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POP-UP CLINIC STOPS IN WISCONSIN



REMOTE AREA MEDICAL

The Remote Area Medical Clinic, which has been offering free health and dental care for 40 years, served 328 patients last weekend in Verona.

Free nationwide service not likely to return to state for at least a year

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VERONA — Roman Olayo arrived at Verona Area High School at 6 a.m. Saturday to make sure he could see a doctor.

By 2 p.m., the 50-year-old Madison resident was so impressed with the Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic that he vowed to return next year, not as a patient, but as a translator.

“I’m going to volunteer,” said Olayo, who works in shipping and receiving for a Madison company and speaks both Spanish and English.

RAM arranges pop-up clinics around

the country that offer free medical, dental and vision care — no insurance or ID required. One of the clinics was held last weekend in Verona.

Since its inception, RAM has served roughly 940,000 people through about 1,400 clinics nationwide.

Spokesperson Eric B. Hutchinson said if RAM holds another clinic in Wisconsin, it would be late next year or in 2028. They’ve had requests from community members in Milwaukee and Sun Prairie, but don’t have dates or venues yet, he said.

Olayo described the care he received

as “the best.” The doctor thoroughly addressed his questions about joint pain and possible arthritis.

“I’m low in oxygen, so my lungs are not in the best,” he said. The doctor referred him to a clinic for further testing and follow-up. “I’m not 20 anymore, so it hurts.”

Olayo also received a vision exam. He came in wearing over-the-counter glasses he bought at Walgreens, but RAM volunteers made him new glasses on the spot. The new pair, he said, will help him see much better.

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3-year project to improve Dells’ main drag begins

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After a yearlong delay, the effort to fix and improve the main thoroughfare through the Wisconsin Dells is underway, though it’ll be a few years until it’s done.

Preliminary construction of the Wisconsin Dells Parkway, which will include temporary pavement layering and utility work, began Monday and will continue through Sept. 8. During that time, single lane closures from the project boundaries — intersections with Broadway and Adams Street — will be from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Monday through Wednesday. After that, comprehensive road work and directional closures will begin.

Wisconsin Dells Parkway is the Highway

12 and 23 route through Wisconsin Dells and Lake Delton.

The project makes several significant changes, including a new sidewalk along the west side of the parkway between Broadway and Highway A, a two-way, left-turn lane between Highway A and Adams Street, and a 10-foot wide shared use path for pedestrians and bicycles between Highway A and Olympus Drive.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation officials began planning for the three-phased project in December 2021. The project will completely repave the Wisconsin Dells Parkway stretch that includes attractions such as Mt. Olympus Water

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A two-way left-turn-lane will be added to Wisconsin Dells Parkway as part of the upcoming project to minimize rear-end crashes along the roadway.

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