



On June 12, 2010, Troopers Jason Grover and Kyle Hayter presented Ashley Schwarz, age 22, with a "Saved by the Belt" award. Ashley was the restrained passenger of a Ford Focus that was traveling down Highway 39 toward Colstrip on April 22, 2010. The driver leaned



down to pick something up off the floor of the car, and the car drifted off the right shoulder of the road and into the ditch. It then struck a driveway and rolled more than twice, finally coming to rest on the passenger side. Front and side airbags had deployed. While the unrestrained driver sustained serious injuries and had to be flown to Billings for treatment, Ashley suffered less serious injuries. Trooper Richard Drake nominated Ashley to receive the "Saved by the Belt" award because this crash was an example of how wearing a seat-belt prevented more serious injuries.

