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## MIRACLE ON THE HIGHWAY

### Woman believed dead is now alive in Indianapolis hospital

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PRAIRIE CHAPEL - A 20-year-old woman suffered serious head injuries and had to be taken to an Indianapolis hospital by an air ambulance after a single-vehicle accident on State Route 57, just north of Prairie Chapel Church.

Unofficial reports late Monday said that the woman was declared brain dead at an Indianapolis hospital and was being kept alive on life support systems pending the notification of her possibly out-of-state family. She is an organ donor. She suffered massive head and brain injuries in the wreck.

However, in an encouraging turn of events, and what could only be called a miracle, the Indiana University optometry major is now officially listed in serious but stable condition.

According to her sister-in-law, and confirmed by her mother, Boyd had surgery to relieve pressure on her brain early Monday morning and is slated for more surgery



Staff photo by M. Johnson

**An AirEvac helicopter waits while emergency personnel tend to a critically-injured woman after a single-vehicle accident on State Route 57 near Prairie Chapel Sunday. Her car can be seen in the background.**

later.

She has brief periods of consciousness and is lucid during those times. Her family said she does have some paralysis, however, they did not know whether it was permanent or a result of brain swelling.

Boyd was on her way back from Evansville to Bloomington after making a surprise visit to her mother in Evansville for Mother's Day when the crash happened.

"It's a miracle," Denise Boyd, her sister-in-law, said Tuesday in an exclusive con-

versation with the *Bloomfield Free Press*.

The accident occurred in the area of County Road 200 South. According to

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reports from the scene by Greene County Sheriff's Deputy Dured Townsend, Lindsey Boyd, 20, Varsity Lane, Bloomington, was traveling north on State Route 57 when she went off the west side of the road, struck a guard rail and flipped her Kia sedan end-over-end.

The car she was driving is registered to a Georgia address, and her driver's license showed an Evansville address, so emergency workers at the scene were surmising she could be a college student.

It was learned Tuesday morning that she is, in fact, from Evansville. She was living in Bloomington while attending college.

The family has requested that the hospital where she is being treated not be disclosed. The *Bloomfield Free Press* is honoring that request.

While the car was flipping, it jumped a large culvert and ended up on its top 51 feet off the west

side of the road in a wheat field. The woman was entrapped when rescue crews first arrived, but was able to be freed by the time the Greene County Ambulance and Paramedic Service came on the scene. She was transferred to an AirEvac medical helicopter about 12 minutes later, and flown from the scene.

Also responding to the scene were the Switz City Fire Department, Richland-Taylor Fire and Rescue and the Worthington Police and Lyons Police Departments.

Bill's Auto and Wrecker Service was called to the scene to remove the car. Because of the car's location, the wrecker had to drive about 200 yards through a wheat field before it could get the vehicle.

The accident occurred just after 8 p.m. and was immediately called in by a passerby.