

## Six people listed as injured in three vehicular accidents occurring recently

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Three recent vehicular accidents in Scott County and Scottsburg left six people injured, according to reports released by the Sheriff's Department and Scottsburg City Police Department.

During a rainstorm on Saturday, August 31, yet another crash occurred at the intersection of State Roads 356 and 3 southeast of Scottsburg.

Driver Billy J. Smith, 42, Madison, told Deputy James Shelton that she was unfamiliar with county roads. Apparently, when she came upon the intersection just after 7 p.m., she failed to notice stop signs. The other driver involved, James E. Cooper, 50, Scottsburg, said the 2004 Jeep Liberty that Smith was driving west on S.R. 356 ran the stop sign and struck his 1995 Chevy Lumina as it was traveling south on S.R. 3 through the intersection.

The impact was on the Lumina's driver's side.

Smith suffered possible injuries to her elbow/lower arm in the crash. Cooper was listed with an injury to his shoulder/upper arm. Each received treatment from Scott County EMS technicians.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Deputy Shelton estimated damage at up to \$25,000. That estimate included a damaged state-owned road sign.

On Friday, September 6, a one-car accident happened in Finley Township.

Belinda A. Blythe, 46, Jeffersonville, was driving east on State Road 56 just after 3:30 p.m. when she said she saw an animal in her lane. She swerved to avoid it and then apparently hit a slick spot on the road, causing her to lose control. She went off the highway and struck a privately- owned fence.

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Blythe experienced head pain following the mishap. She was treated by Scott County EMS.

Deputy Joe Guarneri estimated property damage at up to \$10,000 on Blythe's 2012 Chevy Cruz and the fence. The deputy was assisted at the scene by Detective Rick Barrett.

At 6 p.m. that same day, Scottsburg police were sent to a crash on S.R. 56 Est (McClain Avenue) and Fourth Street.

Drivers were Galeb Z. Sowder, 17, Salem, and Frances D. Whitehead, 51, Scottsburg. According to their information, Whitehead had been preparing to turn onto Fourth St. when Sowder rear-ended her. Damage to Sowder's 1997 Dodge Dakota

pickup and Whitehead's 2008 Chevy Impala was estimated at up to \$10,000 by Patrolman Shawn Hurt.

Those injured included Whitehead, who suffered neck pain, and her two passengers. They were identified as Elisha D. Whitehead, 48, Scottsburg, and Heather M. Davis, 24, Scottsburg. Elisha Whitehead had a possible elbow/lower arm injury, while Davis was listed with a shoulder/upper arm injury. All were treated by Scott County EMS.

Ptl. Hurt was assisted at the scene by Patrolman James Vires.