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Sheriff's squad rear-ended on I-41

Deputy and others sustain injuries in multiple collisions

By Tony Daley

An on-duty deputy of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, was involved in a crash while the officer was seated in a fully marked and legally parked squad car.

"THE SQUAD WAS PARKED BEHIND A BLACK NISSAN ALTIMA THAT HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN AN EARLIER CRASH ON I-41..."

A release from the Sheriff's Office indicates that the squad car had all red and blue emergency lighting activated as the vehicle sat in a right shoulder of a roadway, outside of lanes of travel.

The July 25 release also states, "The squad was parked behind a black Nissan Altima that had been involved in an earlier crash on



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SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE SHOWS on a Winnebago County Sheriff's Office squad car that a vehicle crashed into while a Sheriff's Deputy was legally parked, sitting in the vehicle.

I-41 SB between CTH JJ (Winneconne Av) and Breezewood Ln. The legally parked squad car, with the [deputy] seated inside, was

struck from behind by another car, a green Chevrolet Malibu."

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OMRO HERALD PHOTO

FIFTEEN-MONTH-OLD Myla is readying for her own future Summer Program Reading at Carter Memorial Library near downtown Omro.

Library full of summer fun

By Tony Daley

Carter Memorial Library staff including Director Julia Stobbe rolled out a wrap party for Summer Reading Program youngsters and family members.

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Planning commission puts Winnebago County trails map on fast track

By Tony Daley

Bike/Pedestrian community route charting across Winnebago County is closer to getting a comprehensive mapping update.

The map itself, foldable and to be distributed to users across a wide regional area, is being fast-tracked by a stakeholders group, after hearing that design and printing costs of the map are going to be taken care of by the Oshkosh Convention

and Visitors Center Bureau.

Reporting to her fellow bike/pedestrian colleagues on July 18 during the stakeholders' latest meeting of numerous civic, professional, and agency principals, Emily Dieringer, moderator and coordinator,

said about the Winnebago County trails map for cycling and foot travel, "There is a heightened sense of urgency to finish [the map]."

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COLORFUL MIDWAY ACTION is part of the Winnebago County Fair, which is going on now at the Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh from August 1-5.

County fair returns August 1-5

By Tony Daley

"Blue Jeans and Country Dreams" is the theme for this year's Winnebago County Fair.

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Trishaw fundraising boosted by local business owner

By Tony Daley

The Cycling Without Age program has become an international movement that helps communities administer fleets of trishaw conveyances that have helped thousands of senior-citizen riders across the globe "get the wind in their air and roses on their cheeks," being driven around by qualified trishaw

pilots.

Several weeks ago, Omro Care Center and Future Omro Chamber-Main Street decided to work with Cycling Without Age in Wisconsin, as coordinating with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, for initiating a program rollout here in the City.

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Small town good fit for new pharmacist at Omro Pharmacy

By Tony Daley

Being back in a small town seems to be the right fit for Omro Pharmacy's latest addition, Patrick Beiermeister.

A graduate of the pharmacy school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Patrick says, "I'm looking forward to getting to know the patients here at Omro Pharmacy, and seeing more of what Omro has to offer and life in a small town."

On the pharm-tech side of things, Patrick said he's focusing



PATRICK BEIERMEISTER

for the next couple of months on building the current immunization program, making sure patients are up-to-date on inoculations.

Also in Patrick's job scope will be working in Medication Therapy Management (MTM), where patients can consult with their pharmacist, who can help patients make sure they get the most, financially and therapeutically, out of their medications, and help some patients to potentially reduce the number of their medications.

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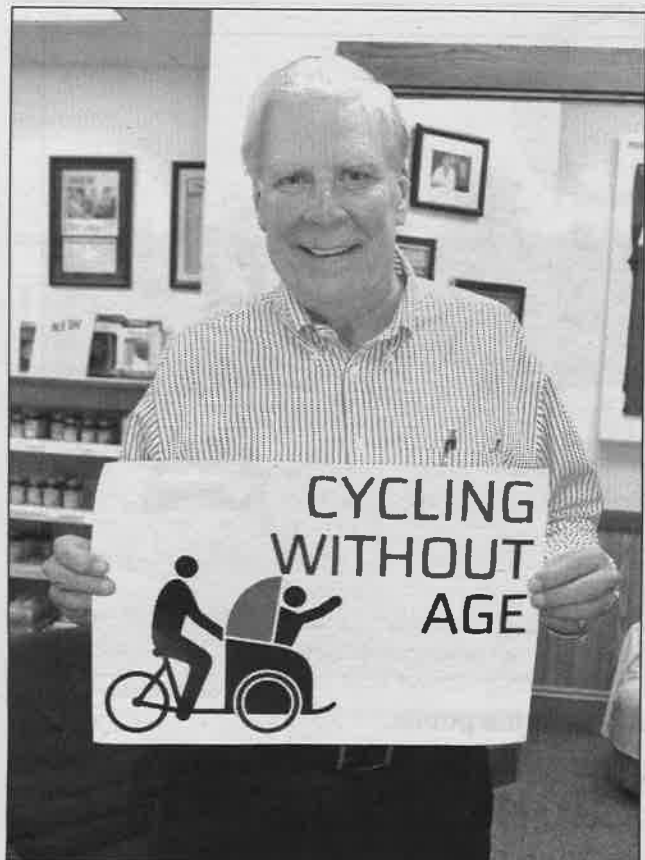
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AT LEFT: OMRO PHARMACY ENTREPRENEUR Ken Bressers contributes to fundraising being implemented to bring a Cycling Without Age program trishaw to town. ABOVE: THIS TRISHAW JAUNT from another municipality shows Cycling Without Age's "wind in your hair" theme for engaging seniors in healthy, invigorating outdoor transit and sightseeing. AT RIGHT: THE TRISHAW GETS previewed with several lucky local-area senior riders when a demo model arrives via a Cycling Without Age representative to the Omro Fourth of July celebration.

Trishaw

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The first step for achieving this change-making objective was for the Omro Care Center and Future Omro Chamber. Main Street to pool efforts on a fundraising campaign. The campaign is designed to generate a matching cost amount as part of an application to participate in local Cycling Without Age implementation for this program that started in 2012 in Denmark.

A promotional splash for the two-passenger-and-one-driver trishaw happened with a demo model provided by a Wisconsin Cycling Without Age affiliate for a Main Street cruise during Omro's Fourth of July celebration, where thousands got a chance to see this specialized rickshaw-type vehicle.

The trishaw has become a conveyance in hundreds of communities, providing senior citizens with certified pilot-guided rides.

Trishaw benefits including enlivening

relationships and shared stories among the senior riders, trishaw pilots, and community members who are met during travels.

Fundraising has now gotten a \$1,000 kick-start from Omro Pharmacy owner and community stakeholder Ken Bressers.

Bressers' contribution is a notable contribution to an Omro Care Center and Future Omro partnership to bring this trishaw bike for local-area use and the enrichment of seniors' lives, and a significant part of community

giving that will electrify the Cycling Without Age local-area initiative, about which Future Omro Director Dana Racine has said, "Our... missions tie perfectly together into this amazing program, a program of enrichment for area seniors that fundraising partnerships will bring to enhance our community."

All donations can be sent to Future Omro at 130 W. Larrabee St., Omro WI 54963.

Questions may be directed to Dana Racine at (920) 685-7005, ext. 22.

County Fair

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Held at the Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Road Y in Oshkosh, the Winnebago County Fair has returned from Wednesday-Sunday, August 1-5.

Aside from the many features and events, there will be live music this year from performers including headliners Kentucky Headhunters. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the gate — including shows, carnival, rides, parking and more.

Further information on the Winnebago County Fair can be obtained by calling (920) 685-3013.

Keep reading the *Omro Herald* for further previews and extended event coverage of this year's Winnebago County Fair, at the Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh from Wednesday-Sunday, August 1-5.

Trail Map

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The reason is that, after her recent meeting with the Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau (OCVB) just days before, "They are all on board for finishing this map." She added, "They're going to do the art to finish [the map] as a hand-out [informational, promotional piece], and [the bureau] will pay to have it printed."

According to Dieringer, the OCVB has received many calls about bicycling and walking information. "They were super-jazzed that [the bike/pedestrian stakeholders group] were working on [the trail map]. They will contract out with a graphic designer to help finish this, then work with whom-ever they have for paying to have [a quantity] printed. So yay!"

However, Dieringer went on to say she is concerned about ensuring that the Winnebago County trail map for cyclists and pedestrians is not just branded for the bureau because of its convention/

visitation umbrella, but the OCVB, which derives its income from room taxes, has indicated to her their understanding of having the map serving to promote features of multiple communities.

In the case of the larger civic constellation of destinations for cyclists and pedestrians, someone cycling or walking in, for example, the city of Omro or the village of Winneconne, will likely be staying in Oshkosh.

Getting the map done ASAP, said Dieringer, is now being driven by the Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau, because of its wanting to have the trail map done and ready for use this season.

Dieringer, who holds a position in Winnebago County's Health Department, served as a Coalition Coordinator of the Department-supported "reTH!NK," a community coalition working with local partners in connection with Winnebago County's resolving to coordinate implementation of the Connecting People and Commu-

nities: Winnebago County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, a government and community partnership underscoring commitment to "connecting people in communities."

With the current bike/pedestrian group an unofficial and strategic group meshing interests and goals of many regional stakeholders, Dieringer continues scheduling planning sessions that bring together development and engagement partners such as Future Omro Chamber: Main Street Director Dana Racine and bike advocate and ex-Omro teacher, Joe Horvath.

Horvath provided the bike/pedestrian group with an update on the bike shop, a grant-supported project in development for close to a decade, now finally being built on a portion of what had been the site of the School District of Omro's tennis courts. "They're starting to pour the foundation and set up forms," said Horvath about a project that could be, scope of work factors depending, completed within 90 days.

Pharmacist

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Patrick says he is getting familiar with Omro Pharmacy's store operations, learning different roles and responsibilities, before eventually becoming more involved in more clinical work.

After a year of rotating clerkships in the Milwaukee area and interning at a Walgreen's in Madison, Patrick, who found out about the Omro Pharmacy job through a posting

recommended by a school advisor, indicates readiness to return to some of the small-town roots he enjoyed while growing up, staying sometimes with his parents at a lake home in a smaller community.

Asked about his final choice to come to Omro and the Omro Pharmacy, Patrick says, "I wanted to move to a smaller town. Omro had the combination of things that seemed to make a perfect opportunity."

Sheriff

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Winnebago County enforcement departmental data further indicates, "The squad car was pushed into the black Nissan Altima from the prior uninvolved crash that the [deputy] was originally investigating."

Immediately after the green Chevrolet Malibu hit the squad car, the vehicle spun into traffic on I-41 SB, where it collided with an additional vehicle, a silver Honda Civic, which was being operated on I-41 SB.

The release further states, "The male operator (19 years old from Greenville) of the black Nissan Altima reported no injuries. The female operator (18 years old from Neenah) and female passenger (also 18 years old from Neenah) in the silver Honda Civic both suffered minor injuries."

Also incurring minor injuries was the Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputy seated in the squad car. The deputy was, however, able to continue working, according to Sheriff's Office information.

Release statements go on to convey, "The male operator (60 years old from Neenah) of the green Chevrolet Malibu suffered minor injuries; and was subsequently arrested for Operating While Intoxicated Causing Injury 4th offense (Felony), Passing Stopped Emergency Vehicle (Move Over Law), Failure to Install Ignition Interlock Device, Operating After Revocation, and Operating Motor Vehicle without Insurance."

Additional Sheriff's Office statements, based on video evidence supplied by Patrol Division Captain Lara Vendola-Messer, indicate how close the deputy was, at the time of collision, to having exited his squad car, paperwork in hand. The civilian vehicle that hit the law enforcement-unit had therefore been seconds away from potentially running into the deputy on foot.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office squad car sustained significant damage from the multiple impacts.

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