



Christmas Cloggers

The Brunswick County Cloggers had no trouble staying warm as they danced up a storm on the back of an 18-wheel truck in the annual Shallotte Christmas parade.

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Band Teacher In Critical Condition Following Wreck

A local band teacher was in critical condition Tuesday following a two-truck accident at Ash last Wednesday evening, Dec. 9.

James Wilson Furr, 50, of Shallotte, longtime band teacher at Shallotte Middle School, was transported Wednesday night to The Brunswick Hospital with serious, incapacitating injuries and later transferred to New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington. His condition remained critical Tuesday morning, according to hospital spokesman Iris Baker.

According to Trooper J.V. Dove's report, Furr was eastbound on N.C. 130 about 10 miles west of Shallotte near the Longwood Road intersection, driving a 1981 Datsun pickup, when Michael Dean Long, 16, driving a 1982 Toyota pickup, made a left turn off N.C. 130 onto Longwood Road (S.R. 1321), failing to yield the right of way. The accident happened around 5:30 p.m.

Long, who was not injured, was cited for a safe movement violation and Furr for having no lights. Long told Dove he did not see lights on Furr's truck.

Damages to the Long truck were estimated at \$3,000 and to the Furr truck, \$2,000.

Long was wearing lap and shoulder belts; it was not possible to determine if Furr was wearing belts at the time of the accident, the report indicated.

Three persons were seriously injured last Thursday, Dec. 10, in an accident near Calabash when a driver failed to yield the right of way to an oncoming vehicle.

The accident happened around

6:10 p.m. 1.5 miles of Calabash on Thomasboro Road (S.R. 1165) at its intersection with Clariday Road (S.R. 1164).

Ruth Louise Combs, 71, of Calabash, southbound in a 1980 Chevrolet, turned left from Clariday Road onto Thomasboro Road into the path of a 1983 Ford operated by Carrie Atterberry Pennell, 25, whose address the Highway Patrol did not provide.

Combs was charged by Trooper J.V. Dove with failure to yield the right of way.

Combs, Pennell, and a passenger in Pennell's car, Bonnie Evans, 42, were transported to The Brunswick Hospital with what appeared to be serious, incapacitating injuries.

Damages to the Combs vehicle were estimated at \$2,500, and to the Pennell car, \$3,000.

Later Thursday, five persons were injured in a one-car accident that occurred at 11:15 p.m. about 4.8 miles south of Belville on N.C. 133.

Driver Barrie Campbell, 19, of Southport was charged by Trooper R.L. Murray with driving while impaired.

Traveling north on N.C. 133, Campbell's 1982 Ford ran off the road on the left side and overturned.

Campbell was transported to New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington with serious, non-incapacitating injuries. Also transported were the four passengers in the vehicle, all of whom complained of injuries. They were Vincent Brown, 19, of Southport; Dane Quick, 18, of Rockingham; Allison Baxter, 19, of Boiling Spring Lakes; and Nick

Smith, 18, of Long Beach.

A driver was seriously injured in a single-car accident that occurred Dec. 12 around 11 p.m. 3.25 miles northwest of Sandy Creek Acres on North West Road (S.R. 1419).

Roscoe Everett, 58, of Delco, was transported to New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington with serious, incapacitating injuries.

Everett was east bound on North West Road, navigating a right hand curve, when his 1979 Chevrolet ran off the left shoulder and struck three trees.

The driver told the investigating officer, Trooper D.A. Lewis, that he didn't know what happened. Everett was charged with driving left of center.

Damage to the Chevrolet were estimated at \$600.

A Calabash man was not injured

Dec. 10 when another vehicle struck his 1992 Toyota in the rear in an accident that occurred around 1:45 p.m. in Calabash on N.C. 179 at its intersection with Calabash Road (S.R. 1168).

According to Trooper B.L. Wilkes' report, Charles Hargreaves, 68, was northbound on N.C. 179 when he stopped, waiting to make a left turn onto Calabash Road (S.R. 1168). His Toyota was struck in the rear by a 1990 Mazda operated by Kimberly Jones, 32, of Sunset Beach. Damage to each vehicle was estimated at \$3,000.

While Jones complained of injuries and was transported to The Brunswick Hospital, neither Hargreaves nor a passenger in his vehicle were injured.

Wilkes charged Jones with failure to reduce speed.

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