Weeping Water teen drowns in quarry lake

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Weeping Water teenager Nathaniel J. Stander died Wednesday evening while swimming in a quarry lake west of town.

Stander, 15, was swimming in the lake about 7:45 p.m. when he went under, the Cass County Sheriff's Office said in a news release. Several people dived into the lake and tried to pull him out, the sheriff's office said.

Deputies, the Weeping Water Fire Department, Plattsmouth Fire and Rescue and a dive team from the Omaha Fire Department helped with rescue efforts.

At 9:53 p.m., the dive team recovered the teenager's body in about 20 feet of water.

Michael J. Bradbury, 23, of Weeping Water was taken by the Weeping Water Ambulance to Midlands Hospital in Papillion, where he was treated for exhaustion and ingestion of water, then released. The sheriff's office said Bradbury dived for Stander after he went under.

The lake, which is along Weeping Water Creek west of town, is on private property.

The part of the lake where Stander drowned is controlled by Martin Marietta, a limestone mining company, which discourages swimming in the lake, the sheriff's office said.

With heavy rains and recent flooding, area lakes, ponds and water-ways are particularly dangerous, the sheriff's office said.

Stander was the son of Vernon and Joan Stander of Weeping Water.

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