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Crash in north Oakland County kills Ortonville woman

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A 57-year-old Ortonville woman died this morning after the 2003 Pontiac Bonneville she was driving in rural Brandon Township was struck by a pickup that police said was traveling at about the speed limit of 55 m.p.h.

Bonnie Lou Henry had stopped at a stop sign on eastbound Davison Lake Road at 6:28 a.m., then pulled into the intersection where she was struck by a 1999 GMC 1500 pickup driven by a 25-year-old Lapeer man who was southbound on Baldwin Road — at a point where Baldwin is a gravel road, said Capt. Doug Molinar of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Henry was trapped in the vehicle, extricated by paramedics from the Brandon Township Fire Department and pronounced dead at POH Medical Center in Pontiac at 7:55 a.m., Molinar said. The other driver was not injured, and both were wearing seat belts, he said.

"We think she just didn't see him and pulled out in front" of the full-sized pickup which, according to a preliminary investigation, had the right of way, Molinar said.

An analysis of the pickup's engine computer showed evidence that its driver applied his brakes just before the impact of the collision, according to an e-mailed report from the Sheriff's Office. Alcohol was not a factor in the collision, according to the report.

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