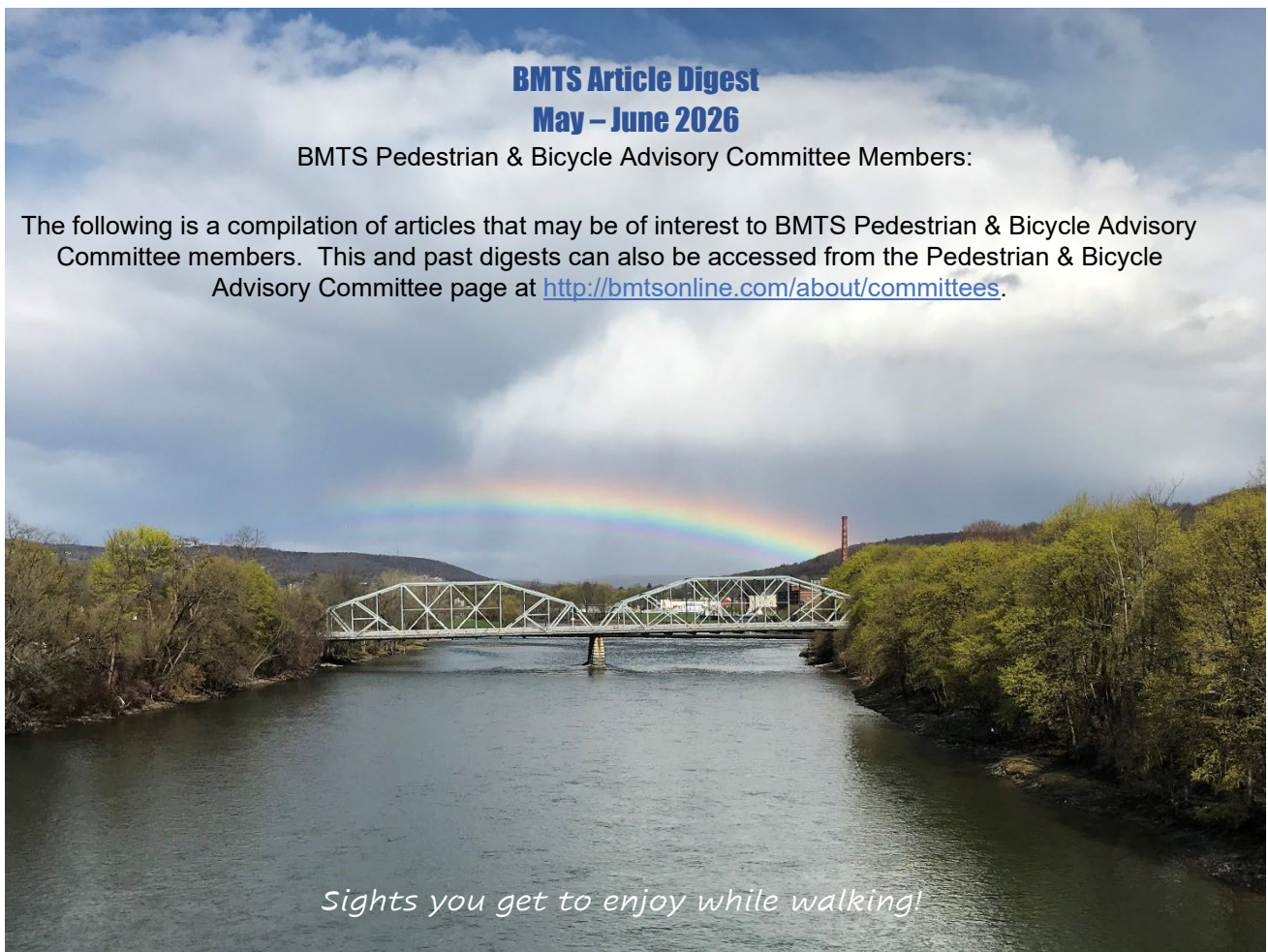


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One airlifted after vehicle and E-bike crash in Town of Norwich

By [Brandon Kyc](#)
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TOWN OF NORWICH, N.Y. (WBNG) — An Oxford man was airlifted to the hospital following a crash involving an

E-BIKE CRASH LEAVES VICTIM IN CRITICAL CONDITION

CHENANGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- 5/18/2026 ON HIGHWAY 12 IN NORWICH
- RIDING E-BIKE ON SHOULDER, MOVED INTO LANE
- HIT BY A CAR WITH A 16 YEAR OLD DRIVER
- E-BIKE RIDER AIRLIFTED TO UPSTATE MEDICAL CENTER IN SYRACUSE

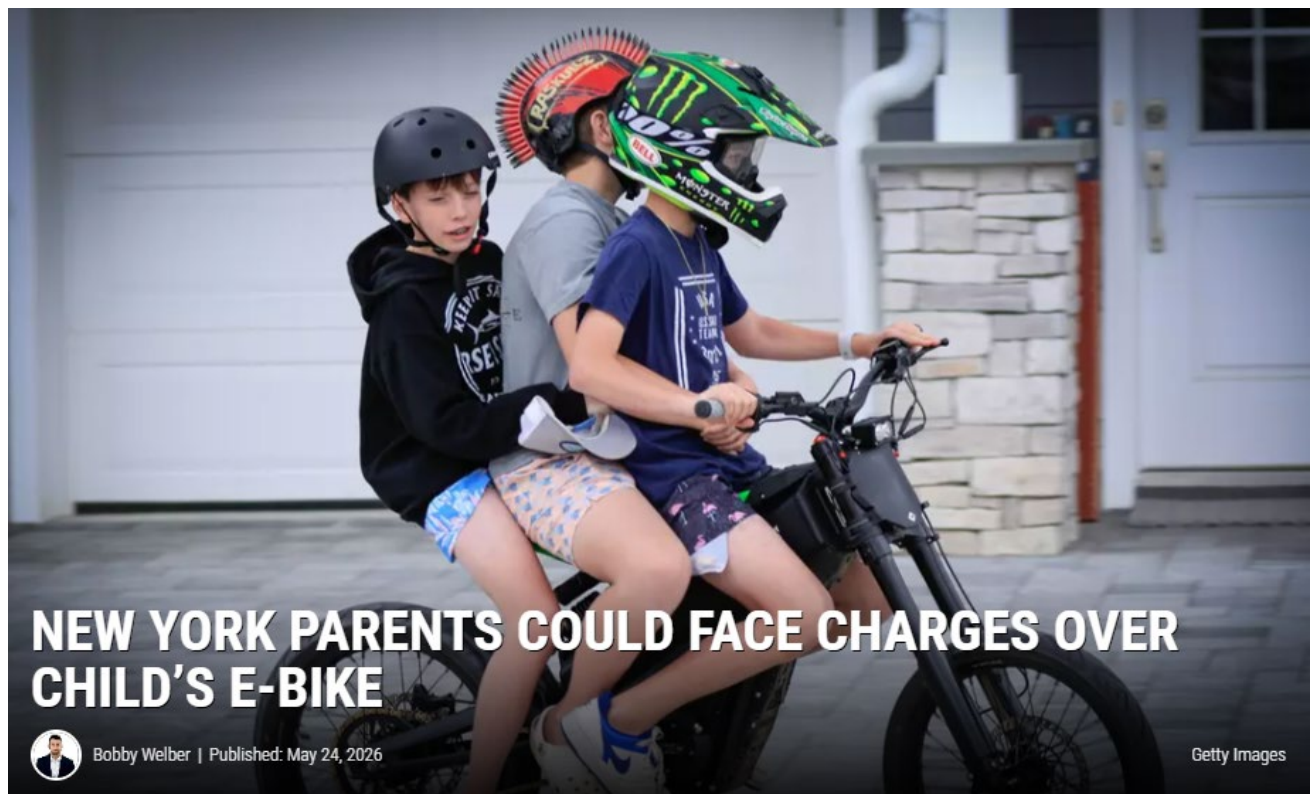
electric bike and a car on Monday, according to information from the Chenango County Sheriff's Office.

Around 5:50 p.m. on Monday, May 18, deputies were sent to the 5400 block of state Highway 12 in the Town of Norwich for reports of a [crash](#) between a car and a bicycle.

An initial investigation into the crash revealed that a 69-year-old man from Oxford was riding an E-bike on the southbound shoulder of the road when he went into the southbound lane and was hit by a vehicle being driven by a 16-year-old male who was driving south, deputies said.

The man on the E-bike was taken by Mercy Flight to Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. As of Tuesday, his condition was still critical, deputies said.

The investigation into the crash is ongoing.



There's been a spike in complaints regarding kids riding e-bikes in the Hudson Valley. Police warn that parents could actually get arrested.

Police in the Hudson Valley are cracking down on illegal e-bike, e-scooter, and mini-bike riders.

Police Cracking Down On E-Bikes In Orange County, New York

Photo by Gotrax on Unsplash

The Town of New Windsor Police Department says they are receiving a spike in complaints from residents about illegally operated e-bikes, e-scooters, and mini-bikes.

Police say this is happening on public roads, in town parks, and in residential areas. Cops are urging the public to understand and follow New York State law regarding electric bikes and scooters, along with off-road electric motorcycles.



New York State Rules

E-bike and E-scooter riders must be 16 years or older, and they must be wearing helmets.

They aren't allowed to ride on sidewalks, most follow all traffic laws, yield to pedestrians, and only ride on roads with 30 miles per hour speed limits or less.

Dirt-bikes or off-highway electric motorcycles are classified as off-highway motorcycles under New York State law

They are not legal on public roads, sidewalks, bike paths, or parks unless fully registered, insured, and street legal, police add.

"Most recreational models do not meet these requirements," police said in a press release. "The illegal operation of these vehicles poses serious safety risks to riders and the public."

Parents Could Be Charged For Child's Actions

New Windsor Police are also warning parents they could be charged with endangering the welfare of a child if their child repeatedly breaks roadway laws.

"Parents and guardians: Please ensure minors are not operating vehicles that are not legal for roadway use. Unsafe or repeated behavior may result in enforcement action, including charges such as endangering the welfare of a child," police stated.

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Olum's Hosts Annual Walk to Work for Veterans

by: [Lindsay Arons](#)

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BROOME COUNTY, N.Y. (WIVT/WBGH) – Staff members of a local furniture store walked 16 miles to fundraise for those who have fought for our country.

Olum's Furniture and Appliances held its third annual "Walking for Clear Path" fundraising event to benefit Clear Path for Veterans. The nonprofit organization is dedicated to serving and empowering military veterans and their families. Olum's employees collectively walked 16 miles Friday morning on the Vestal Rail Trail, raising over \$7,600.

Marketing Manager Ella Stafford says the walk was started three years ago by Bedding Buyer Mark Cook. Stafford says this year's walk raised the highest amount of money so far, and she hopes the event continues to grow.

"We picked Clear Path because they are located in both Binghamton and in Syracuse, and with all of our stores being split between the two we thought it would be a great way to give back. Especially on Memorial Day weekend," Stafford said.

Clear Path for Veterans' Broome County Assigned Peer Mentor Caitlin Strong says the organization covers over 30 counties in New York, which is over half of the state.

She says Clear Path provides services from peer mentoring and counseling to welfare and recreational events for veterans and their families. Strong says partnering with other community organizations is very impactful.

"We talk about an interconnected web, we're bigger than just one entity. Even as a veteran myself, I learned the importance of leaning on your team members and that translates to civilian world to be able to lean on your community partners," Strong said. "The importance of this weekend especially with Memorial Day is we're not just thinking about the veterans who are still living, but those who didn't get to come home. So for Mark choosing to do it on these weekends and to really just give back to the veteran community is super impactful to us."

Strong says all of the funds raised from the walk will stay in the Southern Tier for projects from the Canine Assistance Program to classes at the Veterans Resource Center. She says the classes offered focus on mental health, wellness and recreational activities for local veterans.



Vestal Central School District

May 22 at 7:00 PM · 🌐



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