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### SCARECROW FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN OXFORD

**OXFORD, MICHIGAN** - The Oxford Downtown Development Authority is celebrating autumn in downtown Oxford. The annual Scarecrow Festival will take place on Saturday, October 1st in Centennial Park in Downtown Oxford from 10:00am-4:00pm.

The event features a homemade **Scarecrow Contest** with scarecrows displayed in front of businesses, and homes throughout Oxford. Whether you are an autumn aficionado, appreciate great fall foods, or are just looking for something to do with the family, the Scarecrow Festival will have something for everyone. Festivities begin in Centennial Park at 10:00am!

The Scarecrow Festival includes a **Chili Cook-Off** starting at 11:30, featuring Oxford area restaurants, **Hay Maze with Pumpkin Bowling**. Additional activities include an inflatable obstacle course, live entertainment, trick-or-treating downtown businesses.

Stop by *Merge Studio and Gallery* at 33 Pleasant Street beginning at 11:00am to register for the Costume Contests! Hay wagon rides will run between Centennial Park and Merge Studio. *Achatz Handmade Pie* is sponsoring a **Pie Eating Contest** for all ages. The Oxford Fire Department will have a fire truck at the Festival for **Touch-a-Truck**. And, much more!

All contest winners will be announced at 3:30pm in Centennial Park.

The Oxford DDA thanks *Oxford Bank, Oxford Farm and Garden, Burdick Street Landscape, The Den Training Academy, and Century 21 Affiliated - Oxford* for their generous sponsorship. To register for the Homemade Scarecrow Contest, Chili Cook-Off, to sponsor the event, or for more detailed information, please visit our events tab at [www.downtownoxford.org](http://www.downtownoxford.org).

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#### ABOUT THE OXFORD DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

As an Oakland County Main Street Community, the Oxford DDA consists of nine volunteer board members and four committees whose mission is to promote, develop, and preserve downtown Oxford. For more information on the Oxford DDA, or to learn more about volunteer opportunities, visit [www.downtownoxford.org](http://www.downtownoxford.org).

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*The Oxford Downtown Development Authority is dedicated to promotion, development, and historic preservation of downtown Oxford.*

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