

# Area mishaps injure one

A Kalispell man was hospitalized Monday night following a 10 p.m. traffic accident east of Kalispell.

Donald E. Burtch, 29, was brought to the hospital by Columbia Falls ambulance after he was injured in a two-vehicle accident 20 miles east of Kalispell near Berne Park.

An investigating Montana Highway Patrol officer said Burtch was westbound when a vehicle driven by John A. Bras, 24, Coram, which was headed eastbound, crossed over the center line and nearly hit the Burtch vehicle head on.

Burtch was pinned in his vehicle until he was removed by the ambulance crew, the officer added. His wife was uninjured.

The officer estimated damage at more than \$3,000 and said Bras was cited for driving while intoxicated.

In an accident 20 hours earlier, a 1977 camper belonging to Thomas H. Boyce, 23, of Grand Junction, Colo., suffered extensive damage in an accident five miles south of Kalispell on U.S. 93.

An investigating Montana Highway Patrol officer said Boyce was southbound on the road when he went off the roadway to the left, struck a telephone pole and rolled over.

He was taken to Kalispell Regional Hospital where he was treated and released.

Law enforcement agencies also were receiving reports of numerous accidents this morning after the snowfall in the valley.