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WRECKED PICKUP IN 600 BLOCK OF NORTH BELL USED BY ESCAPEE

Escaped prisoner captured here

An escaped prisoner who stole a pickup Saturday morning in Vernon was captured in Iowa Park by local police.

John Thomas Carbaugh, 29, was taken into custody after crashing a pickup he had stolen. He was uninjured.

Carbaugh had been serving time in an Arizona prison, and was being transported by a private agency to Missouri for another court appearance.

At Vernon, the prisoner told his guard he needed to go to a restroom. His handcuffs were removed for that purpose.

While in the restroom, he reportedly filled his mouth with water.

When he exited, he spat the water into the face of his female guard, and ran.

Carbaugh is said to have knocked down an elderly man soon afterward, taking his car keys. However, he couldn't locate which vehicle the keys were to.

He continued running, entering a nearby feed store. In the back room he found the pickup, started it, and rammed his way through an overhead garage door.

The feed store owner enlisted a customer to help him follow the stolen pickup as it headed eastward on US 287.

Using a cellular telephone, the owner alerted the Department of

Public Safety of the situation, and an all-points bulletin was transmitted over area law enforcement radios.

Iowa Park police officer Jesse Frazier spotted the pickup at 7:47 a.m. on the access road between Third and Fourth Streets here, and notified two other officers who were on duty.

Frazier reported the pickup turned south on Third Street, traveling at an extremely high rate of speed.

The vehicle turned onto West Highway, and then eastward on Washington.

Officer Jimmy Eaton, heading the route of the pickup, was driving south on Pacific, and saw the vehicle cross in front of him.

Carbaugh continued eastward to Bell Road, then turned back north.

In the 600 block, he apparently tried to evade the pursuing officers by driving between two houses, and hiding the truck behind the newly-built residence of Peggy Thompson.

The truck crashed head-on into a pipe fence that is directly behind the

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Superintendent search continues this weekend

The list of finalists for Iowa Park's superintendent of schools has been narrowed down to three, and they will be interviewed again by school trustees this week.

The three final candidates are Michael L. Caplinger of Lubbock, Dr. John Mark Henry of Collinsville, and John Mark Bass of Stinnett.

Caplinger is former superintendent of Lubbock-Cooper ISD and now president of Davis Covenant Corp. Dr. Henry is superintendent of Collinsville ISD, and Jon Mark Bass is superintendent of Plemons-Stinnett-Phillips CISD.

Three called meetings have been scheduled for today, Friday, and Saturday, beginning at 6:30 each evening at Tom Burnett Memorial Library.

At 7 p.m., the board will go into a closed session to conduct follow-up interviews of the finalists.

Before going into closed session on Saturday, the trustees will approve or reject the sale of West Wichita County Education Cooperative office and approximately one acre of land to Holliday ISD, which is the fiscal agent for the Cooperative.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, the board members will visit the home district of the top two candidates. Then, on May 2, trustees will vote on their choice for superintendent.

Preceding their closed meeting to conduct interviews last Thursday, the board designated Keith Fisher to have the official signature on the deeds to the Valley View school property.

Police make 7 arrests

Seven arrests, besides the one of an escaped convict, were made during the past week by Iowa Park police.

Officers took Michael Maxwell, 24, into custody at 12:11 a.m. Friday in the 200 block of West Highway on a charge of public intoxication. He was released at 5:58 a.m. after signing a promise to appear in municipal court.

Michael Keesling Jr., 27, turned himself in at the police station, on an outstanding warrant issued locally.

The warrant had been issued for not paying a defective exhaust charge fine of \$116.50. He was released after signing a promise to appear in court, according to the police blotter.

Arrested at 1:18 a.m. Sunday in the 500 block of West Highway on a public intoxication charge was Gregg

Robert Walther, 24.

Walther was released at 7:01 a.m., after paying a \$132 fine.

A charge of failure to identify to a police officer was filed Sunday against Suzanne Lynn Richardson, 25, when she allegedly gave an officer a different name after being stopped at 12:16 p.m. in the 1400 block of Johnson Road.

Richardson, it was determined, her arrest out of Wichita Falls, for a traffic violation.

She was transported at 4:31 p.m. to the county jail to face both charges, according to the blotter entry.

Officers were summoned to the municipal court Tuesday morning, where a commitment order had been filed by the judge for Oscar Celerino

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City to sell surplus items

The city will offer nine surplus items for sealed bidding next month, aldermen decided Monday night.

The items range from five abandoned and unclaimed bicycles to a mobile street sweeper.

Administrator Mike Price suggested selling the items by sealed bids, rather than in an auction, and his proposal was accepted by the council.

Also on the sale list are a 1987 Ford Crown Victoria, 1979 Chevrolet three-quarter ton van, and a Savin brand copier machine.

The property will be put on display two weeks before the sale, on the east side of the water treatment plant.

Action on the sale was the only item on Monday's meeting agenda.

However, during general discussion, a fire-fighting pact with Cryovac, requirement of concrete rather than asphalt in a housing sub-

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Interest in election reflected in ballots

Interest in the May 4 city election is apparently picking up, according to the increase of early votes cast during the past week.

Early voting will continue until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, at city hall.

Voting almost doubled during the past week, and stood at 74 as of noon Wednesday. Only 28 votes had been cast during the first week.

Iowa Parkans are deciding who will be the new mayor and two of the aldermen.

Wayne House has decided not to seek re-election as mayor, and three candidates are in the running.

Two of the candidates have previous experience on the council. Tim Hunter held that position during

the late 1980s, and Bud Mercer, a long-time alderman, has thrown his hat into the ring. The third candidate is George Witherspoon.

Mercer's term as Place Two alderman is expiring, and candidates for that seat include Joe Ward, Terry Johnson and David Lee Ohm.

Also being vacated is Place 4 alderman, currently held by another former mayor, Johnny Crawford. He also is not seeking re-election.

Candidates wishing to fill Crawford's chair are Tim Rich, Ida Zimmerer and Joe Singer.

Singer is the only candidate with previous experience on the council, having served in the late 1960s.

For the first time in the history of

the school district, there will be no election held this year, because only the two incumbents whose terms are expiring had filed by deadline time.

A recent state ruling now allows political entities to not hold elections whenever none of the positions has drawn opposition.

Both incumbents, Keith Fisher and Randy Catlin, filed for re-election, but were unopposed.

Pool opening date set

Diane Eiben has been hired as manager of the Iowa Park Bicentennial Swimming Pool, and Debbie Lytle as assistant manager.

The decision was reached Monday by the combined committee representing the city and school.

Also decided at the meeting was the pool's opening date, which will be Saturday, May 25, as well as prices and rates for special activities.

Rates include: children two years of age and under, free, when accompanied by an adult; general admission, \$3; books of 10 tickets \$20, and books of 20 tickets \$35; family

memberships \$75; individual season membership \$35; day care fee \$15; two-hour party \$65 (one lifeguard), and \$80 (two lifeguards); and lessons \$20.

It was agreed to get prices on expanding the picnic area, and also to continue \$1 specials on Sundays and Wednesdays.

A new activity approved was the designating of Monday nights as High School Plunge Night.

The proposal was approved because a large number of high school students work and cannot swim during the day.



COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE DAY was held Friday at Bradford Elementary, sponsored by the Iowa Park Garden Club. The entire student body participated in a flag raising and planting of two Bradford Pears, as a memorial to the children who lost their lives a year earlier in the Murrah Federal Building bombing in Oklahoma City.

NEWS BRIEFS

Sunday's rain beat Saturday's

The shower Iowa Park received Sunday wasn't much, but as one resident said, "It sure beat what we

got Saturday."

Virgil Woodfin reported measuring .04 of an inch precipitation.