

Collision kills Brady woman, students

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A 45-year-old Brady woman and two Brady students are dead following a collision on an icy overpass Thursday morning.

The accident claimed the life of Elaine Grasz, and Conner Gentry, 14, and his brother, Colton, 10, both of North Platte, on top of the Highway 30 railroad overpass just west of Maxwell, according to the Lincoln County sheriff's office.

Grasz's 46-year-old husband, Terry, is in critical condition at St. Elizabeth Regional Burn and Wound Center, a family member said Friday.

Deputies responded to the accident at 7:22 a.m. and found both vehicles in the westbound lane of traffic.

Investigators determined that Conner, who has a school permit and was driving an eastbound 1999 Kia Sportage, lost control due to icy conditions. The Kia crossed the center lane and slid into the westbound lane where it collided with a westbound 1994 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Terry Grasz.

Both vehicles appeared to be traveling below or at highway speed, the sheriff's office said.

Colton was a passenger in the Kia and the boys were traveling to school in Brady.

Terry and Elaine were driving to work in North Platte.

After the collision, the sheriff's office said Terry—with the help of other motorists—got out of the burning vehicle—and was transported to Great Plains Regional Medical Center.

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He was then flown to Bryan LGH West Memorial Hospital in Lincoln where he underwent surgery, a family member said.

On Friday, the family member said Terry was released to Saint Elizabeth's where he's in critical condition.

Cards and letters can be sent to Terry at: Saint Elizabeth Regional Burn and Wound Care Center, 555 South 70th Street, Lincoln, NE, 68510.

Officials said alcohol was not a factor in the crash and it was unknown if seat belts were in use.