

## Weather a factor in three vehicular accidents occurring recently on county roads

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Weather was a definite factor in three vehicular crashes occurring in Scott County recently.

In the first mishap at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 25, a woman driver lost control of the 2000 Ford she was driving because of slick conditions.

It was during one of those storms that cropped up in the county, combining snow and lots of wind. Pamela F. Shell, 18, was westbound on Kinderhook Road when she lost control of the car and slid into an embankment that cause the Ford to flip on its side about 600 feet from Pleasant Ridge Road.

Shell experienced head pain after the accident. Medical assistance was not indicated on the report prepared by Deputy Rodney Rudder.

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

Two accidents occurred on Saturday morning, March 30, because of foggy conditions.

Just before 7 a.m., a 2008 Chevy driven by Kathie D. Riley, 26, Austin, was traveling south on Slab Road. Riley said the dense fog prevented her from realizing that she was nearing the road's T-intersection with State Road 56 East.

The car went south over S.R. 56 into the south side ditch, continuing into a field.

Riley suffered back pain following the wreck, noted Deputy Justin Cheatham.

Property damage was estimated at up to \$25,000.

At 9:41 a.m., Deputy Cheatham was dispatched to the scene of another accident, this one involving three vehicles at S.R. 56 East and Double or Nothing Road.

Tristan R. Burr, 17, Scottsburg, was driving a 2000 Honda Accord westward. The teenager apparently decided to pass a westbound 2004 Dodge Ram pickup truck driven by Douglas L. Ammos, 35, Otisco.

According to statements from the two drivers, an eastbound 1999 Audi operated by Philip Schulthies, 56, Dubois, materialized as the Accord was passing in the east lane.

Burr said he saw the car and cut back into the westbound lane too closely to the front of the pickup, the Accord's right rear scraping the truck's left front.

The contact caused Burr to lose control of the Honda. As the rear of the car slid around to the right, its front collided with the Audi's left rear.

The collision caused the Honda to go into the road's south side ditch, and the Audi to spin around, coming to a stop facing west behind the pickup.

The teenager, Ammos and Schulthies were not listed as injured; however, Ammos' passenger, Tonya Ammos, 36, Otisco, experienced back pain. She was assisted at the scene by Scott County EMS.

Property damage to the three vehicles was estimated at up to \$25,000 by Deputy Cheatham.