





Welcome to Dothan!

Deep in Alabama sits Dothan, the city center for the Wiregrass Area, which encompasses southeast Alabama, panhandle Florida, and southwest Georgia. Named after a grass that once grew wild among the pines, the Wiregrass is now home to a modern city decorated by museums, arts, festivals, sports, and an emerging culinary scene, thanks to a little show called Top Chef. We

hope that while you are here, you'll discover what makes Dothan special - our people. We asked a few of them to help us explain what is so great about our city. Meet Dothan's Taste Makers, Story Shapers, Cool Creators, and Team Players over the next few pages, and see if you can spot them while you visit Dothan!



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TASTE MAKERS

Kelsey Barnard Clark - Chef/Owner, KBC on Foster, Top Chef Season 16 Winner Zack and Diane Whaley - Owners, Zack's Family Restaurant Willie Rivera - Owner, Willie's Place Brett Smith - Owner, Dothan Ice Cream/Stix & Cones

Jeremy Pate - Owner/Brewmaster, Folklore Brewing & Meadery



STORY SHAPERS

Laura Stakelum - Interim Director, Landmark Park

Mark Saliba - Mayor, City of Dothan

Rubben Walker Whitehurst - ER Porter Hardware

Jason Rudd - Board Member, National Peanut Festival

Precious Freeman - Director, GW Carver Interpretive Museum



Justin April - Publisher, The Wiregrass Local newspaper & podcast Jennifer Doherty - Director, Southeast Alabama Community Theatre Kendall Jackson - Multi-instrumentalist & local artistry developer Jennifer Donaldson - Designer and Owner, East River Trading Christy Keyton - Owner, Naomi & Olive and Bird & Bean Coffeehouse

COOL CREATORS



Travis Roettgen - Track Operator, Circle City BMX
Kasey Cooper - Professional Softball Player & 3-Time Team USA
Brandi Deese - Silver Medalist Special Olympian Cyclist
Angelia Wade Turner - Coordinator, Future Masters & Hardee's Pro Classic
Joe Varner - Organizer, Tristates 100

TEAM PLAYERS





Surrounded by friends, family, and the City of Dothan, Kelsey Barnard Clark heard the words, "Kelsey, you ARE Top Chef," for the second time by show host Padma Lakshmi. As a cheftestant on Bravo's sixteenth season of "Top Chef," Kelsey wowed the judges week after week with her southern takes on classic French dishes. She learned these techniques through her years of culinary education at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, and as an intern, line cook, and pastry chef at Cafe Bouloud and Dovetail in New York City, and eventually as Chef of her own restaurant in Downtown Dothan, KBC on Foster. Kelsey came out on top of Season 16, serving an eclectic, yet authentic, final meal to the judges - oysters, buttermilk and cornbread, softshell crab with succotash, and a honeysuckle and peach dessert. It was elegantly southern, and ultimately victorious.

Mum had to be the word on her victory for eight months, though, until the final episode, which was capped off with a huge street party on Foster Street in Downtown Dothan on March 14, 2019. Hundreds of fans gathered in Wadlington Park next to KBC to watch the final episode, cheering every time Kelsey appeared on the screen. We're not sure how high the roar of the crowd registered on the Richter scale, but we're pretty positive the ground shook when Padma announced Kelsey as the winner.

Kelsey told Bravo.com of her time on the show, "If you are out here, and you are taking time away to do this, you better freaking win and make something of it. You can have a husband and you can have a child, you can have a career, you can be a badass, and you can be motherly, you can be nurturing, and you can be tough."

And boy, is Dothan thankful for that. If you visit KBC on Foster for lunch on a weekday or brunch on Saturdays, you may just find a line out the door. Brett Smith, owner of Stix and Cones just a few doors down from KBC, joked that he has thought about selling ice cream to the line while they wait - an idea that Kelsey welcomes. "I feel like we're all in a relationship," she said, "I won't ever make ice cream. I send them to you, Brett. I won't ever do coffee. I send them across the street to Bird and Bean." It's that kind of collaborative brain-power that makes Kelsey a

Tastemaker for Dothan, and now on the national stage because of "Top Chef."

When we asked Kelsey what dish she recommends to anyone unsure of what to order at her restaurant, she says, hands-down, The Bee's Knees - a fried chicken sandwich with southern slaw and homemade pickles. What to pair it with? A Grateful Red from Folklore, of course. "It's the only beer we have ever had on tap at KBC. I feel like it would be bad luck to add something else., like I can't change my socks." Jeremy Pate from Folklore Brewing and Meadery laughed and said, "I can help you out with a few more taps. I'm happy to be your lucky socks." Sorry, Jeremy, but we don't think it's just the beer bringing Kelsey her luck.





HOW TO TASTE DOTHAN

according to the ones who make it taste good

"The best thing about Dothan is - look who's sitting at this table,"

stated Chef Kelsey Barnard Clark, as she looked across the table at Dothan's Tastemakers one afternoon at Folklore Brewery and Meadery. Seated around Folklore's seasonal brew, the Cotton Tale Ale, and a few mead spritzers, the Tastemakers spent a few minutes chatting about their favorite things about Dothan, the struggles of restaurant life, and the impact that they each have on each other's work.

What do you think of when we say, "The Taste of Dothan?"

Brett Smith, owner of Dothan Ice Cream and Stix and Cones in Downtown Dothan, replied, "When I first moved here, all I ate was Zack's. The southern-style meat & three classic. Willie Rivera of Willie's Place agreed. "I went to Zack's and got some rutabagas and lima beans. It was the real deal. I told myself when I opened Willie's that it had to be back to my roots and back to who I am, from Puerto Rico. I didn't want to bring anything that wouldn't hold to your standards."

Mrs. Diane made sure everyone knew that the Zack's Family Restaurant secret was their farm to table process. "One thing that is great for our restaurant is that we get a lot of fresh vegetables from our local farmers. That's a big hit for us. You need local." That mindset, plus the warm and friendly atmosphere, sealed the award for Zacks' as Best Meat & Three in Alabama in 2018, according to al.com.

Willie has a similar approach to Willie's Place, an authentic Puerto Rican cafe near Downtown Dothan. "People say, 'Willie, why do you only make blueberry cake once a year?' Because we only get blueberries once a year here. I don't want to get them anywhere else. I want local."

Jeremy Pate, the Brewmaster and owner of Folklore Brewing and Meadery, gave the backstory of the opening of Folklore: "I was sick of not having anywhere to take friends to have a craft beer in Dothan. No one even cared about craft beer in Dothan before Folklore." Jeremy founded Folklore in 2013, offering a casual biergarten atmosphere for craft brews, live music, trivia, and tasty fare from the Fly By Night Grill. Folklore is now a popular watering hole for all ages, and Folklore's beer has won multiple awards. The Fly By Night Grill started as a happy accident when Jeremy realized that food was needed alongside his beer when a patron was swaying back and forth on a barstool one evening. "Mom started serving homemade pimento cheese sandwiches off a cart. Mom being mom to everyone."

TASTE MAKERS



Where would you like to see the food and beer scene in Dothan in 10 years?

Brett replied, "Wouldn't it be interesting if there's a shift and we are the local mom-n-pop capital of the country?"

It's true. There are a lot of chain restaurants in Dothan. Kelsey agreed. "It's easy to stop at the big-name coffee place that you know, but we all know the quality and experience is better at a place like Bird & Bean. It's all about educating people." Willie laughed, "You're telling me? I'm from Puerto Rico and I bring a Cuban sandwich to south Alabama." Brett nudged his friend Willie and said, "I would eat your sandwich before I would eat mine."

"We can encourage people to stay local, eat local, and we've got to keep our quality up," Jeremy added.

If someone has never been in your restaurant and asks you to serve them YOUR favorite dish off your menu, what do you serve them?

Kelsey responded without hesitation, "The Bee's Knees." Mr. Zack wasn't far behind by adding, "Fried chicken, turnip greens, mashed potatoes and butter beans." Willie laid out a full course meal from Willie's place, "Start with an appetizer, like my empanadas that I make the dough fresh in house. If it's Friday, roast pork and a salad with a big cup of passion fruit juice. Then, to top it off, you get a flan."

At Stix & Cones, you can have your sandwich prepared on a traditional white bread, but Brett prefers his unusual plating. "Our homemade chicken salad - super simple - in a waffle cone. You get the cracker crunch, but not the spill. With a sweet tea. And my two favorite pops to finish it off are banana pudding or buttermilk cheesecake, which Kelsey and her mother helped me with the

recipe a few years ago."

Jeremy offered his favorite beers. "Our Grateful Red Ale is our flagship beer, but my go-to is the Front Porch Pale Ale. For a mead, if they wanted lighter, I would give them a cyser, or a spritzer we can make with lemonade or cherry limeade on a hot day." And it gets hot in south Alabama. "I get asked all the time why I don't wear a chef coat," Kelsey commented. "I'm in lower Alabama. You wear a chef coat."

Willie summed up the conversation with this, "I'm in Dothan by accident. I went back to my country after 12 years, and I started missing Dothan on the 2nd day. I go to bed thinking about my restaurant - 'Do I have rutabagas? Do I have burger meat?" Brett laughed, "I've never gone to bed thinking about rutabagas." With a wink, Mrs. Diane replied, "Come see me. We have them on the menu every day."













EAT-

BASKETCASE CAFE

228 S. Oates Street (334) 671-1117 Soups and sandwiches in a casual atmosphere Mon-Fri: 11am-2pm

BELLA'S FINE DINING

111 W. Troy Street
(334) 699-3448 | bellasfinedining.com
Italian cuisine in a white
tablecloth experience
Mon-Sat: 5pm-9pm

BIRD & BEAN COFFEE

144 N. Foster Street (334) 340-3160 | birdandbeancoffee.com Fresh roasted coffee, teas, and baked goods Mon - Wed: 6am-5pm, Th-Sat: 6am-7pm

BLUE MOON CAFE

172 S. Foster Street (334) 699-2172

Cajun and Creole cuisine Tues-Wed: 11am-2pm, Th-Fri:11am-10pm, Sat: 5pm-10pm

DIABLO'S SOUTHWEST GRILL COMING SUMMER 2019!

131 N. Foster StreetSouthwestern food in casual atmosphere

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250 S. Oates Street(334) 446-6248 | woodfiredothan.com
Pizza, Pasta, and Cocktails
Mon-Sun: 11am-9pm

KBC ON FOSTER

151 N. Foster Street (334) 446-0885 | eatKBC.com Seasonal and delicious from Top Chef winner Kelsey Barnard Clark Mon-Fri: 11am-3pm, Wed-Th: 5:30-9pm, Sat: 10am-3pm

"I wanted a destination-type place, that maybe you feel like you're somewhere else when you open the door."

- Kelsey Barnard Clark, Chef/Owner of KBC on Foster and Top Chef Season 16

DOWNTOWN

MURAL CITY COFFEE CO

192 S. Foster Street (334) 446-3867 | muralcityroasters.com Specialty coffees and luxury teas Tues-Th: 9am-9pm, Fri-Sat: 9am-10pm, Sun: 12pm-8pm

STIX & CONES

123 N. Foster Street (334) 305 - 0111 | dothanicecream.com Home of Dothan Ice Cream, plus sandwiches in waffle cones Mon-Sat: 10:30am-5pm





ANNIE PEARL'S HOME COOKING

4930 Highway 52 (334) 793-3000

Country buffet lunch Mon-Th: 10:30am-2pm, Fri-Sat: 10:30am-8pm, Sun: 10:30am-3pm

BISHOP'S HOMESTYLE COOKING

4143 W. Main Street (334) 699-8646

Meat-N-Three Take Out Mon-Fri: 11am-8pm

BLUE PLATE

3850 W. Main Street | (334) 702-7100 1975 Ross Clark Circle | (334) 673-2583

Two locations of biscuits and fried cornbread

Mon-Sat: 10:30am-8:30pm, Sun: 10:30am-3pm

BOSSMAN'S SEAFOOD

4636 S. Oates Street (334) 792-4880

Fresh Seafood Mon:11am-2pm, Tues-Wed: 11am-8pm, Th-Sat: 11am-9pm

CACTUS FLOWER CAFE

5412 Montgomery Hwy

(334) 984-0717 | cactusflowercafe.net California-style Mexican cuisine Mon-Sat: 11am-9pm

CAPT HOOK'S FISH & CHICKEN

520 N. Oates Street (334) 699-1444

Large portions of chicken and seafood

Mon-Sat: 10am-10pm

THE CELLAR

1481 Westgate Parkway (334) 712-0622 | cellardothan.com Dothan's finest selections of steaks, wines, and gourmet foods

Mon-Th: 6:30am-9pm, Fri-Sat: 7am-10pm, Sun: 8am-9pm

CHEEBURGER CHEEBURGER

4871 Montgomery Hwy

(334) 678-0202 | cheeburgercheeburger.com Burgers so good they had to say it twice

Sun-Th: 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat: 11am-10pm

CHINA WOK

4650 W. Main Street (334) 792-8877

Chinese Take-Out

Sun-Th: 10:30am-10pm, Fri-Sat: 10:30am-11pm

CONESTOGA STEAKHOUSE

3549 Montgomery Hwy (334) 794-4445 | conestogasteak.com Voted #1 Steak by Alabama Cattlemen's Association Mon-Th: 4pm-9pm, Fri-Sat: 4pm-10pm

DICKEY'S BBQ PIT

2115 E. Main Street (334) 446-0136

Texas-style BBQ made Fresh Mon-Sun: 11am-9pm

DOBB'S FAMOUS BBQ

2636 S. Oates Street (334) 794-5195

The oldest BBQ restaurant in Alabama

Tues-Wed: 10am-9pm, Th-Fri: 10am-8pm, Sat: 10am-9pm, Sun: 10am-8pm

LOCAL FAVES

FATBACK'S

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BBQ with a Twist Mon-Sat: 11am-9pm

GOLDFINGER'S

3656 Montgomery Hwy | (334) 673-4653 1604 Ross Clark Circle | (334) 702-4653 5540 W. Main Street | (334) 793-4653

Three locations for Dothan's favorite chicken fingers

Mon-Sat: 10:30am-9pm

HONEY'S HOT DOGS

4554 Fortner Street

(334) 673-7642 | honeyshotdogs.com No frills Hot Dog Joint Tues-Sat: 10am-2pm

HOLI INDIAN CUISINE

2855 Ross Clark Circle

(334) 792-4654 | holiindiancuisine.com Flavors of India Tues-Sun: 11am-2:30pm, 5pm-10pm

HOT'S DELI

180 Westgate Parkway (334) 671-5550 | hotsdeli.com

Healthy Options & Fast Service *Mon-Fri: 10am-8pm, Sat: 10am-3pm*

HUNT'S STEAK, SEAFOOD & OYSTER BAR

177 Campbellton Hwy

(334) 794-5193 | huntsrestaurant.com

A classic local favorite Mon-Th: 11am-9:30pm, Fri-Sat: 11am-10nm







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KINZA JAPANESE

1640 Ross Clark Circle (334) 671-2084

Sushi and Japanese Cuisine Mon-Tues: 11am-2:30pm, 4:30pm-9pm Wed-Th: 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat: 11am-2:30pm, 4:30pm-9pm, Sun: 11am-9pm

KYOTO SUSHI

4177 Montgomery Hwy

(334) 699-1078 | dothankyoto.com Sushi and Hibachi

Mon-Th: 11am-2pm, 5pm-9:30pm, Fri: 11am-2pm, 5pm-10:30pm, Sat: 5pm-11:30pm, Sun: 11am-2pm, 5pm-9pm

LA BAMBA

3039 Ross Clark Circle (334) 712-4574

Traditional Mexican Cantina Mon-Th: 11am-10pm, Fri-Sat: 11am-11pm, Sun: 11am-9pm

LA PARILLA

4771 Montgomery Hwy (334) 671-7090 | laparilla.com

Upscale Mexican tastes *Mon-Sun: 11am-10:30pm*

LARRY'S REAL PIT BBO

1036 Ross Clark Circle | (334) 794-5854 3115 Ross Clark Circle | (334) 792-5211 Two Locations of Smoky Pit BBQ Mon-Sun: 10:30am-9pm

MAMA ROSA'S

3074 Ross Clark Circle (334) 794-2252 | mama-rosas.com Pizza, Pasta, & Subs Sun-Fri: 11am-9pm, Sat: 11am-11pm

THE MEXICAN CONNECTION

5630 W. Main Street (334) 793-2496

A Dothan Tradition Tues-Sat: 10:30am-8:30pm

MIA'S ITALIAN

2695 S. Oates Street (334) 793-6868

Italian pizza and sandwiches *Mon-Sun: 10:30am-9pm*

MIKATA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE & SUSHI

4600 Montgomery Hwy (334) 673-9966

Traditional Hibachi Sun-Th: 5pm-9:30pm, Fri-Sat: 5pm-10:30pm

LOCAL FAVES

MR. COFFEE BEAN

1445 Westgate Parkway (334) 446-5763

Locally roasted coffee with cinnamon rolls as big as your head *Mon-Fri: 7am-6pm, Sat: 8am-5pm*

OISHI

3522 Ross Clark Circle (334) 446-0402 | oishidothan.com Sushi and Hibachi Mon-Th: 11am-2:30pm, 5pm-9:30pm Fri-Sat: 11am-2:30pm, 5pm-10:30pm Sun: 12pm-2:30, 5pm-9:30pm

OLD MEXICO

2920 Ross Clark Circle (334) 712-1434

Tex-Mex Cuisine
Mon-Sat: 11am-10pm, Sun: 11am-9pm

THE OLD MILL

2557 Murphy Mill Road (334) 794-8530 | oldmilldothan.com A Dothan staple for steak and fresh gulf seafood Mon-Fri: 11am-2pm, 4pm-9pm, Sat: 4:30pm-9pm

PIG OUT BBQ

3033 Reeves Street (334) 678-9399

Voted Best Ribs in Dothan two years in a row Tues-Sat: 11am-7pm

RAY'S RESTAURANT

1740 S. Oates Street (334) 794-4625 | raysdothan.com Hot breakfast with the locals Mon-Fri: 5am-2pm, Sat: 5am-12pm

RED ELEPHANT PIZZA & GRILL

3108 Ross Clark Circle

(334) 673-7492 | redelephantpizza.com Family-friendly Classics Sun-Th: 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat: 11am-10pm

RICHIE B's

3590 Ross Clark Circle (334) 446-3369

New York-style Sandwiches & Pizza with a slice of attitude *Tues-Sat: 11am-3pm*

RIVER NILE CAFE

1369 Headland Ave (334) 702-9111

Soups, Salads, and Sandwiches *Mon-Sat: 10am-4pm*

ROCK N ROLL SUSHI

103 Apple Drive (334) 596-5659 | rnrsushi.com

A New Twist on Sushi Sun-Th: 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat: 11am-10pm

RODEO

2240 Ross Clark Circle | (334) 677-6677 4650 W. Main Street | (334) 671-2326 3251 Montgomery Hwy | (334) 792-2161 Three locations of Dothan's Favorite Tex-Mex Mon-Sun: 11am-9:30pm

SMOKEY JOE'S BBQ

2031 S. Brannon Stand Road (334) 678-8116

A family favorite BBQ joint Mon-Th: 10:30am-8pm, Fri-Sat: 10:30am-9pm

SOUTHERN SOCIAL TABLE & TAP

2620 Montgomery Hwy

(334) 669-6548 | southernsocialdothan.com Gulf-Coast inspired cuisine with sophisticated cocktails Tues-Fri: 4pm-11pm, Sat: 10am-12am

TAJ

3102 Ross Clark Circle (334) 699-3200

Indian and Middle Eastern Cuisine *Mon-Sun: 11am-11pm*

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TOP THAI

105 S. Woodburn Drive (334) 678-6838

Thai favorites and Sushi Sun-Fri: 11am-9pm, Sat: 11am-11pm

WILLIE'S PLACE

2558 S. Oates Street (334) 405-5176

Authentic Puerto Rican flavors Mon-Tues: 11am-3pm, Wed-Fri: 11am-6pm, Sat: 12pm-4pm

ZACK'S

1495 Headland Ave (334) 673-9225

Voted Best Meat-N-Three in Alabama, and runner-up to Best Fried Chicken in Alabama Mon-Sun: 10:30am-2:30pm, Closed Saturdays



"I love what I do. I'm not working. I'm free."
- Willie Rivera, owner of Willie's Place

DRINK-

BLUE BAR

3700 Ross Clark Circle
(334) 231-3949 | bluebardothan.com
Bar & Nightclub
Sun-Th: 6pm-3am, Fri: 6pm-4am, Sat: 6pm-2am

CHILL LOUNGE

164 S. Foster Street
(334) 479-8928 | chillloungedothan.com
Club Scene with a DJ
Th-Sat: 7pm-4pm

COWBOYS

4657 S. Oates Street

(334) 793-6937 | cowboysofdothan.com Live Music & Line Dancing Tues: 10am-5pm, Wed-Fri: 10am-5pm, 7pm-5pm, Sat: 7pm-5am, Sun: 2pm-10pm

FOLKLORE BREWING & MEADERY

153 Mary Lou Lane
(334) 702-2337
folklorebrewingandmeadery.com
Dothan's Own Microbrewery
Mon-Wed: 11am-5pm, Th: 11am-9pm,
Fri-Sat: 11am-12am

GIBSON DISTILLING COMPANY

115 W. Church Street, Headland (334) 798-4907 | gibsondistilling.com The area's only whiskey distillery Wed-Sat: 1pm-8pm

HOULIGAN'S

3611 Montgomery Hwy (334) 671-8822

The Quintessential Dive Bar Sun-Th: 2pm-4am, Fri-Sat: 2pm-5am

JAKE'S BAR & GRILL

2195 Ross Clark Circle (334) 794-8711

Inside the Clarion Inn & Suites
Sun-Th: 2pm-11pm, Fri: 2pm-1am, Sat: 2pm-2am

KT'S TAVERN & PIZZA

168 S. Foster StreetPizza and Ice Cold Beer
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BARS & PUBS

McLEOD'S PUBLICK HOUSE

5540 W. Main Street

(334) 446-3648 | mcleodspublickhouse.com Home of the Publican Party with 56 Taps on hand Mon-Th: 4pm-12am, Fri-Sat: 4pm-2am

RECOVERY ROOM BAR

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The Feel Better Bar Mon-Fri: 10am-12am, Sat: 1pm-2am, Sun: 1pm-10pm

THE THIRSTY PIG

257 S. St. Andrews Street (334) 701-0725 | beathirstypig.com Craft Beer Tap Room Tues-Th: 3pm-9pm, Fri: 12pm-9pm, Sat: 11am-9pm

"2019 is our year to possess the year for what it is, focus on what we have, and what we can do. What we can do is enjoy ourselves and enjoy our work."

- Jeremy Pate, Brewmaster/Owner of Folklore Brewing and Meadery







For a full listing of restaurants and bars, check out VisitDothan.com.



Follow these food trucks on social media to find out where they are parked daily!

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@CalandAlsTacos

Authentic Mexican Street Food

THE CORNDOG MAN

@TheCornDogManDothan

The best corn dogs in the world

HARD TIMES BBQ

@HardTimesBBQ

BBQ Food Truck

HIGH WIRED COFFEE ROASTERS

@HighWiredRoasters

Fresh air-roasted coffee

KJ'S SHACK

@KJShackAlabama

Philly Cheesesteaks & fries

PECKHAM'S FOOD TRUCK

@PeckhamsFoodTruck

Sandwiches and tacos

THE THIRSTY PIG

@ThirstyPigBBQ

BBQ Food Truck



Be on the lookout for Dothan Ice Cream's pedal carts at events like Foster Fest!







STORY SHAPERS



"I love history, and I love our downtown history. I loved coming down here as a kid."

It might seem cliche to feature Dothan's Mayor as a Story Shaper, but we like to think our Mayor is a little more special than others. The Saliba family planted roots deep in Dothan in the early 1900s, when great-grandfather E.T. Saliba emigrated from Lebanon to the town then known as Poplar Head. He opened his first grocery store on East Main Street, followed by several others for family members hoping for a new life in the United States.

E.T.'s son, Joseph Saliba, opened Dothan Roofing and Remodeling, begining a new family business for the Salibas in construction and real estate. After serving in the US Air Force in Japan and Korea, Joseph's son, Alfred, returned to Dothan to establish a building and land development firm, Alfred Saliba Corporation. In 1989, Alfred was elected Mayor of Dothan, serving two terms.

He devoted much of his life to charity work, most notably the Alfred Saliba Family Services Center, which partners with more than 30 social service agencies to offer prevention and intervention services to strengthen families, as well as career development, literacy programs, and Early Head Start programs.

Mark Saliba is a natural in following his father's footsteps, taking over the family construction and real estate businesses, and is now in his first term as Mayor of Dothan. He and his wife, Angie, and their family attend as many community events as they possibly can, taking his family's legacy and the position of Mayor very seriously. It's hard not to, when his family name is engraved on downtown buildings, and everywhere he goes,

people want to tell him a story about the impact his dad made on their lives.

Even when our Story Shapers gathered together one morning at E.R. Porter Hardware Museum, just down the street from E.T.'s grocery store, Jason Rudd, owner of Rudd Furniture, had to tell a story about Alfred. "When I got out of college, my brother and I joined my father in the furniture business. I decided I needed to learn more about what was going on in Dothan, so I joined Leadership Dothan through the Chamber of Commerce. On Government Day, your dad was mayor, and I was not going to leave because I was in the room with the mayor! I thought it was so cool that he would stop what he was doing and talk

to me - little ole Jason."

Mayor Mark laughed and agreed. "That's one of the things I most appreciated about Dad. It didn't matter who you were or where. People would just show up at the office to see him, and I would say, "No, Dad, you're busy!" He would say, "Tell them to come on in and sit down."

That same approachability is what makes Mark Saliba a Story Shaper for Dothan from history to present. If you can catch him in between speaking engagements, meetings, events, and his regular job, he's ready and willing to take a minute to hear the stories and learn a bit more about the citizens he serves. Under his leadership, Dothan is taking new steps towards progress, while always remembering the cornerstones left by the ones who built Dothan before us, including his own family members. With his family history so deeply tied to his city's history, we are confident in Mayor Mark's love of this little town of ours and where he's taking us next. Look up at the buildings downtown to see if you can find E.T.'s name, and then step inside and see if you can find Mayor Mark.





HOW TO SEE DOTHAN

according to the ones who shape its history

"The memories of walking back in this building - it's like stepping back in time,"

remarked Jason Rudd, as our Story Shapers gathered around at the E.R. Porter Hardware Museum. "I walked in here today and went over to where I could remember looking on this one shelf for carriage bolts, and I found them. We used to buy box after box to use for bedframes."

Jason's family owns one of Dothan's oldest furniture stores, Rudd Furniture, on West Main Street in Dothan. He's also a member of the Board of Trustees for the National Peanut Festival, and is a former President of the Board. His memories of Porter Hardware opened the door for others to share their memories of Dothan.

What is your favorite memory of Dothan?

Mayor Mark Saliba piped up first. "When you're a little older, you've got a lot of memories," he laughed. "I love history, and I love our downtown history. Blumberg's had the first escalator in Dothan, and then they had vacuum tubes to send their receipts in. As a kid, it was so cool to see. You could get into Martin Theatre for 50¢ to see a movie on Saturday." Jason remembered Porter Square Mall across the street from Rudd Furniture. "There was a restaurant called Sambo's, kind of like a Denny's or a Waffle House. I loved the escalator at Porter Square. It was mesmerizing to be able to pick out shoes from a whole wall of shoes."

Laura Stakelum, the Interim Director at Dothan's living history museum Landmark Park, remembered the sights and sounds of the National Peanut Festival. "We used to live near the Houston County Farm Center where the Peanut Festival used to be. I can remember hearing the music and the sounds. As a kid, being able to hear the fair from your house was so cool." The National Peanut Festival, in its 76th year, is celebrated at the end of every peanut harvest season in November. It is an event that the entire community looks forward to each year, culminated by a big parade on Main Street the last Saturday of the fair. With Jason's family furniture store located on the parade route, he recalled a few fond memories for the group. "My twin brother and I used to take the patio furniture from the store and sell the seats for three bucks for the parade. One year, we found an old coffee pot and sold hot chocolate to parade goers because it happened to be cold that year. My dad parked the furniture truck across the street and we watched the parade from the top of the truck. I suppose my dad was trying to advertise." Mayor Mark smiled, "I always love the cement truck that dumps peanuts down the street during the parade."

HISTORY SHAPERS

The National Peanut Festival also hosts live music during fair week. "My very first Peanut Festival memory," Jason shared, "is when a couple of my fraternity buddies and I decided to come down to the fair to see a concert. It was Garth Brooks. I hadn't even heard of Garth Brooks. To be able to hear children's laughter and being joyful - it is so neat to see the smiles on everyone's faces. People walking around with prizes they won and the memories they made."

Precious Freeman's memories were a little different, and brought a big smile to her face. Precious is the Director of the George Washington Carver Interpretive Museum in downtown, and fondly remembered a moment of reassurance at the museum. "At our Juneteenth Celebration at the Carver, I had Ed Vaughn read the Emancipation Proclamation. He's very important to the community, to me, to the work we do at the museum. Two years ago, we brought in a reggae band, and this time, Ed Vaughn danced. To see him up and dancing, and other people in our community dancing together. Reggae unites people. People from all walks of life, all backgrounds, all races dancing together was amazing. Then he hugged me and told me he was proud of me. That memory is my favorite."

Perhaps the person with the most history in the room was Mr. Rubben Whitehurst, who worked for E.R. Porter Hardware from 1953 until the doors closed in 2014. When plans began to reopen Porter Hardware as a museum, the Porter family insisted that Mr. Rubben be a part of it. There was no one who knew the store, its inventory, and its history better. "They were just like family to me," Mr. Rubben said. "Anything I needed, Mr. Porter's daughter - Mama Jane, I called her - would get it for me. I had 8 kids to feed, and I always knew I had a job." He laughed, "I reckon this will be my last job." He pointed down the street, and told the group, "That first mural on Liddon Furniture, I painted that whole wall before they did the painting." Amazed, Precious replied, "You're connected to everything in Dothan." With a small smirk, Mr. Rubben said, "Yeah, I've done a little work, I think."

If someone is coming to Dothan, and you want to encourage them to make family memories, what would you suggest that they do?

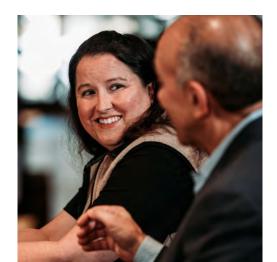
Precious quickly replied, "I would tell them to go on the mural tour. It's magical. It's larger than life. Kids love it." Mayor Mark agreed - "We have a group of students in city planning at Auburn University who come every year to use Dothan as sort of a study. It's interesting to see their perspective when they come downtown. The murals are cool to them because it's a walking history of what took place in Dothan. They always leave with great ideas because of it."

Laura recommends Landmark Park. "If you have an interest in agriculture or history, Landmark Park is such a cool place. We have buildings from the area that have been moved to the park to preserve them, so you can see a home that was actually in use in the 1900s. All the crops and animals would have been typical of the 1890s - heirloom varieties and heritage breeds." Landmark offers programs and events throughout the year, with their most popular being Spring Farm Day, Fall Farm Day, and Touch-A-Truck. "I always went to summer camp at Landmark Park," she continued. "My first time ever camping was at Landmark Park. I can definitely blame the love I have for nature on Landmark Park. It's really cool to see kids come in now and have that same opportunity. There's something very magical about camping in a tent."

Finally, Jason mapped out the perfect day at the National Peanut Festival. "Come early so you can see everything. From arts and crafts to horticulture, and the ribbons that people have won at the exhibits, plus the vendors and the fair food..." Everyone lit up at the thought of the food, including the Mayor: "The food! Good corndogs, funnel cakes, elephant ears, turkey legs!" Jason laughed, "Yeah, you should bring a little pocket change because you're going to want to eat. Plus, the rides, the entertainers, the concerts, the greased pig and calf scramble. A lot of kids, like mine, didn't grow up around farm animals - the only time they can see them is at the Peanut Festival. We give away thousands and thousands of peanuts every year."

Dothan's story is rich, and it's still being written by the people around our tables, and countless others who love Dothan's history and work to make our history last a long time.













LEARN

MUSEUMS & MONUMENTS

ER PORTER HARDWARE MUSEUM

136 E. Main Street (334) 699-8118 dothandowntown.org

Before closing its doors in 2014, ER Porter Hardware was the longest running hardware store in the state of Alabama. The store has been preserved just as it was when they closed business on that day, and stands as a living museum for "the way things used to be." The story goes that Dothan was built with materials purchased at Porter Hardware. This attraction is unique to Dothan and is full of stories about our little corner of the world.

Tues-Fri: 10am-5pm Group tours available on request.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER INTERPRETIVE MUSEUM

305 N. Foster Street (334) 712-0933 gwcarvermuseum.com

Located in the original Greyhound bus station in Downtown Dothan, the George **Washington Carver Museum** is dedicated to honoring the contributions of African-Americans to arts and sciences. The Carver is home to one-ofa-kind personal items from Dr. Carver and his laboratory. There he developed over 300 uses for peanuts in food, industrial, and commercial products, as well as promoting soil rotation, which saved the Wiregrass area from economic ruin in the age of the boll weevil. The Carver hosts annual Black History Month events, as well as educational activities year round.

Mon-Tues: By appointment only Wed-Sat: 10am-4pm Group tours available on request.

LANDMARK PARK

430 Landmark Drive (334) 794-3452 landmarkparkdothan.com

Landmark Park is a 135-acre park built to preserve the natural and cultural heritage of southeast Alabama's Wiregrass Region. At Landmark Park, you'll find a living 1890's farmstead, complete with farmhouse, farm animals, smokehouse, cane mill, and blacksmith. Drift back in time through the old general store, one-room schoolhouse, and Victorian-era church. Take a stroll on the elevated boardwalk and visit the interpretive center, which includes daily planeterium shows. Landmark Park also hosts annual events, summer camps, and traveling exhibits.

Mon-Sat: 9am-5pm, Sun: 12pm-6pm Group tours available on request.

MURALS OF THE WIREGRASS

Downtown Dothan muralcityartwalk.com

What better way to celebrate our area's rich history in agriculture, music, movies, and peanuts than by painting it on the sides of our most historic buildings in Downtown Dothan? Beginning with the Peanut Mural on the side of Liddon Furniture in the **Dothan Civic Center parking** lot, these murals have been a loved attraction in Dothan for years. The best way to tour the murals is walking the downtown streets on a beautiful southern day. Maps are available in Porter Hardware, at the Visit Dothan Visitors Center, and on the next page in this Visitors Guide.

Self-guided tours. Guided group tours and bus tours available through Visit Dothan.

WIREGRASS MUSEUM OF ART

126 Museum Way (334) 794-3871 wiregrassmuseum.org

Housed in the original water and electric plant for the City of Dothan, the Wiregrass Museum of Art has been collecting and exhibiting contemporary art since 1988. Explore 18,000 square feet of carefully curated visual arts, with a focus on Alabama artists. Exhibits rotate frequently, and WMA hosts annual events, wine experiences, Art After Hours, film screenings in the adjacent green space, art camps, educational tours, and their annual Yard Party for Art in August. It's never the same experience twice at the Wiregrass Museum of Art!

Mon-Tues: By appointment only Wed-Fri: 10am-5pm, Sat: 10am-3pm Group tours available on request

MONUMENTS AND MARKERS

Due to Dothan's rich history, there are multiple locations listed on the National Historic Register, as well as monuments erected to important historical events.

Joseph Monument

126 Museum Avenue

The World's Smallest City Block

N. College Street

Cherry Street AME Church

308 N. Cherry Street

Howell School

408 E. Newton Street

Federal Building & United States Courthouse

100 W. Troy Street



"The Carver Museum is bursting with opportunities to learn more about hidden historical figures whose work has impacted all of our lives in some way. We bring to life the idea that Black History is truly American history. However, no matter your background, if you are searching for truth and inspiration, you will not be disappointed by your visit."

- Precious Freeman, George Washington Carver Interpretive Museum



PAINT THE TOWN with history

Why murals?

In 1992, most of the shops and businesses had moved out of Downtown Dothan in favor of Ross Clark Circle's busy traffic. While business migration is not a bad thing, it left downtown quiet. A small group of citizens created the Wiregrass Festival of Murals Board and began the process of bringing downtown back to its beautiful aesthetic on the historic buildings left vacant.

It was only natural that the first mural would be the Salute to the Peanut Industry, painted on the side of Liddon Furniture, one of the original downtown stores owned by the Liddon family since 1929. The mural features the progression of the peanut industry in the Wiregrass area, beginning with Dr. George Washington Carver at the very first National Peanut Festival, followed by the "old way" of peanut farming to the "new way" with modern farming equipment, to the present-day National Peanut Festival, held every year in November.

The mural was a hit. People were coming back downtown to see the art that seemed to be alive on the side of an old brick building. With that same enthusiasm, the Wiregrass Festival of Murals Board commissioned more murals - hometown legend and Hollywood actor Johnny Mack Brown, Creek Indian Chief Eufaula, early settlers, industries like mules, turpentine, railroad, and cotton, and Tuskeegee Airman Sherman Rose.

As of this publication, there are nineteen murals total, including a hidden mural inside the Dothan Opera House. The murals cover an eight-block pathway through Downtown Dothan, and travelers come from all over to see the Mural City of Alabama. More murals are being planned, with the most recent painting a depiction of Wildlife in the Wiregrass wrapping the corner of Bob Woodall Air Care Systems on North Foster Street.

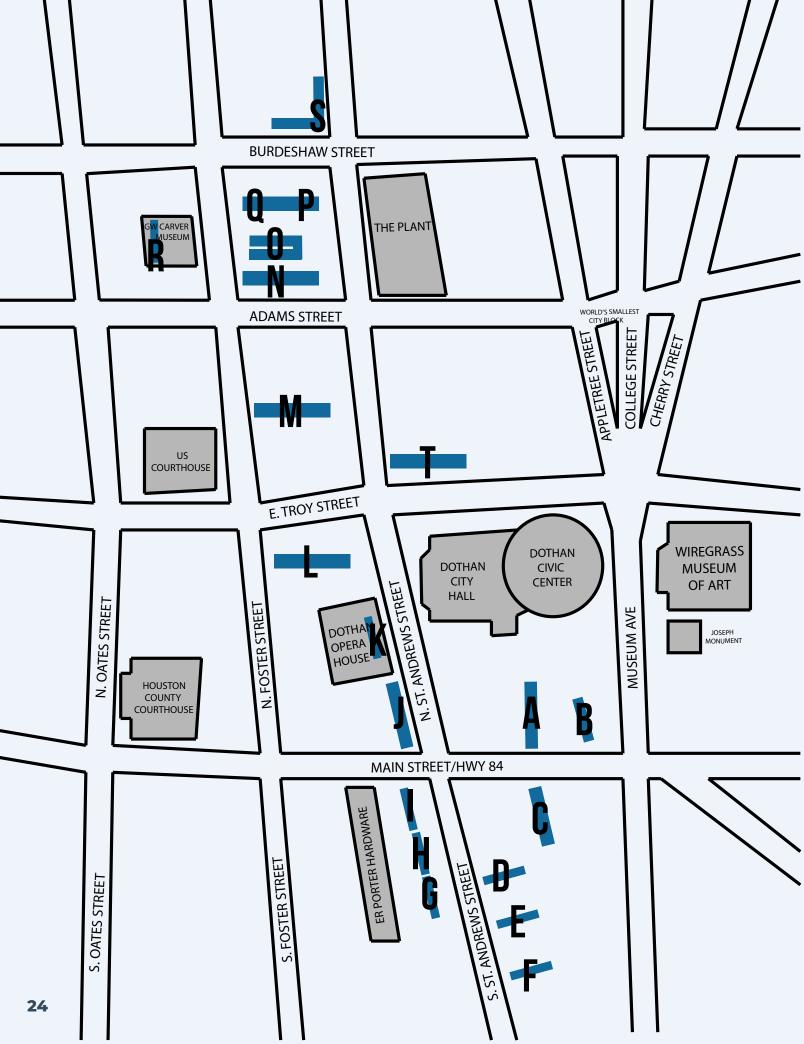
What's the best way to see the murals?

By walking, of course! Take advantage of Dothan's beautiful weather by parking your car on St. Andrews or Foster Street and follow the map on the next page. Choose to see only a few or adventure

out to see them all! Each mural is painstakingly detailed by the talented artists who painted them. The murals are the perfect way to learn Dothan's history and to experience Downtown Dothan.

Don't forget to #Visit Dothan when you post your mural pics to social media!





MURALS OF THE WIREGRASS

MURALS

SALUTE TO THE PEANUT INDUSTRY

251 E. Main Street

A timeline from Dr. Carver's lab to modern-day harvesting of the Wiregrass area's cash crop.

B DeSOTO'S JOURNEY THROUGH THE WIREGRASS REGION

Corner of Main Street & Museum Ave

Hernando DeSoto's exploration party traveled on the east side of the Wiregrass in 1540.

THE ABDUCTION OF ELIZABETH STEWART DILL

E. Main Street

A Creek Indian attack on a supply boat and the subsequent abduction of Elizabeth Stewart Dill.

CAMP RECOVERY

124 S. St. Andrews Street

An Army rehabilitation camp near the Chattahoochee River and Fort Scott for the War of 1812.

MULES IN THE WIREGRASS

148 S. St. Andrews Street

How the use of mules instead of oxen improved the farming and logging industries in the area.

FORT SCOTT:PROTECTOR OF THE WIREGRASS

184 S. St. Andrews Street

Fort Scott was poised at the Flint River, and housed future Presidents Andrew Jackson and Zachary Taylor.

G JOHNNY MACK BROWN

111 S. St. Andrews Street

"The Singing Cowboy" Johnny Mack Brown was a Dothan native before appearing on the Hollywood big screen.

CHIEF EUFAULA: CREEK INDIAN REMOVAL

113 S. St. Andrews Street

Chief Eufaula lobbied in the Alabama statehouse before leading the last of the Lower Creeks to a reservation in Oklahoma during the Indian Removal Act.

THE DOTHAN RIOT

119 S. St. Andrews Street

In October of 1889, just after Dothan was incorporated, a riot erupted at the public well and bell tower over a tax levied on commercial drays.

TRIBUTE TO SHERMAN ROSE

100 N. St. Andrews Street

Sherman Rose was one of the first students and first instructors of the Tuskeegee Institute's Civilian Pilot Training program for African-American pilots.

DOTHAN OPERA HOUSE

Inside the Dothan Opera House on St. Andrews Street

A tribute to the famed celebrities who performed on the Dothan Opera House Stage.

SALUTE TO FT. RUCKER

N. St. Andrews Street

Home to Army Aviation that began as a training camp for soldiers in WWII.

THE STEAMBOAT ERA

N. Foster Street

How the steamboat contributed to the success of the Wiregrass area prior to the railroad in 1889.

CHERRY STREET A.M.E. CHURCH

301 N. Foster Street

The oldest African Methodist Episcopal Church in Alabama.

WIREGRASS MUSIC

Between N. Foster & N. St. Andrews Streets

A three-part mural chronicling Contemporary and Country music artists with ties to the Wiregrass area.

EARLY COMMERCE IN THE WIREGRASS

N. Foster Street

A four-part mural depicting early industries in the Wiregrass area - Turpentine, Logging, Cotton, and Railroad.

DANCING DAVE

308 N. Foster Street

A tribute to a Dothan legend, Dancing Dave, who would dance in the National Peanut Festival Parade annually.

DR. CARVER

Inside the Carver Museum

A mural dedicated to Dr. Carver and his contributions in the original Greyhound Bus Station waiting area.

S WILDLIFE IN THE WIREGRASS

N. St. Andrews & Burdeshaw Streets

Depicting the natural wildlife and game found in the Wiregrass area.

WOMEN OF THE WIREGRASS

126 N. St. Andrews Street

A tribute to the women who molded and shaped Dothan and the Wiregrass area.









ATTRACTIONS

ADVENTURELAND THEME PARK

3738 West Main Street (334) 793-9100 adventurelandthemepark.com

Spend a fun afternoon with the family at Adventureland Theme Park playing 18 holes of mini golf, go-karts, bumper boats, arcade, and batting cages.

Mon-Th: 10am-9pm

Fri-Sat: 10am-11:30pm, Sun: 12pm-9pm

AXTION AIR

3525 Ross Clark Circle (334) 446-5175 axtionair.com

Over 50,000 square feet of trampolines, foam pits, dodgeball, basketball, rock walls, extreme ninja course, and batting cages. Waiver required to jump.

Mon-Th: 12pm-9pm, Fri:12pm-12am, Sat: 12pm-11pm, Sun: 1pm-8pm

DOTHAN AREA BOTANICAL GARDENS

5130 Headland Ave (334) 793-3224 dabg.com

Dothan's Botanical Gardens is the place to see the very best of nature and the beauty of the early southern garden. There is no charge to tour the gardens, and there are several annual events hosted by the DABG.

Open daily from sunrise to sunset.

AR WORKSHOP

2958 Ross Clark Circle (334) 731-3003 arworkshop.com/dothan

A DIY workshop to create ontrend home decor such as wood signs, canvas pillows, bottle openers and more. A great girls night or team-building experience! Reservations required.

See calendar at arworkshop.com/dothan for projects and times.

BOWLING

DOTHAN LANES (334) 983-1585 5727 Montgomery Hwy

Sun-Th: 2pm-9pm, Fri: 2pm-12am, Sat: 10am-12am

PATRICIA LANES (334) 794-6636 2208 Ross Clark Circle

Mon-Wed: 10am-10pm, Th: 3pm-10pm, Fri: 12:30pm-12am, Sat: 12pm-1am, Sun: 2pm-7:30pm

ESCAPE DOTHAN

3759 Ross Clark Circle (334) 446-7135 escapedothan.com

Dothan's only escape game with four rooms to choose from. Can you beat the clock? Reservations are required. Rated #1 on Trip Advisor!

Fri: 3:30pm-11:30pm, Sat: 10am-11:45pm, Sun: 11am-6:30pm

FUN ZONE

465 Westgate Parkway (334) 678-7529 funzoneskatecenterdothan.com

Dothan's safe and high-energy place for children to roller skate, ride bumper cars, play in the arcade and soft-play gym, and more. Open for groups and birthday parties!

Th: 12pm-6pm, Fri: 1pm-10pm, Sat: 10am-10pm, Sun: 1pm-6pm

MOVIE THEATERS

AMC DOTHAN PAVILION 12 (334) 836-0814 4883 Montgomery Hwy amctheatres.com

AMC CLASSIC 6 (334) 793-2222 209 Executive Park amctheatres.com

CONTINENTAL DRIVE IN

(334) 692-3890 14200 US Hwy 84 continentalcinemas.com



"I always went to summer camp at Landmark Park. I can blame the love I have of nature on Landmark Park."

- Laura Stakelum, Landmark Park

SADIE'S FLEA MARKET

7990 US Hwy 231 South (334) 677-5138

The area's largest flea market with over 400 vendors year round. You'll be sure to find new treasures at Sadie's.

Sat-Sun: 8am-4pm

SHUTE PECAN CO

1475 Ross Clark Circle (334) 794-5232 shutepecan.com

Shute Pecan Company was established in 1929 and has operated for three generations as the place to purchase locally sourced peanuts, pecans, and more.

Mon-Sat: 8:30am-4:30pm

TODD SYRUP FARM

19326 US Hwy 431 S (334) 693-2004 toddfarms.com

Visit Todd Syrup Farm for an education in how real cane syrup is made in the sugar cane fields next to its General Store and Cafe. Todd Farms also has an RV Park, Living Museum of farm equipment, and syrups for purchase.

Tues-Th: 8:30am-5pm Fri-Sat: 7:30am-5pm

US ARMY AVIATION MUSEUM

6000 Novosel Street, Fort Rucker (224) 598-2508 armyaviationmuseum.org

Explore the history of Army Aviation, including 160 military aircraft and the largest collection of military helicopters in the world.

Subject to vehicle inspection at Fort Rucker gates. No weapons allowed and must have valid ID.

Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm, Sat: 9am-3pm Closed all federal holidays, except Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day.

WATER WORLD

401 Recreation Road (334) 615-3750 waterworlddothan.com

Dothan's Most Exciting Beach offers the Rip Tide Wave Pool, The Great White Water Slide, and The Tadpole Hole for the little ones. Water World also has an arcade, gift shop, picnic areas, and grill.

Season: Memorial Day - Labor Day Sun: 1pm-5pm, Tues/Th: 10am-8pm, Wed/Fri/Sat: 10am-5pm

XTREME AIR

441 Nypro Lane (334) 797-JUMP xtremeairtrampolinepark.com

The largest super tramp arena in the US also includes an arcade, zip line, inflatable park, and virtual reality arcade. Waiver required to jump.

Mon-Th: 12pm-9pm, Fri-Sat: 12pm-12am, Sun: 1pm-8pm



THE NUTTY SIDE

What's the big deal about peanuts in Dothan anyway?

Peanuts haven't always ruled the soil in our part of the world. At one time, it was all about King Cotton. Unfortunately by the 1920s, the boll weevil had taken over most of the cotton fields in the South, and farmers were left with destroyed fields and empty pockets heading into the Great Depression.

Enter Dr. George Washington Carver who, during his time as a professor of agriculture at Tuskeegee University, had discovered over 300 uses for the peanut. He found that peanuts were not just tasty, but their oils were conducive to cooking, cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals. He also introduced field rotation to area farmers, showing that fields can be exhausted by continual planting. Luckily for the Wiregrass, the sandy soil on the farm lands was the perfect growing environment for shallow peanut plants.

Peanuts quickly revitalized farming around Dothan, and in present-day, 50% of the world's peanuts are grown within a 100-mile radius of Dothan. If you're eating a jar of peanut butter, chances are that you are consuming peanuts grown by Dothan area farmers. And no, peanuts are not a nut! They are members of the legume family, more related to the pea than the nut.

So in the end, we have the boll weevil to thank for our booming agricultural economy in Dothan. So much so that our neighbors to the east in Enterprise raised a statue in honor of the boll weevil in the center of their downtown. But mostly, we have Dr. Carver to thank, which is why you'll find him forever honored on murals and in museums in Dothan.

What about the peanut statues all around town?

What began as a fundraiser for the revitalization of Downtown Dothan has morphed into a city-wide public art project. Businesses purchase fiberglass peanut statues from locally owned Replica Plastics, and design them with significance to their business. You'll find Dothan legends, kangaroos, armadillos, chefs, superheroes, doctors, dogs, and even a giant chicken. As of this publication, there are 58 Peanuts Around Town, and more are being

added daily. We dare you to find a more unique signature than the Dothan Peanuts Around Town.

You'll need a vehicle for this scavenger hunt as the peanuts spread (pun intended) all over town. Take the map on the next page and see if you can find them all! This is a great activity to learn your way around Dothan or to get the kids out of the house on a school holiday.

Don't forget to #Visit Dothan when you post your mural pics to social media!













PEANUTS

1. THE ELVIS NUT

Visit Dothan Visitors Center 3311 Ross Clark Circle

2. ORIGINAL GOLD PEANUT

Visit Dothan Visitors Center 3311 Ross Clark Circle

3. CHEF ELERY

Golden Corral 3340 Ross Clark Circle

4. JOE COOL

TGI Fridays 3370 Ross Clark Circle

5. MR. CLEAN

Blue Water Car Wash 3406 Ross Clark Circle

6. MR. SAM'S CLUB

Sam's Club 3440 Ross Clark Circle

7. MR. FIX IT

Home Depot 3489 Ross Clark Circle

8. CAPTAIN CASH

Ameris Bank 3299 Ross Clark Circle

9. PENNY & CHARLIE

Our New Baby 3119 Ross Clark Circle

10. TROPICAL SMOOTHIE

Tropical Smoothie
3230 Ross Clark Circle

11. MILITARY NUTS

Tuffy Automotive 3109 Ross Clark Circle

12. MR. TRAWICK

Friend Bank 3105 Ross Clark Circle

13. SHERIFF SAM

Krispy Kreme 3095 Ross Clark Circle

14. XTREME

Xtreme Health & Fitness 2970 Ross Clark Circle

15. NOKI NUT

AT&T

2927 Ross Clark Circle

16. RYLEY THE KANGAROO

Outback Steakhouse 2925 Ross Clark Circle

17. MR. BRIGHT SIDE

CarMax 2756 Ross Clark Circle

27 JO NOSS CIAIR CITCLE

18. ROBERT TRENT JONES AT HIGHLAND OAKS GOLF COURSE

Highland Oaks Golf Course 904 Royal Pkwy

19. DR. BOB & IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN

Southeast Regional Veterinarian 301 Westgate Parkway

20. WESTGATE LIBRARY

Westgate Library 535 Recreation Road

21. DOTHAN PEDIATRIC NUT

Dothan Pediatric Clinic 126 Clinic Drive

22. CLASSIC PEANUT

Synovus Bank 2680 West Main Street

23. ANDY ARMADILLO

Texas Roadhouse 3730 Montgomery Hwy

24. PERCY PEANUT

UPS

4116 Montgomery Hwy

25. STATE TROOPER

Alabama State Trooper's Office 5775 Montgomery Hwy

26. TIP THE PEANUT

Mark Dunning Industries 100 Race Track Road

27. MELLOW JOHNNY

Oncology Supply 2801 Horace Shepard Drive

28. CAE

CAE 391 Art Morris Drive

29. COMMERCIAL JET

Commercial Jet 171 Jet Services Way

30. BEAU McGILLICUTY

Safelite Auto Glass 3765 Ross Clark Circle

31. GONE SHOPPING

Wiregrass Commons Mall 900 Commons Drive

32. HISTORY NUT

Landmark Park 430 Landmark Drive

33. THE PEANUT PRODUCER

Alabama Peanut Producers 1810 Reeves Street

34. MAC SAFETY

MidSouth Paving 381 Twitchell Road

35. ANGEL PEANUT

Ingram Memorial 2360 N. Range Street

36. WAYNE FARMS

Wayne Farms 808 Ross Clark Circle

37. KEY FIREHOSE

Key Firehose Corporation 2926 Columbia Hwy

38. PEANUT IN THE TUB

Lewis-Smith Supply 1306 Columbia Hwy

39. REHAB NUTS

Healthsouth Rehabilitation 1736 E. Main Street

40. HEALTH NUT

Southeast Health 1108 Ross Clark Circle

41. SHELLY THE PEANUT

ACOM 445 Health Sciences Blvd

42. SHUTE PEANUT

Shute Pecan Co. 1475 Ross Clark Circle

43. ROAD WARRIOR

Dothan Powersports 2003 Ross Clark Circle

44. AL WELCOME CENTER

Alabama Welcome Center 15121 US Hwy 231 S

45. BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services 2307 Hartford Hwy

46. HANDY NUT

Brackin Wholesale 725 S. Oates Street

47. TOGETHER FOREVER

Basketcase Cafe 228 S. Oates Street

48. NUTS ABOUT SAFETY

Dothan Fire Department 60 Columbia Hwy

49. THE PAPER BOY

The Dothan Eagle 227 N. Oates Street

50. KISS GOODBYE TO CANCER

Dothan Civic Center 111 N. St. Andrews Street

51. MEDIA NUT

Scenic Communications 416 N. Oates Street

52. MAIN LIBRARY

Dothan-Houston Co Library 445 N. Oates Street

53. MAHOGANY PEANUT

GW Carver Museum 305 N. Foster Street

54. RUBY NELL

DSI Security 600 W. Adams Street

55. TOP CHEF

KBC on Foster 151 N. Foster Street

56. ORTHO NUT

Dr. McFarland 1609 West Main Street

57. ADS SECURITY

ADS Security 2363 Montgomery Hwy



RIDES, FOOD, and Peanuts

Now that you know why we care so much about peanuts...

It's time you know about the National Peanut Festival. Yes, we have a festival for peanuts. And yes, it's a huge deal. You might hear the locals simply call it, "the fair," but it's so much more than that.

Each fall, the Wiregrass celebrates its agricultural heritage and the end of the harvest season with the National Peanut Festival. Inaugurated in 1938, what was then a three-day event included a pageant, parade, historical play, and a grand ball. The honorary guest speaker was none other than Dr. George Washington Carver. Pausing only for a brief break during World War II, the festival has been held annually ever since.

The festival has grown a bit since 1938; it's now a ten-day event that sees over 200,000 visitors each year. It's own fairgrounds were dedicated in 1999, and includes two midways, an amphitheater, food avenue, and expo buildings. The two midways are split - one for big rides and carnival games for teens and adults, and one for kiddie rides and easier games for the little ones. The expo buildings are full of local arts and crafts, recipe contest and photography winners, and livestock shows. The amphitheatre has hosted big music acts like Blake Shelton, Little Big Town, Steven Curtis Chapman, the Charlie Daniels Band - even Garth Brooks

back in 1992 - and presents a new slate of artists each year in varied musical genres. The festival hosts several annual events as well that are crowd pleasers, like the Demolition Derby, cheerleading competition, greased pig and calf scramble, Senior Citizen Day, and Special Citizens' Day.

On the last Saturday morning of the festival, thousands of people line Main Street to watch marching bands, beauty queens on floats, classic cars, and military personnel in the area's largest parade.

What is everyone's favorite part of the festival, though? The food! Former NPF President, Jason Rudd, told us, "The #1 fair food is a corndog from The Corndog Man. #2 is the roasted corn." On the food avenue, local bands and civic clubs set up booths for the week to sell peanuts any way you like them, elephant ears, funnel cakes, fried Oreos and Twinkies, kettle corn, and any carnival food you can imagine. The food is so famous, it was even featured on Food Network's "Carnival Fats."

The National Peanut Festival is worth the visit to Dothan for old-fashioned family fun. You can find information about festival events, ticket pricing, and more at nationalpeanutfestival.com.

"The best way to spend the day at the Peanut Festival is to come early so you can see everything. From arts and crafts to horticulture, and the ribbons people have won in the exhibits, plus the vendors and the fair food...Bring a little pocket change because you're going to want to eat."

- Jason Rudd, former President of the Board of Trustees, National **Peanut Festival**





COOL CREATORS



"'This is in Dothan, Alabama?' and I say, 'Yeah! We're cool here!'"

Christy Keyton, owner of Naomi & Olive Home Decor and Gifts and Bird & Bean Coffeehouse told the story of things people say when they enter her shops in Downtown Dothan. "People tell me all the time, 'I bought shoes here when I was little!" Both of Christy's shops are former shoe stores of times gone by in downtown - Baxter's and Martin's. The original tile in-lay still adorns the threshold, and old photos of Baxter's hang on the wall in Bird & Bean. Christy's entrepreneurial spirit and willingness to take a chance has been integral to the growth of downtown Dothan.

"I think in the last four years since we've opened Naomi & Olive downtown, we are beginning to see a change. People are beginning to believe, 'I can find something cool here.'" And you can definitely find something cool in Naomi & Olive. Christy focuses her inventory on local artisans and companies with unique finds and inspiring stories behind them. She carries everything from locally crafted soaps and candles to vintage table linens to handbags made by women who have left abusive situations. Her shop is now a destination for one-of-a-kind items to give as gifts or as a treat for yourself.

Naomi & Olive was a seemingly instant success downtown. After the quick response, Christy and her husband saw the next step as the space next door, opening Bird & Bean Coffeehouse. The coffeehouse specializes in brews and teas, and is a hot-spot for students looking for a quiet place to study, friends playing board games, or what is now known as the "Bird & Bean Boys," a group of local politicians and business owners who meet on Friday mornings at the coffeshop to discuss happenings and ideas. The friendly baristas and homemade baked goods round out the coffeeshop's warm atmosphere that keeps Dothanians returning week after week for a Bird & Bean Mocha.

"I say all the time that mom-n-pop shops are never going to go away because of the personalized service. The only way you're going to get that

is by interacting with a human. It's my favorite way to shop. It's why I opened Naomi & Olive. Progress is slow, but that's ok. Maybe we're just the seed planters. My dream has always been to see Downtown Dothan as an incredibly creative and fun place that people come for local things, local talent, local food, and that's beginning to happen. But in my lifetime, I may not see the full fruit of that. Maybe we're just building something for the people who come after us." Dothan is so glad you took that risk, Christy.





HOW TO EXPERIENCE DOTHAN

according to the one

Gathering five of Dothan's most creative people in one room was no easy feat, but we did it. We pulled together a theatre director, a newspaper publisher, a musician, a custom clothing designer, and a downtown entrepreneur one afternoon in the Dothan Opera House to discuss the state of arts and culture in Dothan.

As a creator in Dothan, what inspires you?

"In my shop, you can make whatever you want," Jennifer Donaldson said. "It's easy for me to create with everyone in Dothan. You pick out your style and you pick out your fabric, and I make it right there for you. I get to touch everyone. I get to learn new things every day about what people need." East River Trading, Jennifer's unique concept store, allows you to have a hand in everything you purchase. She creates custom soaps, fragrances, and clothing, in addition to selling local art and goods.

"My business is similar," Christy Keyton replied. "I'm not actually creating a product. But my favorite thing is when ladies come in my shop looking for a gift for their friend, and we get to have a conversation with them about what their friend likes. They can walk out of my store saying, 'I feel good about giving this to someone. It's going to bring happiness to them.'"

Justin April, publisher of The Wiregrass Local newspaper and podcast, said, "Being able to take somebody's need and turn it into a tangible thing and tell a story in the meantime - it's fun to work with people that way. Dothan is really receptive to that." Justin makes this happen with his monthly newspaper, highlighting events and happenings in Dothan, and his weekly podcast where he interviews local heroes and business owners.

Kendall Jackson, multi-instrumentalist and local artistry developer, shared his opinion on the current music scene. You can find Kendall playing saxophone at almost every street festival and event in Dothan. "By traveling off and experiencing music in other communities, I wanted to bring that here. I always wondered why my town didn't have the same opportunities or energy. I believe my purpose in life is to create that. Start getting local music that sounds phenomenal inside these local businesses."

COOL CREATORS

"If you can create those spaces for creativity to flow, whether it's music or - I'm not a creator, but I think of myself as creating space for people who are creators," Jennifer Doherty agreed. As Director for SEACT (Southeast Alabama Community Theatre), Jennifer brings musicals and theatre experiences to Dothan, as well as camps and educational events for children. SEACT has performed shows as large as Les Miserables, Chicago, and Dracula. She's also been known to steal the spotlight in a few SEACT shows with her singing talent. "I've seen you on stage. You're a creator," the other Jennifer corrected.

"We've tried to do that, too," Christy replied. "I've got a couple of artists in my store - particularly one potter. People follow her now. When she puts something new on social media and they know it's in my store, people will be down there next week to buy it. Artists don't want to take time away from creating to sell their art. The business people need to come alongside to create the space."

As creators or consumers, what would you like to see the arts and culture scene look like in Dothan?

"Between the local artists and local musicians, there's so many ingredients here to have a superrich and vibrant culture," stated Justin. "We have to put one foot in front of the other so we can look back and say, 'Hey we're going somewhere here.' My drive comes from a desire to see people put aside whatever differences they have and for

everyone to appreciate beauty in whatever form it presents itself. A 'make it better and people will come' mentality."

"I was scared of this, too," Jennifer Donaldson said. "But I started having artists out at the store for the night. And people showed up! I never once had a bad night when I had an artist there. If we can provide it, people are receptive here. They want something new."

Jennifer Doherty expressed SEACT's view on this - "I think it's exposure. You don't have to learn to read a score or have acting lessons or painting lessons, but I would like for us to have more exposure for our youth to know that they can create things. It's all being created for them nowadays." Kendall nodded, "If we can start supporting amateur artists and promote them to become pursuers of their artistic freedom, we can see original artists shake up the scene at things like Foster Fest."

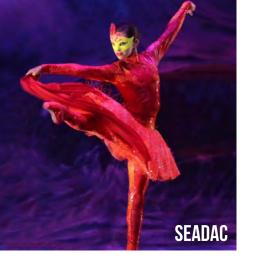
"I just want Dothan to get a bit weirder," Justin laughed. "I want people to not lean up against the wall while the band is playing." Kendall is ready to jump in. "It sounds like you need an avid crowdsurfer!"

With these five Creators at the helm of arts and culture in Dothan, we know that we are headed in the right direction. We may even see crowdsurfing at Foster Fest soon.













EXPERIENCE

ARTS & CULTURE

CENTER STAGE

11295 US Hwy 231 S (334) 803-8138 centerstage.info

The fun happens at Center Stage just south of town. Enjoy a game of bingo, then head to the Yellow Rose Theater for comedy shows and karaoke nights.

Open daily from 2pm-2am.

DOTHAN CIVIC CENTER AND OPERA HOUSE

115 N. St. Andrews Street (334) 615-3175 dothanciviccenter.org

The Dothan Civic Center and Opera House are Dothan's largest entertainment venues, bringing various live shows, concerts, and comedians to the area.

Visit dothanciviccenter.org for shows and ticket information.

LIVE AT THE OPERA

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Live at the Opera produces live music at the Dothan Opera House several times per year. Names have included St. Paul & The Broken Bones, John Paul White, and Billy Strings.

Tickets sold at etix.com.

CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

909 S. St. Andrews Street (334) 699-2787 theculturalartscenter.org

The Cultural Arts Center is dedicated to connecting the arts to the community through theatre, classes, and performances.

For classes, calendars, and programs, visit theculturalartscenter.org.

"Dothan is a very young town, and now people are actively seeking out stuff to do. You've got to go to all the places and experience all the things."

- Justin April, publisher of The Wiregrass Local newspaper and podcast



ARTS & CULTURE



"My job is to create the space for art to happen. Then you have people from all walks getting together and finding what they have in common because they have a common love for music or theatre."

PATTI RUTLAND JAZZ

1077 West Main Street (334) 699-5044 pattirutlandjazz.com

Dothan's only professional dance company performs multiple shows per year, including their much anticipated Halloween and Christmas performances.

For show and ticket information, visit pattirutlandjazz.com.

THE PLANT

308 N. St. Andrews Street (334) 673-4318 theplantdothan.com

As the newest music venue in town, The Plant has booked acts like Aaron Lewis, Riley Green, Drivin N Cryin, Cody Johnson, and Drake White.

For upcoming shows and ticket information, visit theplantdothan.com.

SEADAC

(334) 702-7139 southeastalabamadancecompany.org

Southeast Alabama Dance Company, or SEADAC, is the premier dance company for dance students. SEADAC performs three shows per year, including an annual performance of The Nutcracker in December.

Visit southeastalabamadancecompany. org for shows and ticket infomration.

TRI-STATE COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

699-2787 tristatecommunityorchestra.org

Tri-State Community Orchestra is a collection of local musicians who perform multiple shows per year. Catch them at the Dothan Opera House, Landmark Park, or the Cultural Arts Center.

Visit tristatecommunityorchestra.org for shows and ticket information.

THE NATURE GALLERY

- Jennifer Doherty, Director of Southeast Alabama Community

156 N. Foster Street (334) 671-2050 naturegalleryart.com

Theatre

Daily yoga classes in an inspiring environment of art and meditation. Private classes and massage therapy are available by appointment.

For class times, visit naturegalleryart. com.

SEACT

(334) 794-0400 seact.com

Dothan's supremely talented citizens join together to make Southeast Alabama Community Theatre, or SEACT. Performing five shows each season, SEACT has been entertaining Dothan for years.

Visit seact.com for shows and ticket information.

THE UPTOWN JAZZ CLUB

160 S. St. Andrews Street (334) 699-1688 booktheuptown.wixsite.com

The Uptown Jazz Club offers smooth jazz sounds to complement your glass of wine or craft cocktails in a relaxed atmosphere.

Fri-Sat: 8pm-2am



FOSTER FEST

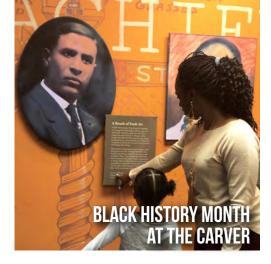
AND OTHER DOWNTOWN EVENTS

In recent years, Downtown Dothan has seen a revival like no other. What used to be vacant buildings left in favor of Ross Clark Circle and high traffic areas is now a thriving, walkable downtown full of shops, restaurants, museums, and venues. You'll find most of the bustling activity on Foster Street during the many annual events that are hosted in Downtown.



NEW YEAR'S DOWNTOWN COUNTDOWN







MARCH

MARCH 1

Foster Fest Downtown Dothan

MARCH 2

2019

Krewe of Kolosse Mardi Gras Parade Downtown Dothan

Family Fun Day at the Carver Museum GW Carver Museum

MARCH 9

JonJam The Plant

MARCH 11

For King & Country Dothan Civic Center

MARCH 12-16

SEACT presents Chicago Dothan Opera House

MARCH 15

Puddle of Mudd

MARCH 16

Southeast Alabama Highland Games NPF Fairgrounds

> Spring Farm Day Landmark Park

John Crist Dothan Civic Center

MARCH 23

Cody Johnson The Plant

EVENTS

JANUARY

JANUARY 5

First Saturday Family Art Day Wiregrass Museum of Art

JANUARY 12-13 & 19-20

Wiregrass Renaissance Faire NPF Fairgrounds

JANUARY 17

Art After Hours Wiregrass Museum of Art

JANUARY 21

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day GW Carver Museum



FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1-28

Black History Month at The Carver GW Carver Museum

FEBRUARY 1

Astronomy Night

Landmark Park

FEBRUARY 5

Balsam Range in Concert

Dothan Opera House

FEBRUARY 9-11

Visit Dothan Softball Invitational James Oates Park

FEBRUARY 11

Hiss Golden Messenger Southern Social Table & Tap

FEBRUARY 14

Sean of the South Windmill Station

FEBRUARY 15

Ron White Dothan Civic Center

FEBRUARY 21

Write Night - Open Mic Night Wiregrass Museum of Art

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

APRIL 5

Foster Fest
Downtown Dothan

Drake White The Plant

APRIL 5-7

Beaver Creek Bash with Southeast Alabama Mountain Biking Forever Wild

APRIL 6

First Saturday Family Art Day Wiregrass Museum of Art

> Shawn James Folklore Brewing & Meadery

APRIL 11

Mitchell Tenpenny
The Plant

APRIL 13

Garnet & Soul Folklore Brewing & Meadery

APRIL 15-21

Hardee's Pro Classic Westgate Tennis Center

APRIL 18

Art After Hours
Wiregrass Museum of Art

APRIL 20

Sacred Harp Sing Landmark Park

APRIL 26

Wiregrass Blues Fest Wiregrass Museum of Art

APRIL 30-May 4

SEACT presents Mama Can't Fly

Downtown Dothan

May

MAY '

Water World Season Opening
Water World

MAY 3

Foster Fest
Downtown Dothan

MAY 4

Touch a Truck

Landmark Park

MAY 8

Bourbon & BBQ at KBC with The Delvon Lamarr Organ Trio KBC on Foster

MAY 10

Black Stone Cherry with Tyler Bryant & The Shakedown The Plant

MAY 17

Tri-State Community Orchestra presents "From Stage to Screen" Cultural Arts Center

> Nitro Comedy Tour Center Stage

MAY 25 - SEPTEMBER 7

Our Roots Run Deep: The History & Heritage of Black Families in the Wiregrass GW Carver Museum

MAY 31

Corey Smith The Plant

JUNE

JUNE 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Poplar Head Farmers Market

Dothan Civic Center

JUNE 1

Tristates 100

Dothan

Water World Classic Swim Meet Westgate Recreation Center

JUNE 7

Foster Fest Downtown Dothan

Juneteenth Celebration/ Soul Food Festival GW Carver Museum

JUNE 8-10

BMX State Qualifier Circle City BMX - Westgate Park

JUNE 15

Music by Moonlight

Landmark Park

June 21-23

USA BMX Circle City Nationals

Westgate Park BMX

JUNE 22-29

Future Masters Golf Tournament Dothan Country Club

JUNE 27

Music by Moonlight

Landmark Park

JUNE 28

An Evening with Mick Foley

Center Stage

JUNE 29

Fireworks at the Fairgrounds

NPF Fairgrounds

JULY

JULY 6, 13, 20, 27

Poplar Head Farmers Market

Dothan Civic Center

JULY 5

Foster Fest
Downtown Dothan

Magic 93.1 #MagicSummerNights at The Carver GW Carver Museum

JULY 12-17

Dixie Junior & Boys State Tournament James Oates Park

JULY 13

Music by Moonlight

Landmark Park

JULY 19-22

IcyHot USTA Level 2 Championship Westgate Tennis Center

AUGUST

AUGUST 1

Whiskey Myers
The Plant

AUGUST 2

Foster Fest
Downtown Dothan

AUGUST 2

Magic 93.1
#MagicSummerNights at
The Carver
GW Carver Museum

AUGUST 10

Yard Party for Art Wiregrass Museum of Art

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 3

Southern Clay Court Level 1A Tennis Tournament Westgate Tennis Center

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 5-8

USTA Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament Westgate Tennis Center

SEPTEMBER 6

Foster Fest Downtown Dothan

Magic 93.1 #MagicSummerNights at The Carver GW Carver Museum

SEPTEMBER 7-8

DYSA Fall Peanut Classic Soccer Tournament Westgate Park

SEPTEMBER 12

SEACT Presents: Once on This Island Jr. Cultural Arts Center

SEPTEMBER 21

Low Country Boil

Landmark Park

SEPTEMBER 21-22

BMX Alabama State Finals Circle City BMX - Westgate Park

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 4

Foster Fest
Downtown Dothan

OCTOBER 4-6

Fanaticon
Dothan Civic Center

OCTOBER 5

Antique Car Show Landmark Park

OCTOBER 15

Remember When Rock Was Young: The Almost Elton John & The Rocket Band Dothan Civic Center

OCTOBER 18-20

Fall Farm Day & Quilt Show Landmark Park

OCTOBER 22-26

SEACT Presents: Million Dollar Quartet Cultural Arts Center

OCTOBER 26

Run America's First Circle: Dothan Half & 5K Ross Clark Circle



NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1-10

National Peanut Festival NPF Fairgrounds

NOVEMBER 3-4

Peanut Swim Meet Westgate Recreation Center

NOVEMBER 3-9

Q School Golf Tournament
Highland Oaks - RTJ

NOVEMBER 9

National Peanut Festival Parade

Downtown Dothan

NOVEMBER 15-18

USTA Southern Sectional 65+ Westgate Tennis Center

NOVEMBER 16 - JANUARY 4

Home for the Holidays: Celebrating Local African American Artists GW Carver Museum

NOVEMBER 17-18

ARPA Youth Soccer State Tournament Westgate Park

NOVEMBER 29

Black History Friday GW Carver Museum

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27

Gardens Aglow
Dothan Area Botanical Gardens

DECEMBER 7

Downtown Christmas Festival

Downtown Dothan

DECEMBER 8

Victorian Christmas

Landmark Park

SEADAC presents The Nutcracker Dothan Civic Center

DECEMBER 21

Kwanzaa Craft Day GW Carver Museum

DECEMBER 31

New Year's Downtown Countdown Downtown Dothan









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Stores: Target, Dick's Sporting Goods, Kohl's, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

Restaurants: Moe's Southwestern Grill, Logan's Roadhouse, La Parilla, Coldstone Creamery, Ichiban, Cheeburger Cheeburger

NORTHSIDE PLAZA

3489 Ross Clark Circle

Home Depot, 2nd & Charles, Publix, Hobby Lobby, Axtion Air

SHOPS ON THE CIRCLE

3500 Ross Clark Circle

Old Navy, PetSmart, Office Max, TJMaxx, Shoe Carnival, Big Lots

WIREGRASS COMMONS MALL

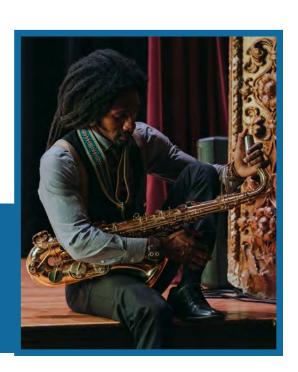
900 Commons Drive (334) 792-7734 shopwiregrasscommonsmall.com

Anchored by Belk, Dillard's, JC Penney, and Burlington Coat Factory, Wiregrass Commons Mall has been the area's stylemaker for over 30 years. Stop for lunch in the food court, take a ride on the carousel, even play black light mini-golf at the mall. Annual events, craft shows, Easter Bunny, and Santa are also on the schedule.

Mon-Sat: 10am-9pm, Sun: 1pm-6pm

"I really think the arts scene will develop through original music. It's really simple to convey a talent through someone else's song, but you're always comparing them to who sang it first. Imagine if those people are playing originals you've never heard."

- Kendall Jackson, musician and artistry developer



ANTIQUES

TREASURES

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5037 Fortner Street (334) 792-5040 antiqueatticdothan.com

HAPPY CHICK

4240 Reeves Street (334) 618-7994

LANEY BUGS ANTIQUES

5944 E. Cottonwood Road (334) 797-7568

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2331 Ross Clark Circle (334) 678-1423

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7329 West Main Street (334) 692-5493 highlandsantiquemallal.com

MOLLYWOOD IMPORTS

5595 Hwy 231 S (334) 678-9508 mollywoodimports.com

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2187 S. Brannon Stand Road (334) 792-8804 cottageantiquesdothan.com

LAND OF COTTON

2210 Ross Clark Circle (334) 702-0720

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1861 Reeves Street (334) 794-7568 oldsouthantiquemalldothan.com

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EAGLE EYE OUTFITTERS

3535 Ross Clark Circle (334) 673-2878 shopeagleeye.com

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1440 Westgate Parkway (334) 671-2034

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143 Westgate Parkway (334) 479-0611 shopnoavivi.com

EAST RIVER TRADING

1369 Headland Avenue (334) 714-3674 eastrivertrading.com

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140 N. Foster Street (334) 792-4006 naomiandolive.com

ODONATA

150 N. Foster Street (334) 792-3004 odonatadothan.com



"If we can provide it, people are receptive here."
- Jennifer Donaldson, custom clothing designer and owner, East
River Trading



TEAM PLAYERS



"The southern hospitality. You can't beat that."

When it comes to organizing sports events in Dothan, Angelia Turner is the pro. Every year, she coordinates both the Press Thornton Future Masters Golf Tournament and the USTA Hardee's Pro-Classic Women's Tennis Tournament. Both events bring hundreds of people to Dothan each year to compete in internationally recognized tournaments.

In its 70th year in 2019, The Future Masters has hosted junior golfers at the Dothan Country Club as the dream of Dr. Press Thornton, a Dothan native. Names that now appear on the PGA Tour who once played at The Future Masters include Bubba Watson, Brandt Snedeker, Trevor Immelman, Patrick Reed, and more. So many more have competed at the collegiate level. Everybody who's anybody in golf has heard of The Future Masters. "I just had a kid send me a picture on social media," Angelia recalled. "He had a Future Masters hand fan at a PGA event, and one of the players at the tournament said, 'I played in that tournament as a kid.""

That legacy is what keeps Angelia going each June for twenty-plus years. "You build those connections from the volunteer base to the participants to the families. Dothan may not be the first city you think about, but if you've been here and experienced it, you remember it. It leaves an impression on people." Players come from all over the world - Australia, Japan, Brazil, Austria - just to say they played in The Future Masters. Over 400 junior golfers compete each year with a long wait list, hoping for a spot in each season's class of competitors.

She extends that impression to the USTA Pro Circuit during the Hardee's Pro-Classic, held every April at the Westgate Tennis Center. Seven days of women's tennis brings professional players to Dothan to compete for singles and doubles titles. Players are from Poland, Russia, Japan, Mexico, Israel, and other countries as part of the USTA circuit of tournaments. "Our professional girls

come from all over the world and are amazed that Westgate Tennis Center is a public facility," Angelia proudly stated. USTA awarded Westgate Tennis Center with the 2000 Outstanding Facility Award, along with the Tennis Industry Association and US Tennis Court Association giving national recognition, as well. The Pro-Classic is also livestreamed on the Tennis Channel's website each year, showcasing Dothan to thousands of tennis fans around the globe.

But what's the secret sauce? Angelia says it's Dothan's southern hospitality. "Hosting events with people from all over the world, they are amazed at how friendly everyone is. When

our participants go to restaurants in town, everyone knows they are here competing with us, and they chat with them and welcome them to Dothan. Southern hospitality is what makes people feel comfortable at our tournaments.

If you attend either the Future Masters or Hardee's Pro-Classic, look for Angelia. She's coordinating volunteers, keeping track of scorebooks, entertaining sponsors, checking on players, and every single thing that keeps these tournaments running smoothly year after year. Angelia is priceless to the City of Dothan, and to thousands of golf and tennis athletes everywhere.





HOW TO PLAY DOTHAN

according to the ones

"Me and her represent the USA from Dothan, and I'm proud of both of us,"

said Brandi Deese, Special Olympian cyclist, about her dear friend, Kasey Cooper. Brandi is a silver medalist and a 7th place finisher in Cycling at the 2019 World Games in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Kasey is a three-time member of Team USA Softball, representing the United States from third base on softball fields around the world. Both athletes grew up playing sports in Dothan, and met with our other Team Players at the Circle City BMX track.

What about Dothan makes it a good sports environment?

Travis Roettgen, the track organizer for Circle City BMX, said, "The venue that we have in Westgate Park is one of the nicest tracks in the US. In 2016, we hosted a National for USA BMX, and all the comments and feedback that we got was that it was one of the nicest Nationals they'd ever been to." Travis is a parent of riders and even rides on his own bike during weekly races at Circle City BMX. What was once a fringe sport for extreme athletes now has kids as young as two years old and adults as old as eighty-five years old showing up at Circle City BMX. "When we host a National again in June," said Travis, "We'll have five to six-thousand people here for four days just to ride bikes."

No stranger to large-scale tournaments, Angelia Turner, coordinator for the Press Thornton Future Masters Golf Tournament and USTA Hardee's Pro Classic, agreed.

"It's our facilities. Westgate Tennis Center is one of the finest public tennis facilities around. Our professional girls come from all over and are amazed that it's a public facility."

Kasey laughed with the mention of the facilities. "Every park director knew my name," she recalled, "and knew what I wanted to do when I grew up. I dreamed of playing at the Division I level, and having a shot to play with Team USA. So many people who come from larger cities don't understand what it's like to come from a small community and the support that I had growing up." Kasey achieved both of those dreams, playing for Auburn University, where she holds almost all of the offensive records for the school, many Southeastern Conference awards, was twice named an All-American, and eventually selected for Team USA.

Joe Varner, who organizes the annual Tristates 100 road cycling race in Dothan, complimented Dothan's easy

TEAM PLAYERS

terrain as a draw for cyclists. "North is hills and south is flatter terrain. We have our pick. Plus, the weather is so nice year-round, we can ride 365 days a year. Even our friends 100 miles north of us can't do that.

It's also a great place for people to come because of the number of restaurants that we have. Usually the conversation in the last ten minutes of the ride is, 'Where are we going to eat?' or 'Where are we going to hang out after the ride?' Dothan's a great place for that." Brandi attributes her success in Special Olympics to the opportunities she had for sports in Dothan. "We have a place where I can go swimming, cycling, play tennis, play softball, and go bowling. We have the Miracle League. I'm so grateful to compete here." She continued to share a bit about her time at the World Games. "It was a huge honor for me to go to Abu Dhabi and represent my state. It was the first time I rode a camel and did sandboarding. Then, I competed. I came in 2nd Place," as she held up her silver medal around her neck, "and I came in 7th Place. The 7th place was the day I rode the camels."

What is a favorite sports memory in Dothan?

"2016 - when we had our first National here," Travis replied. "Showing up at the track and seeing the parking lot full, banners everywhere, and the USA BMX trailer in the lot was incredible. I have friends all over the world because of BMX."

Angelia also remembers the friendships. "You meet people that you never would have met otherwise. In 2006, Blayne Barber was defending his title against another golfer, and they went on a seven hole playoff. It was hole after hole and phenomenal to watch the excitement. Both of those boys are now on the PGA Tour. We see the girls from the Pro Classic on the national stage at the US Open or Wimbledon, and we can remember when they played here."

"A lot of riders target Dothan as their first century, which is a 100-mile bike ride," Joe explained. "It's a big benchmark in cycling, and they choose Dothan because of the favorable terrain. Seeing those riders be

so exhilerated and so exhausted as they cross the finish line is really unique and really rewarding." That's not the only reward of the Tristates 100. A portion of proceeds is donated to the Children's Hospital of Alabama every year.

Kasey gave an insight as to how she gives back through softball as she travels. "I may not have a lot of money, but I have my time and my sponsorships," she told the group. "This past year, we hosted the first annual Dothan Diamond Classic, and we raised over \$40,000 to give back to the schools that participated. When I travel with Team USA, we bring any extra equipment that we have - gloves, bats, cleats - and leave them behind. The communities we play in are so grateful for that."

How does Dothan support you?

"We are very fortunate at the Future Masters to have about 125-150 volunteers that work that tournament," Angelia praised. "And it's not just one year. It's generations of families volunteering year after year." Travis agreed, "I couldn't do this on my own. Having our volunteers, the media, Visit Dothan, the restaurants, the hotels, they're all prepared when people come to town. They all help make this happen."

Angelia responded, "The media plays such a huge part. They cover all these events for us. We were able to follow you, Brandi, all the way in Abu Dhabi. Every time I saw Brandi on the news, we were a part of it. It may be little Dothan, Alabama, but we are all a part of it."

Kasey smiled as she replied, "My last event with Team USA, we competed in Japan at the World Championships and secured Team USA's spot in the Olympics. People were texting me from Dothan where it was 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning, saying congratulations. It's almost like, 'We're a part of you. Let's go! Let's win this game!"

Dothan has home-field advantage every time because of the athletes and organizers who keep sports going for the next generation of athletes to come behind them. If you're in Dothan because of a sports event, we welcome you, and hope you enjoy your time on our world-class fields, courses, and tracks.













PLAY

EASTGATE PARK

1949 Sanitary Dairy Road (334) 615-3730

Eastgate Park is a 200-acre park on the east side of town. At Eastgate Park, you can play volleyball in the sand court, walk on the 2-mile trail and boardwalk, and catch-and-release fish in the fishing ponds. Eastgate is also home to Dothan's only disc golf course and archery course. Eastgate's fenced dog park is open during sunlight hours for dogs to roam off the leash. Plenty of green space is available for picnics and quiet days in nature.

SPORTS:

Baseball, Leisure Volleyball, Disc Golf, Archery, Fishing, Walking, Dog Park

JAMES OATES PARK

300 Taylor Road (334) 615-3700

Dothan's newest park is James
Oates Park, hosting softball and
baseball on premier fields. James
Oates Park is a tournament favorite for regional and national
baseball and softball tournaments, and families participating in tournaments enjoy the
playground and walking trails in
between games.

SPORTS:

Baseball and Softball

WESTGATE PARK

501 Recreation Road (334) 615-3760

Dothan's largest recreational park is Westgate Park. At Westgate Park, you can play softball, baseball, soccer, and tennis, race BMX bikes, or walk and run the 3.3 mile nature trail followed by a quick workout at the Outdoor Fitness Gym. Westgate also has a recreation center with a gym, fitness center, swimming pool, and wellness pool. Westgate also is home to MIracle Field, an all-abilities baseball field for the Miracle League.

SPORTS:

Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Football, Tennis, Miracle League Baseball, BMX, Swimming, Walking, Running, Trail Biking, Fitness, Kickball

"Everyone is proud when you represent Dothan."
-Kasey Cooper - Third Baseman, Auburn University/Team USA



GOLF

Dothan has several opportunities for a day on the links.

HIGHLAND OAKS

904 Royal Parkway (334) 712-2820

rtjgolf.com/highlandoaks

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DOTHAN NATIONAL GOLF COURSE

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do than national golf club and hotel. com

18 Hole Course & Driving Range

ROUNDABOUT PLANTATION

321 Roundabout Drive (334) 793-3300

18 Hole Course

PLAYGROUNDS

Playgrounds are open during sunlight hours unless otherwise noted.

MIRACLE PLAYGROUND

501 Recreation Ave

An all-abilities inclusive playground at Westgate Park

KIWANIS PARK

900 Deerpath Road

Playground for big and little with picnic pavilion

SOLOMON PARK

1815 Choctaw Street

Grassy park for picnics, frisbee, and pick-up baseball

EASTGATE PARK

1949 Sanitary Dairy Road Two playgrounds

JAMES OATES PARK

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300 Taylor Road

Playground with picnic pavilion

RAVENWOOD SPORTING CLAYS

10671 US Hwy 431, Newville (334) 648-1440

ravenwoodsportingclays.com

Try your hand at skeet-shooting at Ravenwood Sporting Clays, a 43-acre course through a naturally wooded area. Guns available for rent at Ravenwood, or you can bring your own.

Wed-Fri: 9am-5pm, Sat-Sun: 8am-5pm





RUN & RIDE

GET FIT

BEAVER CREEK TRAIL

384 Narcisse Drive (334) 615-3700

Dothan boasts the only urban Forever Wild Land Trust trail in Alabama. Winding ten miles on the west side of town, Beaver Creek Trail has trails varied on experience and multiple elevations for walking, hiking, and trail biking, including a pump track. Beaver Creek has three trailheads and is marked for safety and navigation. Maps are available on-site.

Open daily during sunlight hours.

CIRCLE CITY BMX

501 Recreation Road (334) 615-3760 circlecitybmxracing.com

Inside Westgate Park is Circle City BMX, a track sanctioned by USA BMX. 1147 feet of racing surface with open practice schedule.

See website for practice schedule and fees

EASTGATE PARK

1949 Sanitary Dairy Road (334) 615-3730

Eastgate Park is home to a 2-mile walking trail with boardwalk around its 200 acres of park and nature.

Open daily during sunlight hours.

OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT

501 Recreation Road (334) 615-3760

Westgate Park was selected as one of 100 public parks across the nation to install an outdoor fitness court. This fitness court is free to use, and includes equipment instructions and an app to download for instruction and pre-planned workouts.

Open daily during sunlight hours.

WESTGATE PARK

501 Recreation Road (334) 615-3760

Westgate Park boasts 3.3 miles of both nature and paved trails for walking, running, and biking. Wind your way around Dothan's largest park on this low-elevation trail that is marked for safety.

Open daily during sunlight hours.



- Joe Varner - Organizer, Tristates 100







PLAY DOTHAN where everyone is included

Inclusion is important, and Dothan takes it very seriously.

The story begins with a little boy named Buck, who was born with Down syndrome. His family had quite the baseball legacy - an uncle in the minor leagues, a father who played college ball, and two older brothers who were T-Ball all-stars. His mother, Melinda, knew she had to find a way for Buck to play, too. She told the story of her family's dream for Buck to play basebally to the Dothan Rotary Club over lunch, and a dream became a reality. Both the Dothan Rotary Club and Dothan-Houston County Rotary Club began work on what is now known as the Miracle League. Donations of funds and services poured in from Dothanians to make Miracle Park a safe, welcoming, and fun environment for families with special needs.

Inside Westgate Park, Rotarians, alongside the City of Dothan's Leisure Services Department, developed a baseball field specific to the needs of our special citizens of all ages. The field was custom-designed with a cushioned rubberized surface, wheelchair accessible dugouts, and a completely flat surface for ease of movement for those using assistive equipment. Accessible restrooms and concession stands were added for the full baseball experience.

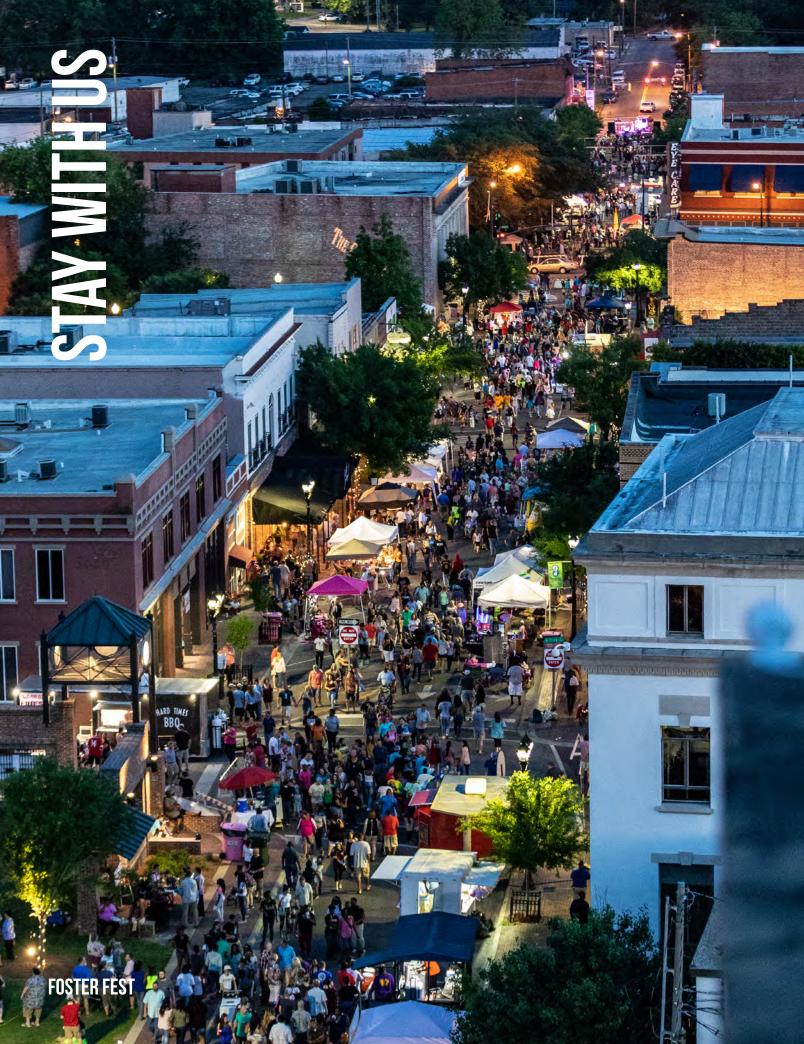
During the spring season, Miracle League athletes play on teams multiple times per week. Miracle League "Buddies" are community volunteers who give their time to coach, assist, and pitch for games. Every player bats once per inning, all base runners are safe, and each team and player wins every game. There are no age or ability requirements. Dothan's Miracle League is a member of the National Miracle League Organization.

In addition to the field, an inclusive playground was created with ramps, multiple play surfaces, and adaptive swing seats. The park also includes a sand pit, musical instruments, a toddler playset, swings, slides, and climbing equipment. Children of all abilities are encouraged to play together at Miracle Playground.

What was once one family's dream for all their kids to play baseball is now a beloved part of our community. Miracle League believes every citizen deserves a chance to play baseball.

For more information on Dothan's Miracle League, please visit dothanmiracleleague.com.





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