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Investiture of Lifesaving Honours
RUSSELL MEDAL
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Tyler Bailer

WETASKIWIN, ALBERTA – JULY 4, 2015

RUSSELL MEDAL *recognizes a person 18 years or younger, who during the previous calendar year has carried out the most outstanding resuscitation or attempted resuscitation of a person. The person must also be the holder of a lifesaving award delivered by a Royal Life Saving Society Member Branch anywhere in the Commonwealth.*

On July 4, 2015, 16 year old Tyler Bailer, of Wetaskiwin, saved his stepdad David's life. On this day, his stepdad, David, experienced cardiomyopathy (heart failure) while he was at home. He had no previous symptoms prior to this event.

Tyler's mother, Heather, called out to Tyler, who was downstairs at their home. Tyler came running up the stairs and immediately started CPR. While Heather was on the phone with 911, Tyler continued CPR for 7 minutes until the ambulance arrived. Four EMT's took over CPR and started emergency treatment at the Bailer's home. David was in cardiac arrest for 45 minutes. The EMT's were able to regain David's pulse as they were on route to the Wetaskiwin Hospital and Care Centre. All of the emergency personnel, cardiologists and nurses, repeatedly asked who had performed CPR, and commended Tyler on how skillful and successful he was at administering CPR for the first time, especially on a family member, and without injury to the patient.

Tyler's quick thinking and Lifesaving Society First Aid training sustained breathing and blood flow to David's lungs and brain until emergency medical services arrived. David has since made a full recovery.

Tyler has been involved in Lifesaving Sport since he was 5 years old. He is now 18 and continues to participate and compete in Lifesaving Sport. He is a Lifeguard at the Manluk Centre; teaches swim lessons and coaches with the Wetaskiwin ORCAS Lifesaving Team; as well as continuing his own personal training. Tyler competes at provincial, national and international lifesaving events.

In September 2016, Tyler represented Canada on the Youth Lifesaving Team at the Lifesaving World Championships in the Netherlands and in November will represent Canada to compete in the Orange and German Cups in the Netherlands and Germany respectively.

For his quick response and outstanding effort in the resuscitation of his stepdad, **Tyler Bailer** is awarded the Russell Medal. Tyler will accept the Russell Medal at a reception at Buckingham Palace in London in November as part of the Royal Life Saving Society's 125th Anniversary celebrations.