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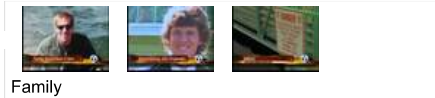
MILFORD, Mich. (WXYZ) - Family & friends are remembering two victims who lost their lives in the Huron River tragedy.

An experienced canoeist, Doug Killingbeck, reacted quickly when he saw two young men capsize in their canoe on Saturday.

He put on his life jacket and jumped into the raging water near the base of the dam.

One teen survived, but the 48-year-old Milford man and 16-year-old John Przydatek from Harrison Township were pulled under by the strong current and died.

Przydatek was part of a camping trip with Knox Presbyterian Church.



Family

Przydatek best friend was also in the canoe, he struggled but was able to make it safely to shore.

A Memorial Fund has been set up for Doug Killingbeck's family:

Memorial Fund:
Doug Killingbeck
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Ryan Ellenshaw

RIP Doug Killingbeck you are a hero for trying to save selfish and ignorant.
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Brandy Camire

and I don't mean just having someone down there to watch. When they pulled the kayak out of the water, everyone was shocked when the underneath of the kayak said "HAND OF GOD!". It's sad that John & Doug had to lose their lives.
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Brandy Camire

That wasn't the only accident that happened that day there. My husband and I headed to the dam after turning our canoe back in at Heavner's canoe rental and hearing about the accident that claimed 2 lives. We were talking to a group of people who at the time of the first accident that happened around 1pm, were made to get off the river. So after they got the all clear, they headed to the dam and pulled their kayaks out at the portage area. just as they were ready to get back in the other side, one guy from the group decided to get into his kayak and paddle towards the dam saying "How could someone die in only 5 feet of water?" all the while his friends were joking around. When it came time for him to turn around though and get out of there, he couldn't and it pulled him down as well. He was probably under the water for a total of 2 minutes if not more. My husband ran to the parking lot hoping someone was still there from earlier since they were when we pulled into the parking lot. I got on the phone with 911, and the guys buddy jumped in and pulled him out. they had to give him CPR. When I saw him, his face was blue and he was unconscious. Fortunately, he will survive, but ended up cracking his head open on either the kayak or dam. This all happened around 6pm the same day. Don't know why the news crew didn't have that story on there as well, my husband and I both interviewed with them about it. Something defiantly needs to be done to stop this from happening though, and I do...

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Alicia Smith

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Marge Shaffer

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Canine Advocacy Program supports kids

WXYZ invited the Canine Advocacy Program to our studio Monday to talk about their work providing support to child victims involved in the criminal justice systems.

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Families remember victims of Huron River

Family & friends are remembering two victims who lost their lives in the Huron River tragedy.

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