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# Appleton boy, 15, drowns in quarry

The hot muggy weather probably prompted five Appleton high school students to skip classes and go swimming Wednesday. The experience resulted in tragedy, however, as one of the five boys drowned in a water-filled quarry in Berlin.

Richard Procknow Jr., 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Procknow, 1525 N. Oneida St., drowned in the quarry where he had swum previously.

His parents were unaware that he had gone there Wednesday. Procknow, a sophomore at Appleton High School-West, was supposed to be in school at the time.

According to police, Procknow probably slipped from a rocky ledge where

he and his companions were sitting sunbathing. He fell into about 30 feet of water.

Berlin police said one of Procknow's friends tried to rescue him three times but was unsuccessful.

Police received the call at 12:08 p.m. Wednesday and dispatched Officer Michael Morehouse to the quarry, which is located on the east side of the city, north of State 116 next to Oakwood Cemetery.

Morehouse made a number of rescue attempts to reach the victim but because of the depth of the water, he could not get to Procknow.

Another officer, John Trochinski, was able to recover the body after diving into the quarry. Attempts to revive the vic-

tim were unsuccessful.

Units of the Berlin Fire Department and an ambulance crew helped to retrieve the body.

He was taken to Berlin Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Chief Deputy Coroner Jerry Johnson said an autopsy was performed. Results were pending at press time.

Trochinski was taken to the hospital, where he was kept for observation. He was later released.

Procknow is survived by his parents, two sisters and his grandparents. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Star of Hope Mausoleum.

Friends may call from 5-9 p.m. Friday at the Brettschneider-Trettin Funeral Home.

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