Reviving hospital food

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Eight Sheboygan Police Department officers were awarded the inaugural Mayor’s Medal of Bravery on Tuesday for their role in rescuing a woman from the Brat Days Parade crash.

The medals, which recognize officers for going “above and beyond” the call of duty, were given out in a City Hall ceremony attended by more than 50 officers and their families. Honorees were Capt. James Currie, former administrator of the U.S. Submarine School; School Resource Officers Mike Laur, Derek Dlossen, Kent Huibregtse, John Voss and Scott Wardell; and former Officer Steve D’Amico, who was killed in the crash.

“At the time of the collision, there were three people in the car and two in the car in front of it,” Currie said. “And this officer jumped in and did what he was trained to do — he did the right thing and was able to save all three people.”

The medals are designed to preserve that moment of great character, great integrity for future generations of Sheboygan Police, who created the award.

The officers each received a bronze medal and will have their names listed on the plaque and on the Sheboygan Police Department’s website. 

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More bad news

The retirement accounts of Americans are in the worst shape in at least a half-century, according to a new study.

The Retirement Income Study, released Tuesday by the National Council on Economic Priorities, found that the average worker’s retirement account balances were just $6,318 in 2004, compared with $14,264 in 2000. The study also found that 40% of workers have no retirement savings and that 36% have less than $10,000 saved.

In the study, the council analyzed data from the Employee Benefit Research Institute and the Economic Policy Institute. The group said the findings are likely to improve as workers ages.

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