

**NEVADA COUNTY
YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD
Sydney DuPont**

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing twelve-year old Sydney DuPont for standing out as a youth leader through her swift action and exceptional courage that led to her and her brother saving the lives of a drowning woman and dog on March 20, 2022.

On the morning of March 20, Sydney's brother, 15-year old Nathan, first noticed a woman in distress in the water of Lake Wildwood. He immediately ran to tell Sydney and, together, they jumped into action. They ran out of the house, grabbed a standup paddle board, and headed toward the lake. Sydney yelled to the woman that they were coming and to hold on. She then used her hands to paddle out to the woman while Nathan stayed on shore to call 911.

Once Sydney reached the woman, she realized that there was a dog in the water, too. Sydney put the dog on the board as she grabbed for the woman who was drowning. The water was very cold, so the woman was suffering from hypothermia and kept sinking in the water. Sydney was finally able to pull her up on the board. Neighbors in a kayak helped pull the paddle board with its three occupants back to shore where they wrapped the woman in blankets until the paramedics arrived.

During this entire event, Sydney and Nathan's parents were out running errands. The kids stayed calm and did this all by themselves. The drowning woman and her dog have since made a full recovery.

The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors commends Sydney DuPont for her sharp thinking, her courage, and her swift action. We wish her success on her journey ahead.

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