Sheriff announces Dec. report

The Terry County Sheriff's Office cleared a reported offense in December of evading arrest or detention, but is continuing to investigate three misdemeanor theft cases and felony cases of unauthorized use of a vehicle, burglary of a vehicle and burglary of a habitation.

Sheriff Larry Gilbreath presented the monthly report to commissioners on Monday morning and began to present the more-detailed 2012 summary, until County Attorney Jo'Shae Ferguson-Worley interjected that the meeting's agenda listed only "Discuss monthly report" and did not mention an annual report. Gilbreath responded, "I thought it was on there," and agreed to return with the annual report to a future meeting in which it was correctly listed on the agenda.

The total value of property reported stolen in December was estimated at $28,218, none of which has yet been recovered. That month's report also indicated the department received 123 total calls, including three emergencies, three misdials and 117 other nonemergencies.

The sheriff's office served 17 of 19 civil papers they received in December from Terry County and 17 of 19 from other counties, while the other two were returned. Deputies served all 30 subpoenas they received locally and one subpoena they received from another county.

Deputies served all 23 warrants they received from Terry County agencies, including 10 for Justice of the Peace, 12 for County Court and one for District Court. Ten local warrants remained outstanding as of Dec. 31 and none were returned. They received no warrants in December from other counties.

Deputies made a combined total of 11 arrests in December from their own cases and on warrants from other law-enforcement agencies such as the Brownfield Police Department, including one each for assault causing bodily injury, capias pro fine warrant, driving while intoxicated, engaging in organized criminal activity, failure to keep child in school, indecency with a child, minor in possession or consumption of alcohol, motion of surety, resisting arrest, theft of property valued between $50 and $500 and truancy.

The Terry County Jail had an average daily population of 57 inmates in December.

An average of 33 local inmates stayed at the jail each day that month, as did 15 from Hockley County and nine federal inmates.

Two prisoners - both male - were transferred last month to various facilities of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice prison system.

The jail's total income for the year was $385,334, the majority of which was from other counties and federal agencies with whom Terry County contracted to house prisoners.

Office and jail expenses totaled $25,404 in December. That amount included $15,876 for groceries, $4,542 for utilities, $3,676 for medical expenses and $1,1152 for other jail expenses. The jail served 5,165 meals last month at an average cost of $3.08 each.

Officers' travel expenses totaled $5,314 for the month, most of which was for fuel. They drove 1,211 total miles while transferring a total of 12 inmates to and from facilities in Lubbock, Levelland, Breckenridge and Odessa.

News Briefs

Softball Coaches Needed - Are you interested in coaching Girls Softball. Sign-up at the Alamo Event Center, Saturday, February 9 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. or Friday, February 15 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Season play starts in May. Contact Ben Carreon at 806-891-0956 or JoAnna at 806-448-8954 for more information.

Basketball fans - Like what you see in the *Brownfield News*' "Hoop it Up" page? Call Brian or Josie at 637-4535 to order color photos in any size.

Readers - Do you know a happy, inspirational couple or a couple who met in an interesting manner? If so, call Josie at 637-4535 or 559-4283 to arrange an interview for our upcoming Valentines Day issue.

Boys and Girls Club - The Boys and Girls Club of Brownfield's board of directors will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 in the Alamo Building.

Water workshop - The South Plains Underground Water Conservation District will host a Water Issues Workshop from 9-11:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 in the board room of the school administration building, 601 Tahoka Rd. Topics will include trends in center pivot and well inventory, water policy issues in Texas and a history of water and irrigation in Terry County.

PTO - Oak Grove Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Organization will have a guest presentation about bullying during the next meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 in the school cafeteria. The public is invited. Enter campus through the back door.

Retired Teachers - The Terry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Platinum H Steakhouse, 1316 Tahoka Rd. Emergency Management Coordinator Mitch McElroy will provide a guest presentation about disaster preparation.

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Pastor - Plutarco Garcia

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1600 East Hester
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220 West Tate St
Brownfield, Texas

No Need to Fear

by Daphne Delay

When you imagine God on His throne, what do you see?

I know that whatever I try to picture in my mind, it will not do it justice. The throne of God must be magnificent, awe-inspiring, and yet cause me to tremble at the same time. I imagine God dressed in a royal robe with a crown on His head and a scepter in His hand.

A scepter is a rod or wand in the hand of royalty as a sign of their imperial power. You may remember from the story of Esther, how the king held out a golden scepter toward her to indicate his approval for her to enter (Esther 4:11, 5:2).

This is an excellent picture for us. The Bible says, "Your throne, O God is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom" (Psalm 45:6).

In other words, God's sign of royal power and authority is righteousness. It is the scepter of His kingdom.

In the same way Esther entered the king's courtroom and found favor, we too will be accepted by the King when we enter with righteousness. "[For] even the righteousness of God [His royal power and authority] is through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference" (Romans 3:22).

The New Living Translation says, "We are made right in God's sight [given righteousness] when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we've done." If we enter the inner court with righteousness (because of our faith in Christ), we have nothing to fear. God will not reject us.

In fact, the Bible says, "So that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might REIGN THROUGH RIGHTEOUSNESS to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 5:21). Why does grace reign through righteousness? Because righteousness is God's scepter of royal power and authority, and He gives it to all who receive Jesus.

Esther feared for her life but soon had nothing to fear. Many Christians today live in a fearful relationship with God, but we don't have to. Yes, He is awe-inspiring and deserving of our reverence. Yet in His kindness and forbearance, "to demonstrate His righteousness" (Romans 3:25), He passed over our sins and accepted us.

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201 East Hill St
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