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# 4 kayakers treated for hypothermia after fall into Chagrin River

Staff report

Four people were treated for possible hypothermia after falling into the water while kayaking in the Chagrin River on July 28.

About 3 p.m. Gates Mills Fire Department responded to Mayfield Road Bridge for a water rescue.

Police originally reported five people were unaccounted for, according to a Gates Mills Police Department news release.

The Hillcrest Technical Rescue Team and the Heights Area Special Rescue Team were called to the scene for rope rescue assistance.

Police located three of those people out of the water.

The remaining two victims — an adult and a juvenile — were spotted in a piece of a tree that had lodged itself in a bridge support column,

according to the release.

A rescue team member was lowered to the juvenile. Those two were hoisted to safety on the bridge deck at 3:43 p.m.

The adult entered the water and swam to the rescuers positioned downstream with ropes.

Mayfield Village Fire Department transported three victims to Hillcrest Hospital. Chester Fire Department also transported one victim to Hillcrest.

Beachwood, Gates Mills, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Pepper Pike, Richmond Heights and Willoughby Hills personnel were part of the technical rescue team.

In the release, the department warned against attempting to navigate fast moving water without the appropriate training and equipment.

## Gates Mills

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# Kayakers rescued from Chagrin River

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A rescue worker plucked a girl from a log in the Chagrin River after rough water's overturned several kayaks Monday afternoon.

Authorities arrived around 3 p.m. and found an adult and a girl sitting on a log lodged beneath the Mayfield Road Bridge, Gates Mills Fire Chief P. Thomas Robinson said.

"There was a large tree that had floated downstream and gotten

stuck under the bridge," Robinson said. "They were able to grab onto the tree and get up on it."

A member of the Hillcrest Technical Rescue Team pulled the girl from the river about 3:45 p.m. The rescuer was lowered from the bridge with a harness.

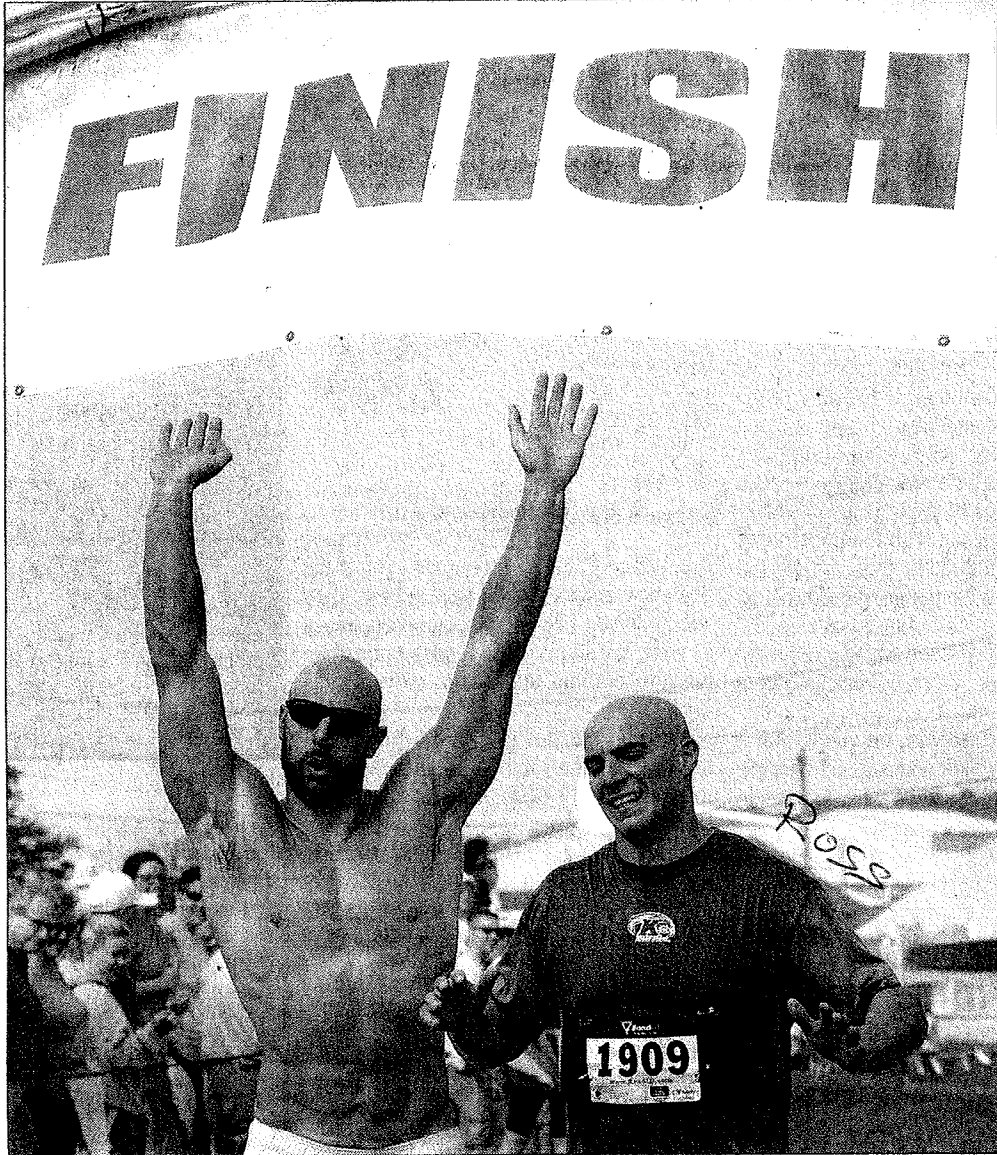
The adult was able to swim to the shore after the rescue worker pulled the girl to safety.

An initial call said that five people were missing after their kayaks overturned, but rescue workers located three people

shortly after arriving at the scene, Robinson said.

Paramedics from Mayfield and Chester Township took four people to Hillcrest Hospital for treatment. No one was seriously injured but several showed signs of hypothermia, Robinson said.

Robinson said the water at the Chagrin River was high and moving quickly Monday afternoon as a result of heavy weekend rain, making it very difficult for kayakers or canoes to navigate.



## 22nd annual Lighthouse Triathlon

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Brothers Chad and Ross  
Bandiera of Mayfield  
Village make a  
triumphant finish in the  
22nd annual Lighthouse  
Triathlon at Fairport  
Harbor Lakefront Park,  
on July 27.

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## Mayfield Village

### Impaired driving, SOM Center

**Road:** A man reported July 16 he saw the driver of a vehicle hit another vehicle while he was parking in an apartment parking lot. He said the driver then left the vehicle and went into an apartment. Officers located the driver, a 56-year-old man, in his apartment and arrested him for operating a vehicle while impaired, not stopping after an accident and for having an open container of vodka, which he placed into the vehicle's trunk before going into the apartment.

### Criminal damage, Derby Drive:

Officers responded to a report at 10:48 p.m. July 14 of a group of kids in the area being loud and damaging mailboxes. The kids ran off as officers arrived but two boys, 14 and 15, were located in a driveway on Northboro Drive, where they admitted to damaging four mailboxes on three roads. Charges will not be filed with juvenile court if the boys pay for the damages.

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### Special attention, Wildwood

**Trail:** A resident said July 15 it appeared someone tried to break into her shed because the door and lock seemed to be tampered with and the frame was damaged.

She also said three of her solar lights were either broken or missing. Officers said they would give special attention to the area.

### Suspicious person, Hickory

**Hill Drive:** A woman said July 17 a suspicious male was trespassing and seen walking through a house.

Officers spoke with a man in the area, who admitted going into a home because he thought he was invited. He was told if he returned he would be cited for trespassing.

### Traffic complaint, Foxboro

**Drive:** A resident said July 19 there was possible drag racing taking place all over the Aintree Park Drive area at all times of the day. Officers said they would give special attention to the area for speeders.

### Suspicion, Thornapple Drive:

A woman said July 21 she was receiving phone calls from a female caller about her deceased husband. Officers informed her it was likely some type of scam. She said she did not give out any information and officers told her to keep it that way.

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## Mayfield Village Driver in crash sought, faces varied charges

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Police are searching for a man in connection with a crash that left a passenger hospitalized with a fractured spine and broken legs.

A warrant was issued Friday for the arrest of 22-year-old Robert Tippet. He's accused of driving off SOM Center Road about 7 a.m. June 27. The vehicle struck a traffic light pole on the passenger side and landed about 30 yards away in a swamp, according to police.

A toxicology report showed that Tippet had alcohol, amphetamines, oxycodone and other drugs in his system, according to court papers.

Tippet faces charges of aggravated vehicular assault, intoxicated driving and driving under suspension.

Tippet and the passenger were taken to Hillcrest Hospital after the crash. Tippet was released the next day. The passenger's injuries were more serious, including broken legs, a fractured spine and broken arms, police said. The passenger spent several days in the hospital.

Police have not found Tippet and urge anyone with information to call Mayfield police at 440-461-1234.