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Icy conditions contributed to serious injuries in two Friday morning wrecks on US 321, first near Aho and the Parkway entrance, the second near Tweetsie. In that second wreck, a pregnant woman was airlifted to Wake Forest Baptist Medical center after being transported from the scene of the 10:45am crash, the woman suffering leg and other injuries—and due to concerns for the unborn child. Trooper Collier said that the pregnant woman, 22-year old Scarlett Walker of Three Tops Road in Todd skidded on an icy patch, her Mazda SUV slamming into the Honda sedan of Megan Williford, also 22, of Knightdale. Williford and her passenger, Nathaniel Richardson, were treated and released at Watauga Medical Center after transport by Watauga Medics.

The earlier wreck injured a Lenoir woman traveling to Boone for work. Anita Myers Baker, 50, was just past Tanger Shoppes on the Parkway in Blowing Rock around 7:45 a.m. when she hit some ice and ran off the road to her right, according to Trooper D.R. Alexander of the N.C. Highway Patrol. The 2000 Toyota 4Runner slammed onto the top, mainly damaging the hood after it ran up the bank and overturned. Injuries were said to not be life threatening, Baker taken to Watauga Medical Center suffering chest pain after hitting the steering wheel, and trooper Alexander said the air bag did not deploy in the crash.

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