RATHJEN, Jon Michel dies in crash

A Ladora man died early Saturday when the motorcycle he was driving crashed on a Poweshiek County gravel road a mile northwest of Hartwick.

Killed was Jon Michael Rathjen, 22, whose motorcycle was westbound on the road when Rathjen lost control. The motorcycle went into a ditch, pinning Rathjen beneath it.

It was the first traffic fatality in Poweshiek County this year.

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