

Police Dispatch

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Dec. 25

Theft - A jewelry box was reported stolen from a hotel room in the 400 block of Lubbock Road.

Dec. 24

Theft - Some Christmas lights were reported stolen from a residence in the 1200 block of East Buckley Street.

A male suspect reportedly stole a 30-pack of beer from a convenience store in the 1400 block of Tahoka Road.

Some tools were reported stolen from a local business.

Warrant/theft - A 35-year-old man was arrested for a *capias pro fine* warrant during an investigation of a shoplifting complaint at 6:10 p.m. from a store in the 200 block of South First Street. The suspect was issued a criminal-trespass order from returning to the store.

Marijuana, criminal mischief - A 31-year-old man was arrested at 12:51 a.m. in the 500 block of North Avenue A for criminal mischief and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Criminal mischief - Suspects reportedly damaged some property in the 700 block of East Bynum Lane.

Burglary - Suspects reportedly broke into a trailer in the 1100 block of Seagraves Road and stole a television, a gun and some other property.

Dec. 23

Assault - A male victim was reportedly assaulted by another man in the 900 block of North Avenue A.

Criminal trespass - A 37-year-old woman was arrested for criminal trespass at 6:51 p.m. in the 1500 block of Lubbock Road.

Evidence tampering - Varden Martinez, 23, was arrested at 3:47 p.m. during a traffic stop in the 200 block of East Felt Street for new charges of felony evidence-tampering and possession of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 3 and for an outstanding warrant for evading arrest. Reports indicate that Martinez was caught with prescription pills for which he did not have a prescription, and that when officers informed him of his arrest warrant he quickly consumed a small bag of contraband.

Dec. 21

Warrant - A 28-year-old man was arrested at 9:04 a.m. in the 1300 block of East Lons Street for an outstanding *capias pro fine* warrant.

A 50-year-old man was arrested at 7:31 p.m. in the 1400 block of Tahoka Road for *capias pro fine* warrant.

DWLI - A 30-year-old woman was arrested at 8:58 a.m. in the 400 block of North Ballard Street on an enhanced charge of driving with license invalid.

Theft - Carol Laughlin, 50, was arrested at 8:09 p.m. during a traffic stop in the 500 block of Tahoka Road for two Lubbock-based felony warrants for theft of property valued between \$20,000 and \$100,000.

Dec. 20

Fire - Officers assisted the fire department extinguish a house fire in the 400 block of West Lake Street.

Forgery, theft - Julian Salgado, 34, was arrested at 4:03 p.m. during a traffic stop in the 700 block of South Avenue D for outstanding felony warrants for forgery from Andrews and Ector County and theft from Midland.

Theft - Two juvenile suspects were caught stealing makeup at 8:24 p.m. from a store in the 200 block of South First Street.

A male suspect was caught stealing tip money from a night club in the 400 block of North First Street.

Dec. 19

Theft - Some sheet metal was reported stolen from the 1300 block of West McNeil Street.

Dec. 18

Assault - A 23-year-old man was arrested on an outstanding warrant for assault causing bodily injury at 8:24 a.m. during an investigation of a minor traffic accident in the 1100 block of Lubbock Road.

Criminal mischief - Suspects reported damaged the nativity scene outside the museum in the 600 block of East Cardwell Street.

Dec. 17

Theft/fraud - Officers investigated a report of a purse stolen from a fast-food restaurant in the 300 block of Lubbock Road and a debit card it contained used without authorization.

Burglary - Suspects reportedly broke into a residence in the 1300 block of North Eighth Street.

Texas A&M Forest Service issues safety tips for holiday season

COLLEGE STATION -- Conditions could line up for an active winter wildfire season in some parts of the state, and Texas A&M Forest Service officials are urging residents to take precautions.

The agency has identified an "area of concern" where large wildfires could occur this winter if conditions are right. The area includes everything north of a line from Fort Stockton along I-10 to San Antonio, north to Austin, northeast to Tyler and east along I-20 to the state line. That region didn't get enough rainfall this year to eliminate drought but did get enough to increase grass growth.

Low humidity, dry conditions and high winds can cause fire to spread rapidly, said Justice Jones, Wildland Urban Interface coordinator for Texas A&M Forest Service. Although there are particular areas of concern, fires can occur anywhere in the state, and residents should remain cautious.

"Any time the state experiences dry periods with strong, gusty winds, the threat of wildfire will increase and extra caution is encouraged to avoid devastating wildfires," Jones said.

Several precautions are suggested for the holiday season:

- Check for and obey burn bans and fireworks restrictions.
- When and where outdoor burning is allowed, keep the fire small, never leave it unattended and remove flammable leaves and other materials from the area surrounding the fire. Avoid lighting piles on windy days.
- Keep water nearby in case a fire starts. A spark or burning ember can ignite dry, fine-textured fuels like grass and weeds.
- Read and follow label instructions on how to properly discharge fireworks.
- Use fireworks with close adult supervision and only in areas clear of dry vegetation.
- Avoid using fireworks, particularly aerial varieties, around buildings. Wind can carry hot fireworks onto roofs where leaves or other flammable debris may have accumulated.
- Remove your natural Christmas tree soon after the holidays and consider community tree recycling projects. Christmas trees can be ground up for mulch or provide shelter for birds and other wildlife.
- Dispose of wrapping paper, boxes and other holiday waste by recycling, when practical. Burn paper and cardboard in a burn barrel or other fire-proof receptacle topped by a metal screen or grill, as winds can carry embers over long distances.



This photo of the West Ward Elementary School 3rd grade class of 1924 was submitted by reader A.C. Oliver after he read the story about construction crews unearthing the foundation of the long-gone school house. Mr. Oliver's older sister Jewel is pictured in the class along with their teacher, Mrs. O. W. Fagala. A partial list of student names provided with the picture include (front row) Sidney Wheeler, Kyle Adams, Irene Jeter, Mary Handley Endersen, Ray Brownfield and R.L. Bandy. Also, (second row) Earlene Lauderdale, Carl Jeter and Mary Jo Neal. Continuing, (third row) Durwood Lovelace, Woodrow Chambliss, Ruby Johnson and Jewel Oliver. Finally, (fourth row) Fred Jeter, Ehvene Sleigh and Gertie Goodpasture.

News Briefs

City Council - Brownfield City Council will meet at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 2 at City Hall.

Commissioners - Terry County Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7 at City Hall.

Stock show - The Terry County Stock Show will be held Friday and Saturday,

Jan. 11-12 at the county show barn.

Art meeting - The Brownfield Art Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14 at their headquarters, 1301 W. Main St., with a porcelain art demonstration by Carol Stokes. New and potential members are invited to attend.

Radio fans - If you are interested in joining an antique radio club, contact Stan Baker at 559-4679.

GED classes - Brownfield Independent School District offers GED classes from 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the middle school. For more information call 637-2591.

To register for daytime GED classes, contact Ginger

Stuart at 637-4234 or visit Workforce Solutions, 1321 B Tahoka Rd. Classes meet from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Readers - The *Brownfield News* will try to publish information about upcoming non-profit events that are open to the community. Call Josie with news tips at 637-4535 or email josie@brownfieldonline.com.

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2 FREE Ticket
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Drawing ends Saturday, January 12 and winners will be notified by phone that evening. Must be 18 and over and a US citizen to register. *Geba's employees and immediate families are not eligible to enter.

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