

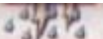


Classic
Lost Tucker
found, restored
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High: 74
 Low: 59

SUNDAY
 T-storms likely
 High: 76
 Low: 53



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Tapping toes
Dancing at Harry's
 begins Monday
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MON.



High 75°

TUES.



High 77°

WED.



High 81°

THURS.



High 80°



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Bennington
 earns salute
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This Weekend

Shop in the open-air market in downtown Beloit during farmers market Saturday. With more than 100 vendors participating, local produce, organics, baked goods, honey, jams and jellies, herbs, plants, fish, meat, eggs and cheese, fresh flowers, crafts and skin care will all be available from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Takes place rain or shine. For more information, visit www.downtownbeloit.com

Plein Air events will take place through June 12 at Beloit College. Paintings will be placed on exhibit and made available for sale.

Teens dive in to rescue man

Weekend fun interrupted by emergency

By Hillary Gavan
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 One man is spreading the message about life jackets after he was rescued from Horseshoe Lake by Hononegah High School students William and Jimmy Benkovich.

Tom Jones of River Falls, Wis., was enjoying a sunny day on May 29 in Minong, Wis., on his pontoon boat when it unexpectedly ran out of gas. Jones decided to swim to shore, which he said was about 200 yards away, to get his jet ski to pull in the boat.

Jones, an avid swimmer, said he didn't even bother to put on his life jacket. He started swimming to shore, but fell under the waters at about 100 yards. Jones doesn't

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Staff photo by Hillary Gavan

From left: William Benkovich, Tom Jones, Jimmy Benkovich and Jim Benkovich gather after William and Jimmy rescued Jones from drowning. Grandpa Jim Benkovich couldn't be more proud of his two grandsons from Hononegah High School.

Rescue

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remember tiring or feeling ill, he only remembers slipping under the water and hearing his wife call out for help.

"I just went down like a ton of bricks," Jones said.

Hearing her cries, William Benkovich, 15, and Jimmy Benkovich, 16, who were fishing along the shoreline, rushed to save Jones. Jimmy Benkovich said that he saw the man's head bobbing up and down. Jones said he really doesn't know what happened to him or why he couldn't swim any further. He was able to hear the boys, but he couldn't see and that his muscles wouldn't move. He's thankful that the two were nearby.

"Those two kids, they were willing to jump into action," Jones said. "My wife hollered out and they went running."

Jimmy said he and his brother each grabbed under Jones' arms. Because he was so limp, the boys were able to swim him in to the shore quickly. In another lucky twist of fate, a nurse in a pontoon boat pulled into shore to look Jones over. Although Jones' eyes were closed and he was hyperventilating, his family was able to get him to the hospital. Doctors told him he had water in his lungs and a low oxygen

count.

Jimmy said he didn't think twice about hopping in the waters. He and his brother have been swimming all their lives. The best part of their experience was having Tom Jones and his wife, Lisa, stop by on their jet ski the next day to thank them.

"It was nice to see him wearing a life preserver," Jimmy said.

His grandfather, Jim Benkovich, a lifeguard, said Jimmy and William are in excellent physical condition participating in track, football and wrestling. As a lifeguard Jim said he's always ready to go in after someone, but he was in the cabin basement at the time of the incident.

But by the time Jim got to the shoreline, however, he said his grandsons were almost back with Jones. Despite their success with Jones, Jim is urging his grandsons to take life saving classes in case they are ever needed for a rescue again.

Jones said the experience has taught him to always wear a life jacket, even if he's a good swimmer. It's a message he's trying to spread to his sons and other kids. Jones said slipping under the water can happen to anybody at any time.