Theatre