

Drivers suffer injuries in three recent vehicle accidents in county

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A unusual run of vehicular accidents in Scott County within less than a 24-hour period injured all of the drivers involved.

In each case, the vehicle overturned, officers who covered the mishaps for the Sheriff's Department noted.

The first such accident occurred at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, about 600 feet west of the intersection of State Road 56 and Chipaway Drive west of Scottsburg.

Driver Randy L. Johnson, 61, Scottsburg, told Deputy Rodney Rudder that he was traveling west on S.R. 56 when his 1998 Pontiac van ran off the road and struck a driveway culvert. The impact caused the van to flip upside-down, coming to rest in the roadside ditch.

Johnson suffered a possible fractured or dislocated elbow/lower arm injury. He was treated at the scene by Scott County EMS, which also transported him to the Scott Memorial Hospital emergency room.

Damage to the disabled vehicle and culvert were estimated at up to a total of \$10,000.

Deputy Rudder was assisted at the scene by Chief Deputy Don Campbell and Deputy Mark Shapinsky.

A little over two hours later, Deputy Rudder was dispatched to a second accident, located at State Road 256 East and Newman Road in Johnson Township.

Pauline Webster, 61, Austin, said she was headed west on S.R. 256 when she ran off the edge of the highway on the right side. She tried to correct the path of her 1999 Chevy Lumina but over-corrected her steering, causing the car to shoot across the road into the left-side ditch, where it struck an embankment.

Webster was treated at the scene by Scott County EMS for unspecified body pain following the mishap.

Vehicle damage and value of a roadside sign she struck were estimated at up to \$25,000.

Deputy Shapinsky assisted Rudder at this scene as well.

The final in the series of mishaps occurred at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5, at the intersection of Kinderhook and Clark Roads, Lexington Township.

In this accident, driver Amanda F. Gay, 24, Lexington, was driving east on Kinderhook Rd. when two deer began to run onto the road as she approached the T intersection at Clark Rd. The woman swerved right to avoid the animals, causing her 2006 Pontiac to go off the right side of the road where it struck a guardrail and broke off a utility pole and overturned. It then struck a tree, which flipped it back on its tires.

Gay was using her seatbelt and harness, and her airbag deployed, protecting her, the report indicated. She had some minor facial bleeding but was not incapacitated.

Deputy Shapinsky covered the accident with assistance from Chief Deputy Campbell. He estimated property damage at up to \$10,000, which included the utility pole owned by Clark County REMS and the damaged, county-owned guardrail.

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