



**No. 4**

ENTERTAINMENT  
FIELD GUIDE

**DOTHAN**

ALABAMA



VISIT **D**OTHAN



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## **SOUTHERN BREWS, BEATS, & EATS: DOTHAN'S ENTERTAINMENT SCENE**

Nestled among historic buildings- sights, smells, and sounds fill the air of Dothan. Local breweries and eateries offer a taste of the region's agricultural roots, inviting residents and visitors alike to savor the flavors of the South. On weekends, patrons can enjoy live music performances, showcasing the city's diverse musical talent. Families can explore the heart of downtown, where they'll find an array of family-friendly events throughout the year, from street festivals to farmers' markets. Against the backdrop of historic downtown, these events celebrate community and heritage, embodying the warm hospitality that defines Dothan.



SCAN FOR  
UPCOMING  
EVENTS

## FEATURED ANNUAL EVENTS



Experience the excitement of our annual downtown events. Immerse yourself in a vibrant tapestry of culture, cuisine, and community, where every moment is an opportunity to create unforgettable memories.

Experience the vibrant pulse of Dothan's Mardi Gras parade, the "Happiest Day in Dothan." Join us as the city comes alive with the rhythm of marching bands, the spectacle of colorful floats, and the infectious energy of the crowd. Embrace the Mardi Gras spirit as you catch beads and trinkets thrown from passing floats, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Whether you're a local looking for a festive escape or a visitor seeking the authentic charm of Southern hospitality, Dothan's Mardi Gras parade promises to not disappoint!



### MARDI GRAS PARADE

FEBRUARY

The Wiregrass Blues Festival began in 2011 as a tribute concert to the late blues-legend and Dothan native, Eddie Kirkland. The festival is a celebration of the incredible blues traditions from the region and each year, exceptional blues and blues-inspired performances are presented to the community. The line-up always represents the unique music culture of the region and performers have spent decades shaping their craft.

### WIREGRASS BLUES FESTIVAL



MARCH

Dive into a vibrant celebration of music and art at The Loop Music & Art Festival. Wander along Foster Street to discover local artists and vendors while enjoying live musical performances. Located on the 100 block of N. Foster Street, The Loop Music & Art Festival offers two days of outdoor fun that's free to all. Bring your lawn chairs and indulge in delicious local food and beverages available for purchase from downtown eateries, food trucks, and taprooms.



## THE LOOP MUSIC & ART FESTIVAL

APRIL

The Juneteenth Expo unites surrounding communities with an atmosphere of educational fellowship, family-fun, and amazing cuisines prepared by professional chefs. Every aspect of this annual event is dedicated to exposing the past, celebrating the present, and leaping towards the future. The Expo is multi-dimensional, and phenomenal- just like the cultural aspects of the incredible communities within the Tri-State area. They aim to raise awareness of the damaging effects of slavery, the beauty of our talented & ingenious people, and the diversity of a complex South!



## TRI-STATE EXPO

JUNE

Celebrate the season with an unforgettable experience at Boo Fest, packed with family fun, including costume contests, face painting, games, and delicious food! Immerse yourself in all that downtown has to offer with shopping, dining, and entertainment options on every block. From savory delights at KBC to selecting your new favorite book from Downtown Books, there's something for everyone. Join us for an action-packed day of fall festivities along historic Foster Street.

## BOO FEST



OCTOBER

Experience the magic of the season at our beloved annual Santa's Workshop in charming Downtown Dothan! Kids can enjoy free activities, meet Santa himself, and explore delightful vendors and food trucks. Get ready for a winter wonderland extravaganza at The North Pole Stroll, featuring snow, s'mores, caroling, arts & crafts, and endless family fun during the Christmas season.



## DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

DECEMBER

Southeast Alabama Dance Company invites you to experience the wonder and joy of the holiday season with their rendition of The Nutcracker Ballet. Join in for a journey through this timeless story, captivating audiences of all ages with spellbinding performances and breathtaking choreography by local talent. Immerse yourself in a world of fantasy, adventure, and unforgettable moments each holiday season.



## THE NUTCRACKER

DECEMBER

The first Friday night of each month, local businesses come alive with artist pop-ups, exhibit premieres, interactive art activities, and captivating demonstrations open to all. Explore as many Art Crawl spots as you like, each offering its own distinctive experience—let's celebrate and support our local talents while collecting one-of-a-kind artworks!

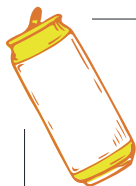
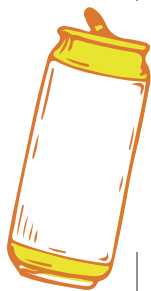
## FIRST FRIDAY ART CRAWL



MONTHLY  
FIRST FRIDAY

## CRAFT BEER, WINE, & WHISKEY

From hoppy IPAs to smooth stouts, their diverse selection caters to every palate. With a commitment to quality and community, it's more than just a brewery; it's a gathering place where friends come together to enjoy great brews and even better company. Weekly trivia nights and live music enhance the spirit of community. Raise a glass and experience a taste of Dothan at Circle City Brewing.



CIRCLE CITY  
BREWING



Combining tradition with innovation remains at the forefront as they honor local history through the names of their beers. Take a sip of the Alcazar Black IPA, named after the iconic Alcazar Silent Movie Theater building that was located downtown. Every brew on tap is expertly crafted, ensuring a taste that's uniquely theirs. But the experience doesn't end with beer; their extensive spirits menu compliments a delicious selection of pizzas, burgers, dips, salads, and more. Come for the history, stay for the flavor, and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere.

Nestled in the charming town of Headland, Keel & Co. Distilling stands as a beacon of craftsmanship and community spirit. With a passion for premium spirits, this distillery is dedicated to producing high-quality, small-batch libations that capture the essence of the South. From smooth bourbons to crisp gins, each spirit is carefully crafted using locally sourced ingredients and time-honored techniques.



## KEEL & CO. DISTILLING



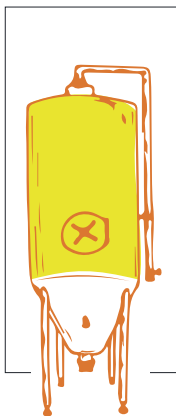
**\*DOG & KID FRIENDLY**

Keel & Co. Distilling is more than just a distillery; it's a hub of hospitality where visitors can immerse themselves in the art of spirit-making through tours, tastings, events, and live music. Whether you're a connoisseur seeking a new favorite or a curious novice eager to explore the world of craft distilling, Keel & Co. Distilling welcomes you to experience the taste of Alabama's rich heritage and vibrant culture.



## CRAFT BEER, WINE, & WHISKEY

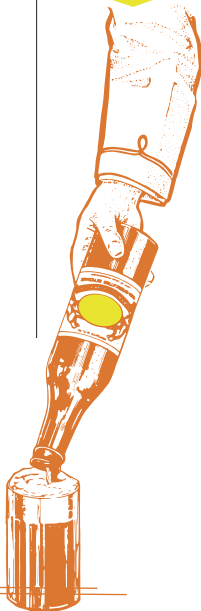
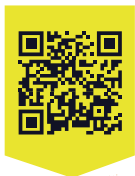
Folklore Brewing & Meadery stands as a testament to the artistry of fermentation and the celebration of age-old traditions of sharing drinks and live music with the community. Specializing in craft beer and mead, Folklore offers a unique experience for every palate, blending modern brewing techniques with the authentic flavors of local ingredients.



FOLKLORE  
BREWING &  
MEADERY

**\*DOG & KID FRIENDLY**

With a commitment to quality and innovation, each brew tells a story, and is filled with the sensation of Alabama folklore and culture. Inside the tasting room you're in a world of flavor, filled with friendly faces and lively conversation. From their flagship brews to experimental batches, Folklore invites you to join them on a journey of discovery and delight. Raise a glass, share a tale, and become part of the living legend at Folklore Brewing & Meadery.



## HAIR OF THE DOG



From cozy neighborhood pubs to lively sports bars, Dothan has a spot for every taste, where locals and visitors alike can enjoy cold drinks and warm welcomes.

Beef 'O' Brady's sports bar is the ultimate destination for sports fans and food enthusiasts alike. With a lively atmosphere and an array of TVs broadcasting the latest games, it's the perfect spot to catch all the action. Indulge in their signature wings, burgers, and other delicious fare, while enjoying a cold drink from their full bar. Whether you're cheering on your favorite team or simply looking for a great meal, Beef 'O' Brady's offers a welcoming environment where good times are always on the menu.

**BEEF 'O' BRADY'S**

**SPORTS BAR**

Buffalo Wild Wings is a popular choice known for its lively atmosphere, delicious wings, and extensive selection of beers. With multiple large-screen TVs broadcasting various sporting events, it's the go-to spot for fans to gather and cheer on their favorite teams. Whether you're craving classic buffalo wings or exploring their diverse menu, Buffalo Wild Wings offers a vibrant dining experience where team spirit and excitement thrive.

**BUFFALO WILD WINGS**



**SPORTS BAR**

Cowboys has been a staple in the Wiregrass since 1956 and is proudly one of the most established country entertainment venues in the country. Step inside and you'll be greeted by the twang of guitars and the sound of boots tapping on the dance floor. Whether you're in the mood for live music, line dancing, or just a cold drink with friends, Cowboys delivers an unforgettable experience. With its rustic charm and welcoming staff, this honky tonk is the perfect spot to kick back, relax, and enjoy all that Dothan's country scene has to offer.

**COWBOYS**



**HONKY TONK**

Zeppelin's at Hangar 38 is a pet & family friendly full-service restaurant and sports bar. Guests will enjoy chef-crafted cuisine whether they are relaxing in the deluxe casual restaurant or grabbing a bite at the boutique bowling lanes. Diners can delight their taste buds with choices ranging from delicious hot wings tossed in Zeppelin's signature sauces, to the "Spirit of St Louis" ribs; the best smoked ribs in Dothan. The top-notch full-service bar offers aviation-inspired cocktails and 16 draught beers.

**HANGAR 38**

**SPORTS BAR**

KT's Tavern is a classic local pub where friends gather for good times and great drinks. With its laid-back atmosphere and friendly staff, it's the perfect spot to unwind after a long day or catch up with friends over a cold beer. KT's offers a wide selection of brews on tap, as well as signature cocktails and tasty bar bites to satisfy any craving. Whether you're looking to watch the game, play darts, or simply enjoy a patio hang, KT's Tavern is the place to be.

**KT'S TAVERN**

**PUB**

With its pulsating beats and vibrant atmosphere, Rain offers an unforgettable experience for partygoers seeking the ultimate night out. The immersive environment allows guests to dance the night away to the hottest tunes spun by top DJs while enjoying expertly crafted cocktails. For those seeking a more relaxed vibe, there is a charming patio area where guests can unwind under the stars, enjoying live music in a laid-back setting away from the bustling energy of the dance floor.

## RAIN DOTHAN

COCKTAIL BAR & CLUB

Just a stone's throw away from the hospital, Recovery Room infuses a unique twist into its drink menu, offering medical-themed cocktails and a cozy ambiance for patrons to unwind. Whether you're seeking a familiar favorite or eager to explore something new, their well-stocked bar ensures there's always something delightful to discover. There's a reason they have been voted "Best Bar" 8 years in a row! Relax, mingle, and let them help you find your perfect remedy for a great time.

## RECOVERY ROOM

COCKTAIL BAR



Rob & Dave's Arcade offers a nostalgic journey back in time with its classic arcade games and family-friendly atmosphere. From vintage pinball machines to modern video game consoles, there's a game for everyone to enjoy. With its retro decor and welcoming vibe, Rob & Dave's is the perfect destination for simply reliving the joy of childhood. So gather your tokens, grab a joystick, and get ready for a blast from the past at Rob & Dave's Arcade.

## ROB & DAVE'S ARCADE

SPORTS BAR & ARCADE

The Thirsty Pig Taproom is a cozy spot where beer lovers gather to enjoy a rotating selection of craft brews in a family & pet friendly atmosphere. With its weekly trivia, live music in the “Pig Pen,” indoor/outdoor seating, and welcoming vibe, it's the perfect place to unwind with friends and enjoy Dothan's widest craft beer selection.

## THE THIRSTY PIG

CRAFT BEER TAPROOM



The Uptown Jazz Club is a vibrant hub for music enthusiasts seeking the smooth sounds of jazz in a sophisticated setting. Set in the heart of the city's cultural district, this intimate venue showcases talented musicians from near and far, offering an eclectic mix of traditional jazz, contemporary fusion, and soulful rhythms. With its cozy ambiance, and attentive staff, The Uptown Jazz Club provides an unforgettable experience for those looking to unwind and immerse themselves in the world of jazz.

## THE UPTOWN JAZZ CLUB

WINE & COCKTAIL BAR

Uncle Bob's Sports Bar is the ultimate destination for sports enthusiasts, boasting an array of TVs broadcasting live games. Indulge in mouthwatering fare, enjoy a fully stocked bar, and try your hand at free Buzztime games. With nine pool tables and dart boards available, there's never a dull moment. Plus, don't miss out on their unbeatable daily drink specials from 7-9pm, offering the best prices in town to complete your experience.

## UNCLE BOB'S BAR & GRILL

SPORTS BAR





Live music in Dothan is an exciting scene with a variety of venues catering to different tastes. From small bars to outdoor spaces, there's always something playing. Whether you're into country, blues, or rock, local musicians keep the city's music scene buzzing. Places like Circle City Brewing and Cowboys host regular performances, adding to Dothan's cultural charm. It's a welcoming scene that invites both locals and visitors to enjoy live music in Alabama's Wiregrass.

## CIRCLE CITY BREWING



Craft beer, craft cocktails, hearty bites, and a weekly rotation of live acoustic talent. Come for the cold drinks and stay for the hot tunes!



## COWBOYS



Built in 1956, Cowboys is one of the most established country entertainment venues in the country! A must-visit for honkytonk enthusiasts.



## RAIN



Hang out and enjoy Dothan's premier nightlife destination! Experience everything from acoustic sets to dynamic DJ mixes.



## RECOVERY ROOM



Laid-back cocktail lounge showcasing performances by local country, Americana, and alternative artists.

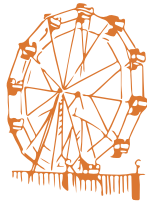


## THE UPTOWN



Experience Dothan's latest live jazz entertainment spot with fantastic cuisine, top-notch beverages, and unforgettable music!





## NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL

Dothan's National Peanut Festival traces its roots back to 1938 when it was first established. The inaugural event featured the esteemed Dr. George Washington Carver as its keynote speaker, marking the beginning of a tradition that celebrates the remarkable legacy of peanuts in the region.

The National Peanut Festival is a vibrant celebration of the region's rich agricultural heritage and the humble yet versatile peanut. Every year, locals and visitors alike gather in a whirlwind of festivities, from a lively parade and thrilling rides to live music and delectable peanut-inspired culinary delights. It's a time when the community comes together to honor the hard work of farmers and celebrate the end of harvest season. With its warm Southern hospitality and a sense of camaraderie that permeates the air, the National Peanut Festival is an event cherished by all who attend.





## FESTIVAL FACTS AT-A-GLANCE

- No. 1** The guest speaker at the first festival in 1938 was Dr. George Washington Carver.
- No. 2** In 1938 the first Miss Peanut pageant was held. The winner was Elizabeth Johnson from Headland.
- No. 3** In 1941 the festival was postponed due to WWII.
- No. 4** In 1958 the first Little Miss Peanut Pageant was held. The winner was Jo Carol Williams from Dothan.
- No. 5** In 1990 Garth Brooks performed at the festival which at the time was located at the Houston County Farm Center.



## PEANUT FESTIVAL CHECK LIST

ART/PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS	
GREASED PIG RACES	
CORN DOGS FROM THE CORN DOG MAN	
WATCH A CONCERT	
SEE THE PARADE	
LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS	
FUNNEL CAKES & TURKEY LEGS	
CALF SCRAMBLE	
RIDE THE FERRIS WHEEL	
PETTING ZOO	



## KREWE OF KOLOSSE MARDI GRAS PARADE

In 2014, a group of friends in Dothan felt the urge for a Mardi Gras Parade. On a whim, they sought a parade permit, and to everyone's astonishment, it was granted. Just nine days later, Dothan celebrated its inaugural Mardi Gras Parade. Comprising five floats and two vintage cars, the procession meandered from Solomon Park through the Garden District, concluding its route at Nativity Episcopal Church. The parade's success prompted the organizers to establish a Mardi Gras Krewe, drawing inspiration from the rich traditions of Mobile and New Orleans.

Experience the "Happiest Day in Dothan" and join in as the city comes alive with marching bands, colorful floats, and the infectious energy of the crowd. While enjoying the parade, don't forget to tantalize your taste buds with offerings from local food trucks, adding another layer of flavor to the party! Whether you're a local looking for a festive escape or a visitor seeking the authentic charm of Southern hospitality, Dothan's Mardi Gras parade promises not to disappoint!



## MARDI GRAS CHECK LIST

LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS	
SUNSCREEN & HAT	
COOLER WITH DRINKS & SNACKS	
PHONE POWER BANK	
MARDI GRAS OUTFIT	
DANCING SHOES	
YOUR OUTSIDE VOICE	
BAG TO STASH THROWS	
FOOD TRUCKS	
EVERYTHING GREEN, GOLD, & PURPLE	



## FIRST FRIDAY ART CRAWL

Don't miss out on the excitement of the First Friday Art Crawl, a must-attend monthly event! Circle the first Friday of every month on your calendar for an evening packed with artist pop-ups, captivating exhibit openings, engaging art activities, and enlightening demonstrations, all thoughtfully hosted by local businesses. Stay updated on each month's participating locations and featured artists by following @thebellsgallery on all social media platforms.

Feel the freedom to roam and explore as many locations as your heart desires; each destination promises its own distinctive experiences and treasures. Also take advantage of the Art Crawl's bingo game for a chance to win prizes! With over 10 spots to visit, offering an array of pop-ups, openings, activities, and demos, there's no shortage of inspiration to be found.



**OFFICIAL**



**WIREGRASS BREWERY  
& DISTILLERY PASSPORT**

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Fill these pages with stickers, stamps, and labels from your favorite beverages. Let these pages tell a story of exploration through the diverse world of Dothan's local beverage scene.

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**VISIT DOTHAN**