

Mayors Medal of Bravery Presentation

Mayor Mike Vandersteen recognized three individuals who came to the rescue of an individual who was drowning in the YMCA Pool. They were presented the Mayors Medal of Bravery at a brief ceremony during the City Council meeting on Monday, February 20.

On Sunday, December 4 at approximately 12:30 p.m., Eleanor Revelis was lifeguarding for adult lane swimming at the Sheboygan YMCA. There were three lap swimmers in the pool when she noticed that a man had stopped swimming and was in a front float position. He was in the lane closest to the pool edge. She went up to him and asked if he was OK. There was no response and he began to slip under the water. Eleanor yelled to clear the swimmers from the pool. She yelled for Taylor Jones (second guard in the instruction pool), to call 911 and come to assist.

Eleanor entered the water and brought him to the side of the pool, Taylor helped to lift the man out of the water. Eleanor sent Taylor to get help. Eleanor checked for a pulse and breathing, there was none, she began CPR.

The man began to recover, Travis Baughman, (Y Building Duty Supervisor) came to assist. He turned the man on his side and told Eleanor to get the AED in case it would be needed. Travis confirmed that 911 had been called and the Y main desk notified. They continued to monitor the man until EMS arrived.

Prior to leaving, the paramedic on the scene at the YMCA extended his appreciation to Ms. Revelis on her quick thinking and actions. He later called and spoke to her on the phone to check to see how she was handling the event. As a young adult of 17 years, Ms. Revelis has the training due to being a life guard but this is still a large scale event for anybody without the experience. Ms. Revelis performed her job with skill and confidence and brings great credit to herself, the YMCA and the City of Sheboygan. It is also his belief that Ms. Revelis saved this individual's life due to her quick actions as the patient was awake and talking prior to beginning transport to the hospital.

Short biographies of YMCA employees that were involved in the event.

Eleanor Revelis, Head Guard

Ellie Revelis, is 17 years old and a senior at North High School. At North, she is involved in many clubs, such as Blue Crew, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Expo. She was also on the soccer team for two years and has been a varsity swimmer for all four years.

Outside of school, Ellie is part of the Sheboygan Lakers Figure Skating Club and spend countless hours volunteering for the Greek Church. She has been a YMCA member and started working at the Y in July as a lifeguard and a swim instructor.

Taylor Jones, Lifeguard

Taylor Jones, is 19 years old and was born in Washington State. She, along with her little brother and sister, grew up being addicted to being in the water. She recently moved to Wisconsin to be with friends and to further her education. In the past, she had been a USA swimmer for many years and found that lifeguarding was a good way to put her skills to use.

Travis Baughman, Building Duty Supervisor

Travis Baughman, is 24 years old, and has been employed by the Sheboygan County YMCA since March 2008. He currently teaches Y swim lessons, coaches the Y swim team, lifeguard, and is an after school supervisor for the Y Grant School program and a YMCA building duty supervisor.

Travis is currently enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, studying in the education program with the goal of becoming an elementary education school teacher. Outside of school and work his main hobby is fishing. He also enjoys playing hockey at the Sheboygan Blue Line Ice Center.