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#### The Goodness of America

# **Super Six-year-old Saves Sister**

Six-year-old Kayden Reid of Mobile, Alabama, was hit by a car while rescuing his two-year-old sister, and was given a hero's welcome when he left the hospital the following day.

Kayden was riding his hoverboard on the sidewalk during a family function on January 18 when he noticed his little sister, Kaycee, run into the street directly in front of an oncoming car, according to Yahoo News. Kayden immediately ran into the street after her and jumped in front of her in time to save her, but was struck by the car in the process.

According to the children's mother, Kayla Giles, Kayden acted before the family even had a chance to react to the situation.

"By the time everybody else saw [Kaycee] in the street, Kayden was right there.... He ran right into the street to save her. But in the process of getting her out of the way, he got hit by the car," she told Fox & Friends as she held both children in her arms. She added she was "thankful" that both kids were home and safe.

Kayden was rushed to the hospital, where he received a few stitches and was admitted overnight.

The next day, he was met with a big surprise as he was released. Mobile Fire Rescue came to greet him and treated him to a tour of the truck. He was escorted home by the fire department, and was happy to see that his house had been decorated with a banner reading, "Kayden Is Our Hero."

#### Woman Saves Three Kids From Icy Pond

Three Colorado children are alive today thanks to the grace of God and the intervention of one good Samaritan who just happened to be looking out of her window at the precise moment she was needed.

<u>People.com</u> reports that Dusti Talavera was looking out of her apartment window on January 9 when she saw three children, ages four, six, and 11, fall through a frozen pond. She immediately sprang into action, running to help pull the children to safety.

"Nobody was outside. It was me. I knew it was me that had to do it," Talavera said.

During her rescue, her own safety became jeopardized.

"Before I even realized it, I was out there on the middle of the pond, pulling two kids out [the four-year-old and 11-year-old]," she said during a January press conference. "And that's when I fell in the pond. For the third kid [the six-year-old], I tried to hold her head up. I tried to hold my head up."

Thankfully, the children's cousin, who was nearby, managed to throw a rope to Talavera and helped pull them out of the water.

The six-year-old child had no pulse when paramedics first arrived, but was fortunately able to be revived.

First responders applauded Talavera's actions.

"Putting her life at risk for the kids to make sure that they could make it another day is amazing," said Sheriff's Deputy Blaine Moulton.



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## **Community Celebrates Veteran's 100th Birthday**

Americans in Omro, Wisconsin, and beyond ensured World War II veteran Ervin Fay had a memorable 100th birthday on January 20.

Fay's wife, Alice, put out a mail call through the Omro Area Community Center (OACC) of Wisconsin in the hopes that Fay would receive 100 cards for his 100th birthday.

Fay's children said they thought their father would love to get so many cards because getting mail is the highlight of his day.

"My dad looks forward to the mail every day. 'Did the mail come? Did I get any mail? Is there anything for me?'" his daughter, Mary Schuessler, told Fox 11 News.

Within just a few weeks, more than 200 cards and gifts arrived in the mail, just in time to be presented to Fay at his surprise birthday party hosted at the community center.

The OACC posted about Fay's celebration and the generous outpouring of support from everyone who responded to the call. A large chunk of the mail was sent from students in the Omro School District, who created cards and pictures for the Air Force veteran.

# **Shelter for Ryder**

A group of teenagers built a bus shelter for a five-year-old wheelchair-bound boy after learning he had no cover while waiting for the school bus in rain, wind, and snow.

Ryder Killam of Bradford, Rhode Island, was born with spina bifida myelomeningocele and has never been able to walk, *The Epoch Times* reported in January. He has been using a wheelchair since he was two years old.

Ryder waits every day for his school bus, typically for approximately 15 minutes, under a patio umbrella that his parents set up for him at the end of his driveway. However, his parents quickly realized the umbrella provided limited shelter from the New England weather.

Ryder's father, Tim Killiam, reached out to the community on Facebook to see if anyone could spare "an old bus hut."

"I see them here and there on people's property and figured maybe someone had one and had grown children that might not need it anymore," he told *The Epoch Times*.

Eventually, Killiam made contact with Westerly High School, whose construction class expressed interest in building a shelter for Ryder. The teacher, Dan McKena, thought it would prove to be a learning opportunity for three of his classes, and an important altruistic one as well.

Home Depot donated approximately \$300 worth of materials for the project, which was completed in approximately six weeks and delivered to Ryder's home in early November.

Ryder had the chance to meet the students and teacher who helped build his incredible shelter in December, and his dad snapped photos of the meeting and posted them to his Facebook page.



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