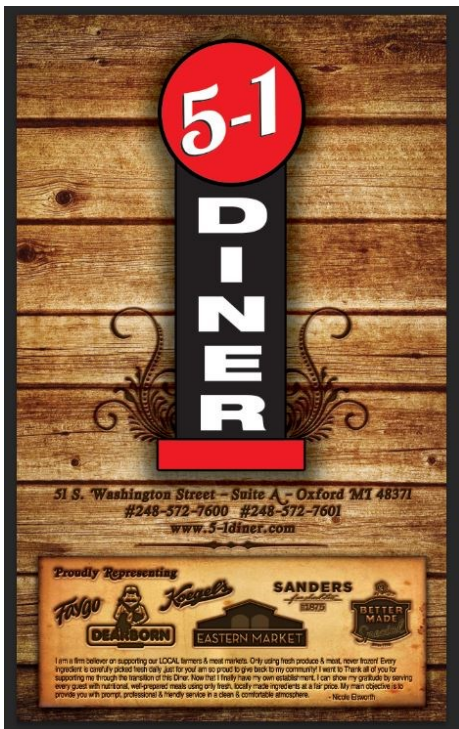


OXFORD BANK SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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Every local business has a story worth sharing with the community. That is the belief behind Oxford Bank's exciting new "Business Spotlight" series – to shine spotlight on all of our favorite local businesses and connect businesses with their surrounding communities.

This month's spotlight is on a local Oxford diner that has been closed for a few months, but will be re-opening under new management by the end of January: 5-1 Diner (pronounced Five - One Diner).



I recently sat down with owner Nicole Ellsworth to talk about her newly revamped diner:

NC: Describe your business.

NE: We are open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All of our produce comes from local vendors and we have different daily soup specials. Coming soon to the menu will be a "build your own omelet/skillet" selection, and dinner specials such as all-you-can-eat prime rib!

NC: What is your favorite thing on the menu?

NE: My favorite is the Greek salad with chicken, and anything with gyro meat!!

NC: What is the hardest part about owning a business?

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NE: My customers and my employees are the best! They both are the reason I fought so hard for the diner.

NC: What's the best business advice you have ever received?

NE: Taking someone's "word for it" is not good enough when it comes to operating a business. Make sure to have everything in writing!

NC: What do you love about the community where your business is located?

NE: I have a strong and supportive group of customers and surrounding community. Also, the Diner was active in school programs in the past and plans to continue that same role in the following months.

NC: What does the future look like for your business?

NE: We are currently in the process of renovating the whole inside. The floor plan is the same but will have a more modern look with new booths for more room and new murals on the walls depicting the city of Oxford (pictured below).



5-1 Diner

Location: 51 S. Washington St., Oxford, MI 48371

Phone: 248-572-7600

Website: www.5-1diner.com

Hours: Sunday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday - Saturday: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you are interested in taking part in our "Business Spotlight" series, please contact Nick Cunningham by email at ncunningham@oxfordbank.com.