

Fatal crash victims identified

**(KAIR )--A two vehicle crash in southwest Jefferson County left two dead Friday morning.**

**The Kansas Highway Patrol identifies the victims as 66-year-old Gerald Baxter, of Clay Center, and 65-year-old Carla Polson, of Blue Rapids.**

**Jefferson County Sheriff Jeff Herrig tells MSC News the fatal crash happened in Grantville, on U.S. Highway 24, at Barton Road.**

**Baxter and Polson were traveling in a van driven by Baxter, eastbound on U.S. Highway 24, when a car, northbound on Barton Road, failed to yield, striking the van on the right side, causing it to lose control and roll over several times.**

**No one in the car was hurt, including driver Hannah Stark, and two children, all of Grantville.**

**They were all wearing a seat belts at the time of the crash.**

**Three other passengers in the van, all from Clay Center, were transported to Topeka's Stormont Vail for treatment of their injuries.**

**They include 64-year-old Ruth Baxter, who suffered disabling injuries.**

**Also injured was 61-year-old Barbara Jean Stewart, while 61-year-old Robert Stewart suffered possible injuries.**

**Another passenger in the van, Martha Hanson, of Riley, was not hurt.**

**The Patrol says she and Ruth Baxter were not buckled up at the time of the wreck, which happened around 7:10 Friday morning.**

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