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1 'Breakfast for Dinner' fundraiser highlights diner
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5 Who doesn't love breakfast for dinner now and again?
6 That's what's on the menu Saturday, April 4, at the Bellows Falls
7 Moose Lodge #527.
8 The first Diner Dinner of 2026 features bacon, sausage,
9 'taters, eggs — all sorts of breakfast classics served up hot and
10 hearty; affordably priced, and with a heaping helping of the latest
11 news about the Miss Bellows Falls Diner restoration project.

12 Diner Dinners, started in 2025 under the supervision of
13 the late Susan MacNeil, are the means by which the volunteer
14 team at Rockingham for Progress (RFP) can share reports on the
15 Miss Bellows Falls Diner restoration project, including plans,
16 timelines, challenges, and triumphs

17 "It can be baffling why the diner appears to be just sitting
18 there," Robert McBride, one of the directors of RFP, said in a
19 news release. "Diner Dinners are a great way to keep folks up to
20 date with what's been happening behind the scenes."

21 Each Diner Dinner features classic comfort food
22 prepared by Moose chef Aime Theroux. On Aug. 15, ribs will be
23 offered, and that diner classic, meatloaf, will be in the spotlight
24 on Nov. 7.

25 "Aime and the Moose have been absolutely wonderful to
26 work with," said McBride. "The food has been great, and the
27 members of the lodge itself have made us feel so welcome."

28 The National Park Service, who oversees alterations to
29 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, has
30 approved the architectural plans submitted last fall for the Miss
31 Bellows Falls restoration. Now RFP and their partners at the
32 Preservation Trust of Vermont need only wait for the Vermont
33 State Historic Preservation Office to give their stamp of approval.

34 As well as restoration of the historic car itself, plans
35 include a new foundation, kitchen area, and required ADA-
36 compliant accessibility, facilities, and ramp.

37 Doors open at 5 p.m., and the program begins with the
38 informational update at 5:15 pm. Dinner will be served buffet
39 style starting at 6 p.m. Choose individual tickets or a table of six
40 for family and friends, or purchase tickets for the entire series.

41 The Lodge is at 59 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, the
42 building is handicapped accessible. Tickets are available on the
43 Miss Bellows Falls Diner website at missbellowsfalls.com. A
44 limited number of seats will be available at the door.

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