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Photo by Steve Dyer. Kellanie Lowe takes the plunge at Ardmore Community Water Park!



















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LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

June/July 2022

We are so happy to have our inaugural issue of ArdmoreGuide Magazine in the mailboxes and in your hands. Our direct mailed magazine conveniently arrives bimonthly in your mailbox, so you do not have to go out looking for it or remember to pick it up.

We hope that you enjoy the magazine as much as we have putting it together. Exploring Ardmore and the surrounding areas keeps us on our toes! There is a lot more going on here than meets the eye.

ArdmoreGuide wants you to know a little bit about our publication and why we do it the way we do. The magazine is the size it is by design. We generally keep each issue between 16 and 40 pages. We find that it is the perfect size to not only engage readers from cover to cover, but the articles and ads do not get lost in an overwhelming number of pages.

Inside ArdmoreGuide you will find detailed articles, but we also scatter in quick reads, to keep the pages turning. Our articles contain area happenings and events over a two-month time period to increase the lifespan of our publication and to save readers from having to constantly search for activities online. Also, not surprisingly, reading about events and activities in print preserves your privacy. Magazines and newspapers are the only form of media where advertising is not only expected but openly engaged in. No pop up's or tracking devices makes print media more and more desirable.

Outside of our travel articles, everything is hyper-local. We highlight family friendly events and activities, get the inside story about new businesses, share local dining experiences, highlight local artists and area Good Samaritans.

Yes, we want to know your story and we invite you to share it with us! ArdmoreGuide is all about telling the feel good stories that weaves our community together, showcasing what makes Ardmore such a great place to call home.

ArdmoreGuide is all about living local. Supporting our individually owned shops and restaurants is the best way to keep our dollars and taxes working hard for our community. Supporting small businesses pays off by promoting a thriving economy, community amenities and enhancing the quality of our schools. It is amazing how many locally owned shops and services we have! This keeps our area unique, unlike other franchised towns and cities that are ultimately cookie cutter images of one another.

As a reader, it is easy to become involved and be in our magazine. Anyone can contribute to our Around Town section. Simply take a photo in or around Ardmore, like out on the lake, eating at your favorite restaurant or hanging out with your friends, or family and send it to us! We will publish it in our next issue. Please only send family friendly photos. The other way is by taking your ArdmoreGuide with you and snap a photo with it while on vacation or attending an area event. Send us the photo and we will put it in our You Can Take It with You section! It's your city magazine, we want you to be a part of it!

We have a lot of exciting articles to share with you in our future issues. Please remember to support our advertisers and tell them your saw them in the ArdmoreGuide! Thanks to them ArdmoreGuide is possible.

Our current magazine is always available to read in full online at www.ArdmoreGuide.com.

Sincerely,

Jodie and David Prickett, Publishers



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Forveyen Euphonia

orever Euphoria, is a new and unique boutique that recently opened at 6 West Main, Suite A, in the Historic Depot District, downtown Ardmore. Splashed with purple and BTS items, you won't find another shop quiet like this one! While the shop has a lot of K-Pop items, it has a little something for everyone. Fun and playful BTS inspired clothing, fashionable jewelry, plushies, make-up and crystals, just to name a few of the offerings.

The products are forever changing to keep the inventory fresh and to add more BTS items, as well as other interesting and exclusive gifts. While the boutique offers a young vibe, all ages enjoy shopping there. On any given day, groups of friends, BTS fans, mothers and daughters are

dropping in looking for clothes, accessories, and gifts. They enjoy the music and the decor as they browse the shop.

For those not in the know, BTS has been compared to the British Invasion by the Beatles almost 60 years ago. When they tour the U.S., it is often affectionately referred to as the K-pop Invasion. BTS, is a musical group that was formed in South Korea in 2010 and has hordes of followers in the U.S. When they arrived in Las Vegas for their last concert the entire city lit up in purple and

The owners of Forever Euphoria are a grandmother and granddaughter team, Melinda and Katie. The idea of the company started on a whim in a passing conversation between the two. Then, as things sometimes do, it gathered momentum. The idea started to

turned into a full blown BTS festival. The fans descended

of the U.S. Their popularity

seems the be exploding with

major advertisers using them

to endorse their products in

national ads.

on Las Vegas form every corner

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become a reality when Melinda wanted to grow a business that she could enjoy when she decides to retire in the next few years. It also offers a hands-on learning experience for Katie. What better way to cultivate an entrepreneur than to help them start a business? This lets Katie experience all of the ins and outs of owning a boutique with Melinda there to guide her. Katie also lets little sister Dori have a say in some of the business decisions. Dad, Jason and Uncle Kelvin have even been known to help with putting together display racks, fixing things that need fixed and a variety of handyman type things, making

If you are a BTS enthusiast, want to know more about them, or never even heard of them, stop in and check out Forever Euphoria, and meet the owners. There are a wide variety of items to choose from in this little unique boutique.

this truly a family endeavor.

Meet (Jur learn at Ardmore Guide Magazine



Meet Jodie Linton-Prickett

Publisher and Executive Editor Ardmore Guide, 380News, 380Guide and Pilot Point Guide

Jodie and her husband David started 380Guide.com in 2004 followed by their community driven magazines and newspaper.

As a small business owner, Jodie wears multiple hats with the publications. She scouts out interesting, family friendly events, community organizations, inspiring businesses and interesting individuals to highlight in articles, works with creating personalized advertising and branding plans for clients, networks in the communities served by the publications, writes articles and takes photographs. Her feel good articles are informative and easy reads increasing the longevity of each publication. Her hyper-local focus makes her publications stand out against others that use canned articles for content. This gives the publication a fresh insight to topics in the reader's own backyards.

Jodie is an active member of several Chambers. She served on the board of directors for Aubrey Chamber of Commerce for seven years where she was Vice President for two years and President for one. She was an Ambassador for the Denton Chamber of Commerce for two years, served on the Boy Scout Board for Troop 361 and was a founding

board member and the first president of **Odysseus Chamber** Orchestra in Denton. She was part of the original group that helped Bruce Thomas create Bonnie and Clyde Days in Pilot Point, Texas. She is



currently active in the Pilot Point Public Art Planning Committee.

Jodie's background is in social work, psychology and art history. She was originally published in 1998 and again in 1999 for her original studies in Eastern Art earning her a full scholarship in Art History at Oklahoma State University. After University she worked in the social field as a QMRP.

Born in a rural area, De Queen, Arkansas, she continued to spend several summers and her grandparent's farm even after she moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at the age of five. She lived there until her husband had a career opportunity in the DFW area in 1998. They now split their time between the 380 Corridor and Ardmore, OK.

While living in the Tulsa and Broken Arrow area she owned Fashion Swimwear and Electric Beach Tanning Salon in the late 80's. During this time she had national modeling contracts with Bass Pro Shops and Harley Davidson as well as many local jobs. Earlier in life she

appeared as an extra in The Outsiders and in the late 80's she was an extra in UHF. In 2014, she appeared with her family and friends in a reality show, Sleeping with the Family: Taylor and Jordan, filmed by MTV UK that was picked up by 27 countries.



After she married her husband, David they started a successful restaurant in Tulsa, The Green Valley Grill and Avanti's Catering. His passion for the culinary arts won him several awards. It was this success that landed the family in Texas.

Jodie is a proud mother of two adult sons, Taylor and Julian. Taylor has played pro soccer and owned a semi pro team in Omaha. Her youngest son, Julian is an avid musician and poet.

In her downtime, she is a passionate traveler. She has traveled to forty countries and most of the States in the United States. She is enamored with central European countries and their cultures. She has spent over a year total in Hungary, Czech Republic and Poland.



She loves animals and has rescued kittens and rabbits throughout her life. Currently, the family owns four rescued ginger cats that are all brothers.

Tell Them You Found Them in ArdmoreGuide



Meet Mariah Acevedo

Creative Director for Ardmore Guide, 380Guide, 380News and **Pilot Point Guide**

Mariah is the creative force behind 380Guide Magazine, 380News, Pilot Point Guide and Ardmore Guide. She designs the layout of the publications, the 380Guide website, and the Ardmore Guide website. She also provides photography and cover art for the magazines. Mariah is highly skilled in creating effective ads to draw the readers in and increase the lifespan of the North Texas Media Group, LLC's publications. Mariah has over 17 years of graphic design experience including magazine and newspaper page layout, producing ads, brochures, postcards, business cards, newsletters, logos, photo editing, and portrait retouching. In addition, she has a degree in graphic design earned in 2004. "In the beginning of 2014, right after moving to Little Elm, I began working for the 380News and shortly became the Art and Creative Director for both 380Guide Magazine and the 380News. I love helping people with their creative needs," says Mariah.

She was born in Anchorage Alaska, and then moved to Louisiana and eventually to the Dallas Fort Worth area. While she has lived in the DFW area for 32 years, she has lived in the 380 Corridor (Little



Elm and Denton) for the past eight years. Mariah has been married 21 years to her

wonderful husband, Daniel. They have a rescue dog named Zoe who is a sweet and spunky fiveyear-old American Staffordshire terrier.

Before Mariah attended school for graphic design, she

taught Ballroom, Latin, Country Western and Swing dance at Bronze Level. She is also passionate about music, animals and movies. Mariah enjoys playing the ukulele, watching movies with her husband, hanging out with friends and family, and teaching Zoe new tricks.



"When given a task, I am deadline driven, doing my best to get it done in a timely fashion," says Mariah. This work ethic is one of the best qualities to have in a deadline driven career. Mariah

has amazing qualities that any company looks for including being a genuine person, and incredibly productive. As a designer she has a creative imagination and great sense of humor, enabling her to be a boundless team member.





Jodie and Mariah at two of their Creative Consulting Meetings



Left: Ardmore Guide building in Ardmore, Oklahoma

Right: 380Guide building in Pilot Point, Texas



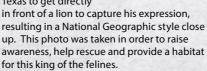


Meet David Prickett

Publisher for Ardmore Guide, 380News, 380Guide and Pilot Point Guide

David focuses on publishing, distribution, proofing and networking for the publications. His keen eye looks over final proofs before they go to press. Before digitalization of the press was widely available it was not unusual to find David at the printing house at all hours doing press checks with a jewelers loop up to his eye looking at fine details and matching colors to make sure they were coming off the press correctly. Nothing printed until it had his final stamp of approval. His eye for detail gave the startup magazine an expensive and professional look that other small publications were not achieving at the time.

David has also provided several of the covers over the years. He has stood at the top of St. Paul's Cathedral to get a London street view speckled with the tops of red double decker busses. He flew in a helicopter to rural Texas to get directly



The original 380Guide website and 380Guide Magazine were the brainchild of David. After moving to Savannah, TX in 2004, while most of Highway 380 was still two lanes he listened to his wife always talk about Savannah and surrounding areas being in an information vacuum. She would leave and go explore while



he was at work and when he came home she would tell him about the unusual little shops she had found. He knew she was suffering burnout in her social work career and suggested that she start a magazine and share all of her finds and experiences. While she laughed at the idea he was serious. He worked with Max Miller, current owner of Cross Timbers Gazette, to help him design a website in 2004. By 2005 the website was wildly successful and local businesses were inquiring about an actual magazine or newspaper. In early 2005 he presented the idea to his wife again and she jumped onboard. "From February to Mid-May of 2005 it was a bit like selling the Emperor's New Clothes. We had

a dream but nothing tangible to show the potential clients," said David, "However, our excitement must have been infectious because we rolled out our inaugural June/ July issue with enough contracts to secure us for a year of printing."



David was born in Selma, Alabama and lived in Atlanta, Georgia for a while before his father took a position with American Airlines bringing the family to the Tulsa, Oklahoma area. He grew up in Broken Arrow, a suburb of Tulsa.

David was a culinary rock star in Tulsa, Oklahoma before the Culinary Arts were cool. His first job at fifteen and a half was in the restaurant industry. It was there he learned the basics of French Cuisine. His career over the years moved from the back of the house, to the front of the house, private dining to corporate. His creativity, culinary esthetics, eye for detail and exquisite taste had him booked solid as a private chef for international Tulsa based corporate offices during lunch and elegant weddings on the weekends. While managing The Grill in downtown Tulsa he

was awarded the AAA Four Diamond Award. He also won several local awards such as the Taste of Tulsa Silver Spoon Award. In Tulsa, David owned The Green Valley Grill and Avanti's Catering. His passion for food still exists today but prefers to cook for family and friends.



David is a proud father of two sons, Taylor and Julian. He volunteered for years for his son's Boy Scout Troops. He is an active member of area Chambers and Networking Groups. In his off time he enjoys dining at local eateries, relaxing and having adventures in the outdoors, restoring old buildings and traveling the world with his family.

Cornzizzle with FUEL By Laci Jones

FUEL ARDMORE KICKED OFF STUFF THE BACKPACK DRIVE WITH THIRD ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



All-Star League 1st Place: FUEL Ardmore's President, Cody Steele (left), presents Devynn Smith and James Byford with their first-place trophy in the All-Star League with FUEL Ardmore members, Macie Jones, Robin Mitchell and Reece Riggle. (Photo by Laci Jones)

FUEL Ardmore hosted its third annual cornhole tournament at Marketplace on Broadway in Ardmore, Okla.

The cornhole tournament is not only about the sport but also about giving back to the community.

"The cornhole tournament kicks off our Annual Stuff the Backpack Drive, where we collect and donate school supplies to local schools," Steele said. "We donate supplies to Ardmore, Dickson, Lone Grove and Springer schools."

Approximately \$900 of the funds raised at the cornhole tournament will go toward FUEL Ardmore's Annual Stuff the Backpack Drive.

"We started our cornhole tournaments three years ago as a way to bring the community together," said Cody Steele, president of FUEL Ardmore.

"Each year keeps getting better and better, and this year was no exception."

A new addition to this year's cornhole tournament was having two separate leagues - All-Stars and Benchwarmers.

\$250 gift certificate to Jerry's Gun Shop and two \$50 gift cards to Café Alley. The second-place team of the All-Star League received two \$75 gift cards to Sunset Grill.

The Benchwarmer League was for those who don't play the sport regularly but still wanted to compete. The firstplace winners of the Benchwarmer League were team M&T, while team Q&I clinched second place.

The first-place team of the Benchwarmer League received two \$50 gift cards to Casa Romo Cocina Mexicana, while the second place-team received two \$25 gift cards to Black Mesa Brewery Taproom II.

The cornhole tournament was sponsored by Todd's Lake Country Services.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support of Todd's Lake Country Services," Steele added. "It's because of their support that we are able to continue hosting these events and give back to our local community."



Above: All-Star League 2nd Place: FUEL Ardmore's President, Cody Steele (left), presents team Jack & Butter with their second-place trophy in the Benchwarmer League along with FUEL Ardmore members, Macie Jones, Robin Mitchell and Reece Riggle. (Photo by Laci Jones)



Above: Benchwarmer League 1st and 2nd Place: Teams M&T and Q&J earned first and second place, respectively, at FUEL Ardmore's Annual Cornhole Tournament. (Photo by Laci Jones)

FUEL Ardmore is designed to engage the next generation of leaders in the southern Oklahoma area. If you seek to broaden your professional and social connections through networking, social, and volunteer opportunities, FUEL Ardmore may be a great fit for you!

The All-Star League was for those who often compete in cornhole tournaments. The first-place winners of the All-Star League were Devynn Smith and James Byford. Second place winners were team Butter and Jack.

The first-place team of the All-Star League received a

More information regarding FUEL Ardmore's Annual Stuff the Backpack Drive including sponsorships and drop-off locations will be announced soon. For additional information, visit www.fuelardmore.org or follow the FUEL Ardmore Facebook page.



Above: Third Annual Cornhole Tournament: Teams competed at FUEL Ardmore's Annual Cornhole Tournament on April 30, where a portion of proceeds benefitted FUEL Ardmore's Annual Stuff the Backpack Drive. (Photo by Laci Jones)



Gust the Ticket for Downtown **DEPOT PARK NOW OPEN**

Great news! Depot Park is now open. This exciting green space offers picnic areas, well-appointed walking trails, and an outdoor venue. Besides the impressive Mercy Train located front and center, the unique oversized swings and lovely flower gardens really set this park apart.



This space will be a popular location for gatherings and festivals, drawing more visitors to the Depot District.

The park is easy to locate, it occupies the 200 block of East Main, downtown. Nicely situated between the historic Mercy Train and the Amtrak Station.

Combining, function, beauty and history this will provide a perfect retreat for residents and visitors alike.

As an area destination it will draw new and repeat business to the downtown area, contributing to keeping the vibrancy flowing in the district. Yes, the revitalization of the picturesque downtown appears to be in full swing!

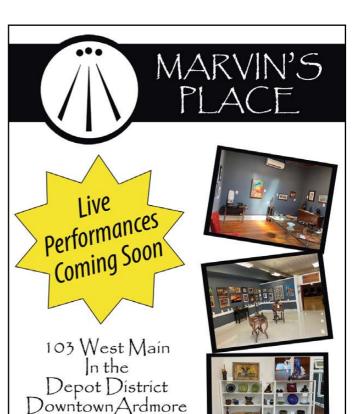


This long-awaited park has been a work in process

for several years. They held a Grand Opening on May 21, 2022. Despite the overcast, there were several attendees throughout the day exploring the new space. Numerous vendors and food trucks lined the oversized walking paths and there was entertainment to boot! The trolley was out

transporting people around the district, adding a layer of festivity to the event.

If you have not made it out to the newest park in Ardmore don't procrastinate. Pack a picnic and come out and enjoy this remarkable new beatification to the fabulous downtown!



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The Greater Southwest Historical Museum's Flag Retirement Services



Left to right, Dr. Joe Hamil, Past President of the SAR Chapter and Chairman of the Flag Committee, Tom Hayes, Secretary/Treasury, and GSHM Director Wes Hull, and Clinton Holt Present President of SAR Ardmore's Chapter.

The Greater Southwest Historical Museum was recognized by the Sons of the American Revolution for its patriotism in displaying our nation's flag and the proper retirement of unusable flags.

The United States Flag Code, Title 4, Section 8k states- "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

When United States flags are no longer fit

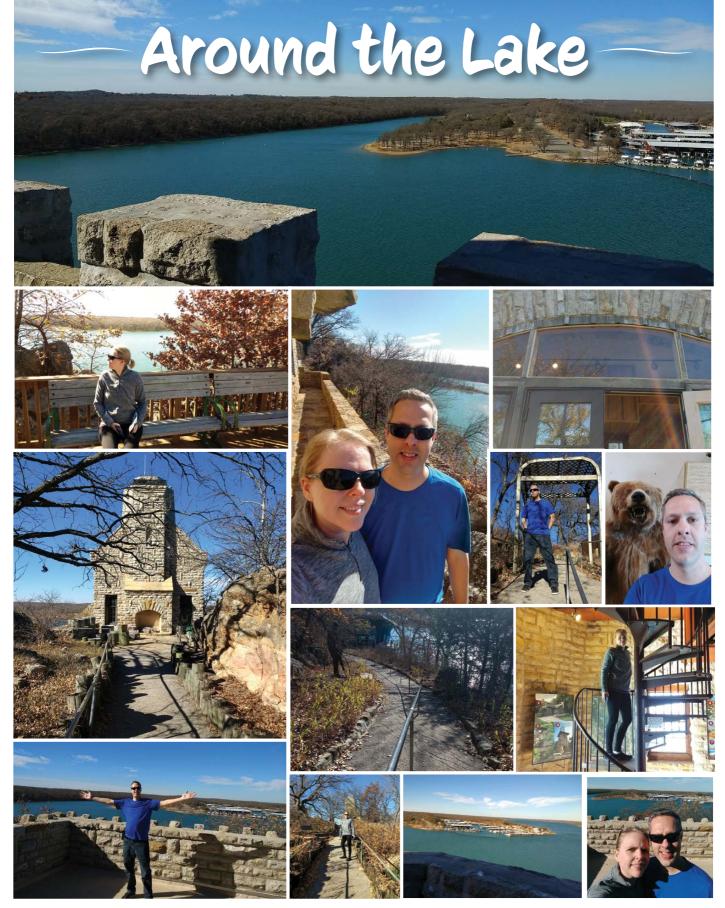
to serve the nation, there is a proper and dignified way to retire them. You can clean or restore your flag to restore its appearance. You can hand wash them or wash them in the delicate cycle in cold water. To dry them hang them of lay them flat.

If the flag is tattered and it cannot be washed or mended it is time to retire it. There are proper ways to retire your flag. Of course, you can do it yourself. However, one of the best kept secrets in Ardmore is the flag retirement services at the Greater Southwest Historical Museum located at 35 Sunset Drive Southwest. You can drop your flag off for retirement on Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 to 5:00.

While you are there, bring the family in for a visit. The museum is a treasure trove! For more information about the museum please visit GSHM.com.







Daniel and Mariah Acevedo visited the informative Nature Center and took a thrilling hike up to Tucker Tower at Lake Murray State Park, Oklahoma's largest state park with breathtaking views containing over 12,500 acres of relative wilderness.

LIVE YOUR BEST SUMMER with Ardmore Parks-and Recreation

The perfect summer day is waiting for you right here in Ardmore. There are so many activities and events awaiting you and your family. This is your formal invitation to have fun!

It is the time of year to invite everyone to detach and unplug from their screens. Get outside, soak up some vitamin D, and plan a fun filled day with friends and family. Recent studies suggest by exploring activities outside of the digital world, we improve our quality of life, especially when making contact with family and friends. Connections that nurture emotional and physical growth between friends, siblings, parents and across generations. Ardmore Parks and Recreation

offers safe and well-equipped areas for families and friends to gather and enjoy the outdoors! This is a vital service to the welfare of our community.

The Parks and Rec staff would love to see you and vours at their favorite summer locations and events. Mark your calendar, save the date, or just show up! The possibilities are endless with all the summer activities!

Come cool down at one of the five splash pads. They are open now through October 1st. Visit Broadlawn Park, Central Park, Douglass Park, Southwest Park, Whittington Park and take a family vote on which one you like best! Remember you can reserve any



of their pavilions at any park by visiting www.ardmorecity. org or call 580.223.4844.

The Clubhouse offers plenty of sunshine soaking and physical activities. Enjoy climbing, jumping and pretending you are on an epic adventure. All of this nourishes the body and the mind! You can hike, fish and even zipline at this fabulous and uniquely Ardmore recreational area! Make sure to fill some of your summer days here in June and July at the Outdoor Venture Camp or just stop in! On July 23rd come out to the Rec Bash at The Clubhouse. The deal of the day includes a \$25.00 wristband, which includes three hours of mini golf and go-karts, and a bucket of water balloons for water wars!

The Clubhouse offers an abundance of family fun and entertainment with an exciting arcade, an adrenalizing flight line zip, the adventure of Eagle's

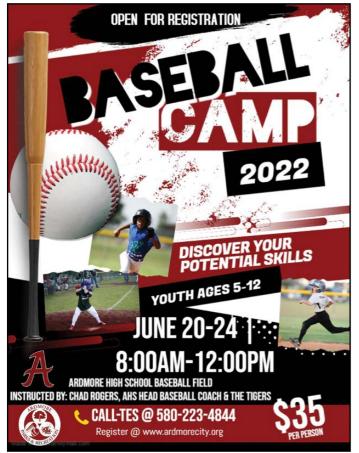


Landing Aerial Park, and heart pounding Raceway Go-Karts. You can add a little friendly competition at the Shade Tree Mini Golf Course, or team up for Water Wars! This is a place for kids of all ages to play.

Don't worry, if you get hungry, The Clubhouse Café offers yummy wings, pizza and juicy burgers. Bet your mouth is already watering! There are package deals available, and it is a perfect place for birthday parties, field trips, group gatherings, and company parties. It is even a great place to meet up after the prom, graduations, or other events.

Please check out their website www.ArdmoreCity.org/130/ Parks-Recreation for additional information, hours of operation, fee, rentals, special events, programs and more. To keep up with all the fun at Ardmore Parks and Recreation follow them on Instagram, Facebook, and Tik Tok!





SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 18

Ardmore's Got "Park" tential **Central Park Talent Show.** Entry fee \$10.00. Starts at 7:00 p.m.

JUNE 25 Sing 2

Free showing at Park-Bring your own chair or blanket. Concessions available for purchase. Movie begins at dusk.

JULY

National Parks and Recreation Month

JULY 16

Recreation Celebration at the Ardmore Community Water Park.

Games and Activities for Everyone! Gates open 12:30 p.m.

The First 50 People Get Free Passes- for mini golf for two at The Clubhouse.

Wear western themed attire, or cowboy hat and be entered for a special prize

JULY 23

Rec Bash at The Clubhouse.

Deal of the Day \$25.00 wristband includes three hours of mini golf and go-karts and a bucket of water balloons for water wars.

JULY 30

Summer Jam at Central Park 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

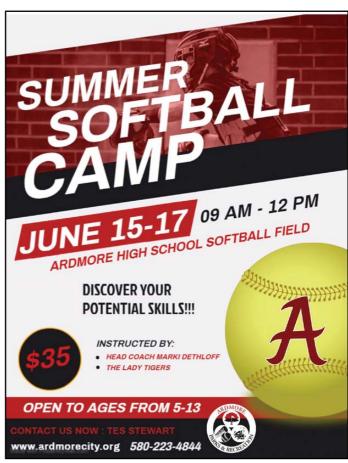
Free concert featuring the Red Clay Gypsies Free hotdogs

Food available for purchase at Concession and Food Trucks

Coming in SEPTEMBER

September 10 Murder at the Masquerade













Marvin's Place

There's a Story Behind the Name

Marvin's Place is a fine art gallery, owned by Todd and Susan Yeager. It is located in the Depot District of Downtown Ardmore, in the exact same building that was once the location of Yeager's Department Store, which was owned by Todd Yeager's grandfather, Marvin Yeager.

"We are thrilled to own a piece of history-not only to

Ardmore, but to our family; and to be able to turn it into something that Grandfather Marvin would be proud of today," said Todd Yeager.



You are welcome to come inside and experience amazing artwork. Marvin's Place is currently representing



artists from Oklahoma, New Mexico, Michigan, Utah, South Carolina and the Native Kamba people of the Eastern Plains of Kenya.

Marvin's Place Art Gallery is located at 103 West Main. For more information please visit www.marvinsplace.gallery.

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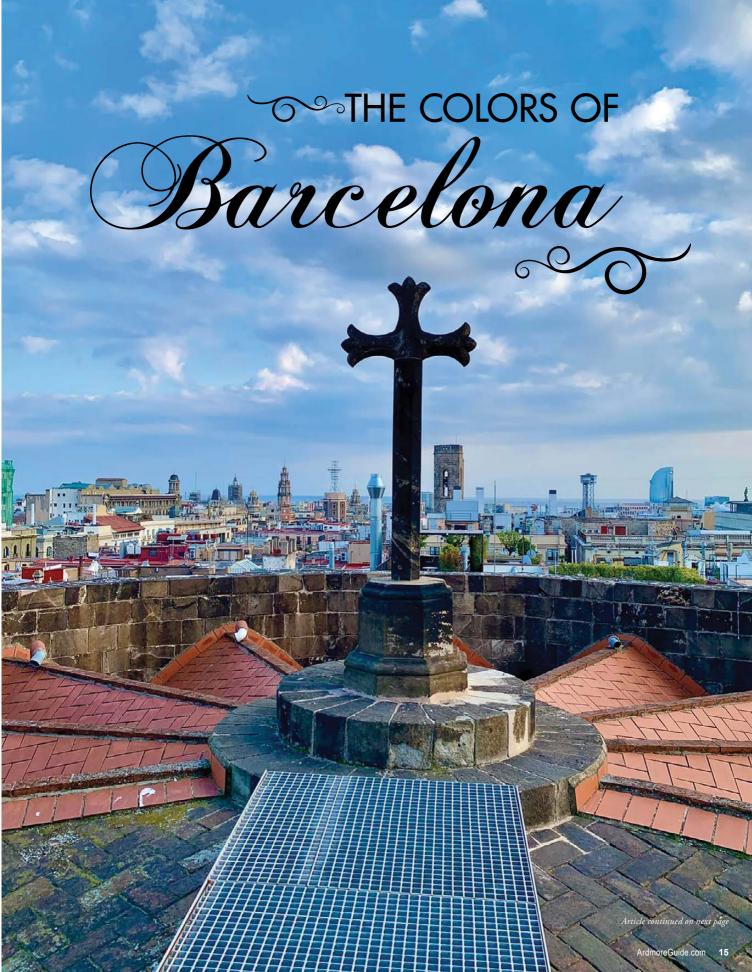


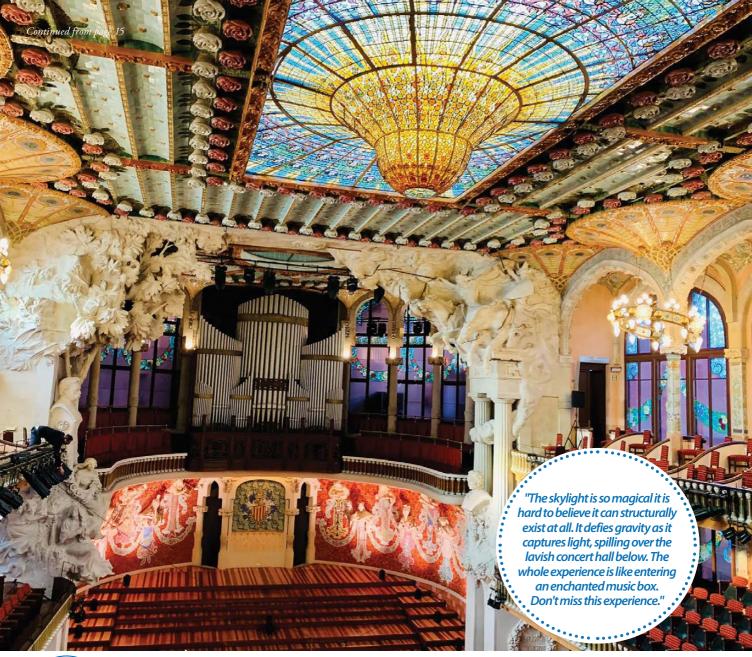
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103 West Main In the Depot District Downtown Ardmore





he colors of Barcelona are vivid, the vibe is energetic. It is a sophisticated city hugging the coast of the Mediterranean with a thriving economy, and an excellent quality of life. The creativity and the culture are vibrant and exciting. The weather is suitable with days filled with brilliant sunshine. It is a place uniquely its own, the Capital of Catalonia.

Barcelona ticks several boxes for an ideal vacation. It offers beaches for relaxing, mountains and hills for climbing, a rich history with old world charm for exploring, unique architecture for marveling, a seaport for cruising, a happening night life for partying, and excellent food for dining. No matter how long you stay, there is no chance of running out of things to do.

By Jodie Linton-Prickett

After two years of limited travel, I could not contain myself in one place any longer. The world is vast and I want to see as much of it as I can. Usually, when I travel, I like to stay as long as possible and spur off from my main destination with day trips to surrounding areas. With today's restrictions and travel limitations, I decided to take a different type of trip and stay only in one location for a shorter time.

Barcelona has been on my bucket list for quite some time. Spain was open for tourism, so it became my destination of choice. A few years ago, I spent several weeks in Spain, yet denied myself Barcelona. In a way I am glad I did because this trip allowed me to just focus on one place.

There is such a diverse culture in Barcelona, it feels vastly different from most of Spain. Catalan's have their own language, which enriches their own flavor of art, architecture,

music, and dance. You can lose yourself for days exploring the twisted and narrow streets of the Gothic Quarter, or shopping Las Ramblas, the longest main street in Europe. My favorite thing was learning more about the Catalan Renaissance. More specifically, getting to know Gaudi's art and architecture.

Often, when marveling over images of Barcelona, Antoni Gaudi's architecture is in the picture. While Barcelona is so much more than Gaudi, you can hardly escape him in the city. He left bits of himself everywhere. One place I would love to visit is inside his brilliant mind. I can only imagine how fascinating it must have been. Since that is impossible, the next best thing is to explore his creations, and that is easy. Undoubtedly, his most famous, must be La Sagrada Familia. After going to the temporary Gaudi exhibition at Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, La Sagrada Familia would be my first Gaudi visit.



I have yet to meet a church that I did not like. They amaze and delight me no matter where they fall on the timeline. I started this trip to Barcelona by visiting the historic Barcelona Cathedral because it was right across the square from my hotel. This Gothic cathedral had its groundbreaking in 1298 and its central tower was completed in 1913. Beautiful, imposing, grand, yet familiar. This was a huge contrast to my visit to La Sagrada Familia. It was like nothing I had ever seen before. The basilica was started on March 19, 1882, and the scheduled completion year is 2026, representative for the century of Gaudi's death.

Every element on the exterior and interior of La Sagrada Familia has symbolic significance. While it felt like I was entering a place of worship it was so overwhelmingly strange and eccentric that I had to catch my breath. Every element is inspired by nature, and every measurement has a mathematical reason that resonates throughout the monument. The soaring ceilings are held up by pillars resembling a canopy of trees in various heights, materials, and circumferences to hold the weight of the structure above. You feel like you are walking through a forest. Colors flood the basilica. I visited in the afternoon, so oranges and yellows were the dominant colors bathing the walls and the floors. The way the patterns formed and covered everything it landed on, including other visitors, it reminded me of a kaleidoscope I had as a child. Visually stunning, spiritually moving and an architectural genius like no other. If you visit in the morning, I am told you see mostly blues and greens. No matter the time of day, it is a must see for anyone visiting this cosmopolitan city.

Next stop Park Güell. This private park is situated on Carmel Hill offering amazing views of the city. The construction started during an urbanization movement during 1900 and was completed in 1913, however it was not officially open until almost a decade later. In 1984 it was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The park was originally designed for a master planned community, much like the ones lining Highway 380. The park was never completed but it is still arguably one of the most beautiful parks on the planet. Gaudi abandoned constraints and let his imagination go wherever it wanted to take him. The result was a playful playground for both the body and



mind. One of the most beautiful parts of the park is the continuous bench quilted in vividly colorful ceramic shard mosaics. It is surprisingly comfortable and offers an expansive vista of the city. There is a fee to enter the park, but you can stay as long as you like. It is a perfect place for a long walk and soaking up the warm Mediterranean sun.

A trip to Barcelona cannot be complete without a visit to Casa Batlló, located at number 43 on Paseo de Garcia. In 2021, it was named World's Best Landmark. It was a renovation from a previousbuilding built in 1877 it was completed in 1906. Gaudi had the confidence to take on the project and was given full artistic license by the property owner Josep Batlló. Gaudi redesigned everything from the facade to the interior, making it a continuous dialogue of art and function. Gaudi never explained his design, or inspiration for the dwelling. However, the marine-inspired facade is one of the two most popular interpretations. It is easy to get



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sucked into a jubilant feeling as the light's glow reflects off the vivid ceramic scale like tiles, breathing life and movement onto the urban street. The Inside curves and bends like fluid nature, with each room holding a new surprise, full of disguised function behind color and whimsy. Casa Batlló is also known as The House of the Dragon, because of its interpreted reference to the Legend of St. George, patron saint of Catalonia. It was he who killed the dragon to save the princess. Many see the scales formed by tiles, the ribs in the columns and the sword through the roof. Most people agree that Gaudi never explained so that each individual can draw their own conclusion based on their individual experience inside.

One place I cannot recommend enough is Palau de la Música Catalana. It was completed in 1908, by architect Lluis Domenech i Montaner. It is considered the jewel of Catalan Art Nouveau. There is not another concert hall of this style listed by UNESCO. If you cannot attend a concert, book a tour. Plan to arrive early and visit Cafe Palau, it is absolutely delicious to look at. Have a coffee or a meal but do take time to feast your eyes on this beautiful cafe. After a leisurely coffee, go on a tour. They offer several in English throughout the day. It will give you a complete history of the venue as well as a taste of the acoustics. Have your camera ready, because after you catch your breath, you will want to snap away at the stunning interior auditorium. The skylight is so magical it is hard to believe it can structurally exist at all. It defies gravity as it captures light, spilling over the lavish concert hall below. The whole experience is like entering an enchanted music box. Don't miss this experience.

There are so many other things to do in this captivating city. Get lost in the Gothic Quarter, dunk into charming coffee shops or tapa houses and while the day away. Visit the aquarium and stroll around the marina. Take a Hop-On-Hop-Off bus tour to get an overview of the city. Go to a soccer game and party at the clubs afterward. The options are endless. That is what makes Barcelona a great fit for any traveler. Any time of year is a good time to visit. Soak up some Catalonian sun, experience the culture and really absorb the colors of Barcelona!





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Congratulations to Weaver Clinic on their ribbon cutting! The Ardmore Chamber of Commerce attended their celebration.



MTC Federal Credit Union located at 12th Ave. NW in Ardmore hosted a mixer. There was plenty of networking, food and festivities for all of the attendees.



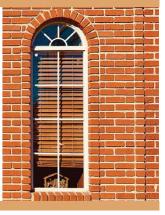
ArdmoreGuide enjoyed a weekend night out at Sunset Grill in downtown Ardmore!



Depot Days kicked off the Grand Opening of Depot Park. Entertainment, food trucks and vendors lined the paths of the park. Despite the overcast a steady group of people perused the area. Another great family friendly destination for the community!

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The Ardmore Chamber of Commerce hosted a Legislative Luncheon at the Ardmore Convention Center. The speakers included elected officials.



Southern Oklahoma library system and Ardmore Parks and Recreation brought Stories Outside at Ardmore Regional Park. Large panels of the story are placed across the park to encourage reading during summer.



Mill Street Tavern located at 28 Mill St. SE, serves up great food (try the Thin Lizzie), has an amazing patio, and has a live music list longer than we could fit on our camera!



ArdmoreGuide was fortunate (or was it-misfortune-BAHAHA) enough to get a sneak peek at Mad Jack's Haunted House. We love to see a haunted house in the making. Or, was the building always haunted? Picture number two was fine when it was first reviewed-then it blurred!! Hello Jack?!



Drop in and meet Daniela at Dulce Organically Sweet on Washington Street. If you are looking for something refreshingly different try the Iced Matcha Latte. It taste like summer!

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