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## **Ritenour High School Student Honored for Heroic Actions**

*Dec. 17, 2009* – Tapley Rasch, a junior at Ritenour High School, was recognized by the Ritenour Board of Education and City of Overland for helping save a 3-year old girl.

In November, Rasch noticed the young child walking alone alongside Woodson Road in Overland. The little girl then walked into the street and into traffic. Thinking quickly and recognizing she was in danger, Rasch went into the street and led the girl to safety. He then took her to a nearby business and asked them to call police – staying with her and holding her hand until law enforcement officials arrived and located her family.

“Tapley set a positive example not only for his peers, but for society as a whole for his actions and his willingness to get involved,” said acting Overland Police Chief Michael Laws. “Had he not taken action, the results of this situation could have been much different.”

Rasch was given “Citizen Recognition” by the Overland Police Department and was honored at the December Ritenour Board of Education meeting. .

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**Photo caption:** Ritenour High School junior Tapley Rasch (second from left) was honored for his actions at the Ritenour Board of Education meeting in December. He is joined by (l to r) RHS Principal Dr. Anthony Robinson, Board of Education President Bob Young, and his parents – Monika Ringer and Robert Rasch.

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