## Lincolnview bus involved in 4-vehicle injury crash

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RIDGE TOWNSHIP — The Ohio State Highway Patrol's Van Wert Post is investigating a crash involving a Lincolnview school bus that occurred this afternoon at 3:15 p.m. on Hoaglin Center Road north of Middle Point Road, Ridge Township, in Van Wert County.

A 2003 Blue Bird school bus, owned by Lincolnview Local Schools and operated by James H. Barnhart, Jr., age 42, of Van Wert was stopped in traffic southbound on Hoaglin Center Road.

A 1998 Pontiac, driven by Ben J. Bilimek, age 18, Van Wert, was turning left from the Lincolnview School parking lot onto Hoaglin Center Road and failed to yield to a northbound 1995 Buick, driven by a local juvenile driver.

The Buick was struck in the left rear, which caused it to slide left of center striking a 2010 Volkswagen, driven by Mary P. Katalenas of Venedocia before colliding head-on with the Lincolnview bus.

All four drivers involved in the crash were wearing their seat belts.

The local juvenile driver received minor injuries and was treated at the scene by Lincolnview School personnel.

The Lincolnview Local School bus was transporting a total of 35 students, none of which reported being injured during the on-scene investigation by State Troopers from the Van Wert Highway Patrol Post.

Bilimek was cited for failing to yield the right of way from a private drive.

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Alcohol was not a contributing factor. The traffic crash remains under investigation.

Assisting at the scene were the Van Wert County Sheriff's Office, Middle Point Fire and EMS, Knippen's Towing, Superior Collision and Lincolnview School personnel.