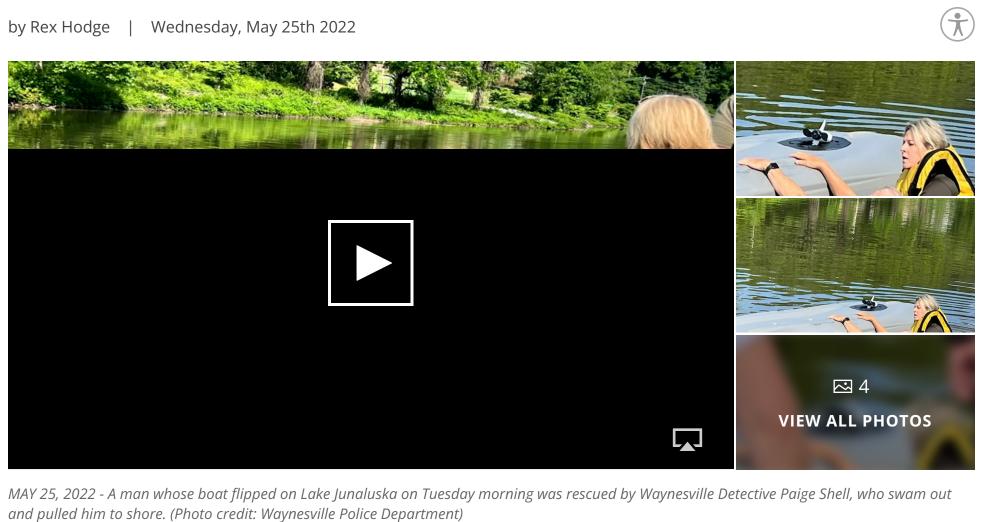
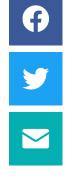
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Waynesville detective saves man whose kayak overturned in Lake Junaluska



WAYNESVILLE, N.C. (WLOS) — Waynesville police rescued a man whose



boat had flipped on Lake Junaluska on Tuesday morning. It was a quick response and a reminder about boating safety as the summer season is about to begin.



Detective Paige Shell was on the right side of town and quickly

responded. Shell, who is also EMS trained, wasted no time in jumping into the water to rescue him.

Shell said. Sponsored Links

"I heard the call go out about a kayak that had overturned on the lake,"



Help had started to arrive.

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"I believe Junaluska Fire Department," Shell said. "Tried to throw the rope out to him one time, didn't go very far. He pulled it back, tried to throw it again," Shell said.

But precious time was ticking away. The man had fallen out of his kayak.

But the man didn't have his life jacket on.

"It looked like one of those fishing kayaks," she said.

longer," Shell said. "So, I knew then that we didn't have much time. I couldn't just stand there."

"The guy hollered back at us and said, 'Hurry, guys. I can't hang on much

"Jumped in the water and grabbed the rope and swam out to him," she said. "It was completely flipped over when I got to him. He was barely

hanging on to the side at that point."

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Shell put the fireman's life vest on and set out to the kayak.

Shell safely pulled the man to shore. He was weak, but OK.

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"Detective Shell, she did an amazing job and that's definitely courage in the face of fear. She swam out there and saved a guy's life. So, that's definitely community service," Waynesville Police Chief David Adams said. "She took the initiative, and that's definitely an example of protect and serve."

It's a good outcome and a reminder as summer boating season is beginning to take precautions.

weekend, we ask, obviously, No. 1 that everybody wear their lifejackets on any body of water," Waynesville Officer Tyler Howell said. DRAW DOWN OF WATER OFFERS A CHANCE FOR RENEWAL AT LAKE

"With such a big weekend coming up and, obviously, it's a huge boating

Avid fisherman Tyler Mack agreed. "Life vest. Make sure you have that on, whistles, a sound horn, a big

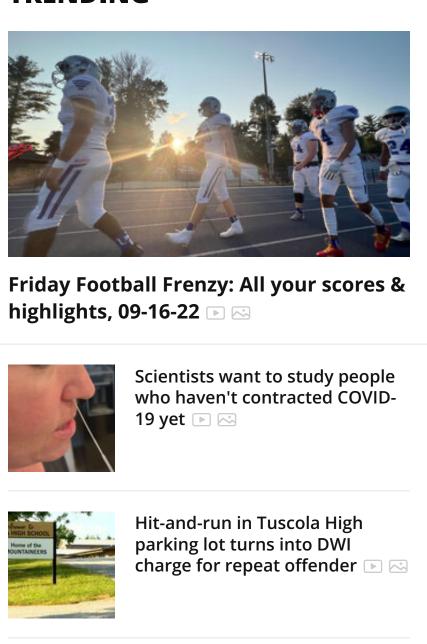
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horn," he said. Shell is just glad she could help.

"Right place, right time and did what I had to do," Shell said.

Lake Junaluska executive director Ken Howle said he greatly appreciates the efforts of the Waynesville Police Department.

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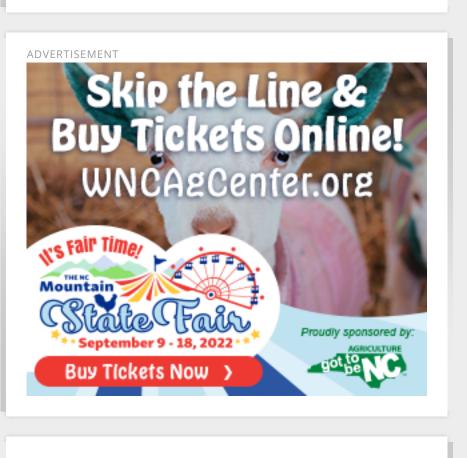


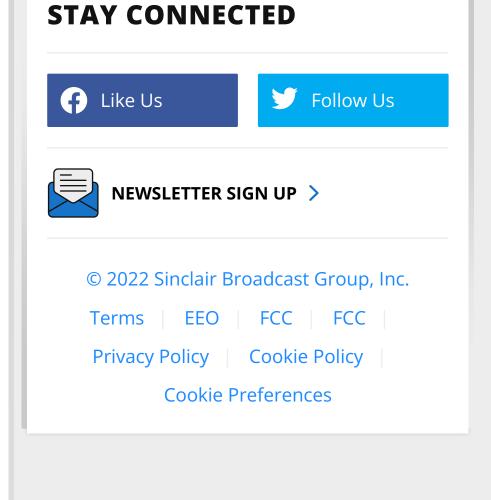
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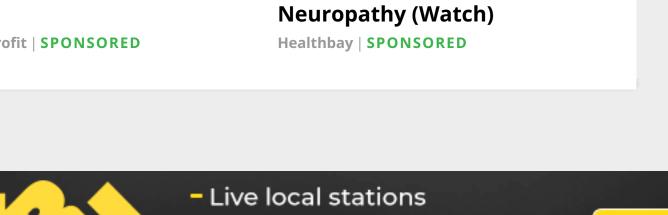
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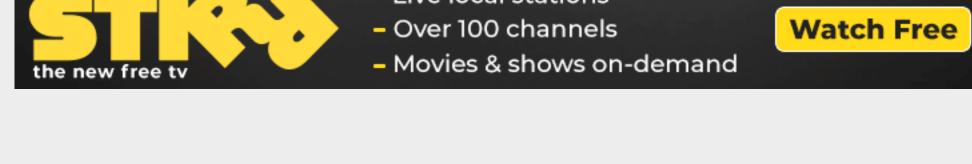












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