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County woman dies in wreck

A young Montgomery County woman was one of 11 persons killed on Indiana roads during the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Kathy Shaughnessy, 19, of Rt. 7, Crawfordsville, an employee of the Montgomery County License Branch, was fatally injured in a one-vehicle accident at 2:10 a.m. Saturday on Ladoga Road about three miles

southeast of Crawfordsville.

Deputy Sheriff David Rush said Miss Shaughnessy was a passenger in a pick-up truck driven by 22-year-old Steven S. Spurgeon of Rt. 7. The northbound truck went out of control coming out of a curve. It went off the left side of the road, back across and off the right side, clipping a utility pole and flipping over in a soft, recently plowed corn field

about 75 feet from where it left the road.

Miss Shaughnessy was tossed from the truck. Spurgeon also was tossed from the truck and trapped beneath it for some time.

She was transported to Culver Hospital while Crawfordsville firefighters, ambulance attendants and passersby worked to free Spurgeon. She died in the emergency room about 1½

hours after the accident. Coroner Russell Powers attributed death to multiple internal injuries.

A wrecker had to be driven into the field and attached to the upside-down truck to rescue the young man. The truck was carefully lifted up and Spurgeon placed on a back board and pulled from under the wreckage.

Spurgeon suffered multiple cuts and

bruises in the crash. Officials said if the field had not been soft, his injuries would have been much worse. He was listed in good condition this morning in Culver Hospital.

Miss Shaughnessy was employed as a clerk-typist at the Montgomery County License Branch. She was a 1978 graduate of Greencastle High School.

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