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## What we're into



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## PICKLEBALL

**P**ickleball is a fun sport with a funny name.

I'm a tennis player at heart, and I remember the first time I saw people playing on what looked like a shortened court with ping pong paddles and a whiffle ball. Turns out the game was pickleball, a sport invented in 1965 by three dads on Bainbridge Island in Washington (this is according to the USA Pickleball Association, which I didn't know existed).

There's a group of pickleball players in Baker City, and they taught me the basics one time when I wrote a story about their weekly games. Baker City has six tennis courts, and this group has marked one court with official pickleball lines.

But it wasn't until my sister-in-law, who started playing near her home in Beaverton, enticed me to play several years ago. She plays a lot, and her competitive spirit sparked my own and the

battle was on to see who could win the most games. The fast-paced play is a great workout — the type of exercise where it's so fun that you don't even realize how much time has passed.

We now have a couple sets of pickleball paddles — as with most hobbies, there is a wide price range and many varieties.

I know we'll be at the court more as the weather gets nicer. Pickleball has a unique set of rules, but these are fairly easy to learn. It has a quicker learning curve than tennis, and is suitable for all ages.

One caveat: pickleball is tough to play in the wind. The plastic ball, which is full of holes, gets thrown off course in the slightest breeze, which can be really frustrating.

For a good explanation of pickleball, and to find the rules, visit <https://usapickleball.org/what-is-pickleball/ifp-official-rules/>.

— LISA BRITTON, GO! EDITOR

## New releases

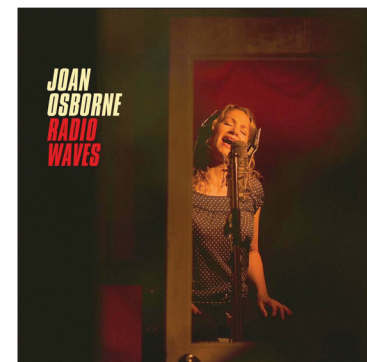
'RADIO WAVES,'  
JOAN OSBORNE

**H**omebound during the pandemic, Joan Osborne began combing through dusty shoeboxes in her closets, and what she found was still fashionable, because good music never goes out of style.

The boxes contained recordings of at least 100 in-studio radio performances by Osborne dating back as far as the 1990s, and she chose some of the best for "Radio Waves," a stellar collection of 13 tunes notable for its variety.

Osborne has always been an astute interpreter, and her soulful, smoky alto is a compelling instrument whether she's singing the blues ("Shake Your Hips"), R&B ("Everybody Is a Star") or the Great American Songbook ("Dream a Little Dream").

With instrumental accompaniment ranging from an acoustic guitar to a full rock band, Osborne is creative in reimagining familiar tunes. On the



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Motown standard "How Sweet It Is," she extracts the sugar by recasting both the rhythm and melody, and the result is something more sensual. A stripped-down version of her unlikely hit "One of Us" more directly conveys the wonder of grace in the commonplace, while Gary Wright's 1970s hit "My Love Is Alive" becomes improbably funky.

"Good morn or evening, friends. Here's your friendly announcer," she sings to begin Stevie Wonder's "Love's in Need of Love Today," a tune with a message worth transmitting 24 hours a day.

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