

## Officers investigate two injury accidents occurring on county road, in Scottsburg

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Deer on highways and county roads continue to cause problems for local motorists.

On early Sunday afternoon, November 25, Cierra Lewis, 29, Columbus, was headed east on State Road 356 when a deer appeared on the highway as she approached Slate Ford Road. Lewis told Deputy Shawn Mayer that she swerved to miss the animal and over-corrected her 1997 Honda Civic.

The Civic went into a deep ditch, then overturned and rolled in the ditch line, coming to rest on its top.

Lewis suffered a possible broken or dislocated elbow/lower arm injury. She was assisted by Scott County EMS.

Damage was estimated at up to \$10,000.

Deputy Justin Cheatham assisted at the scene.

Scottsburg police were called to the scene of a wreck just after 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, on State Road 56 just west of its intersection with U.S. Highway 31.

A 2008 Chevy Aveo driven by Robert W. Rice, 90, Austin, was struck in the driver's side by a 1989 Dodge Dakota pickup truck operated by David M. Durden, 42, Scottsburg.

Rice told Patrolman Shawn Hurt that he was trying to turn left into the CVS drugstore parking lot from S.R. 56 West. As he turned, the eastbound pickup struck the car.

Rice's two passengers were listed as injured. They were identified as Rinda Barger, 85, and Hazel Rice, 85, both of Austin. Barger experienced abdominal/pelvic pain, while Hazel Rice suffered chest pain. The women were assisted at the scene by Scott County EMS and then transported to Scott Memorial Hospital.

Property damage from this accident was estimated at up to \$10,000 by Ptl. Hurt. He was assisted at the scene by Sgt. Brian Hall.