



**OUTSIDE DRESDEN** Friday morning, Decatur County firemen checked out a Jetta in the ditch after they helped at the accident scene. The driver and three passengers in the car were taken to Decatur County Hospital by ambulances. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

## Four people injured in wreck

Four people who were thrown out when their car rolled Friday morning on K-383 near Dresden were rushed to the Decatur County Hospital, then on to hospitals in McCook and Kearney, Neb.

Two are in serious condition and one is critical.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that a 2001 Volkswagen Jetta traveling east out of Selden towards Dresden crashed around milepost 48 at roughly 9:48 a.m. The patrol said the driver, Christopher Breci, 22, Glendale, Ariz., lost control at high speed. Trooper Dave Schoenberger said the driver told him he was going about 90 miles per hour.

The report says that the car went off the left side of the pavement. The driver overcorrected, and the car came back across the road, then went into the south ditch. The vehicle rolled, coming to rest on its wheels facing west.

None of the four occupants was wearing a seat belt, and all four were thrown from the car. Others in the vehicle were Zoltan Kovats, 37; Tiffany Jones, 17; and Derek Spaar, 18.

People driving by reported the wreck, saying all four victims were lying on the grass by the road. At least one had a broken leg, while others had head and chest injuries. Three Decatur County ambulances, one from Jennings and two from Oberlin, and two from Sheridan County, one from Selden and one from Hoxie, were sent to the wreck.

Around 10:22 a.m., the first victim was loaded into a Sheridan County ambulance to be taken to the Decatur County Hospital. About 10:27 a.m., the second person was sent off, then the third and fourth.

About an hour after the first patient was sent to the hospital, an ambulance left for the airport with the first person to be flown out. A

second patient was flown out around 12:40 p.m.

Hospital officials said Mr. Breci and Mr. Spaar were transferred to Community Hospital in McCook. Both had been released by Monday. Ms. Jones and Mr. Kovats were flown to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

Mr. Breci was transferred from Community Hospital in McCook to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney and is in serious condition. Mr. Kovats is in critical condition and Ms. Jones is in serious condition.

A nurse at Community Hospital in McCook said Mr. Spaar is no longer a patient and he is not a patient at the hospital in Kearney.

Trooper Schoenberger said he couldn't comment on whether illegal substances had been found at the scene or in the car. As of Monday, he said, there hadn't been any fatalities from the accident.

## Short week slows road work

The road and bridge department had a slow week due to the holidays, county commissioners heard last week, but planned to get some roads done before the end of the year.

Tim Stallman, road and bridge supervisor, said he was running with a skeleton crew with a lot of people off, but there were some graders out.

Mr. Stallman said he was able to get some No. 1 diesel fuel through the Decatur Co-op for \$2,171 for

900 gallon to blend with heavier fuel in the county tanks for the winter.

The commissioners approved Mr. Stallman buying three barrels of antifreeze from SouthWest Implementation for \$6.90 per 55 gallon drum.

Ambulance Director Patrick Pomeroy said the contract from Apria for oxygen looked good. Costs will be around \$13 for a big tank, \$7.50 for medium size and \$6 for a small.

The commissioners held a closed session for non-elected with appraiser Alan Hale for 20 minutes. Afterward, they agreed that hourly rate which has been established in the past for county employees has been \$7.50 for new hires.

Commissioners agreed that there might be some overtime coming up in the appraiser's office since Beverly Gaines is retiring and they are looking for a new person.

## Road crew needs storm equipment

The county road and bridge crew is about out of chain bars, which go across tires, and the Decatur County commissioners told the Supervisor Tim Stallman to go ahead and order more at their meeting last Tuesday.

One more storm, said Mr. Stallman, and the county would be out of chains for the tires.

An overhead door at the county shop, he said, hasn't been working

right. The door that's giving them trouble was put in about 1993 and is used the most.

Mr. Stallman said he might need some new parts for the 140H Caterpillar because they have been having problems with the muffler, aspirator and baffle.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, he said an Apria truck got stuck in the Jennings area. It actually hit the side of a

bridge, he said, but there was no damage to it. Mr. Stallman said Undersheriff Randy McHugh worked the case. There were some liquid oxygen bottles leaking, said Mr. Stallman, and the road crew stayed out of the way.

The commissioners held a 20-minute closed session with Mr. Stallman and then an additional 10 minutes for non-elected personnel.

# Business alliance looks at Christmas promotions

Members of the Oberlin Business Alliance discussed what to do and not to do next year for Christmas based on what worked and didn't work this year.

The second-chance drawing with the tickets handed out in *The Oberlin Herald's* Christmas on Us drawing isn't quite having the intended effect, said Joe Stanley, owner of Stanley Hardware. The idea is that after the newspaper draws for the winners, the alliance posts 40 tickets on doors of businesses and one person can match a winning number and win \$50 in Santa Bucks.

It's a great idea, said Laurie

Wasson, owner of Prairie Petals. It just isn't quite doing what it is supposed to be.

The group discussed business hours at the stores. Rusty Addleman, owner of Addleman Drug Store, said being open Christmas Eve is a bust. There are good crowds for the light parade and for *The Oberlin Herald* drawing, he said, but no one is buying anything.

Christmas Eve, said Gary Anderson, owner of the LandMark Inn, is a busy time for him.

Businesses, said Karen Metcalf, manager of The Dresser, should be open for the light parade.

What about opening early the day

after Thanksgiving, asked Kimberly Davis, editor of *The Oberlin Herald*. Many people go out of town to shop on that day, she said. What about telling them why they should come to Oberlin to shop? Mr. Stanley said he didn't think it would work.

Alliance members said they would think about it.

In other business, the members:

- Approved the fourth quarter fee of \$500 for the chamber office.

- Heard that Tammy Wasson is looking to order a few banners to replace ones that were destroyed in the Thanksgiving blizzard. Each banner costs \$10.

## Travelers needed to give world tours

Support Our Schools is offering students, parents and anyone else who wants to come along, a chance to travel around the world at the grade school on Monday, Feb. 6.

The idea is to have people who

have traveled to foreign places come to the school and give a brief 10-minute talk to small groups. After each talk, there will be time for five minutes of questions and answers.

Abby Hissong, with the group,

said they are looking for anyone who has traveled. Presenters can bring souvenirs or props with them.

Anyone interested should contact Principal Duane Dorshorst at 475-2122.

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