

Youth drowns

A 17-year-old St. Joseph man drowned Monday evening while swimming at an unused rock quarry south of town.

According to Buchanan County Sheriff's officers, Dennis Gatten, 204 S. 11th St., was swimming with a group of people at an abandoned rock quarry about five miles south of town when his companions noticed he was missing.

After a search of the area, Gatten's body was found underneath about 20 feet of water, Sheriff's officers said.

Sgt. Earl Stout administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until an ambulance arrived, but Gatten was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph Hospital.

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