

Girls to be honored for saving dad at Lake Tahoe

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Veronica Tucker would have done the same thing if the man she helped save had been anyone else.

“Someone would’ve been waiting for him to come home,” the sixth-grader at North Creek Academy in Walnut Creek says of her valiant efforts.

In this case, she and a new summer camp cabin mate Grace McAdoo, both from Concord, instinctively teamed up to save Veronica’s dad.

The girls are being recognized with a proclamation by the Concord City Council, which will be presented at the meeting Sept. 9.

The girls were in the midst of enjoying a weeklong experience at Camp Concord at Lake Tahoe in July, where her dad was volunteering as a chaperon.

The elder Tucker, a diabetic – whose recent change in medication, coupled with the altitude and cold temperature of the lake – suddenly lost control of his extremities, struggled to breathe when his “chest locked up,” and managed to shout out for help, before the former longtime search-and-rescue volunteer started to sink beneath the water’s surface.

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