

Youth, 17, Drowns At Quarry

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LOGAN — A 17-year-old Missouri Valley, youth Dennis Donovan, drowned Wednesday while swimming in an abandoned limestone quarry at Logan.

One of his swimming companions, Danny Clark, 17, of Logan, said Dennis "didn't know how to swim too good."

Clark said that another companion, Mike Waite of Missouri Valley, had attempted to save Donovan after he had called for help. But the drowning youth struggled, and Waite could not hold him.

A fourth swimmer in the group was Jeff Snyder, Missouri Valley.

The accident occurred shortly after 2 p.m. on the property of Clark Limestone Co. at Logan. The youth's body was found at 8 p.m. in about 15 feet of water. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Alvin Bergstrom of Missouri Valley.

The body was located by a group of divers. Among the divers were three members of an Omaha diving club, Dick VanWinkle, Milo Nechvatal and Robert Kopfle. Others included Jim Nelson of Missouri Valley, Dennis Lovell of Logan and Marshall Cloyd of Dunlap.

Harrison County Sheriff Louie Allstot directed the effort to locate the body. Others helping in the effort were Allstot's deputies and a group of game wardens.

The youth is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ann Gunderson and a sister, Becky Donovan.

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