

# Osage youth is Cedar River drowning victim

Jeffrey Frederichs, 17, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Frederichs of rural Osage, Iowa, was a drowning victim Saturday afternoon at approximately 3:30 at the site of the Mitchell Dam, five miles northwest of Osage on the Cedar River.

Frederichs was swimming with two companions, John Pint, Jr., Mitchell, and Anthony Huebsch, Osage, when he dove into the river near the dam, and did not surface.

His body was recovered Saturday at approximately 7 p.m. in the general area where the boys had been swimming.

Assisting in the search for and recovery of Frederichs' body were divers from Win-

nebago County (Forest City), Cerro Gordo County (Mason City), the Osage Volunteer Fire Department, the Mitchell County (Iowa) Sheriff's office and the Iowa Highway Patrol.

According to Mitchell County Sheriff Richard A. Jahnel, the apparent strong current below the dam kept Frederichs from surfacing.

Frederichs was a 1984 graduate of Osage Community High School and was an outstanding athlete, participating in both wrestling and football at that school. He was also active in band, 4-H and in the Youth of the United Methodist church.

The Champion Funeral Home of Osage is in charge of the arrangements.