

Couple receives award for seat belt safety

MISSOULA COUNTY



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MISSOULA, Mont. -

Awards were handed out during the Missoula Maulers game Friday night.

Bernard and Claudia Wevers were given a 'Saved by the Belt' award from Montana Highway Patrol.

The Wevers were in a crash last November while traveling on east US Highway 12. Their vehicle slid down an embankment after going out of control on ice.

The vehicle rolled onto a pond, partially submerged and broke through ice.

Both were transported to a hospital but were released that day.

Crews say their seat belts saved their lives.

"If they don't want to buckle up for themselves, they need to buckle up for their families because we lost a daughter because she wasn't wearing a seat belt and this family will never be the same. The pain and everything, it's just so important," said Claudia Wevers.

The award is part of 'Buckle Up Montana,' a safety movement from the Montana Department of Transportation.

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