

Teenager among injured in last week's accidents; total of ten people hurt

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A teenager was among the ten people injured in five traffic accidents that occurred in Scottsburg and Scott County last week.

Allyssa M. Ingalls, 17, was traveling south on U.S. Highway 31 just before 3:30 p.m. in Tuesday, September 25, when she struck the rear of a 2005 Chevrolet C1500 pickup operated by Dale W. Baker, 43, Scottsburg. Baker told Deputy Shawn Mayer that he had stopped on U.S. 31 southbound awaiting a chance to turn left onto Coffee Pot Road. Ingalls said she wasn't paying attention and didn't see the pickup stop.

Ingalls experienced chest pain following the mishap. She was treated at the scene by Scott County EMS. Neither Baker nor his daughter were listed as injured.

Damage to the 2002 Ford Focus she was driving was extensive as was the damage to Baker's truck. The officer estimated property loss to be up to \$25,000.

Just before 6 p.m. that same day, an accident occurred at U.S. 31 South and Green Street in Scottsburg, which sent Patrolmen Shawn Hurt, and Trevis Burr and Sgt. Joe Nicholson to the scene.

Roy W. Suter, 76, Lexington, told the officers that he had been southbound on U.S. 31. Traffic in northbound lanes was backed up, he related. As he waited for a chance to turn east onto Green St., he said a semi-tractor-trailer driver in the highway's northbound left lane motioned him to go ahead and turn in his 2000 Chevy pickup truck.

Unfortunately, Suter could not see the 2007 Chevy C1500 pickup that Sandra K. Williams, 43, Scottsburg, was driving north in the right lane. Williams struck Suter in the passenger side.

Williams suffered neck pain at the scene and was treated by Scott County EMS. Ptl. Hurt estimated property damage up to \$10,000 from the collision.

Many emergency vehicles hurried to the scene of a wreck at Slab and Grain Bin Roads northeast of Scottsburg on Wednesday afternoon, September 26.

According to information gathered by Deputy Joe Guarneri, Kodi A. Queiser, 23, Myrtle Creek, Or., was driving a 2007 Toyota Cruiser west on Grain Bin Rd. just before 4 p.m.. She said she did not see a northbound Ford Taurus driven by George B. Vest, 41, Scottsburg, approaching the T intersection of the two roads. when she pulled out, Vest's car struck her.

Vest and his three children, Ashton, 14, Jillian, 11, and Dawson, 13, were all injured. First Responders with the Scottsburg Volunteer Fire Department and Scott County EMS technicians treated the family at the scene and all were sent by ambulance to Scott Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Vest suffered back pain, while Ashton had chest pain, Jillian a possible injury to her elbow/lower arm, and Dawson, minor facial bleeding.

Queiser experienced chest pain and was also treated by Scott County EMS.

Again, property damage was extensive to the vehicles involved. Deputy Guarneri gave an estimate of up to \$50,000.

He was assisted at the scene by Indiana State Police Trooper Matt Busick.

On Friday, September 28, two injury accidents kept Scottsburg police busy.

The first occurred at 3:03 p.m. on S.R. 56 at Railroad Street and involved drivers Betty J. Alsup, 76, and Jeffery K. Wilson, 53, both of Scottsburg. Alsup was driving a 1996 Honda Accord, while Wilson was in a 1994 Toyota Paseo.

Sgt. Brian Hall and Major/Asst. Police Chief Richey Barton were dispatched. They learned that both vehicles had been eastbound on S.R. 56. Wilson stopped because of backed-up traffic at the railroad crossing, but Alsup said she could not stop in time to prevent the collision.

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Alsop had a minor injury to her elbow/lower arm, and technicians with Scott County EMS treated her at the scene. A passenger in Wilson's Toyota, Bobbi Wilson, 48, Scottsburg, suffered neck pain and was also treated.

Property damage was estimated at up to \$5,000 by Sgt. Hall.

Less than three hours later, Patrolman Rodney Watts was dispatched to an accident that occurred in front of a fast food restaurant on S.R. 56 at Oak Street, Sheriff Dan McClain and Detective Rick Barrett assisted at the site. Ptl. Watts talked to the drivers, Emily K. Deaton, 19, Scottsburg, and Sarah M. Nowlin, 28, Scottsburg.

Deaton said that she was in the restaurant's exit, waiting to turn left into the westbound lane of S.R. 56 when a motorist stopped in the eastbound right lane and motioned her out. She said that, when she proceeded, the 2003 Ford Taurus she was driving was struck in the front driver's side by a 2006 Kia Spectra headed east that was driven by Nowlin.

Deaton was not injured, but Nowlin experienced chest pain, for which she was treated by Scott County EMS.

Property damage was estimated at up to \$10,000 by Ptl. Watts.