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This issue celebrates Ardmore Guide's first anniversary! We have learned a lot in this first year and we are so happy to call Ardmore home.

The point of lifestyle magazines is to bring happiness and entertainment to the readers. Offering a few moments to escape

within the articles and peruse the ads of local business. Allowing you, the viewer, to put the daily grind on the back burner while you flip leisurely through the pages. Maybe the magazine even inspires creativity, alerts you to an event or reminds you of something you have been wanting to try or do.

Our feature article this issue is about the Ardmore Water Park which offers cool activities for all ages this season. This fun park provides a healthy social environment for your family. In this issue, we also get to know the Pickleheads and find out why Pickleball is all the rage nowadays! Hopefully, it will inspire you and your family to give it a go. There are several performances at the Goddard, and you can save the dates with the 2023-24 lineup of events. If you are looking for something intimate to do for date night, may we suggest a Friday evening at the listening room in the back gallery at Marvin's Place.

Also, in this issue, we reached out to local charities, organizations and not for profits that are there for us and our neighbors in times of need. Ardmore is blessed with the number of resources offered to us citizens. However, finding what you are looking for in a crisis or a time of need can be daunting. We have worked diligently to start putting all of this information in one location for our readers. It is a growing and evolving guide, so please feel free to contact us if you know of an organization that we need to add. It will be in the published Ardmore Guide and on our website, ArdmoreGuide.com.

Make sure you save the date to celebrate Ardmore's 136th Birthday hosted by the Ardmore Main Street Authority. Depot Days at Depot Park will be held on July 29th from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The festivities will include a car and motorcycle show, live music, vendors, food trucks, and entertainment for the little ones.

We strive to include valuable information in each issue of Ardmore Guide, including area business information, activities and articles to promote healthy lifestyles, community sports, public interest stories, and travel. As a lifestyle publication we focus on activities for our readers to do with their families in the immediate area. This makes us hyper-local and unique to only our market. No canned articles will be found in our publications! This year expect to find community events, local business profiles, introductions to area artists, Ardmore's Good Samaritans and our valued not-for-profit organizations!

One of our favorite parts of the magazine is when our readers share their travel experiences with us in our You Can Take It With You section! In each issue we do include travel tips and vacation information for Oklahoma, the United States and International destinations to help you and your family plan getaways. The destinations featured are either visited by one of our staff members or an area featured writer. Therefore, if you have more questions, we can always get you firsthand information.

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COOL TIMES OF HOT DAYS!

July is Parks and Recreation month! Ardmore Parks and Recreation wants to celebrate with you! This year's event is at the Ardmore Water Park on July 15th. The park is located at 506 3rd Avenue NE. If you have never visited, you can't miss it. There are bright winding slides to catch your eye and your enthusiasm. The gates open at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come get their splash on.

This year at the Recreation Celebration the first 50 people will receive one free go-kart ride at The Clubhouse. The Clubhouse is located at 2705 North Rockford Road. It is a great place for indoor and outdoor activities to while away your summer days!

Not only will you have a chance to receive go-kart tickets but there will be exciting games, fabulous prizes, delicious meal deals and so much more!

The Ardmore Water Park is open all summer from Tuesday through Sunday. They are open from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. every day except Saturday, when they open at 1:00 p.m. They are closed on Mondays for maintenance. You can purchase season passes from \$80.00 for children ages 3 - 11, \$100.00 for ages 12 and up. Family passes are available for up to five family members for \$250.00. Daily admissions for water babies that are two and under is free, children from ages 3 to 11 years old is \$4.00 and it is \$5.00 for 12 years of age and over. The pavilion is available to rent between Tuesday through Friday during park hours for \$25.00 plus park admission. Ardmore Water Park is open between June 1st and August 5th. It is open to the public.

More information can be found online at ArdmoreCity.org or at the Ardmore Parks and Recreation office. The office is located at 2704 North Rockford Road.

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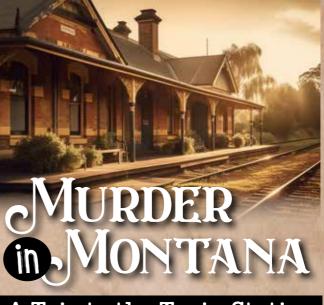
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Join in on the fun at this year's murder mystery. Tickets go in sale on June 1st for the September 9th event. It sells out fast, so book your tickets early.

When the doors open at the Ardmore Convention Center at 5:00 p.m., it's wine, dine and enquiry time! Put on your investigation hat, or should I say, cowboy hat to wear to this Western attire event. We are not sure who the murderer is, but we know it could be anyone in the room.

This deliciously suspenseful evening will provide dinner and a show. The fee is \$50.00 per person and tickets are available independently or in groups of eight. Bring out your best sleuthhounds and create your own team of gumshoes.

There will be a Mystery on the Rocks cash bar to settle the nerves or provide some liquid courage.

So, saddle up, grab your magnifying glass and purchase your tickets before the train leaves the station. Tickets sales end on August 30th.

For more information please call 580.223.4844

IT'S GOING TO BE EGENDARY

The 10th Anniversary United Way BBQ Showdown Hosted by Valero





Come out and meet the new rising smoke stars at the 10th Anniversary United Way BBQ Showdown hosted by Valero. Make sure you mark your calendar for August 4th-5th. The showdown will be held at Ardmore's Regional Park, located at 2704 North Rockford Road. Laissez les bon temps rouler on Cajun Night, Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and bring your appetite back on Saturday for some great BBQ from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

It doesn't matter if you show up on Friday night, Saturday or both, your mouth will be watering from the moment you arrive with the distinctive smell and wafting smoke whirling through the air.

Last year at the 9th Annual Showdown, they had a record-breaking year, raising \$347,000, with all of the proceeds going directly to the United Way. There were also over 45 impressive teams competing for the title. So, this year should be legendary!

There is something special about a pitmaster going for the prize, their early mornings are filled with smoke drifting around them. They build up a tolerance, especially in Oklahoma where summers can really dial up the heat. When they are not watching the fire and perfecting recipes, they are tending to customers. But isn't that how Oklahoma legends are made? They rise up through the ashes and walk out through a cloud of smoke.

Valero and the United Way would like to give a big shout out this year's Elite Sponsors, Turn2, Stronghold, C&C Contracting, and UPS. Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of this legendary event. Come get a mouth full of tangy, smoky goodness as you help raise funds for our area charities. It doesn't get much better than this!

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The Goddard Center is excited to announce the line-up for the 2023-24 Performance Season. As I'm sure you are aware, The Goddard Center's main building and theatre are still under construction, with the renovation scheduled to conclude in early 2024. So much like with this last season, expect to find our shows at different venues around Ardmore! All locations are still to be determined.

This year's Season opens with a bang, as Grammy performing artist, John Fullbright, returns! Mr. Fullbright is an American singer-songwriter from Okemah, Oklahoma. While still in high school, Fullbright performed at the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival. In 2009 he released the album "Live at the Blue Door" and three years later released his first studio album, "From the Ground Up," which received a Grammy nomination in the category Best Americana Album. He has been the subject of two segments on NPR and was a 2012 winner of ASCAP Foundation's Harold Adamson Lyric Award. The John Fullbright concert will be on August 19th at 7:30pm.

Following Mr. Fullbright will be married Oklahoma duo, The Imaginaries! Their songs are filled with effortless harmonies, hear felt lyrics and real-life lessons. Maggie, with her subtly sweet vocals and piano-driven style fuses seamlessly with her husband Shane's blues-rock grit to

form their own unique blend of Americana/Singer-Songwriter music. The duo also served as producers of the 2022 Netflix coming-of-age film "A Cowgirl's Song" and starred in the

Zustin Echols

film alongside Cheryl Ladd, Darci Lynne and Savannah Lee May. The Imaginaries were selected to open for the Brian Setzer Orchestra Christmas Rocks! Tour in 2019. The duo also opened for Judy Collins and John Waite in 2021. The Imaginaries concert will be on September 15th at 7:30pm.

Up next we'll enjoy a group with a modern take on the classical music ensemble, The Axiom String Quartet. Axiom is a dynamic and passionate string quartet that explores all genres of music with no boundaries or limits. Axiom has become known around Texas for its inventive programs that mix music from the classical canon with transcriptions, and new compositions along with the inclusion of popular rock, electronic, indie, jazz, and pop genres in a single concert experience. The Axiom Quartet concert will be on November 16th at 7:30pm.

And for a special Holiday Pops concert, The Goddard Center is pleased to welcome back the Sherman Symphony Orchestra. This concert, unlike their previous ones here, will feature the full orchestra complete with woodwind, brass, and percussion sections and an expanded string presence. This product on will be conducted by Daniel L. Dominick who has been Music Director and Conductor of the Sherman Symphony Orchestra since 1992. A versatile conductor with an international conducting career, including concerts in the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, and Poland, he also maintains a busy conducting schedule in north Texas. This concert will be on December 5th at 7:30pm.

Next up is a unique story telling experience with Jay Snider, Oklahoma's current poet laureate, serving from 2023 to 2024. He writes in the cowboy poetry genre. He is the third cowboy poet to be appointed Oklahoma State Poet Laureate after his predecessors Joe Kreger and Eddie Wilcoxen. He was previously named Lariat Laureate by CowboyPoetry.com in 2001 and Cowboy Poet of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists in 2008. He resides in Cyril, Oklahoma and works as a rancher. This performance will be on January 25th, 2024, at 7:30pm.

And if you haven't seen Todd Oliver perform, you want to miss this: Have you ever met a talking dog, a real talking dog? Get ready, you're going to meet the funniest

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comedian on four legs! "Irving," with a little help from his friend, Todd Oliver, is going to talk up a storm. If you ever wondered how a dog looks at life, this little home-raised companion is going to give it to you straight from the dog's mouth. He won't mince words, and if he does, it's Todd's fault anyway. He's a ventriloquist! This performance will be February 16th, 2024, at 7:30pm.

Followed by another must-see show by Okie and jazz piano virtuoso, Justin Echols. Five international tours, seven cd's, a four-show debut at Dizzy's Club Coca Cola & Lincoln Center, and his honorable mention on Forbes.com made this 2012 Jazz Hall of Fame inductee infamous. In 2018, Mr. Echols was nominated for an Emmy for his mind-blowing story which diagrammed a quick rise from soldier and Oklahoma City Police Officer to international performing artist. In January of 2020 Echols was presented the distinguished South OKC Chamber's Native Son Award, and in December 2021 he was presented The Oklahoma Hall of Fame, Lee Allen Smith Legacy Award. This concert will be on May 3rd, 2024, 7:30pm.

And we'll be ending The Goddard Center's 23-24 Season just as strong as we started, with a concert by acclaimed singer-songwriter, Leslie Mendelson:

All Music magazine writes that Leslie evokes "1970s songwriter influences in the vein of Carole King and Carly Simon." But what's truly telling is that Leslie has also drawn the attention of The Grateful Dead's Bob Weir who recorded a duet with her on Roy Orbison's standard, "Blue Bayou." While no less than classic rock royalty, The Who invited

The Sherman Symphony Orchestra

John Fullbright

her to open two shows at Madison Square Garden in 2019. This concert will be on June 7th, 2024, at 7:30pm.



Please join us for this incredible line-up of performers! Tickets go on sale for these performances 4-5 weeks prior. Tickets can be purchased in-person or by calling the Goddard Center offices during scheduled business hours. And please consider becoming a Goddard Center Member to receive FREE tickets to all of these performances. The cost of your Membership SAVES you approximately 45% on tickets to attend the entire Season! Call 580-226-0909 for more information. We hope to see you at these amazing concerts!



PORTO PERFECT LEAVE YOUR BAGGAGE AND LIVE IN THE MOMENT

By Jodie Linton-Prickett

Porto, Portugal, atmospheric and captivating, it is a place to lose yourself. A city where you can live freely in the moment and leave all your worries behind.

Don't be surprised if your senses go on overdrive in Porto. It's okay if you can't stop turning your head to take in all of the natural beauty, adorned with architectural delights. Don't be surprised as your nose fills with the delectable aromas as you pass by bakeries and numerous outside dinners. It's completely normal if your tastebuds squeal with happiness as a glass of port flows over them. Your toes may tap as your ears appreciate the sounds of talented street musicians or music leaking out of Fado bars. With all of this liveliness it is almost impossible to be anywhere else but in the present.

This historic city is embraced by the Atlantic Ocean and the Douro River, built on lush rolling hills, dotted with terraced landscaping, red tiled roofs, all linked together with extravagant expansive bridges. This vibrant municipality has it all. It offers giant tree lined boulevards, quaint cobbled backstreets, and winding pedestrian areas filled with restaurants, bars, shops and art galleries. There are even hidden ancient cobblestone stairs that meander from the top of the hill to the bank of the river. Everyone seems friendly in Porto, maybe because they are experiencing such a lovely place. After extensive international travel over the winter holidays, another getaway was not on my radar. Especially not to Portugal, but if you know me, I have a passport, will travel; particularly if the right opportunity presents itself. Out of nowhere, a fabulous getaway was beckoning me, and away I would go. My best childhood friend, Margee, was traveling solo to the Iberian Peninsula and had mentioned it would be nice if I could join her. I had already planned on visiting her in Oregon, but the flights to her city were remarkably expensive with excruciating layovers in Portland. After crunching the numbers, I could rationalize meeting her in Lisbon, Portugal rather than flying to her casa on the West Coast.

Excitedly, I purchased my ticket to Portugal, almost last minute, yet still got a fairly good deal. I was so thrilled about this adventure with my lifelong friend that I almost forgot how much I disliked Lisbon from a former visit. Before I dive back into dreamy Porto, let me mention, if you have been to Lisbon in the past and was not overly impressed, give it another go. The city has invested a lot into preservation and beautification. It is far more inviting than it was a decade ago. Lisbon has a lot to offer but Porto won me over. It's a city I can't wait to revisit.

When you go to Porto, it is easy to visit Lisbon and Porto on the same trip. There are several trains that will take you from city center to city center in about three hours. It is a lovely train ride, so reserve a window seat. You will





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understand why they call it the Silver Coast as your train follows the shoreline. The deep azure blue of the water reflects on the sky making for extraordinary views. As the sun hits the waves it seems to outline them in glistening silver. It is simply breathtaking.

When we arrived at the train station in Porto, we opted to use our Uber app to take us to our apartment. The app works perfectly there and we found it easier than dealing with public transportation with our luggage, or deal with the line of ambitious cab drivers.

Margee had already planned the trip and booked an amazing apartment in the city center. I'm still salivating over it today; it could not have been more brilliant. It was perfectly located in the thick of everything, yet completely quiet at night. Immediately out our door was an abundance of restaurants, bars, and places to shop.

Dining is Porto is splendid. Everything we ate and drank was remarkably fresh and mouthwatering. The restaurants all had interesting concepts, fabulous atmospheres and designs, the service was impeccable and the prices reasonable. One thing you must try is the Pasties de Nata. This pastry is so scrumptious that you will miss them when you return home. Of course, while in Porto, you need to enjoy a few glasses of port, a pitcher of sangrias, as well as their marvelous cheeses and seafood.

One of my favorite experiences was our visit to Livaria Lello, referred to as the most beautiful bookstore in the



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world. I'm not one to argue with this proclamation. It was built in 1906, in an Art Nouveau and Neo-Gothic style, it is sure to wow! It is located in the Clerigos District on Rua das Carmelitas 144. You will need a ticket, which costs about \$5.00, however, we received the ticket price back with any purchase. Yes, we left with books in tote.

Margee and I spent most of our time meandering through the city, popping in and out of shops, eating long leisurely brunches and late-night appetizing dinners. We enjoyed the river panoramas as we sipped on Portuguese wine, or Taylor's Port made right across the river, cellars in view. It was Porto Perfect!

Porto offers boundless possibilities for everyone. There are river cruises, bus tours, museums and historical monuments to explore. If you like, you can ride a funicular that takes you to the top of one of the hills with winding paths to walk back down. Try the port, you can visit one of the several port cellars, some are over 300 years old. Porto also presents a lively art scene including ample public art, tasteful street art and galleries proliferate the districts. There are pristine parks and greenspaces abound. You can walk by the seaside, take a swim, or cross the pedestrian bridge spanning the river. Here, in Porto, you can make your experience uniquely your own.

If you are looking for a fabulous place to get away from it all and enjoy living in the moment, experience Porto. Pack your bags, show up without a plan and just see where your journey leads you, you can't go wrong. The only thing you must bring with you are good walking shoes and an appetite for adventure.



By Jodie Linton-Prickett

Listen, this is just what downtown Ardmore needed! Take a break from the ordinary and enjoy some refuge at the listening room situated in the main room at Marvin's Place Fine Art Gallery, located at 103 West Main Street in the Historic Depot District. The gallery now offers an excellent place to have a drink, socialize with friends, view art and on Friday nights you can listen to original, acoustic music.

This intimate, speakeasy style listening venue offers a unique way to spend relaxed evenings. The well-appointed, eclectic space offers a wide range of wines including whites, reds and rosé, they also offer bubbly, several craft beers, and nonalcoholic beverages. You can stop in anytime Wed.-Sat. from noon until 7:00 p.m.

On Friday nights they present live acoustic music starting at 6:30 p.m. and playing through 8:30 p.m. Come and listen for a little while or stay for the entire session. This calming listening room has a variety of music, changing styles and artists each week. The music is unique, artist composed originals, as well as a bit of storytelling, providing a peek into the artist's inspiration behind their songs.

A listening room is an intimate live music venue that allows the listeners to focus on the music experience without distractions. Brief whispering is acceptable, but to have a conversation you will need to move outside. There is time for talking during the break between the sets. Listening Room venues bring acoustic artists and their audiences closer together — a much-needed experience in our everdigitized world. This way everybody can hear and enjoy the performance while sipping on their libations.

What Ardmore Guide loves about this new addition to Marvin's Place Fine Art Gallery is that it is a tranquil location to gather with friends or include in a date night before or after going to dinner in the Depot District.



On the Thursday night visit, we found it was a calming environment, providing a lovely place to socialize and comfortably admire the artwork at the gallery. The décor, while eclectic, is fabulous and suites the space. The chairs are comfortable and the tables are appropriately spaced to give a feeling of respite.

Ardmore Guide enjoyed Thursday night so much, we returned on Friday to appreciate the unique music and some beverages. It was fantastic to have a low-key drink and listen to some original compositions before dinner. The large variety of brews suited everyone. Marvin's Place Fine Art Gallery provided a spot-on way to wind down from a busy day. Besides the amazing curated art collection available for purchase, we were also excited to find affordable impulse gifts, and gorgeous Oklahoma made jewelry.

The innovative concept at Marvin's Place, is that with a glass of wine, craft beer, coffee or tea in your hand, it somehow relieves the preconceived pressure from going to a location, such as an art gallery, often perceived as pretentious or unwelcoming. While Marvin's Place Fine Art Gallery is incredibly inviting to everyone, first time visitors may not know this. Thus, the beverage option offers a comfortable way to ease oneself in.

Here you can meet friends, view art, and visit your favorite artists' pieces, and now enjoy a beverage or two and listen to music. Perhaps one day, one of their exquisite pieces will hang on your wall, or adorn your shelf, but for now just drop in and take a look, pop a cork, and tap your feet. Enjoy the experience.

Marvin's Place also comes with an interesting bit of history. This fine art gallery, owned by Todd and Susan Yeager is located 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.

"Just being in the gallery reduces your stress level," said Susan Yeager, "But now you can experience the amazing artwork, while also enjoying a drink and listening to some very talented musicians. Who doesn't want to do that?" For more information about the musical lineup, beverage menu or featured artist, please visit www.marvinsplace.gallery.

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It's Time to Hit The Court



Pickleball started in 1965 out of boredom of three individuals in Washington State. It was the brainchild of Congressman Joel Pritchard and businessman Bill Bell, with the help of friend Barny McCallum. The game was invented, and the rules were determined largely based on makeshift equipment and the rules of badminton. The sport was made official in 1967 and now is all the rage. It took a while to really take root, but is no longer up and coming, pickleball has arrived!

It is an excellent match for people that love badminton, tennis and table tennis. Offering all of the fun of tennis, racquetball and other racquet sports it is lower impact and does not require as much stamina and movement so more people can enjoy it.

Once people start playing pickleball they tend to stay active with the game because of the social element. It is easy to connect with friends, and family members whilst making new friends. It is not unusual to see a wide age range of players competing against each other. You might see 60-year-olds playing with or against teenagers, all having a great time!



When playing pickleball you can burn almost 50 percent more calories than you do when walking. There are many benefits of pickleball, it not only offers a terrific social experience, but the health and psychological advantages makes this sport is a total package. Anyone from age five to 95 can have fun. It is also a sport that is easily manageable by cities parks and recreation departments of all sizes, taking up half of the space of a tennis court.

There are free places to play in Ardmore, including the Regional Park Pickleball Complex, Walker Park, Whittington Park, and the HFV Wilson Center. You can also play at the Ardmore Family YMCA, but a membership is required.

There are currently 14 courts at three public parks operated by Ardmore Parks and Recreation Department. The Regional Park Pickleball Complex will soon see the construction of additional courts. "We've worked closely with Teresa and the entire team at Ardmore Parks and Rec to grow the popularity of pickleball in Ardmore and use of the courts. Even though we currently have six courts that will allow 24 people to play at once, there are nights we have that many waiting to get on the courts," said Ardmore Pickleball Club President Nancy Sjulin, who has spearheaded many of the fundraising activities for the expansion on behalf of APC. "The additional courts will also allow us to host tournaments that can draw players to Ardmore from Dallas and Oklahoma City. That's a win for entire community!"

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America. There are an estimated 36.5 million pickleball players in the United States, making it one of the largest sports by participation. There are 10,320 pickleball facilities nationally according to the Picklebads court data provider.

Ardmore has a lively interest in pickleball! The Ardmore Pickleball Club invites you to learn more about pickleball and how to join in on the fun. APC regularly partners with Ardmore Parks and Recreation to host beginner clinics for all ages. Open play sessions also take place throughout the week for both members and non-members can play.

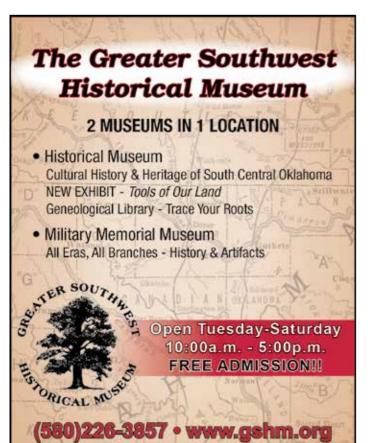
If you would like to join Ardmore Pickleball Club or learn more about pickleball, you can reach out through their Facebook page or email ardmorepickleball@gmail.com. Annual dues for Ardmore Pickleball Club are only \$25 and go toward monthly events and prizes. You can also reach out to Ardmore Parks and Rec at 580-223-4844 for information on upcoming pickleball clinics and events.

THE GODDARD CENTER PRESENTS OKLAHOMA'S

Susan Herndon & The Bella Counsel

The Goddard Center is excited to present Oklahoma singer song-writer "Susan Herndon" and her band "The Bella Counsel" on Saturday, June 10th at 7:30pm. This concert will be held at 109 West Main Street in Ardmore, formerly Black Mesa Tap Room. This show will not have assigned seats. This event will have a cash bar and offer light appetizers. Due to a family emergency, this concert is a replacement of "Jennings & Keller" in the 22-23 Performance Season.

Playing around 200 gigs a year, Herndon draws from a reservoir of original material spanning ten albums that have long found her sliding with ease from genre to genre. iTunes may soon run out of apt descriptors for Herndon's music; her releases have been termed blues,



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With an engaging smile and graceful charm, she touches upon themes both universal and deeply personal...

country, indie rock, jazz, pop, and even avant-garde. One moment she's covering a Dylan classic in French with delicate fingerpicking on her guitar and the next may find her sitting at a keyboard paying homage to any number of fellow Oklahoma songsmiths, such as Woody Guthrie, Jimmy Webb, Leon Russell or J.J. Cale.

With an engaging smile and graceful charm, she touches upon themes both universal and deeply personal, from longing and loneliness, to home, family, faded memories and hopeful dreams. And she connects with her listeners in a voice that conveys equal parts savory innocence and knowing savoir-faire. "Susan Herndon's decades-long career has given us songs that are both confessional and universal, presented in a way that is not really folk, not really Americana, but can live proudly in both of those worlds... Listen hard!" - Greg Johnson, The Blue Door, OKC

Ms. Herndon will play bass and acoustic guitar while performing with her band "The Bella Counsel", comprised of Bob French on electric guitar and mandolin, Randall Coyne on drums and percussion, Steve Murphy on keyboard, Sean Richards on trumpet and Mike Carter on saxophone.

Goddard Center Members can make reservations for FREE to this event! Tickets for the general public are \$21.50 for Adults and \$11.50 for Students. Tickets can be purchased in-person or by calling the Goddard Center business office at 580-226-0909 during regular business hours, Tuesday through Fridays 10am to 5pm.

The Goddard Center Offices are temporarily located at 425 1st Ave SW in Ardmore. This event is sponsored in part by the Oklahoma Arts Council and The National Endowment for the Arts. The Goddard Center is an Adventure Road Partner.





Join The Ardmore Pickleball Club

For more information read the complete article on page seven. Ardmore Parks and Recreation offers pickleball clinics, tournaments, and open play.



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Located at K Street and 10th NW. Those in need can anonymously pick items and use them free of charge. What a divine community we live in.



Have a Blast this 4th of July Ardmore Tourism presents a July 4th fireworks display at Lake Murray State Park. This free family event will be hosted at 18407 Scenic State Highway 77. The festivities will begin just after sunset. Free parking is available at R.C. Flying Fields launch site.



Commerce Street Mural Just in time for summer! Driving down Commerce you can't miss the water tower mural by Dr. Bob E. Palmer.





Marvin's Place

Every Friday night at 6:30 p.m. part of the gallery is transformed into a listing room. There are various artists playing different styles of music each week. Come out and enjoy an intimate evening listening to music while sipping on a glass of wine, craft beer or nonalcoholic beverages.

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Summertime Sobriety and Triggers

OKLAHOMA INTEGRATED CARE IS HERE FOR YOU

It's time to enjoy outdoor summer fun, longer days allows for more socialization and increased activities. Unfortunately, increased socialization can proliferate substance abuse. This is something we should all be aware of and concerned about, as a society. Not only do adults struggle with substances more in the warmer part of the year but it is also a tempting and trying time for our youth. Nationwide, during the summer months, millions of young people try substances for the first time. Ardmore is not immune to this.

Fortunately, Oklahoma Integrated Care is here to help. All stages of life are provided for, under one roof. It does not matter if you have a child that has been experimenting with drugs or alcohol, or if you personally are struggling with maintaining sobriety. OIC is here to provide timely and personalized care. They can provide everything from an extra boost through life coaching to helping with debilitating issues, such as substance abuse struggles. All issues can be treated through their capable collective. They are accepting new patients in all areas of integrated care. So, don't feel like you have to struggle through challenging times, like long summer days, alone.

Drug and alcohol abuse escalates in the warmer months for several reasons. As a society, we love outdoor parties and there are just more events to participate in during the summer. Backyard barbeques, long days gathering at the lake, front porch socials, hot tub and pool parties, all flourish in the summertime. Let's not forget one of the most festive holidays of the year, the Fourth of July, brings out merrymakers in droves! We think nothing, in our culture of offering up alcohol at these events. Sometimes, depending on the festivity, lots of it. With changing trends and acceptability, it is becoming more conventional for drugs to be available at these events as well.

It's not just social events that contribute to partaking more in substances, but the desire to get outdoors after long winters and rainy spring days. It is natural to want to enjoy fresh air and have a bit of fun, these conditions expressively contribute to being more laidback with

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substances. It is quite ordinary to kick back and have a beer or two after mowing the lawn. There is nothing wrong with that. However, the normalizing adds pressure to those that have problems. Remember, it is also normal to reach out if you find yourself needing help. There are professionals that are there to assist you at times of need.

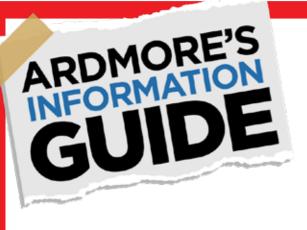
For younger people, school is out, so they have more free time in their schedules. Their days are not as rigid, possibly even providing occasions for long bouts of unsupervised time. Hanging out with friends at the lake, parks or homes with two working parents can provide opportunity for experimenting. No young person is sheltered all of the time and while growing and learning bad decisions are potentially made. If this happens, don't hesitate to reach out. OCI specializes in working with young people. You do not have to figure this out on your own,

Summer vacations is another hushed contributor to substance abuse. Most working parents take at least part of their annual vacation time when school is out of session. Occasional overindulgence is not the root of the problem, but it can act as a warning sign.

All of these summertime situations can potentially be disastrous for first time experimentations, or people working through recovery.

Through social events, more free time, even increased social pressure, summer can be daunting when it comes to substance abuse. Alcohol can become more potent in higher temperatures, and drugs such as ecstasy can cause severe dehydration in hot environments. Substances and heat can become more dangerous and even deadly.

If you find yourself struggling, or worried about a child. OIC is available to help. You are not alone; they are there for you. For more information, or to arrange to meet with a specialist please call 580.238.4277. Oklahoma Integrated Care is located at 102 15th Ave. NW in Ardmore. You can also contact them online at, www.oicardmore.com/contact.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Oklahoma Natural Gas: (580) 223-3333 www.ong.com

OGE Energy Corp. 1-800-272-9741 www.oge.com

Sparklight: (580) 223-9600 cableone.net/internetprovider/ardmore-ok

Chickasaw Personal Communications 1-800-927-2027 www.chickasawphone.com/ residential

AT&T: 1-800-464-7928 www.att.com

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First Baptist Church 16 E. St. NE • Ardmore 580.223.8886

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Macedonia Baptist Church 1020 7th Ave. NE • Ardmore 580.223.6462

Maranatha Free Will Baptist 1906 Myall St. • Ardmore 580.226.0682

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Mt Pleasant Baptist Church 3089 Pleasant Rd. • Ardmore 580.294.3032

Mt Zion Baptist Church 101 F St. SE • Ardmore 580.223.6807

New Heights Missionary Baptist 1003 Lake Murray Dr. S • Ardmore 580.223.2823

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 4123 Prairie Valley Rd. • Ardmore 580.226.2134

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Boys & Girls Club 100 Broadlawn Park Plaza, Ardmore 580.490.9084

Carter County CASA Carter County Court House, 4th Floor, Ardmore 580.226.0009

Chickasaw Summer EBT for Children 580.272.1178

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The Shepherd Shelter for the Homeless 1917 Lawrence Road, Ardmore 580.277.2117

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Southern Oklahoma Blood Institute 1420 Veterans Blvd, Ardmore, OK 580.226.2220

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Oxford House Broadlawn for Men 401 Campbell Drive, Ardmore 580.798.4389

Naomi House for Women 1105 E. St. NW, Ardmore 580.798.0397

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- Jean Vanier

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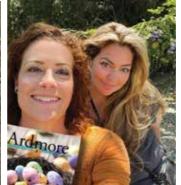
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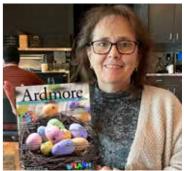
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