

Drivers escape injuries in rash of minor accidents in Cass City area

A Bad Axe woman escaped injury last Wednesday in an accident in Elkland township which demolished her car.

Treated and released from Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, was Sarah L. Montgomery, 24.

Tuscola county deputies reported she was westbound on Bay City-Forestville Road, when her small car was struck in the right rear fender by a vehicle southbound on Buehrly Road, which failed to stop at the intersection.

Her car went off the south side of the road, rolled over sideways once and landed on its wheels. (See photo.) The

accident took place at 4:30 p.m.

Driver of the other vehicle, which had only a scraped front bumper, was James K. Teddy, 18, of 4765 S. Moore Rd., Cass City. He was ticketed by deputies on charges of no operator's license, defective brakes, and improper license plates.

A passenger in the utility-type station wagon, Charles J. Zimmer Jr., 44, of the same address, was cited on a charge of allowing an unlicensed person to drive.

Elkland township firemen were called to the scene to stand by in case of fire while Ms. Montgomery was removed from her car by

ambulance attendants. There was no fire.

OTHER ACCIDENTS

Patricia Sue Miller, 17, of 6795 Severance Road, was cited by Cass City police on a charge of leaving the scene of a property damage accident after a mishap at 9:05 p.m. Friday.

Officers were called to Frank's Service Station, Leach and Church Streets, after a pickup going through the drive struck two gasoline pumps and left without stopping.

Station owner Frank Spencer gave officers a par-

tial license number and a description of the vehicle, which they found at the driver's home, minus two chrome strips that fell off at the service station. The driver was questioned and then issued a citation.

Reva Little, 75, of 6219 W. Main Street, was ticketed by village police on a charge of failure to yield, after an accident at 3:10 p.m. last Wednesday.

Officers said she was eastbound on Church Street, stopped at Oak Street, then pulled into the path of and collided with a southbound car.

Driver of the other vehicle was Kay Marie Rutkowski, 38, of 4271 S. Seeger Street.

Patricia A. Allan, 36, of Cass City, and her passenger, Charles A. Warner, 6, of Cass City, declined treatment for minor injuries after an accident at 2:40 a.m. Saturday.

Elkland police reported her car was southbound on S. Elkton Road, about four miles south of the village, when it went out of control, struck a driveway culvert, became airborne and struck a utility pole about six feet above the ground.

At 9:35 p.m. Feb. 5, according to Tuscola deputies, Mary H. Phillips, 28, of Phillips Road, Deford, was backing from a parking place in the Kingston High School lot and backed into a parked car. Owner of the parked vehicle was Fred Ruggles of Kingston.

At 2:15 p.m. Friday, deputies reported, Sue Ann Savicko, 43, of 3575 Ross Street, Kingston, westbound on State Street (M-46), was pulling from a parking place and signaling a right turn onto River Street when she collided with a car making the jog across M-46 from

northbound Ross to northbound River.

Driver of the other car was Floyd L. Sarles, 43, of S. Kingston Road, Kingston.

Dorothy F. Schwartz, 23, of 4481 Maple Street, reported to Cass City police that at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, an unknown vehicle hit the rear of her parked car and the driver then left.

Her car was parked along Main Street, pointed east, west of Leach Street.

CAR-DEER

Cass City police officer Donald Miller Jr., 31, was southbound on Cemetery Road, south of Severance Road, at 9 p.m. Saturday when his patrol car collided with a deer.

Police chief Gene Wilson said there was damage to the ring around one headlight and a dent in a door.

At 3:10 a.m. Saturday, Larry F. Parker, 19, of 2875 Lamton Road, Decker, was eastbound on Deckerville Road, west of Dodge Road, when, he said, he swerved to avoid a deer. He lost control of his car and it went into the north side ditch.

Michael Sabo, 19, of 7710 E. Bevins Road, Deford, was westbound on Bevins, east of Burmon Road, at 6 p.m. last Wednesday, when his car struck a deer.

Sheriff's deputies investigated all three mishaps.

School board okays purchases

Two purchases totaling \$6,500 were approved for extracurricular activities

Monday night at the regular meeting of the Cass City School Board at the high school.

The board okayed new blazers for the eighth grade band after a presentation was made by Linda Marshall and Pat Sontag, members of the band boosters.

The blazers cost \$45.50 each and 50 are needed. The board agreed to pay half the cost and the band boosters have allotted \$1,250 towards the purchase.

The new uniforms could arrive by graduation this spring but authorities are not counting on it.

The second purchase was for porta pits for the high jump and pole vault. Presently the school used inflated air bags that have proved to be hazardous.

Cost of the equipment is \$4,000 and will be spread over two fiscal years to stay within the athletic budget, Roland Pakonen, athletic director, said.

Although no purchase was authorized it is likely that the wheels were set in motion for other equipment purchases. At the request of E. Paul Lockwood a committee was formed to study equipment needs at the elementary level.

Dr. Lockwood requested the committee because he was concerned with the facilities at Cass City. However, after discussion the scope was enlarged to include equipment needs at all three elementary schools.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jerry Cleland told the board that final averages on the State's achievement tests show an error of five percent.

That puts the fourth grade 9.7 over the state average in math and 5.1 in reading. The 7th and 10th grades are still below the state average but by lesser amounts. The seventh is now 4.9 below in reading and 6.4 in math. The 10th grade is 2.4 behind in reading and 5.3 in math.

This makes us look better, Cleland said, but is still a cause for concern.

The contract of Steven Edington to teach Intermediate School social studies was okayed and a number of high school completion teacher contracts approved.

A request for a property transfer from Cass City district to Caro by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hofmeister was denied on the basis that it would create an irregular boundary line.

TIMES CHANGE

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Community booster

Wilhelmsen directs firm

Editor's note: this is one of a series sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce about community boosters who are members of the organization.

Helping serve area farmers from a Cass City location is Progressive Plant Food Co., Inc. The firm has been in Cass City for just over a year, taking over from a previous owner Feb. 7, 1979.

Progressive is managed by Dave Wilhelmsen who is a native of Marlette and still lives there with his wife, Janine, and children, David, 13, and Amy, 12.

Wilhelmsen has been connected with the farm business for 14 years and has spent the last 7 years in the Cass City area.

Despite his duties in Cass City he is active in civic events in Marlette, including that community's Babe Ruth baseball league.

He attends the Presby-

terian church in Marlette and is a Mason.

At Progressive Plant Food, farmers are offered a complete line of fertilizers, nitrogen products, farm chemicals and seeds.

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Dave Wilhelmsen

Cass City police probing automobile vandalism

Cass City police are investigating the smashing of windows of two cars, with

damage having totaled an estimated \$800.

Police believe the same person was responsible in both incidents.

The windshield, side windows and rear window of the car of Barbara McCreeley of 3200 E. Dickerson Road, Gageton, were smashed while it was parked at an address on Third Street. Damage was estimated at \$600.

She told officers the car had been there since 3 p.m. last Wednesday. She reported the damage Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

At 12:50 a.m. that day, Marian Murawski of 4923 State Street, Gageton, reported to officers the windshield of her car was smashed and the paint scratched while it was parked on Leach Street, next to the Cass Tavern. Damage was estimated at \$200.

The two women had been together at the Galaxy Lounge and police believe the same person did both acts of vandalism, as he knew them both.

After questioning the person, Police Chief Gene Wilson said, a warrant will probably be requested from the prosecutor's office charging him with malicious destruction of property over \$100.

Cass City Intermediate School teacher James Mastie reported to police at 3:50 p.m. last Thursday that two tires of his car had been cut while it was in the school parking lot that day. Damage was estimated at \$190.

Richard Jones of Richard's TV and Appliance, 6467 Main Street, told police Feb. 1 that an AM-FM car radio and cassette player, worth

\$119, and needle cartridge for a stereo, \$46, were taken from his store some time between Jan. 14 and 28.

It was discovered Saturday morning that the old Boron station at Main and Seeger Streets was entered by someone who had cut the padlock. Nothing was apparently missing.

Eric W. Downing of 4773 South Street, Gageton, reported to Caro state police Sunday evening that someone had thrown three rocks through a bedroom window. He had been elsewhere in the house at the time. Damage was estimated at \$15.

Francis J. Downing of 6457 Dodge Road, Gageton, told Caro state police Sunday afternoon that the citizens band radio, worth \$45, was stolen from his car, possibly the evening of Feb. 7, when it was parked at Owen-Gage High School, or Feb. 9, when it was parked in Gageton.

Kay Erickson reported to Huron county deputies that the CB radio and vehicle registration were taken from the car of her and her husband Ronald, the Owen-Gage superintendent, during a game at the high school last Thursday. The car had been parked on Main Street.

Also during that game, Carl Seibel of Sebewaung reported, a flashlight and small spotlight, worth \$15, were taken from his car.

Randy Sniecikowski of Delta Construction Co., on Elmwood Road, Elmwood township, reported to sheriff's deputies Feb. 1 the theft of items from three vehicles parked there the night of Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

Taken were two batteries, worth \$40 each; a speaker, \$12, and an AM-FM radio - 8-track tape player, \$80.

Elkland plans little road work

The Elkland township Board Monday evening discussed possible road work to be done in the township this year.

No decisions were officially made, but it was informally decided that no major work will be done this year. Gravel will be added where needed, board members thought, possibly starting with Wilsie and Krapf Roads.

Tom Kostanko was directed to submit his rezoning request to the zoning board. He is seeking rezoning of 3.75 acres on Cass City Road, about 2½ miles east of Cass City, from the present agricultural-residential to commercial, for purpose of running a garage business.

County Commissioner Royce Russell discussed with the board the possibility of the county contracting with a computer service for spreading of tax bills and preparation of tax bills, which would reduce the effort required by township supervisors and treasurers.

Sexton Ted Morgan was directed to get a price on a new mower for the cemetery. The board will then have to decide whether it will be cheaper to buy a new mower or overhaul the old one.

An additional \$130 was appropriated for repair of the air compressor used to recharge the fire department's air packs, as the initially appropriated amount of about \$400 wasn't enough.

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