

Three Local Drivers Injured In Four-Car Wreck Friday

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Three area residents suffered minor injuries as a result of a four-car accident last Friday in Shallotte that ended with one vehicle coming to rest on top of another.

The wreck happened at 3:15 p.m. on Main Street approximately 200 feet south of the Al Street intersection, according to Shallotte Officer H.K. Smith's report.

A 1986 Chevrolet Corvette pulled out of the driveway at McDonald's and was heading south on Main Street when it struck the rear of a 1988 Honda that was stopped at a red light.

Two other vehicles stopped in front of the Honda also were damaged in the chain-reaction collision. The rear end of the Honda came to rest on top of the Corvette.

Officer Smith charged the driver of the Corvette, 47-year-old John W. McNeil of Spring Valley, N.Y., with failure to reduce speed to avoid a collision.

Other drivers involved in the accident were Gordon William Nash Jr., 19, of Holden Beach; Barbara Skipper Jones, 47, of Shallotte; and Twanna Michelle Gore, 19, of Little River, S.C.

Nash, Jones and Gore complained of minor injuries and were taken to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply for treatment. McNeil was not injured.

The police report did not include a damage estimate for the Corvette. Total damage to the three other vehicles was estimated at \$2,550.

A Shallotte teenager escaped serious injury Friday night when the bi-

cycle he was riding was struck by a vehicle in the parking lot at the Texaco Quick Stop at Grissetown.

Derek Scott Green, 14, of Shallotte, was taken to New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington following the 11:45 p.m. accident at the gas station and convenience store 3.2 miles west of Sunset Beach.

A report filed by Trooper D.B. Harvell of the N.C. Highway Patrol said a 1983 Buick driven by Donald Jasper, 27, of Ash, was traveling east in the parking lot going past the gas pumps.

Green was riding a bicycle south in the parking lot and it pulled into the path of the Buick. No charges were filed.

A Brunswick County teenager was charged with driving while impaired, driving without an operator's license and careless and reckless driving following a one-car accident last Monday (Aug. 8).

Jamie Huff, 18, of Leland, was cited after the 1983 Datsun he was driving ran into a tree approximately 4.9 miles north of Leland on Mount Misery Road, according to the Highway Patrol.

Trooper R.E. King's report says the wreck occurred at 12:20 a.m. as Huff was traveling west on Mount Misery Road at a "high rate of speed."

The driver lost control of the vehicle, which ran off the right side of the road then off the left side of the road and into a ditch. The Datsun crossed back over to the right side of the road and went into a ditch before striking a tree and overturning.

Huff suffered incapacitating in-

juries and was transported to New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, the report said.

Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$6,000.

In another one-vehicle accident Aug. 8, two Supply teenagers were injured after the vehicle they were riding in struck a bridge on Stone Chimney Road.

The wreck happened at 2:40 p.m. approximately 4.2 miles north of Holden Beach, according to Trooper C.E. Ward's report.

A 1983 Chevrolet station wagon driven by 18-year-old Roger Maggard ran off the right side of the road and struck the end of a bridge.

Maggard and a passenger, 17-year-old Aaron Green, complained of injuries and were transported to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply.

Trooper Ward charged Maggard with a seat belt violation.

The Chevrolet sustained about \$2,500 in damage.



JOHN MCNEIL of Spring Valley, N.Y., (left) and Shallotte Police Officer H.K. Smith look on at the scene of a four-car accident last Friday on Main Street. McNeil, who was driving the white Corvette, was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid a collision.

Volunteer Tutors Sought To Help At Supply School

Kathy Roemer of Supply is looking for senior volunteers interested in providing regular one-on-one help to students at Supply Elementary School.

The idea struck the former Connecticut resident when, frustrated with efforts to find a math tutor for her own daughter, she saw a program about school volunteers in another state on television.

"We need volunteers who will help students with math and reading," said Roemer, who plans to coordinate the volunteer corps. "I know what I want to do and Dr. (Principal Carolyn) Williams says if I can get the people, she will make the space available at the school."

"We have so many seniors living in this area I can't imagine there

aren't some who would be willing to help out."

Roemer said she also plans to talk to the South Brunswick Interchurch Council to get word out through local churches of the need for volunteers, and to consult with the Brunswick County Literacy Council for advice on setting up the program.

The council's Calabash satellite group has operated a successful tutoring program at Union Elementary School in Shallotte for at least three years. Two years ago the school received a grant to support the ongoing effort.

Seniors or others interested in serving as volunteer tutors at Supply Elementary are asked to contact Roemer at 842-7247.



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