Accident claims life of Kellogg man

A Kellogg man lost his life in a traffic accident north of Malcom in Poweshiek County on Thursday, June 8. Riley Jackson Ely, 20, of Kellogg, was pronounced dead at the accident scene by the Poweshiek County Medical Examiner.

According to the Iowa State Patrol, Ely was driving a 1997 Ford Mustang south on 120th St. in Poweshiek County at a little before 11 p.m. on June 8. Kyle Anthony Sadler, 20, of Grinnell, was also driving south on 120th at the same time in a 1998 Silverado truck.

120th St. is a gravel road north of Malcom. When U.S. 63 goes north out of Malcom, it intersects with Hwy. 6 and follows that highway west before turning back north. 120th St. goes north from Hwy. 6 in line with U.S. 63’s path south of Hwy. 6.

According to the State Patrol, Sadler’s truck bumped the rear of Ely’s Mustang, sending the Mustang into the east ditch where it rolled and caught fire. Ely was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the car, sustaining fatal injuries.

State Patrol troopers were assisted at the scene by members of the Malcom Fire Department and the Poweshiek County Sheriff’s Office. A deputy sheriff transported Sadler to Grinnell Regional Medical Center for treatment of injuries.

The accident remains under investigation by the Iowa State Patrol.

Riley J. Ely — 6-12-2017

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Due to extended delays at the Iowa State Medical Examiner’s Office, Riley’s services are pending until the week of June 19th.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to the Riley J. Ely Memorial Fund and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Condolences may be shared with his family online at www.smithfh.com.

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