

Improvement reported for injured teen

(KNZA)--A Hiawatha teenager, who was critically injured in a Sunday morning Brown County wreck that claimed the life of another Hiawatha teen, is showing signs of improvement.

According to a post Wednesday evening on the “Andrew Kreek's road to recovery” Facebook page by his mother, Linda Scroggins, Kreek “is awake, no longer sedated and breathing on his own.” The 17-year-old, who suffered a brain injury, had remained unconscious and sedated on a ventilator at a Kansas City hospital since the wreck.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reports he was the driver of a car that crashed at the intersection of U.S. 36 Highway and Horned Owl Road, west of Hiawatha.

Killed in the wreck was 16-year-old Ian Miller. Services for Miller will be held at 12 noon Friday at the Hiawatha First Baptist Church.

Kreek and three other Hiawatha teens were injured. Kreek, 18-year-old Gabriel Corbett and 15-year-old Nevaeh Dismang were all flown by medical helicopter to the University of Kansas Hospital. 19-year-old Andrew Woods was treated for minor injuries at the Hiawatha Community Hospital and later released.

Family members of Kreek and Corbett have posted updates on social media about their conditions, to keep the community informed.

Corbett's family has announced he underwent a 5-hour surgery to pin his hip and femur, and has multiple other injuries, including a broken elbow and break in his hand. His family said he should expect a long recovery, with a transfer to a rehab hospital possible in the future.

Family members of Dismang shared Monday on social media that she had sustained several broken bones and two fractures to her spine, but has reportedly since been released from the hospital.

Miller, Kreek and Dismang were all current students at Hiawatha High School. Corbett and Woods graduated this spring.

GoFundMe accounts have been set up for each of the families as well as a Facebook fund for Kreek. They can be found at www.gofundme.com.

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