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— ALABAMA —

AUGUST 2024

A Word from Hunter...

As summer draws to a close, we reflect on the vibrant season we've had and look forward to an exciting array of fall events that are just around the corner. We are thrilled to welcome English Cottage to our downtown community, adding a touch of charm and elegance with their specialty gifts and floral designs.

We are proud to announce that several of our downtown businesses and individuals were recently voted number one in The Anniston Star Reader's Choice Awards, a testament to the quality and dedication found in our community. Additionally, two of our downtown murals have been featured on the Alabama Mural Trail, highlighting the artistic spirit of Oxford.

The restoration of our historic street markers is progressing nicely, thanks to the diligent work of our city maintenance department. This project preserves the unique character of our streets, blending the past with our thriving present.

As we transition into fall, don't miss the Calhoun County Restaurant Week from August 17 to August 24. This event, promoted by the Calhoun County Area Chamber of Commerce, showcases our local eateries and coincides with the State of Alabama's Restaurant Week. It's a fantastic opportunity to explore and support the diverse culinary offerings in Calhoun County. Our downtown restaurants and coffee shops are eager to welcome you, and your patronage is vital to their success.

Supporting local businesses strengthens our community, creates jobs, and helps maintain the unique charm of Historic Downtown Oxford. Your continued support is what makes our downtown vibrant and welcoming.

Thank you for making Historic Downtown Oxford a special place. Stay tuned for more updates and join us in celebrating all that makes our town unique.

English Cottage Florist & Gift

English Cottage Florist & Gift, a charming specialty gift and floral shop, has recently opened its doors in Historic Downtown Oxford. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Friday, July 12, 2024, at 700 Main Street, Oxford, AL 36203. The shop offers beautiful floral arrangements available for in-store pickup, a variety of unique and beautiful gift options, home decor, and top-notch interior and exterior design services.

Operated by brothers Jeff and Jody Long, who have expanded from their established location in Ashland, English Cottage is joined by their mother, Regina Long.

English Cottage is open weekdays from 10 AM to 5 PM and Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM. It is closed on Sundays. They can be contacted by email at englishcottage@yahoo.com or by phone at 256-770-4581. Visit English Cottage for exquisite floral designs, unique gifts, and exceptional design services in the heart of Oxford.



Upcoming Events

Summer might be ending, but the season of fall events is just starting! Be sure to mark your calendar for the array of upcoming events in Historic Downtown Oxford.



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Historic Main Street Oxford Events 2024

SECOND FRIDAY ON MAIN Friday, August 9- 4 PM - 8 PM	WITCHES RIDE & WALK ON MAIN Saturday, October 19- 5 PM
MARKET ON MAIN Saturday, August 17- 8 AM - 1 PM	TRICK OR TREAT ON MAIN Thursday, October 31- 5 PM - 7 PM
SECOND FRIDAY ON MAIN Friday, September 13- 4 PM - 8 PM	MAIN STREET RIVALRY 5K Saturday, November 9- 8 AM
MARKET ON MAIN Saturday, September 21- 8 AM - 1 PM	CHRISTMAS ON MAIN Saturday, November 16- 12 PM - 7 PM
OXFORDFEST Saturday, October 5- 7:30 AM - 4 PM *Coordinated by Oxfordfest Committee	OXFORD CHRISTMAS PARADE Thursday, December 12- 6 PM *Coordinated by Oxfordfest Committee
FALL MARKET ON MAIN Saturday, October 19- 12 PM - 6 PM	

Second Friday on Main

“Hello!”

Second Friday in August

ART VENDORS

FOOD VENDORS

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

CHOCOLOCCO CRUISE IN

DOWNTOWN SHOPPING & DINING

KIDS ACTIVITIES

SIMMONS PARK; 400 MAIN ST, OXFORD, AL 36203

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Market on Main



Calhoun County Restaurant Week

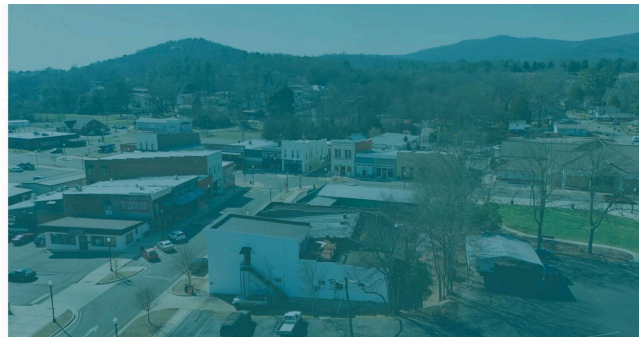
Calhoun County Restaurant Week 2024 is set to kick off soon, running from August 17 to August 24. Promoted by the Calhoun County Area Chamber of Commerce, this event showcases local eateries and coincides with the State of Alabama's Restaurant Week. It's a fantastic opportunity to explore and support the diverse culinary offerings in Calhoun County. Historic Downtown Oxford is home to three eateries and a coffee shop. Please consider supporting these businesses: Hubbard's Off Main, Le Coin des Artists, Southern Girl Coffee Co., and The Bank Oxford.



Anniston Star Reader's Choice Awards

Historic Main Street Oxford extends a heartfelt thanks to the residents of Calhoun County for making our downtown businesses and community members your number one choice!

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Historic Main Street Oxford extends heartfelt thanks to the residents of Calhoun County for choosing our downtown businesses and individuals as your number one choice for...

Best Radio/TV Personality - Steve Stevens (K98)
Best Radio Station - K98
Best Home & Garden - Oxford Lumber
Best Waiter/Waitress - Savannah Owen-Franks
Best Coffee - Southern Girl Coffee

Best Community Event - Oxfordfest
Best Place To Have An Event - Hubbard's Off Main
Best Public Official - Bill Partridge-Oxford Chief of Police
Best Firefighter - Bruce Collins
Best Paramedic - Carla Jones-Oxford Health Systems

Alabama Mural Trail

Historic Downtown Oxford features several notable murals and art installations, two a part of the Alabama Mural Trail. This trail encourages both locals and tourists to explore Alabama's unique artistic offerings,

found in both urban and rural areas. The Alabama Mural Trail is a collaborative initiative by The University of Alabama Center for Economic Development, the Alabama Association of RC&Ds, Ala-Tom RC&D, the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association, the Alabama Tourism Department, and Alabama Black Belt Adventures.

Greetings from Historic Main Street Oxford - Designed by Stacy Booth, Director of Marketing & Public Relations for the City of Oxford, in 2020. It was installed by the Oxford Maintenance Department and Freestyle Graphix.

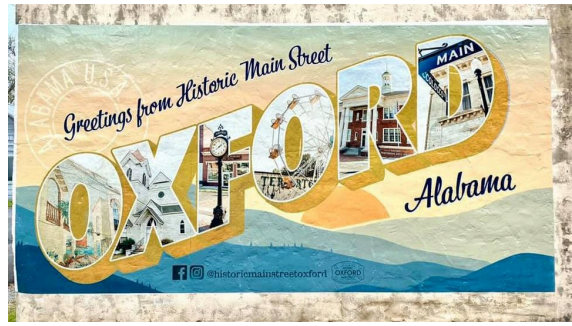
Oxford Yellow Jacket Mural - Designed and painted by Amber Burns and Dan Seymour of Outer Limits Media in 2021. This mural is located on the south side of Oxford Cleaners at 520 Main Street.

Mediterranean Mural - Painted in the 2010s by Gabriella, an employee of Sarah Cavender Metalworks. It is located at 500 Main Street on the north side of Sarah Cavender Metalworks at West Choccolocco Street.

“Hubbard Piano Co” ghost sign - Located at 16 East Choccolocco Street on the east side of Hubbard’s Off Main, painted around the 1980s.

Coca-Cola ghost sign - A replica of the original sign, located at Fresh Value at 601 Main Street.





Historic Concrete Street Marker Restoration

Our historic concrete street markers are being restored to their former glory! These beautiful obelisks, popular in the first half of the 20th century, are a cherished part of our downtown's history. Sadly, only a handful remain today at these intersections:

Dodson & Monger Streets
East Choccolocco & Hale Streets
East Sixth & Church Street
East Sixth & Humphries Street
East Third & Luttrell Street
East Third & Church Streets
East Third & Church Streets
East Fourth & Humphries Streets
Graham & McPherson Streets
Snow & Main Streets

This restoration project is being expertly coordinated by our maintenance department. A huge shoutout to Justin, Jonathan, and Mason for their incredible work!



Oxford Performing Arts Center

The Oxford Performing Arts Center recently announced its Fall 2024 performances. View the lineup and on-sale information [here!](#)

FALL 2024 AND MORE! SEASON SCHEDULE



8/8 The Kings of Queen: A Tribute to Queen	10/10 Craig Morgan	12/13 Christmas with Jim Brickman
8/9 American Pop with The Grass Roots, The Buckingham, and The Box Tops	10/11 Lou Gramm: The Voice of Foreigner	12/15 Christmas with the Pops: A Holiday World Tour
8/16 Rubato International Piano Competition <i>Gala Concert</i>	10/13 Space Oddity: The David Bowie Experienc	12/17 A Rockin' Christmas with Dallas String Quartet
8/23 Sweet Dreams: Mandy Barnett Sings Patsy Cline	10/17 80's Movie Night with Electric Avenue	12/19 Nashville Noel: A Country Christmas Spectacular
8/24 An Evening with Mat & Savanna	10/18 Forever Motown	12/20 An Olde English Christmas with Peter Noone
9/5 Chris Janson	10/20 Sammy Kershaw	1/10 & 1/11 Ain't Too Proud - Broadway Musical National Tour
9/6 So Good: The Neil Diamond Experience	10/24 Straight No Chaser: The Top Shelf Tour	1/14 Adaskin String Trio
9/12 Air Supply	10/25 Jo Dee Messina	1/25 Menopause The Musical 2
9/13 Stories & Songs with David Phelps and the Atlanta Pops Orchestra	11/3 Gary Puckett & The Union Gap with The Classics IV	2/7 Pretty Woman - Broadway Musical National Tour
9/15 KC & The Sunshine Band	11/14 Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical	3/8 A St. Patrick's Celebration: Chloë Agnew and the ATL Pops
9/20 Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder	11/15 Stars & Stripes with the Atlanta Pops Orchestra	3/18 Hadestown - Broadway Musical National Tour
9/24 Mark Nizer's 4D Theatre	11/17 Clay Walker	4/8 Tesla Quartet
10/1 Shrek - Broadway Musical National Tour	11/24 Forever Simon & Garfunkel	4/11 The Addams Family - Broadway Musical National
10/8 Lightwire Theater's Dino-Light	12/8 A Classical Christmas: Julio Barreto & Timothy Miller	5/2 A Night at the "Pop"era with the Atlanta Pops Orchestra

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Available Commercial Property

Commercial Space for Lease in Historic Downtown Oxford!

Located at 333 East Choccolocco, right at the intersection of Hale Street and East Choccolocco Street, this prime space comes with its own parking lot. The property includes a large open area, three offices, two additional rooms, and a restroom.

Rent is \$1,300 per month. Serious inquiries only.

For more information, contact Bruce Rice at 256-310-4056.

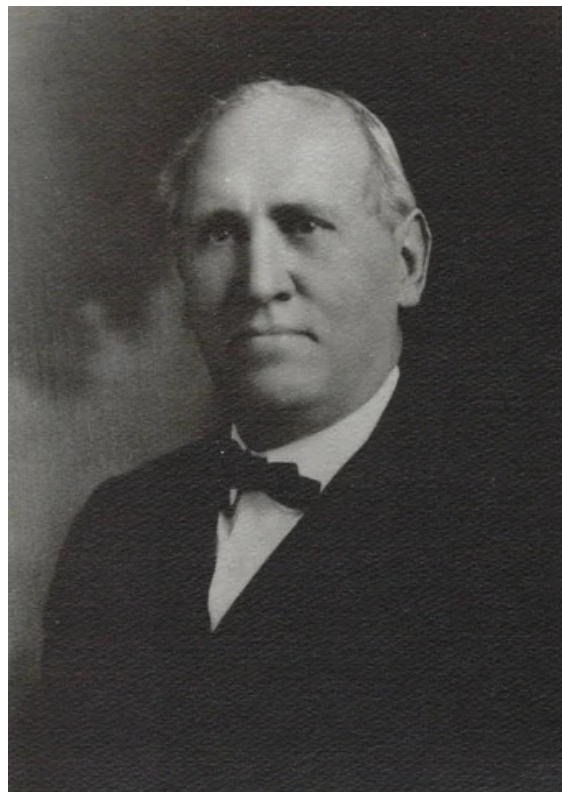
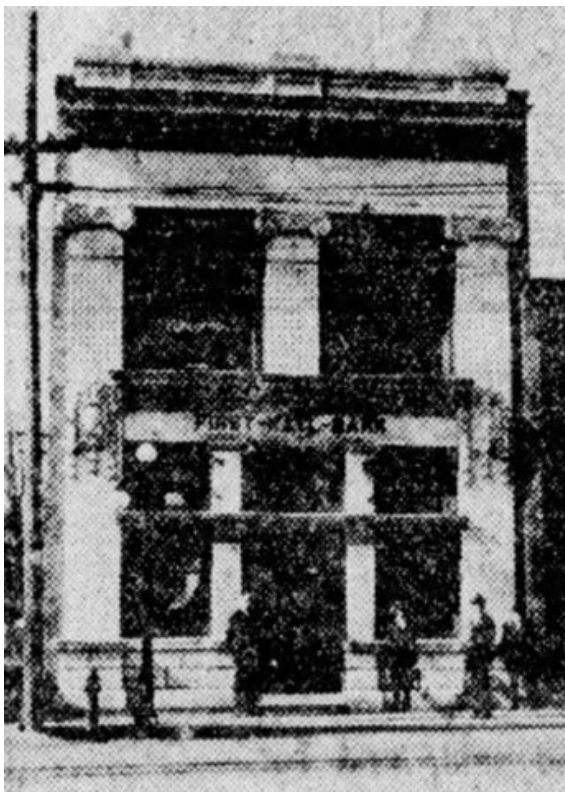


First National Bank of Oxford



Daniel Draper and his two sons, William W. Draper and James R. Draper, opened the first bank in Oxford here in the fall of 1866—D.D. Draper & Sons. The Drapers were not only bankers, but merchants and cotton dealers, as well. A fire destroyed the building in December of 1883, it was rebuilt in 1884, and that very building still stands today.

In 1888, D.D. Draper & Sons and Davis C. Cooper consolidated to form a state bank—the Bank of Oxford. In 1903 it became known as First National Bank of Oxford, and was instrumental in the financial stability and growth of Oxford. The bank had branches extend to Cleburne, Randolph, Clay, and Talladega County. In 1911, the building became a two-story and the marble facade was added. After the bank closed in 1932, several business were housed there. Soon, it will be home to a 1920s themed restaurant and bar.



Left- First National Bank of Oxford on Main Street, ca. 1920s. Courtesy of *The Birmingham News*, 18 December 1921.

Right- Davis Clay Cooper (1866 - 1943), President of the First National Bank of Oxford. Courtesy of Oxford Public Library- Oxford Room Collection.

Calendar of HMSO Events & Committee Meetings

To stay up-to-date with all things happening in Historic Downtown Oxford, please checkout our newly improved calendar [here](#)!

Dine, Shop, & Explore!

Historic Downtown Oxford offers a unique experience for everyone including, but no limited to a first class performing arts center, a locally owned and operated coffee shop, variety of speciality shops, a Southern home-cooking restaurant also locally owned and operated, two art galleries, three historic churches, and walking distance to homes listed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage and National Register of Historic Places.

A full directory listing can be found [here](#).

About Historic Main Street Oxford (HMSO):

Historic Main Street Oxford (HMSO) is an economic and community development organization that focuses on the Four Point Approach strategy of organization, promotion, design, and economic vitality as outlined by Main Street America. The Four Point Approach makes Main Street an effective tool for a community-based, volunteer-driven, grassroots revitalization efforts. HMSO was created in 2014 when Oxford became a Designated Main Street Community by Main Street Alabama.

Vision Statement:

Historic Downtown Oxford will become Northeast Alabama's destination for arts, dining, entertainment, shopping, and special events.

Mission Statement:

The mission of Historic Main Street Oxford is to enhance downtown vibrancy, preserve its history, empower its community of business, and foster a center of activity for residents and visitors.

Our Team:

Karen Grammer, *owner of The Main Olive*

Charlotte Hubbard, *city council member & owner of Hubbard's Off Main*

Robin Leonard, *board secretary & downtown resident*

Gerry Lyons, *Oxford Police Department*

Debbie Nothdurft, *retired Oxford City Schools*

Gwen Parrish, *board chair & owner of The Vine Chiropractic*

Ben Stewart, *Oxford Fire Department*

Donna Timmons, *board secretary assistant*

Hunter Gentry, *director*

Wren Munroe, *marketing assistant*



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