An accident at the intersection of State Highway 118 and State Highway 566 left a 10-year-old girl dead April 28, when two cars crashed and spun out off of the road.

According to the drivers' statements on the crash report, the accident was caused by a failure to yield.

One car, which was previously obscured by a truck, made a sudden turn in front of another car, resulting in a crash.

Upon arriving at the scene, McKinley County Sheriff's Dep. Anthony Morales spoke with a bystander who had pulled the girl, Gayle Manygoats, from the back seat of the car, and the two conducted chest compressions in an effort to revive her.

The other victims of the accident included a Jessy Manygoats, 15, and a Farley Manygoats, 42. Jessy Manygoats sustained bruises and back strain, and Farley Manygoats refused medical attention. Another relative, Tommy Manygoats, 76, had been driving the car and made the turn when the car was struck. He was sent to the hospital with injuries to his head.

The driver who struck Manygoats' car, Shaun Gladden, 38, did not appear to have any injuries, although he said he had pain in his lower back.

At roughly 10 am, less than two hours after the crash occurred at 8:30 that morning, Gayle Manygoats was pronounced dead and transported away from the scene.

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