

THE CHRONICLE SPRINGFIELD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019

Mark your calendars

Friday, Oct. 11:
The Springfield renaissance has arrived and you can get an inside peek at who, what, and why through a special **"Meet the Developers" luncheon program** series. Join Chamber peers, staff and local developers to hear what's top-of-mind for these entrepreneurial visionaries, gain insights into their motivation, and a glimpse at what they have in sight. Events are at Along Came Trudy, 1488 18th St., from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Wednesday, Oct. 16:
Have a blast making paper mache alebrijes (for grades 1/2/3) at 3:45 p.m. in the Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth St. Alebrijes are colorful Mexican folk art sculptures.

Get involved

Friday, Oct. 11:
2nd Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m. Downtown.



Monday, Oct. 14:
The Springfield City Council will meet for its regularly scheduled work session at 5:30 p.m., in the Jesse Maine Room, Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth St..

Monday, Oct. 14:
The Springfield Economic Development Agency (SEDA) will meet for its regularly scheduled meeting at approximately 7 p.m., in the Jesse Maine Room, Springfield City Hall.



Executive Director of Volunteers in Medicine, DeLeesa Meashintubby stands next to a plaque of the local clinic's founder Sister Monica Heeran. VICTORIA STEPHENS/THE CHRONICLE

New boutique helps provide medical care for community

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SPRINGFIELD – You might call the building fairly nondescript, with an aging blue metal overhang, residing between other buildings ranging from a truck-rental outlet and local convenience store. Just a consignment shop, among other retail businesses on Franklin Boulevard in the Glenwood area.

Oh, but you'd likely never guess what you're really seeing, what lies behind the brick-and-mortar building with donated clothing and other goods inside.

"We're starting to let the community know that we are here," said DeLeesa Meashintubby, executive director of Volunteers in Medicine.

You see, Volunteers in Medicine is a non-profit that offers a wide variety of health care – and even

has specialists on-site. And get this: They have a pharmacy on-site and there is no charge for a medical visit or for the pharmacy.

Not your everyday average consignment shop, to say the least.

"Most of our clients are uninsured or underinsured," Meashintubby said. "Some have insurance but they have high deductibles. And then we have over 200 specialists in the community that see our patients for things we can't handle here, who will take care of our patients for little or no cost."

The clinic serves about 1,500 patients.

"This has been a labor of love," Meashintubby said. "We depend on private donations, funding, grants and special events." Last year, clients collectively donated \$20,000.

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Our Sisters' Closet resale boutique is located at 4245 Franklin Boulevard next to the DariMart. VICTORIA STEPHENS/THE CHRONICLE

Toes touch the sky

SPRINGFIELD –Former gymnast Hailey Spangler, 17, strolled just down the street to attend and show off her skills while waiting in line for one of the many kids' activities at last weekend's Willamalane 75th Anniversary. See page 16 for more photos from the event. JEN BLUE/THE CHRONICLE



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