



COURTESY

Two vehicles heading in the opposite direction on Burns Road collided when a U-Haul van crossed the road and caused the accident, according to police.

Two Pelham pileups cause road closures

Distracted drivers: Brookline man cited for reckless driving in first crash, police said.

By RYAN LESSARD
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PELHAM — Two separate three-vehicle pileups caused at least one serious injury Wednesday night.

"(It's) very rare for that to happen during the commute," Lt. Anne Perriello said. "The ground wasn't even icy."

She attributed both accidents to distracted driving.

The first three-car crash was just after 4:30 p.m. at the intersection of Burns Road and Quail Run Lane. Police said the crash was caused by Samuel Ogden, 28, of Brookline, who was driving a 2018 U-Haul van. He was cited for reckless driving.

Police said Ogden failed to observe the right-of-way when he turned onto Burns Road, attempting to cross from Quail Run Lane to Savannah Lane. His van struck a 2015 black GMC Denali driven by Daniel Luce, 66, of Pelham. The collision forced the Denali into a 2018 blue Mazda 3 driven by Richard Serault, 64, of Pelham.

Police said the Denali was eastbound; the Mazda

3 was headed west. The U-Haul van was flipped on its side.

Luce suffered minor injuries and was transported to Southern New Hampshire Regional Medical Center. Serault was also injured, but declined medical treatment. Ogden was not injured. All three vehicles were badly damaged. Burns Road was closed for about 50 minutes until the vehicles were cleared from the scene.

About 5:30 p.m., another three-vehicle accident occurred at Sherburne Road. Police say a 2011 Honda Fit driven by Susan Martin, 61 of Pelham failed to slow down after two vehicles came to a stop in front of her; she rear-ended a 2018 Toyota Rav4 and pushed the Rav4 into a 2005 Chevy Silverado.

All three vehicles were heading east on Sherburne Road. Police said the Rav4 was driven by Cynthia Lepore, 54, of Pelham. William Craig, 72, of Pelham was driving the Silverado.

Martin suffered a serious injury to her right ankle and was transported to Lowell General Hospital in Lowell, Mass. Lepore suffered minor injuries and was also taken to Lowell General. Craig declined medical attention on the scene and drove himself to a hospital.

Pond Hockey Tournament starts today



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Lifelong friends Tom Harrison, left, and Mike Farrelly, both of Concord, team up while helping to install the boards for the Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament at White Park in Concord on Wednesday. The annual tournament runs Thursday through Sunday.

Uh-oh, there's no room for the 'O'

Epping: Sign installation error has created a buzz in town.

By JASON SCHREIBER
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EPPING — A sign installed for a new shop opening soon called Ice Cream Bingo is getting some confused looks after the individual letters were squished together and the "O" in Bingo didn't fit.

"It's been the talk of the town," said Liz Moulton, an Epping resident who attends 9Round Fitness next door and has been curious about the new ice cream

place and the big sign installation fail.

The capital letters ICECREAMBING were placed across the front with no space between ICE, CREAM and BING, but because there was no room for the O it was tacked onto the trim.

Nick Gao, the general contractor for the project, said the letters were installed by the "wrong guy" and will be taken down Thursday and reinstalled.

Proposed plans for the shop showed "ICE CREAM" on top with "BINGO" underneath. That layout allows all of the letters to fit within the sign's space.

The out-of-place O didn't

go unnoticed since the sign was recently installed on the business inside Brickyard Square shopping center that's expected to open next month.

"We're in Epping so not much surprises me to be honest," joked Crystal Christian, store manager at Exeter Paint West, which is near Ice Cream Bingo.

Christian scratched her head as she watched the sign being installed. She said it appeared to be a struggle.

"I was like, 'Is this Ice Cream Bing? They were taking so long. I was watching the stages. We didn't really know what they were doing,'" she said. "They kept

changing the sign because they had Ice Creaming before they had the B in there. Then they came back down and went back up there and they changed it again to Ice Cream Bing. They changed it like five times while they were putting it up there."

Christian said the sign has received so much attention that maybe it would be best to leave it alone.

But others thought it should be changed.

Kelly Smith said the O looked a little "3D-ish" when she got her first look at the sign Wednesday night.

"I think it looks a little silly," she said.

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One court closes, another court opens

Seacoast: Seabrook circuit court is closed; Hampton Circuit Court opened Tuesday.

By KIMBERLEY HAAS
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SEABROOK — The circuit court located on Ledge Road in Seabrook has closed as a new courthouse opens in Hampton.

New Hampshire Circuit Court Administrative Judge David King said Hampton Circuit Court on Timber Swamp Road opened Tuesday. Employees were busy squaring everything away, King said.

"Any time you move a



COURTESY OF DIANE CARON

A new courthouse opened Tuesday in Hampton.

court, it's challenging, obviously, because you're not just moving people. You're moving all the files," King

said.

Even with about 65,000 cases filed, electronically in the circuit court system,

The smaller courtroom will be used for juvenile hearings.

There are also two holding cells with room for about six people each at the courthouse for police departments to use so they can detain individuals prior to criminal hearings.

King explained that the court in Seabrook was always meant to be a temporary location but has been used for over 10 years.

The former Hampton court had to move from its space on Winnacunnet Road in 2005 due to problems with asbestos, mold and lead paint.

Securing funding for the new Hampton Circuit Court took about five years, King

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