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## Pit bull attack foiled

HAMILTON TEEN SAVES BOY, 5

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THE MOTHER of a 5-year-old is crediting a Hamilton teen with saving her son from a pit bull attack. Bunny Patterson was walking to a bus stop Thursday when a pit bull and Rottweiler jumped up on her son, Brayden Murray. "(The dogs) weren't going to give any mercy," she said.

Ryan Beaudry, 19, grabbed the boy and held him out of the dogs' reach. When the pit bull grabbed the boy's boot, Beaudry lifted the boy higher, spinning in circles to keep him safe.

"I was just thinking of the baby," said Beaudry.

Two passersby pulled off the dogs, but not before Beaudry was bitten on the hand and leg by the pit bull. The wounds were minor, but hint at what could have happened, said Patterson.

"He definitely deserves to be called a hero," she said.

The dogs that attacked Brayden had pounced on another child just seconds before. Christine Martin said she was inside the bus shelter with her daughter Brianna, 5, and several others when the two dogs came bounding inside.

"They just started nipping and biting at her face, arms and coat," said Martin, who shielded her daughter, who was not hurt. "I was so scared for her."

Someone pulled the dogs out of the shelter, she said.

The dogs played briefly in the snow before jumping on Brayden. Animal control took both dogs away.

The Rottweiler was released after witnesses identified the pit bull as the attacker. The pit bull will remain in quarantine for 10 days to check for rabies.