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Head-on crash near Genola claims life of Mona man

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A 20-year old Mona man died on State Road 6 on Sept. 19, a Wednesday night, in a two-car head-on crash near Genola.

Aaron LaMar Newton, 20, born July 15, 1987, was pronounced dead at Mountain View Hospital in Payson at 10:30 p.m. less than a half hour after the crash.

Sgt. Jeff Nigbur of the Department of Public Safety said Newton suffered critical head injuries in the accident.

Driver of the red 2001 Dodge Neon, Teisha Painter, 20, also of Mona, was injured in the accident. Painter is listed in serious to critical condition.

The driver of the other vehicle, a 2006 Dodge Charger, was identified as Cindy Ekins, 50, Genola. She was transported to Mountain View Hospital with serious leg injuries as a result of the accident.

Newton was a passenger in the Neon.

"The Dodge Neon was traveling east on SR 6 near Genola at milepost 157 around 10:06 p.m. when it crossed over the highway's dividing line and crashed head-on into a black 2006 Dodge Charger," said Nigbur.

Neither Newton nor Painter were wearing seat belts.

Painter was taken to Mountain View Hospital with critical injuries.

In the beginning, Painter was not identified because, Nigbur said, she may be facing charges related to the fatal accident.

"I'm sure we're already looking at charges. I just don't know what they're going to be quite right now," said Nigbur.

Investigators suspected alcohol may have been a contributing factor in the accident and are waiting for the results of a blood test before determining whether charges will be filed or not.

Road conditions were dry and clear at the time of the wreck.

"We do not suspect excessive speed," Nigbur said. "However, we do suspect alcohol. I want to reiterate that is not confirmed."

Ekins was the only person involved in the crash who was wearing a seat belt, he said.

The section of SR 6 where the crash occurred was closed for about three and a half hours while troopers investigated the accident and had the destroyed vehicles towed.

UHP Trooper Matthew Urban in Section 6 (Orem, Utah) is the investigating officer for the fatal crash.

"Nothing has been finalized as far as charges are concerned," said Maureen Penrod, Section 6 secretary. "The trooper (Urban) is still working on the case and has not completed the paperwork."

She said Painter's condition was still highly critical.

In another incident involving Painter, UHP Trooper David Henrie investigated a DUI crash on August 6, 2007, where Painter was the driver and she has been formally charged with DUI in that case, said Hoby Metz, UHP Sgt.



SHOW YOUR JUAB PRIDE • Homecoming Week started off with the school clubs and class officers painting the windows at several area businesses. Above, the JHS cheerleaders and ProVita paint the front window at Droubay's Used Cars. Although the rain on Saturday made some of the window designs run, evidence of JHS students' pride still remains. The Wasps will take on the Gunnison Valley Bulldogs on Friday. Game time starts at 7:00 p.m. Photo by Rebecca Dopp.

Area teachers will benefit from in-service programs; new director named

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Steven Paulsen will replace Norm Wall, who retired, as the in-service development director.

Juab School District has an intensive program of teacher development and in-service.

Steve Olsen, a former district principal and an educational consultant, still works with the new district teachers. He helps orient and train all first and second year teachers, said Superintendent Kirk Wright.

Paulsen, Nebo View Elementary School Principal, has assumed, at school board request, the extra job of providing staff development opportunities for the district's certified teaching staff.

"Teachers received a list and description of the courses being offered this school year to improve their skills in the art and science of teaching," said Paulsen. "Training will include one 6-hour session followed by six 2-hour sessions held throughout the year."

The initial 6-hour session will be held on a regular school day with a substitute provided.

The 2-hour sessions will run from 3:30 to 5:30 on days scheduled by the trainers.

Quality Block AYP Hours may be used for the hours of in-service outside regular contact time.

All of these courses are offered for district lane advancement.

They are also offered for university credit through the University of Utah for a cost of \$50 per credit. University credit enrollment will be completed in the spring for all courses offered this school year.

Paulsen said the course trainers for elementary teachers are Betty Morgan and Mary Wohlforth. For secondary teachers the trainers are Ann Peterson and Janet Ware.

"The course they will teach is required for all third year teachers," said Paulsen. "Participants in this course will learn to design assessment instruments which effectively measure student learning outcomes."

Teachers will also learn to use the assessment process as a basis for instructional decisions and as a teaching tool to motivate students to strive for excellence. Assessment alternatives such as rubrics, portfolios and projects will be explored.

Steve Olsen is the instructor for "Results I and Results II." Both classes are held early in the year and are required of all district beginning teachers.

Technology I (Renewal 2007 -08) is taught by Tony Sperry.

"This year a Technology I class will be offered as a renewal for staff members that have not taken a technology class in the past 7 years," said Paulsen. "This course will address recent additions to the technology in education field such as Apple OS X, Power School, and new E-Mail programs. Other systems that support education of our students will also be explored."

Technology II will also be taught by Tony Sperry and will extend technology for teachers with an exploration of many software applications and student projects using a multimedia computer.

Completion of the Technology I course is required for teachers interested in taking Technology II.

Elementary Data Teams is being offered by Janet Ware, Red Cliffs Elementary principal and is for elementary teachers.

"Drawing on the work of Doug Reeves, this course teaches participants how to implement data-driven decision making at the classroom practitioner level," said Paulsen. "Its goal is to enhance teachers' abilities to work with data by clearly and specifically

Local delivery man escapes close call with bullet

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The question is, does someone not like Wonder Bread or was a gun lover firing where he should not have been?

On Saturday, Sept. 22, at 5 a.m., a Nephi man had the window of his delivery vehicle shot as he traveled on a road in Sanpete County.

Rex Hermansen, was driving his Wonder Bread truck in Sanpete County when one of his windows was shattered by a bullet.

A spokesperson, who preferred to remain anonymous, said she was relaying information from a press release from the Sanpete County Sheriff's Office.

She said that at 5 a.m., a Sanpete County Deputy responded to the report that a vehicle had been shot at.

"The vehicle was traveling southbound on State Road 89 near the Axtell Junction when the passenger side window was shattered," said the spokesperson.

"Upon further investigation, it appeared that a bullet had entered the passenger side window area and traveled to the driver's side striking the seat approximately four-inches behind the driver," the spokesperson said.

The incident is still under investigation and anyone with any information concerning the incident is asked to call the sheriff's office at (435) 623-2191.

identifying areas of student needs in a team setting that encourages effective teacher collaboration."

Project Criss--Creating Independence through Student Owned Strategies--is taught by Donna Allred. The course focuses on reading and writing strategies that help students increase their comprehension of critical content.

"Some of the strategies include: vocabulary and concept learning, pre-reading, during reading and after reading, writing processes, studying, struggling readers and writers and more," he said.

Lorraine Wallace, a former Juab High English teacher, will teach Analytical Writing Assessment.

The course will focus on teaching how to teach the writing process. Participants will learn the POWER_UPP system for process writing and the rhetorical strategies that good writers use (RAPPEL).

"This course will also focus on the Six-Trait Assessment model, as practiced by the Juab School District and the State of Utah and

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