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Ranchers' Roundup

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Message From the Association President



By Ron Ricci
Association President

Hi everyone!

The April Annual Meeting of the Members was a positive and exciting experience. Members were welcomed by a complimentary meal with a dessert of Italian ice. With a presentation from Paul Hansen of Butler/Hansen, the Ranch is in great shape. Take a look at our Treasurer's report for details.

Now that the winter has gone to sleep, the spring is upon us. It is the best time of the year here in the valley. Hiking, biking and fishing on the Ranch, due to the pleasant temperatures, are at a premium (*without the heat*). I see many residents enjoying the walking paths along the lakes, and also trying to catch the biggest fish in our lakes. Our tennis and pickle ball courts are very busy. Although tennis was never my game, I'd like to try pickle ball some time. It may be difficult since golf is my game, but a new adventure is always welcome.

The tennis courts at Saratoga are scheduled for refurbishment in three years. Due to their condition and other upgrades needed, we plan to refurbish them within the next 12 months. Hopefully, this will make our tennis players smile.

The Spring Expo was successful once again this year and the Board would like to give kudos to **Kathrine Bloomquist** for her exemplary efforts. Our events on the Ranch continue to be well attended and a great deal of fun for all!

Our Lake Habitat Committee is hard at work getting ready to revitalize the lakes. I hear they promise to have the biggest, best fighting fish in the valley!

The new patio at La Casita, named **Sunset Plaza**, is beautiful. The final result surpassed my expectations. I hope all residents will come to enjoy **Sunset Plaza**. It could become a place to simply sit and reminisce, or a place to hold your next event.

I hope everyone has a good Spring, and I'll be missing our winter visitors as they prepare to return to their colder climates.

By the time you read this, Memorial Day will be close and the beginning of summer is just around the corner. Don't forget the Ranch still has events planned during the summer both inside and at the pools.

Dollar\$ & \$ense



By Jeff Brosman
Association Treasurer

Greetings! Hope you are ready for the hot summer months ahead. Looking back, I wish to thank the 140 homeowners who attended our Annual Meeting. If you were there, you heard from Paul Hansen of Butler/Hansen, the firm conducting our 2018 audit as well as the firm completing our annual Form 990 (Tax) submittal. Paul gave an overview of the audit performed. He explained that an "unqualified" opinion sounds "not very impressive" to the average person. However, Paul explained that in accounting terms, it means we met the "gold standard" in our accounting practices. He further explained that since we had a sizeable change in upper management in 2018, that his firm did an even more rigorous audit than normal to ensure we were operating well under generally accepted accounting principles. He was very pleased to point out that although some accounting adjustments to 2017 had to be performed (*resulting in a minor 2017 adjustment of -\$5,954*), that in 2018 there were no significant findings identified. He complimented the Association team (*Board Members, Treasurer, Finance Manager and the Budget & Finance Committee*) for not only a job well done, but also stated that the Association is in excellent financial health, one of the best he has ever audited.

This is good news for all of us as homeowners. As recently elected by the Board to serve as your Treasurer for one more year, I will continue my best efforts to perform my fiduciary responsibilities in utilizing the funds homeowners have provided to the Association for the betterment of the community.

The first quarter 2019 financials were presented at the April meeting and a summary of the key financial items through 3/31/2019 are provided below:

• Total Cash Assets	\$5,264,935
• Total Assets	\$7,679,586
• Total Reserves Fund	\$2,174,084
• Total Capital Fund	\$363,964
• Net Cash Above Reserves	\$2,233,316
	(Available Excess Cash)
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Manager's Message



By Lynelle Glysson
Community Manager

People First – Community management entails many things such as maintenance of common areas, overseeing a staff of different departments, meetings with committees, executing directives from the Board, and overseeing the financials as mentioned in my message last month. All of that is important, but within the community is something much more valuable: people. Within a community the size of Dobson Ranch, there is the potential to interact with thousands of people who value different things. What rattles one, does not faze another. Something of grave importance to one doesn't even matter to another. As a Community Manager, I get to juggle all the different concerns and requests from a multitude of people.

Each of these people within the community deserve respect. I do my best not to make assumptions and to listen to the concerns of the community. When listening, I listen for the underlying motivation. Is it fear, anger or frustration with a long outstanding issue? A home is often the biggest investment a person makes. There is an emotional attachment to a home in a community where we raise our kids or have lived for decades. I can put myself in the shoes of people and have empathy and understanding. There are times when I am unable to solve an issue in a manner that is satisfactory to a person. I have governing documents, ethical standards, state statutes, and legal obligations to adhere to. But I will endeavor to run the operations of the Association with the community involved and the people it affects in mind.

While dealing with a reserve project or auditing and refining a process, I will remember that what I do involves people and people matter.

Message From the Editor



By Nancy Roggio
Communications Manager

By now you've noticed that this issue of **Ranchers' RoundUp** has a fresh, new look starting with the masthead on the cover page to the Events Calendar on the back page.

More modern type fonts were selected for easy reading. Colorful headers were added to distinguish each section of the magazine. Photos were carefully selected and cropped to enhance the visual appeal throughout the publication. Plus, more interesting articles and events happening in your community have been added. It's been a labor of love.

I'm anxious to get your feedback on this new look. Please feel free to send your comments to editor@dobsonranch.com.

Water Awareness



By Craig A. Wilson
Water Resources Manager

Spring is Upon Us - Did you attend the 2019 Spring Expo on April 6th? It was a spectacular event. Fourteen tables were filled with information, prizes and helpful people to explain how our lakes work and how water flows through our community. The highlight, of course, was the ladybug release. Plenty of kids to scoop up some of the 10,000 ladybugs provided by local nurseries. Well, I kind of had my hand in it a little with ladybugs crawling all over my arm as I helped the children capture the ladybugs.

In last month's issue of the *RoundUp*, I forgot to mention why we need to change the programming in our controllers. I just suggested it needs to be done; I left out the "why" it should be done. The reason is because our Summer lawns go dormant in the Winter and need far less water than in the Summer. Each Spring we need to switch from cool season (*Winter*) irrigation to warm season irrigation. Then, in the Fall, the irrigation controller setting must be changed to the cool season irrigation setting. Once established, the Winter grass will flourish and provide a green patch of grass all winter long. When the Spring sun returns, the soil warms and reaches a point where that Winter grass dries out and dies leaving room for the Summer lawn to come back for the warm months to come.

This change happens twice a year. In the Fall, we need to change our irrigation system to recognize the reduced water demand of the cool season grass. A dormant lawn, if not over-seeded, only needs a little periodic watering to keep the soil from drying out and blowing away. Cool season grass first needs water to establish itself and then periodic watering to stay green through the Winter months. This way there is a pleasant lawn for the many activities and events that happen during the Winter months. Come Spring, we switch the irrigation system over to warm weather lawns as they need a different watering schedule. We also employ a technique developed by SRP: called reverse-season irrigation. In mid-Summer the amount of irrigation water applied to the Summer lawns is curtailed forcing the turf to enter a dormant state. This happens when the days are hot, and the turf is lightly used. When the temperatures moderate, the irrigation supply is restored to return the turf to its full color. A considerable amount of water is saved and that savings is applied to help the establishment of the Winter grass.

We must work with nature to find even better ways to provide appealing open spaces around the Ranch. Conserving water while doing that is challenging, but conserving water is meant to be a challenge.

The Dobson Association, Inc.
Board of Director's Open Session Meeting
La Casita Recreation Center, Grande Room, 2719 S. Reyes
Thursday, May 16, 2019 • 7:00 pm



The Role of the Code Compliance Specialist

The staff you see occasionally driving around the community with iPads, are the Dobson Ranch Association's Code Compliance Specialists. They're inspecting the property to ensure that everything is working properly, that conditions are safe, and that nothing is reducing property values or your quality of life in our community.

In short, they're making sure Guidelines and CCRs are being followed — from recreational vehicles, rubbish and debris to improper exterior modifications and more. They field complaints from fellow homeowners and, if necessary, remind you (or your neighbor) when a Guideline has been overlooked.

The CC Specialists report their findings with photos and detailed notes and you may get a notice in the mail. Most violations are easily resolved without Board action. If not, the next step is a hearing before the Board — we want to hear your side of the story. Those who continue to ignore CCRs or Guidelines may be fined, or worse. The most serious cases may end up in court, though we try hard never to get to that point.

The Association's CC Specialists perform a vital function; please treat them with courtesy and respect. If you have any questions about the rules, the Specialists should be able to explain them. The Association Manager and Board Members also are happy to listen and respond to your concerns.

When you purchased your home in our master planned community, you became contractually bound to abide by the CCRs and Guidelines that protect the Association. Please review them and ensure you are in compliance. You can find them on our website at www.dobsonranchhoa.com.



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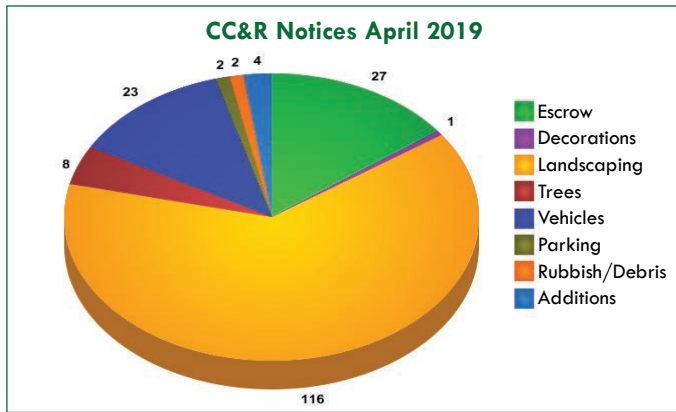
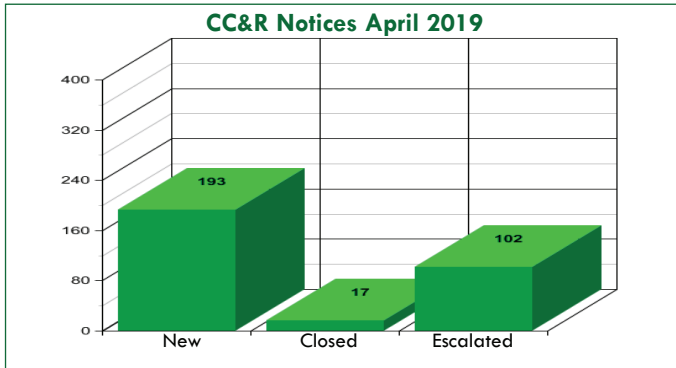
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CC&R Notices



By Nancy Roggio

Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Congratulations to the homeowners of 2661 S. Iglesia Circle in Laguna Shores on winning May's Green Thumb Award. The views are stunning from every angle on this lovingly cared for home located at the corner of S. Iglesia and W. Keating Ave.

A delightful burst of yellow, orange and hot pink blooms converge on this attractive corner property's front yard desert landscaping.

Taking pride in your property, like these homeowners, is what makes Dobson Ranch *the best place to live!*



There are many impressive and well-manicured yards in Dobson Ranch that it's hard to pick each month. If you would like your yard or a neighbor's yard featured as a Green Thumb winner, call 480-831-8314 or email nroggio@dobsonranch.com.

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Third Annual Spring Expo Helps Residents Learn About Conservation

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management Committee Member



Dobson Ranch SPRING



What does conservation mean to you? Merriam-Webster defines conservation as “a careful preservation and protection of something.” On the morning of April 6th, residents of Dobson Ranch learned easy ways to conserve natural resources, how to save money, and how to take better care of themselves at the **Third Annual Dobson Ranch Spring Expo**. Over 64% of survey respondents indicated an increase in knowledge of conservation practices. This year’s event highlighted a variety of products and services, including Arizona Pool Water Recycling, a company specializing in, you read that right, pool water recycling, and the City of Mesa’s Tool Lending Program, which loans out landscaping tools and painting supplies. Altogether, 13 local vendors joined Dobson Ranch’s Water Management Committee in front of La Casita to forward the theme of conservation throughout the neighborhood.

The classroom at La Casita Preschool showcased conversation practices as well. Ms. Jessi displayed art projects created by her students that incorporated recycled materials. Young guests at the Spring Expo, and those young at heart, created their own ladybug crafts in the playground area with help from volunteers from the Dobson Dolphins Swim Team. New this year was a movement activity to celebrate Spring, where close to 30 guests enjoyed moving like a floating seed, falling like rain, and growing into a flower.

The morning activities concluded with 10,000 ladybugs agreeing that Dobson Ranch is **the best place to live!** Ladybugs provide natural pest control and are one of the best organic ways to manage garden pests.

Guests to the Spring Expo enjoyed a live ladybug release and were able to take beetles home to release in their own yards. This year’s ladybugs were graciously donated by **A & P Nursery** (2645 W. Baseline Road) and **SummerWinds Nursery** (3160 S. Country Club Drive).

Thank you to all residents and guests that attended the Dobson Ranch Spring Expo. No matter how large or small, your efforts in conservation do make a difference. Please frequent one of the many vendors to continue your journey. The Water Management Committee also extends a sincere thank you to the event’s star sponsor, **SRP**, and our contact, **Tanya Hughes**.



Thank you to all vendors for participating & donating raffle prizes:

- Arizona Pool Water Recycling
- City of Mesa Water Conservation, Environmental Management & Sustainability Department, and Community Service
- Dobson Ranch Lake Habitat Committee
- Dobson Ranch Library
- Dobson Ranch Water Management Committee
- Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply
- Herbal Jules
- Jack’s True Value Hardware
- Kangen Water by Chelsea
- La Casita Preschool
- Norwex by Jennifer Ashmun
- SRP



Landscaping Tips



By Arizona Landscape Contractors' Association, the Sustainable Landscape Management (SLM) and the Arizona Certified Landscape Professional (ACLP) programs www.ALCA.org

Plant Problems in the Landscape – Biotic Disorders

Last month we brought you examples of some common abiotic – or non-living – causes of plant problems. This month, we focus on a few of our most common biotic – or living – causes of plant disorders. Biotic disorders may be caused by insects, mites, nematodes, parasitic plants, fungi, bacteria, protists (*diverse collection of organisms*) and viruses. Below, we highlight a few of the more common diseases you may see this time of year as the temperatures soar.

Remember: Prevention is the best way to avoid plant diseases. Planting the right plant in the right place and following good cultural practices can prevent a disease from taking hold, even when the pathogen is present. As always, identification is key before beginning any treatment. Your landscape professional can help identify and treat plant problems that may arise.

Powdery Mildew

These grey/white spots on leaves and stems are common in the Springtime as the disease prefers mild temperatures. The disease kills the tissue beneath, leaving behind yellow and brown necrotic patches. Unlike most foliar diseases, powdery mildew prefers a dry environment. Low light and poor air flow, moderate to high humidity and no surface water are ideal conditions for this disease.



Interestingly enough, an effective measure in preventing and treating powdery mildew is to spray the foliage of your plants daily with plain water from the hose. Powdery mildew hates water! The only caveat with this method is to be sure you do it early in the day so that the foliage completely dries before cooler evening temperatures arrive.



Oleander Leaf Scorch

This disease is caused by the bacteria *Xylella fastidiosa* which is transmitted by sharpshooter insects. The symptoms of leaf yellowing followed by browning, and necrotic leaf tips and margins on random branches of the plant are often confused with salt toxicity and water stress.

The plant will continue to decline and eventually die. No treatment is available. While pruning out affected branches will improve the appearance of an infected plant, it will not cure it, so removal is recommended. Lab testing is the best way to confirm an accurate diagnosis.



Be sure to consult with your landscape professional who can help identify and treat plant problems that may arise before it's too late.

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Homeowner Improvements Architectural Applications April 2019

By Carole Stabile
Member Services Coordinator

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Roof	\$ 13,100.00
Windows	\$ 40,400.00

LAGUNA SHORES	
Paint	\$ 14,000.00
Landscape	\$ 10,000.00
Block Wall	\$ 50.00
Shed	\$ 800.00

DOBSON RANCH UNIT 1	
Landscape	\$ 1,500.00
Shed	\$ 3,900.00
Roof	\$ 24,500.00
Paint	\$ 2,500.00
Window Screens	\$ 1,000.00

DOBSON RANCH UNIT III	
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Gutters	\$ 1,000.00
Paint	\$ 2,800.00
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GOLDEN PALMS ESTATE	
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Landscape	\$ 1,000.00
Paint	\$ 5,000.00
Door	\$ 3,200.00

LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED	
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From the Recreation Director's Desk



By Jesse Wright
Associate Director of Recreation

Summer is right around the corner and our new Summer hours run from May 25th – September 1st. We are open Monday-Saturday 8:00 am-9:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am-8:00 pm. We will be closed during the holidays.

Come and enjoy all of the amenities that Dobson Ranch has to offer. Looking ahead, we have more exciting events and programs coming up. If you have children or grandchildren ages 6-12 and are looking for some fun summer activities... look no further.

Summer Kids Camp at La Casita is starting May 28th and will run Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:30 pm. You will have the choice of full day, weekly, 5-week, or 10-week session options. See our flyer for more details.

For all you outdoor movie lovers, come out and enjoy our fun **Flick 'n Float** program at Los Altos on June 1st at sunset (about 7:30 pm). Bring your swimsuits and a tube to enjoy watching the movie *Atlantis* while floating in the pool.

Finally, save the date for our community **Ice Cream Social** at La Casita on July 12th. Bring your whole family out for a wonderful time. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Summer events and will hopefully see some new faces as well.

RECREATION FACILITY HOURS:

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Sunday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
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(7:30pm)

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 10 Weeks: May 29th-Aug. 3rd: Res \$1,050.00
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 1 Week: You pick the week : Res \$135.00
 Non-Res \$148.00
 Daily: Just one day: Res \$30.00
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- Weekly Themes**
 Week 1 May 28-May 31
 Story Tellers
 Week 2 June 3-7
 Wild West
 Week 3 June 10-14
 World Traveler
 Week 4 June 17-21
 Going, Going, Gone!
 Week 5 June 24-June 28
 Music Makers

- Weekly Themes**
 Week 6 July 1-5
 Mad Science
 Week 7 July 8-12
 Young Picasso
 Week 8 July 15-19
 Animal Planet
 Week 9 July 22-26
 SURVIVOR
 Week 10 July 29-Aug 2
 Backyard Bash!



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Refunds will only be given for doctors notes and program cancellation.
No other refunds will be given. No exceptions.



RECREATION CLASSES

All Recreation Activities, classes and programs are at La Casita Recreation Center unless specified. Questions? Call La Casita at 480-831-7464.

TAI CHI

Instructor: Linda
 When: Wednesdays
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
(Starting May 29, am classes at Saratoga)

Time: 9:00 am Beginning Tai Chi
 10:00 am Intermediate Tai Chi
 6:00 pm Intermediate Tai Chi
 7:00 pm Beginning Tai Chi

Cost: \$3 drop in residents, \$6 drop in non-residents
 \$12 resident only for a 6-use punch card

Tai Chi is a gentle Chinese exercise system that may enhance strength and flexibility as well as reduce stress. Learning the Tai Chi form can be the beginning of a healthy, lifelong practice that can improve the quality of life of individuals who choose to practice it.

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Jeanne
 When: Mondays
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 Cost: \$8 drop in, \$42 resident only for a 7-use punch card

Transform your mind, body and spirit! Yoga will improve your flexibility and strengthen your core muscles while banishing stress and tension. This relaxing but invigorating class promotes inner calmness using breathing techniques, balancing postures and stretching/floor work. Modifications available to meet all levels. Bring a yoga mat. Yoga blocks, strap and blanket/towel are very helpful.

*You can attend either yoga class offered with your punch card.**

HEALING YOGA

Instructor: Samantha
 When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
(at Saratoga starting May 28)

When: 8:15 am - 9:15 am
 Cost: \$8 drop in or \$42 resident only for a 7-use punch card.

Hard to get up off the floor? Body having a hard time moving? Feeling every ache and pain? Come join us for gentle, therapeutic body movement. We gently move and stretch different parts of the body to help bring new life to tired parts! Also learn how to relax the mind, discovering how to relieve anxiety, bring better sleep, and not letting your worries take control over your mind. If you think your body has had it and can't do anything anymore – think again. Come join us for gentle recovery. You can try it lying on the floor, or even in a chair. Bring a yoga mat.

*You can attend either yoga class offered with your punch card.**

FITNESS IN THE PARK

Code: 5639 (April – May 17)
 Summer Break! Classes will resume July 15

Instructor: Nancy
 When: M/W/F 6:00 am - 6:45 am;
 TUES. 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Where: Laguna Park
 Cost: \$10 residents, \$15 non-residents
 RSVP: Contact the instructor with questions prior to class at 602-703-7822 or at nancy@magillfitness.com

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ZUMBA

Instructor: Karen
 When: Tuesdays
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
 Cost: \$7 drop in rate, \$30 resident only for a 5-use punch card

*This is a fusion of Latin and International music that incorporates a variety of dance styles such as salsa, cumbia, bellydance and reggaeton. This class combines high energy and motivating music to help you burn fat and tone your body. Even if you have never danced before, you will have a blast, because the routines are fun and easy to do. So what are you waiting for? Join the party and try Zumba today! **

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Code: 5623
 When: Thursdays (June 6 - July 18)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 Cost: **Registration fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5. Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

Children will be introduced to dance through their favorite fairytales during this positive and encouraging class. Dance can build self-esteem and improve motor skills. Watch your prince and princesses shine in this fun and creative program. Children need soft-soled shoes and comfortable clothes. Ballet shoes, leotard and tights recommended.

There will be a performance on the last day of class. Children must be able to work in a group setting and follow directions. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

*** Punch Cards may be punched one time for residents only per class. No additional punches for guests or residents. All Punch Cards expire two months from purchase date.**



INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

Code: 5624
 When: Thursdays (June 6 - July 18)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Cost: **Registration fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

In a fun, encouraging and high energy atmosphere, your child will be shown the fundamentals of ballet and jazz, which can help improve motor skills and creative expression. Soft soled shoes are recommended or bare feet. Children must be able to work in a group setting. There will be a recital at the end of the session. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Code: 5622
 When: Tuesdays (June 4 - July 9)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Cost: **Registration fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to the instructor the first day of program: \$30 check or cash only.**

This upbeat and fun class is perfect to sample different dance styles which will include jazz, ballet, modern, hip hop and other styles. Get moving with this upbeat and fun class and discover dance. For more information on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.

ACTIVITIES

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT STYLE

When: 4th Friday of month (May 24)
 Time: 6:30 pm (Arrive by 6:15 pm)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 Cost: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents
 Must be 18 years of age or older

Poker night is a free monthly program for residents of Dobson Ranch. Come meet your neighbors for a friendly game.

BUNCO

When: 3rd Friday of month (May 17)
 Time: 6:30 pm (arrive by 6:15 pm)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 Cost: Free to residents, \$5 non-residents

This fast-paced, yet easy game, is played with dice. It's a fun social hour with other residents.

BRIDGE GROUP

When: Mondays
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Come join our Bridge group that meets every Monday. To join the group, please call Bette Parrish at 480-206-3514.

RECREATION CLASS INFORMATION

- REGISTRATION** for classes can be done on the Association website at www.dobsonranch.com or at La Casita Community Center, 2719 S. Reyes, Mesa, AZ. Class fees are due during the registration process unless otherwise noted.
- QUESTIONS** on any recreation class or activity, you may contact La Casita Community desk at 480-831-7464.
- REFUNDS** – The Dobson Association reserves the right to establish fees and cost minimums for all programs and to cancel those programs not having sufficient enrollment. Program refunds will be issued for:
 - Cancellation of class by instructor or the Dobson Association will result in full refund.
 - Participants may cancel after first class or initial start date of class for a full refund.
 - Notification by participant prior to start date of illness or injury preventing participation during session time frame.
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For questions, please call the Recreation Coordinator at 480-831-7464 during weekday business hours to check availability.



Annual Meeting of the Members - April 9, 2019



KID'S EASTER

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Age 4

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Age 8

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Grand Opening Dedication



- **FRIDAY, MAY 17**
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- **LA CASITA'S SUNSET PLAZA & GRANDE ROOM**

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DOBSON RANCH TENNIS ACADEMY

All lessons and events are held at the La Casita Recreation Center. La Casita is home to two outdoor racquetball courts available to residents and guests. Keys can be checked out at the Recreation Center during facility hours. All tennis sessions begin on the first of each month and run until the end of the month. Contact La Casita for more information at 480-831-7464 or visit dobsonranch.com.



ADULTS

Dobson Ranch offers a full-range of programs and playing opportunities for ages 16+ and various ability levels. We focus on developing the complete player who can perform in any match situation at any level. Our tennis pro combines technical, mental and physical elements of the game to help build confidence and conditioning to ensure a positive, successful and fun experience.

Adult Skills & Drills

Geared for advanced beginners/intermediate players, this class focuses on technique and spin production on shots, as well as basic match strategies. Through structured drills, players will improve their playing consistency, build confidence, and learn how to generate more speed and power.

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Sessions: Monthly

Monday, June 3, 10, 17, 24	5679 \$40 R/\$60 NR
Tuesday, June 4, 11, 18, 25	5680 \$40 R/\$60 NR
Wednesday, June 5, 12, 19, 26	5681 \$50 R/\$75 NR
Thursday, June 6, 13, 20, 27	5682 \$50 R/\$75 NR

Weekday Doubles Play

If you enjoy playing doubles, but want to improve by doing various shot selections, direction, height, speed, and court positioning, then this will be a court-wise way to help improve your doubles game.

8:30 - 10:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly

Monday, June 3, 10, 17, 24	5683 \$40 R/\$60 NR
Wednesday, June 5, 12, 19, 26	5684 \$40 R/\$60 NR

Saturday Doubles

If you enjoy playing doubles, but want to improve by doing various shot selections, direction, height, speed, and court positioning, then this will be a court-wise way to help improve your doubles game.

9:30 - 10:30 am | Sessions: Monthly

Saturday, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	5685 \$50 R/\$75 NR
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JUNIORS

The mission of Dobson Ranch junior tennis is to provide quality instruction in a fun and friendly atmosphere with a multilevel juniors program from the youngest beginners to sanctioned tournament players. Each tennis student's placement is based on age, experience and a challenge ladder. Classes combine energized drills, fun games, match play and conditioning. Our goal is for tennis students to reach a higher level of play and learn to love a sport they will play for a lifetime. Sharing the experience can make it more enjoyable, so invite a friend to join you on the courts and learn tennis together!

Junior Clinic

This class is for junior tennis players 7-12 looking for an introduction to tennis. This class will introduce basic technique through fun drills and games. Learn how to serve into the correct service box, how to keep score, how to properly rotate the racquet, and how to sustain a rally. If you don't already have a racquet, our tennis pro will fit your child for the proper racquet size during the first class.

6:00 - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly

Monday, June 3, 10, 17, 24	5675 \$40 R/\$60 NR
Wednesday, June 5, 12, 19, 26	5676 \$40 R/\$60 NR
Thursday, June 6, 13, 20, 27	5677 \$40 R/\$60 NR

8:00 - 9:00 am | Sessions: Monthly

Saturday, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	5680 \$50 R/\$75 NR
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Monthly Round Robin Social*

This monthly social is a fantastic way to meet other tennis players in the community. Players will participate in doubles and mixed-doubles matches in a round-robin format, assorted by levels. No matter what your playing level is, come out and meet other tennis players in a fun, relaxed setting.

Saturday | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

*June Social 6/15

FREE! Adult 16+ (Register in advance, space is limited.)

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Private Tennis lessons are available for individual one-on-one instruction with the Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional. Please call Kwong at 480-759-2248 or kyoung@dobsonranch.com to schedule private lessons. The Dobson Ranch tennis courts are for exclusive use of Dobson Ranch residents and of the Association Tennis Professional. Other professionals are not to teach classes, lessons or clinics on our Association courts at any time. To ensure the Ranch tennis program remains viable, Dobson Ranch residents should consult the Association Tennis Pro for all tennis instruction. No outside tennis professionals are permitted on Association courts.



Tennis Tips for May



By Kwong Young
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Communication is a key to your double's partner but it is also important to communicate to your opponents as well.

For example, announcing the score before you serve and loud enough that they can hear you to agree. The other communication is to let your opponent know if the ball was out of bounds or not.

Standing on the other side of the net, players may see things differently and calling or using a hand gesture is the proper way to communicate. There's a famous line in the movie with Paul Newman (*Cool Hand Luke*), "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

Table and Chair Rentals



Make your next at home event great with the convenience of renting tables and chairs right in your community. The Dobson Association not only rents out facilities for private rentals, but renting of chairs and tables not held on a ranch facility are also available.

We can accommodate a rental of up to 140 metal framed folding chairs and 15 rectangle 6-foot by 3-foot tables. The resident must schedule to pick up and drop off the chairs and tables at La Casita Recreation Center. A refundable security deposit of a minimum of \$50 is due in cash or credit card payment to hold your reservation. The rental cost per chair is \$0.50 and \$5.00 per table. Table and chair rental requests are made during administration hours (*except for holidays*) at La Casita Recreation Center.

Sunset Plaza Rentals

Got a special event or party planned, but don't have a venue selected? In addition to our Grande and Chica Rooms at La Casita Recreation Center, or Saratoga Recreation Center, our new outdoor **Sunset Plaza** at La Casita will be available to rent for parties and special occasions beginning Saturday, May 18.

Rental pricing for **Sunset Plaza** is as follows:

	Patio Only	Patio with Grande Room	Patio with Grande/Chica
Resident	\$125/hr	\$225/hr	\$265/hr
Non-Resident	\$250/hr	\$400/hr	\$440/hr
After-Hour Fee	N	N	N
Set-up Fee	N	N	N
Kitchen	\$75	\$75	\$75
Playground Access	Y	Y	Y
Pool Access	Y	Y	Y
Deposit	\$300	\$500	\$600

Dobson Ranch Pontoon Tour/Ride Info

Sit back, relax and take in the beauty of a Dobson Ranch lake on a pontoon ride! Tour fee is \$35 per hour with a two hour maximum. Reservations are available through the Recreation Department and require a 7-day minimum notice and are subject to weather and availability. Other rules and restrictions will apply. Don't forget... **a FREE one hour pontoon ride per year per property is available for you to enjoy!** Call 480-831-7464 for more information.



HERE'S THE SCOOP!

Build your own Ice Cream Sundaes

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ICE Cream Social

6:00-8:00 pm*
Friday, July 12, 2019
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Retirees' Club

By Al Prosek

The Dobson Ranch Retirees (DRR) continue to enjoy various activities, thanks to our Chairpersons of all of the activities listed in the Retirees' Schedule adjacent to this article.

The May program was presented by the Arizona Alliance League which does philanthropic work for children in need in the Valley. Connie and her crew provided all of us with another tasty lunch.

A few of our activities will be curtailed until the Fall, but we will still have **Dinner Night Out, Ladies Lunch, Men's Breakfast, Game Day, Movie Day, and Happy Hour.** Hiking and Biking will be happening on a reduced schedule.

Our June and July meeting is held at La Casita as a social-only gathering with each attendee bringing an appetizer or dessert to share. Come visit us as we would love to see those interested in meeting in a more social setting, and to get to know your fellow ranch neighbors! Please refer to the June schedule adjacent to this article.

Many of our Club friends head back to other areas of the country at this time of year. We all wish them safe journeys and cooler climates compared to our extended hot season.

Retirees' Schedule

GENERAL MEETING

The Club's regular General Meeting will be held on Monday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm at La Casita Recreation Center. This is an informal social gathering with those attending bringing either an appetizer or dessert.

BOARD MEETING

The Board Meeting will be held on May 20th at 9:00 am, with all board members attending at La Casita.

The following is a list of activities open to all Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club members. If you are interested in any of the following, please contact that committee chair to receive more information.

DAY TRIPPERS	Marilyn Reiling	480-831-5129
	Marilyn Krouse	480-620-9311
DINNER NIGHT	Francine Tedder	602-809-7792
HAPPY HOUR	Tanya Andrew	602-723-9106
MEN'S BREAKFAST	Dick Cottle	480-839-4342
MOVIE DAY	Judie Bielo	480-820-7371
FUN & GAME DAY	Judie Bielo	480-820-7371
LADIES LUNCH	Jeanne Collins	480-353-8604
BICYCLE RIDING	Arnie Chase	480-838-4124
	<i>Rides subject to change after May 15th.</i>	
HIKING	Barbara Stout	602-740-3213
	<i>Hikes subject to change in May.</i>	
PICNICS	Nancy Radisich	480-831-5732

If you like these activities and you are interested in joining the Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club, please contact Dovie at dlbryant1@cox.net.

Photos shown below from **Retirees' General Meeting** on April 1



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It's Time to Return to Our Summer Hours

By Rich Bitner

Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

Another amazing Easter Tournament followed by brunch is in the books, so it's time to return to our Summer hours. Dobson Ranch Pickleball Group wound up the Winter neighborhood tournament schedule with a 10-team "mostly mixed" Round Robin on Easter Saturday. As you will see from the photo collage below, the only men's team drew straws to determine who would wear the skirt! It was a beautiful Spring day and we celebrated the occasion with a brunch afterwards. The Gillies/Mizner Art Studios produced another original artistic seasonal pickleball ornament for all those participating!

Our Winter visitors have all departed for home, and we will start missing more of our resident players as they begin to make travel plans to visit the coast, the mountains, or just about anywhere else that is cooler. As of May 1st, we will return to our Summer schedule, which is a 7:00 am start on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, with Tuesday evenings under the lights remaining at 7:00 pm. We also have our social pickleball group that plays Monday and Thursday evenings under the lights at 7:00 pm.

Beginners are always welcome at all our events. We welcome everyone out to play or watch pickleball at Dobson Ranch. Come out and bring your kids to see why this is the fastest growing sport in America. We always have paddles to loan and balls available, just be sure to dress appropriately for action, including proper tennis shoes and bring lots of water.

For schedule updates please check the Dobson Ranch website at: www.dobsonranchhoa.com/activities. Or, you can contact **Rich Bitner** (rebitner@cs.com) or **Frank Mizner** (planner1948@gmail.com) for further information, to get referrals for professional instruction, and to get on our email list for announcements regarding pickleball schedules and activities. Please contact **Donna Moran** at donna85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.

As always, remember Dobson's 6 courts at the Los Altos Community Center are available to residents and their guests anytime between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm daily, another great benefit of living here!

Pickle-On!



Women's Club

By Patty Smith

Women's Club Representative

The month of May finds us winding down for the Summer. We wish all of our Ranch residents safe travels for vacations, weddings, graduations, and reunions. Congratulations to all our students graduating!

Out to Lunch in April was at *Ella's Restaurant*. Lunch was a hit.



On May 3, we went to *The Ghost Ranch* in Tempe. Very good. Well known valley chefs.

Lynn Stevens hosted us for **Bunco**. We had a good time. Lynn, thank you for the yummy food and the hostess with a big welcoming smile. **Madame X** has the next Bunco on May 16. Laurie will send out info.

This Memorial Day, let's take time to remember and be grateful to all our service members that gave the ultimate sacrifice for all of us. **Freedom Is Not Free.**

A special thank you to all our Veterans, past and present, for their service. Blessings to the families and friends that have supported and continue to support these Americans. Our thoughts and prayers to the families of the fallen. We must never forget. Be sure to fly your flags on June 14 and July 4th!

Blessings,
Patty Smith

Dobson Dolphins Swim Team

By Amy Schuler

President of Dobson Dolphins



Hi Dobson Ranch,

Summer is just around the corner and Dobson Ranch has one of the best Summer recreation swim teams at Los Altos pool. We have been swimming in the East Valley since 1980, and are a strong family tradition in the Ranch.

Our swimmers learn what it's like to be part of a team in a fun and motivating environment. The minimum requirement is the ability to swim the length of the pool and have an understanding of freestyle. We spend a lot of time practicing stroke technique and endurance. The swim team is for students age 5-17.

Registration is open. Be sure to check out our website at dobsondolphins.com to register and for swim time and fees. We also accept walk-in registration the first week of practice, May 28-May 31. See you at the pool!



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June 15	"Dinosaurs"	Games
June 22	"Pets"	Movies
June 29	"Into the Jungle"	Presentations
July 6	Water Slides	SNACKS
July 13	Back to School	

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Dobson Ranch Democrats & Friends Club

By **Jill Snyder**, Treasurer
Ryan Winkle, Vice President

Please Attend Our Open Meetings!

WHEN: Wednesday, June 12, 2019
6:00 – 6:30 pm Networking
6:30 – 8:00 pm Meeting and Program

WHERE: El Autentico Restaurant
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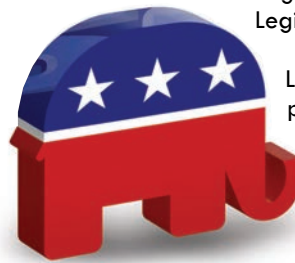
Dobson Ranch Republicans

By **Bob Schuster**
Chairman, Dobson Ranch Republicans

Anyone living in or near Dobson Ranch who shares the conservative values of limited government and more individual freedom is invited to attend our regular meetings the first Thursday of each month.

Our next meeting is Thursday, June 6, at 6:30 pm, at **Native Grill & Wings**, 1837 W. Guadalupe Road, Mesa. We meet in the community room, where you can dine on Native's terrific food (no host), meet interesting neighbors, hear informative guest speakers, and share views on the evolving local and national political landscapes as we enter the 2020 political season.

Find out how you can get involved and make a difference at the neighborhood level and also at the Legislative District 18 and State levels.



Look for updates on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Dobson-RanchRepublicans).

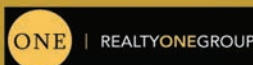
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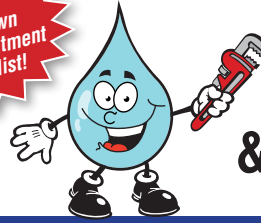
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Programs at the Dobson Ranch Library

May 18 - June 8, 2019



Paws2Read

Saturday, May 18, 2019

10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Dobson Ranch Branch

Pets like books, too! Come read with Paws2Read registered therapy animals and their handlers.

STEAM at the Ranch: Build a Marble Run

Monday, May 20, 2019

4:00 - 5:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Stretch your imagination using science! Each week we'll do hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering, art, or math. Grades 1-6.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

10:30 am - 11:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

Join us for songs, stories, words, letters, numbers, and general silliness in this storytime designed to get children ready for kindergarten. Ages 3-5.

Coding Around

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

You don't need to be a computer whiz to learn the fundamentals of coding. We'll use logic games and exercises to help children build cognitive skills that will be a strong foundation for learning how to code. Ages 6-8.



Baby Lapsit

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

9:30 am - 10:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

Baby Lapsit introduces the rhythm and beauty of language to babies. Birth-16 months.

Toddler Time

Thursday, May 23, 2019

10:30 am - 11:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

Toddler time incorporates stories, music and movement into an engaging storytime for children. Ages 16-36 months.

Code Commanders

Thursday, May 23, 2019

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Ever wanted to learn how to code? Learn how to make computer games and websites -- no previous computer or coding experience necessary. Follow our lessons at your own pace, and you'll be coding in no time! Ages 8-12.



LEGO Club

Saturday, May 25, 2019

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Come explore your creative side at the library with LEGO. Children can either follow a monthly theme or build from their imaginations. LEGO and DUPLO blocks are provided.



Monday, May 27 - Library **CLOSED** for Memorial Day

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

10:30 am - 11:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

Join us for songs, stories, words, letters, numbers, and general silliness in this storytime designed to get children ready for kindergarten. Ages 3-5.



Coding Around

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

You don't need to be a computer whiz to learn the fundamentals of coding. We'll use logic games and exercises to help children build cognitive skills that will be a strong foundation for learning how to code. Ages 6-8.

Baby Lapsit

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

9:30 am - 10:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

Baby Lapsit introduces the rhythm and beauty of language to babies. Birth-16 months.

Toddler Time

Thursday, May 30, 2019

10:30 am - 11:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

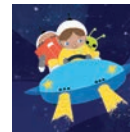
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Summer Reading Program Kickoff

Saturday, June 1, 2019

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and join us for out of this word crafts!

Lunch at the Library

Monday, June 3, 2019

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Kids and teens (ages 0-18), join us for lunch at the library. Fill up with healthy food and learn a thing or two! Meals must be eaten on site, so have a seat and enjoy an activity provided by the library.

STEAM at the Ranch: Negative Space Sun and Moon

Monday, June 3, 2019

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Stretch your imagination using science! Each week we'll do hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering, art, or math. Grades 1-6.



Arizona Movies: Westerns & More/Marshall Shore

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

The landscape across Arizona has made it a prime location for not only Western movies, but for the likes of Walt Disney and Andy Warhol as well. Join Marshall Shore, Arizona's Hip Historian, in a fascinating look at cinema history in Arizona.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

10:30 am - 11:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

Join us for songs, stories, words, letters, numbers, and general silliness in this storytime designed to get children ready for kindergarten. Ages 3-5.



Lunch at the Library

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Kids and teens (ages 0-18), join us for lunch at the library. Fill up with healthy food and learn a thing or two! Meals must be eaten on site, so have a seat and enjoy an activity provided by the library.



Programs at the Dobson Ranch Library

Continued



K-Code Storytime

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

10:30 am - 11:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

K-Code Storytime introduces basic coding concepts to families through songs, stories, games, and interactive plugged and unplugged activities. Ages 3-5.

Baby Lapsit

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

9:30 am - 10:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

Baby Lapsit introduces the rhythm and beauty of language to babies. Birth-16 months.



Zoo to You: Wonderfully Weird

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

In the animal kingdom, nothing is quite as it seems. In this program presented by the Phoenix Zoo, we will meet commonly misunderstood animals as we discover:

Is truth stranger than fiction? This program has limited space, tickets will be handed out starting one hour prior to program start at info desk.

Let's Play With Paper

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

6:00 pm - 7:30pm - Dobson Meeting Room

The first Wednesday of each month get creative with all kinds of paper. We will work on a new project to make greeting cards, decorative origami, paper books/journals, and a lot more. Ages 18+.

Toddler time

Thursday, June 6, 2019

10:30 am - 11:00 am - Dobson Meeting Room

Toddler time incorporates stories, music and movement into an engaging storytime for children. Ages 16-36 months.



Teen Paint "Night"

Thursday, June 6, 2019

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Participants will be lead through a Happy Little Trees painting on an 8"x10" canvas board by an instructor. No experience necessary and all supplies will be provided. Ages 13-18.

Code Commanders

Thursday, June 6, 2019

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

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Lunch at the Library

Friday, June 7, 2019

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

Kids and teens (ages 0-18), join us for lunch at the library. Fill up with healthy food and learn a thing or two! Meals must be eaten on site, so have a seat and enjoy an activity provided by the library.



Trivia "Night": Bob's Burgers

Saturday, June 8, 2019

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Dobson Meeting Room

If "danger" is your middle name (but it's spelled "Ruth") or you find yourself wondering if horses get songs stuck in their heads, you may need to head on over to Trivia

"Night": Bob's Burgers. Come as an individual or a team. Light refreshments will be served. Ages 14+.

Mesa Chamber of Commerce

Mesa Chamber Member Orientation

Thursday, May 16, 2019

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Mesa Chamber Office - 165 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, AZ

The member orientation is a great opportunity to set a plan in motion to get the most out of your chamber membership. Members of ANY tenure are invited to attend.

Mesa Government Affairs Council

Friday, May 17, 2019

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Mesa Chamber Office - 165 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, AZ

Members are invited to attend this monthly council meeting with regards to Government Affairs and how the Chamber works to support business in that environment.

Taste of Mesa

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Chateau - 7000 E. Main Street, Mesa, AZ

Taste of Mesa is an evening networking event produced by the Mesa Chamber of Commerce that provides the perfect mix of casual interaction with important business connections.

Coffee Time - Friendly Auto Centers

Thursday, May 23, 2019

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Friendly Auto Centers - 5026 E. Main Street, #25, Mesa, AZ

Attendees to the Chamber's Coffee Time will join local business owners and fellow Chamber Members in an informal networking opportunity. Coffee Time is held at sponsored business locations and reservations are not required.

Women's Business Connection

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Hilton Phoenix/Mesa - 1011 W. Holmes Avenue, Mesa, AZ

The Women's Business Connection provides information and a networking forum for professional women looking to enhance their business skills.

Mesa's Morning Mixer

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Hohokam Stadium - 1235 N. Center Street, Mesa, AZ

Mesa Morning Mixer is held the first Tuesday of each month and allows Chamber Members to host an open house at their business, inviting attendees to a first-hand view of their facilities and products or services. This is a CASH ONLY EVENT.

Ribbon Cutting / Open House: Modern Acupuncture Dana Park

Friday, June 7, 2019

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Modern Acupuncture Dana Park - 1652 S. Val Vista Drive, #105, Mesa, AZ

Join us for this great opportunity to meet new local businesses and celebrate the success of Modern Acupuncture Dana Park. The Mesa community is invited to attend and celebrate this great day.



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This is only a partial listing of Mesa Chamber of Commerce networking events. For more information, or to register for an event, please visit the Chamber's website at www.mesachamber.org/events.



MCC Offers K-12 Summer Camps

Apps, Theatre, Multimedia, Sports and Music

Mesa Community College again offers its popular summer camps for students entering K-12. These affordable and sometimes free camps provide opportunities to have fun while learning about music, theatre, multimedia technologies, and basketball. All camps are held on MCC's Southern and Dobson Campus, 1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa. Details and registration information is available at mesacc.edu/summercamp.



MCC Multimedia Madness

6th – 8th grade
Tuition: \$199 each workshop
June 3 – 13, 2019, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Register: mesacc.edu/summercamp
Note: Class size limited and fills quickly
Director: Phil Waclawski
Information: Call 480-461-7468 or email phil.waclawski@mesacc.edu

Learn to be a wiz with photo editing and graphics creation for your best-ever Instagram memes. Plus, up your video, audio and animation skills. MMM Camp delivers fun, interactive instruction about computer graphics, photo editing, 3D modeling as well as basic video/audio editing and animation. Use popular, free, open-source software including Inkscape, Blender 3D, Gnu Image Manipulation Program, Krita, Audacity, and LMMS.

Thunderbird Basketball Camp

6th – 9th grade
Tuition: \$125
June 17 – 27, 2019, 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Register: mesacc.edu/summercamp
Directors: Sherman Forbes and Coach William Young
Information: 480-461-7048 or sherman.forbes@mesacc.edu



A skills-development basketball camp for boys and girls to increase abilities in the fundamentals of ball handling.



MCC Free Summer Music Camp: Band, Jazz, Orchestra & Choir

9th – 12th grade vocalists or instrumentalists*
May 27 - June 6, 2019
Tuition: FREE
9:00 am – 12:30 pm weekdays; required concerts June 6 and 7
Register: mesacc.edu/bandcamp
Directors: Robert Hunter, Paul Brewer, Craig

Peterson and Brian Murphy
Information: 480-461-7575

This extremely popular music camp features educators and professional musicians to nurture young talent in Mesa Community College's impressive Performing Arts Center. Required concerts the evenings of June 8 and June 9. The MCC Summer Music Camp is tuition FREE through the donations of MCC Performing Arts Center supporters, the college, faculty, and staff.

*Open only to incoming 9th grade through high school senior students who are band, jazz, orchestral musicians, or vocalists. Camp placement is limited based on instrumentation and enrollment. Students 9th grade and older will be held a spot with a successful audition and completed application packet.

MCC Kids App Camp

6th – 8th grade
Tuition: \$199
June 17 – 27, 2019, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Register: mesacc.edu/summercamp
Note: Class size limited and fills quickly.
Director: Michelle Traveler
Information: 480-461-7221 or michelle.traveler@mesacc.edu

Learning to make apps is fun, exciting and lucrative! At App Camp, students create a basic app, learn how to program a robot using Swift code and find out what it takes to submit an app to iTunes App Store.



MCC Theatre - May 17 at 7:30 to 9:30 pm

General Public - \$15.00, Student/Senior (55+) Staff/Military - \$9.00. Tickets are available online, by phone (480-462-7172) or at the Box Office.

Mesa Community College Theatre & Film Arts presents National Theatre Live's broadcast of *I'm Not Running*.

I'm Not Running is an explosive new play by David Hare, premiering at the National Theatre and broadcast live to cinemas.

Pauline Gibson has spent her life as a doctor, the inspiring leader of a local health campaign. When she crosses paths with her old boyfriend, a stalwart loyalist in Labour Party politics, she's faced with an agonising decision. What's involved in sacrificing your private life and your piece of mind for something more than a single issue? Does she dare?

Directions and Parking:

The MCCC Theatre is located on the south side of the Southern and Dobson campus, just east of Dobson Avenue. Parking is free.



MCC Magic of Musical Theatre

5th – 12th grade (Workshops 1 and 2)
Tuition: \$285 each workshop
June 3 – 15, 1:30 – 5:30 pm (Workshop 1)
June 17 – 28, 1:30 – 5:30 pm (Workshop 2)
Register: mesacc.edu/summercamp
Directors: Sue Anne Lucius and Lindsey Maxson
Information: Alma Quiros, 480-461-7575

Young, budding Broadway stars take to the stage in these camps at MCC's Magic of Musical Theatre.

MCC Magic Music Kidz

K- 4th grade (Workshop 3)
Tuition: \$150 each workshop
June 17 – 26, 11:00 am – 12:50 pm
Directors: Sue Anne Lucius and Lindsey Maxson
Information: Alma Quiros, 480-461-7575

Magic Music Kidz is a two-week musical theatre workshop for K-4th graders to explore singing techniques, choreographed movements and creative drama through Broadway tunes.



Six Mesa District Schools Earn A+ Award



Six Mesa schools have been named among the best K-12 public schools in the state. These six outstanding schools are winners of 2019 A+ School of Excellence™ awards from the Arizona Educational Foundation:

- **Emerson Elementary School**, Christel Swinehart-Arbogast, *Principal*
- **Ishikawa Elementary School**, David Shill, *Principal*
- **Lincoln Elementary School**, Josh Henderson, *Principal*
- **Mendoza Elementary School**, Deb Lynch, *Principal*
- **Sirrine Elementary School**, Renee Parker, *Principal*
- **Washington Elementary School**, Michele Grimaldi, *Principal*

"The A+ School of Excellence™ program celebrates outstanding schools throughout Arizona, calling attention to the positive stories and successes occurring in public schools," explains Kim Graham, AEF executive director. "The application and evaluation process for this program is comprehensive and rigorous. We applaud these schools for exceeding expectations to meet their students' needs and for achieving overall success despite the many challenges that face the education community statewide."

Since 1983, the foundation has honored A+ Schools of Excellence™ to give recognition to remarkable Arizona public schools. Schools submit applications that document demographic information, current programs and practices, parent and community involvement, leadership, and commitment to excellence, equity, service and high achievement. A team of trained judges selects A+ Schools of Excellence™ after conducting site visits throughout the state.

"Emerson Elementary School is thrilled and honored to be named an A+ School of Excellence™," says Swinehart-Arbogast. "Our staff, students and community live our vision every day, and this partnership makes a difference on campus and in our neighborhood. 'What starts here, changes a community!'"

Each of this year's 52 award-winning schools receives \$500 and an A+ School of Excellence™ banner. Schools hold the A+ title for 3-1/2 years. Mesa currently has 23 A+ Schools of Excellence™, more than any other district in the state!

In the Photo: Lincoln Elementary Principal Josh Henderson reads to kindergarten students during *Read for the Record* in October 2018. (Photo by Tim Hacker/Mesa Public Schools)

Dobson Ranch Jeweler Voted "Best of Mesa"

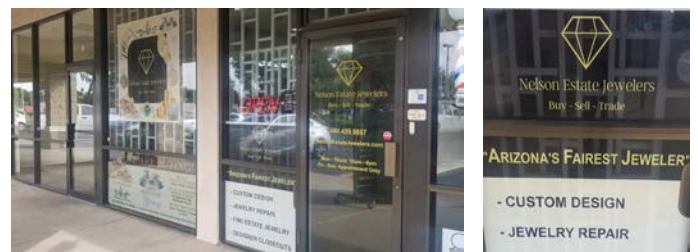
The Dobson Ranch community is currently thriving as new businesses pop up left and right. **Nelson Estate Jewelers** recently celebrated their 1-year anniversary and was also voted "**Best of Mesa 2019**" for **Best Jeweler** and **Best New Business** by the *East Valley Tribune*!

Owners **David Nelson** and his wife, **Aubrey**, Dobson Ranch residents, have recognized the importance of a tight knit community and their goal is to help cultivate that and become a permanent fixture in the neighborhood. They give back by donating the proceeds from all watch battery replacements to the United Food Bank, and supporting the local art scene by showcasing creations by local artists on their walls.

In a article printed last July by the *East Valley Tribune*, owner David Nelson predicted a positive upswing in economic trends, even going so far as to say, "If the economy stays healthy for the next three to five years, I think Dobson Ranch has the ability to become the new "Arcadia of the East Valley." Since **Nelson Estate Jewelers** has been established in the Dobson Ranch community, other new businesses and services have opened within the last year as well, including *Rain Salon*, *Ninja Cuts Barber Shop*, *Goody's Café*, and *Ella's Cuisine*, just to name a few.

"Businesses like Fine Jewelry Stores rarely open, and when they do it is because the area is flourishing." This is great news for Dobson Ranch!

If you would like more information about **Nelson Estate Jewelers**, please call David Nelson at 480-577-9677, or email dnelson@NelsonEstateJewelers.com.



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Mesa Offers Help for Electric Customers During Summer Months

Want to save up to \$48 on your City of Mesa Summer electric bills? The Energy Resources Department's Summer Electric Assistance program (SEA) is accepting applications on a first-come, first-served basis for residential customers who demonstrate a financial need.

The SEA program is available to current City of Mesa residential electric customers whose total household income is less than \$27,000 per year. The program eliminates Mesa's monthly service charge and usage charge for the first 80 kilowatt hours to help eligible customers cope with higher bills for electricity used in June, July and August. At current rates, participants can expect to save up to \$16 on their July, August and September bills.

Applicants are encouraged to apply before May 30. Applications will be accepted through August 1.

For more information, customers can visit www.mesaaz.gov/residents/energy-resources/summer-electric-assistance-sea-program or contact Energy Resources Management Assistant **Scott Clapp** at (480) 644-6907 or scott.clapp@mesaaz.gov.



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66 Tons of Water From Light Rail Testing in Mesa Donated to United Food Bank

Thanks to a creative way to test passenger weight on the new Gilbert Road light rail extension, Valley Metro, along with project contractors, Stacy & Witbeck Sundt, donated tons of water to United Food Bank.

"This is an incredible gesture by the contractors and Mesa is absolutely thrilled that they chose to use bottled water instead of sand for their weight test," Mesa Mayor **John Giles** said. "It's a great idea that shows they think about how they can help the community they are working in."

The life-saving donation of 55 pallets, or 115,500 bottles of water weighing approximately 66 tons, will be distributed to unsheltered and homeless people during the extreme heat of the Summer.

"With this donation of water, we've accomplished two very important things: safety testing of the new Gilbert Road Extension and helping United Food Bank support this summer's hydration needs for people in eastern Arizona," said **Scott Smith**, Valley Metro CEO.

Stacy & Witbeck Sundt, construction contractor, is building the 1.9 mile light rail extension and using water instead of sandbags for safety testing. All 115,500 bottles of water were loaded and stacked by hand on four light rail trains. After testing was complete, Food City hauled the water in three semi-trailer truckloads from Valley Metro's Operations and Maintenance Center to United Food Bank's warehouse in Mesa.

"This water could not have arrived at a better time," said **Dave Richins**, United Food Bank president and CEO. "As the heat starts to increase, so will the need of purified drinking water in our nearly 20,000 square mile service area."

United Food Bank distributes water to numerous nonprofit organizations throughout the Valley and eastern Arizona including Paz de Cristo, Mesa United Way and A New Leaf – East Valley Men's Shelter.

The Gilbert Road Extension will extend light rail on Main Street from Mesa Drive to Gilbert Road, attracting new riders and increasing development opportunities in central Mesa. The Gilbert Road Extension officially opens Saturday, May 18 with a public ceremony from 9 a.m. to noon at the new park-and-ride on the Southwest corner of Main Street and Gilbert Road. For more details, visit www.valleymetro.org.





Falcon Warbirds' Fly-In Pancake Breakfast & Impala Bob's Classic Car Show



Come to Falcon Field Airport hungry on Saturday, May 18 for the pancake breakfast and classic car show hosted by the Falcon Warbirds in collaboration with Impala Bob's and Civil Air Patrol Falcon Squadron 305.

Visit with the pilots and car owners, share stories, and see their restored vehicles! Enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, orange juice, and coffee!

Tickets are \$8 per plate, and proceeds support the community service activities of EAA Warbird Squadron 50.

For the safety of your furry friends, please leave dogs at home (except for service animals)! Dogs and airplanes do not mix well!

For more information visit www.falconwarbirds.com, or call Scott at 602-705-4413 or Dick at 602-549-8892.

Desert Challenge Games



More than 300 athletes from 12 countries will compete in the Desert Challenge Games May 22-26 at Kino Aquatic Center and Broadway Recreation Center in Mesa, and at venues in Tempe and Phoenix. The **Desert Challenge Games** are a

multi-day competition for people with a physical, visual or intellectual disability. The 2019 event will be part of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix. The event is free. For more information, visit www.desertchallengegames.com.

Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign

The City of Mesa is working with nonprofit agencies and businesses to provide supplies of water to people in need. The 13th annual Mesa Hydration Donation Campaign runs from June 3 through September 27. Residents will be asked to donate water at various drop-off locations, including Dobson Ranch, throughout the City.

For a list of drop-off locations, visit www.mesaaz.gov/H2Omesa. The water is distributed through United Food Bank to numerous agencies in the valley, including A New Leaf-East Valley Men's Center, Paz de Cristo and Mesa United Way.

Dobson Ranch Residents - Watch for more information about how you can donate to this special cause coming your way soon.



Mesa Arts Center: Something for Everyone

Arts in Service Exhibition - FREE EVENT

Friday, May 17, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Drawing and Painting Studios



Arts in Service is a program that provides creative pathways for veterans and service members to use studio arts experiences in reaching their goals during and post-service. This exhibition showcases artwork created over the course of the program. Bring your entire family to celebrate the accomplishments of these veterans and service members. Refreshments will be served.

Shows: *In The Heights*

May 17 - June 2, 2:30 & 7:30 pm
Nesbitt/Elliott Playhouse



Lin-Manuel Miranda, of Hamilton fame, had his first Broadway hit with this lively musical depiction of life in the Washington Heights neighborhood of upper Manhattan. The story explores the need for family and the question of 'what is home?' within a framework of Latin music, rap, and traditional musical theatre ballads.

Winner of the Best Musical Tony Award in 2008.

Spark at Dark - FREE EVENT

Saturday, May 18, 8:00 - 11:00 pm
Mesa Arts Center



Fade the lights and turn up the music at the last **Spark At Dark** event this season. Mesa Arts Center's campus will be taken over by a new artist with a unique, crazy-fun theme -- complete with live art, live music, great eats, tasty adult drinks, and much more. Did we mention it's **FREE!**

Summer Arts Classes Begin May 27



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What's Happening at the i.d.e.a. Museum?

Summer Ice Cream Social

Friday, May 24

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

We're cooling off and kicking off the first day of Summer break with an ice cream social! Smash ice blocks, paint with icicles and make ice cream from scratch!

Ages: 4-12

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Waymo Plans Big Expansion of Driverless Car Operations in Mesa

Self-driving car company Waymo plans to more than double its Arizona operations this year with a new Technical Service Center in Mesa, which the company says will create hundreds of jobs once fully operational.

Waymo brought its self-driving vehicles to Chandler in 2016 and now has a 60,000-square-foot garage and operations center there, with hundreds of vehicles driving test routes and carrying passengers in the region.

The vehicles operate autonomously in a special “geofenced” area that includes portions of Chandler, Tempe, Mesa, and Ahwatukee.

The Mesa Technical Service Center will be larger than Chandler’s at 85,000 square feet when it opens in a few months, which will more than double the company’s presence in the cities east of Phoenix. The facility will be in an industrial center near Broadway and Dobson roads, Mesa Mayor **John Giles** said.

“Our new Mesa service center gives us the ability to expand our fleet and presence in the region,” said **Dezbah Hatathli**, the local policy and community manager at Waymo “The location will allow us to scale and act as another great dispatch location for *Waymo One* (a paid ride service using the self-driving cars).”

More than 20,000 people have signed up on the company’s website to participate in the “early rider” program, which is used to test public interaction with the vehicles and the company’s capabilities.

“In our early rider program, we are actively evaluating new territory to expand for our early riders,” Hatathli said. “We not only rely on our riders to tell us where they might want to go in new territories, but we also depend on their feedback to better understand things like routing, pick-ups and drop-offs.

The company, which is owned by the same company as Google, doesn’t disclose exactly how many vehicles operate in Arizona other than to say the majority of its 600 vehicles operating nationwide are here.

The “hundreds” of people expected to work at the Mesa facility will include self-driving fleet technicians and operations workers, she said.

“We offer competitive compensation packages at Waymo, including base salary and other perks,” Hatathli said. When the service first launched in Arizona, test drivers were offered \$20 an hour.

“Keep an eye on our careers site where we’ll post specific job openings over weeks and months to come,” she said.

Paid Service Expanding

In December of 2018, Waymo launched its paid ride service called *Waymo One* using its autonomous vehicles, which runs much like Lyft or Uber services, though safety drivers still sit behind the wheel in those vehicles most of the time. Now, the early rider and *Waymo One* services operate simultaneously.

“As the service scales, we want to make sure *Waymo One* riders’ experience is excellent, which means continuing to fine tune our driving style, creating a customized rider experience, making routes more efficient, and streamlining pick-up and drop-off locations,” Hatathli explained.

Arizona is a Good Test Ground

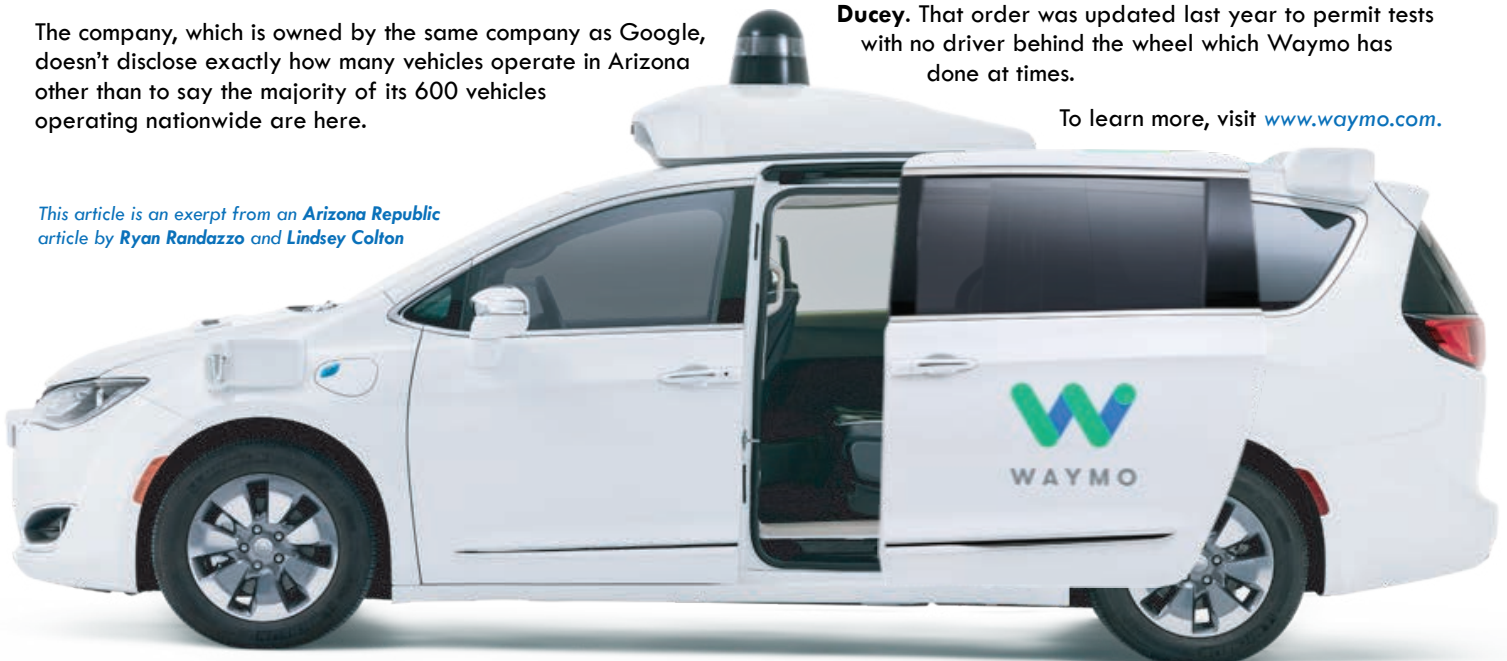
Arizona is a good place to expand for a variety of reasons. “Metro Phoenix offers everything we’ve needed to build safe and reliable self-driving technology: a large area with broad, yet complex, city streets to practice on; a wide-spread suburban population that relies heavily on vehicle transport; and, of course, lots of gorgeous sunny days to drive in while we also invest in further weather testing,” a recent company announcement read.

“Most importantly, metro Phoenix is an innovation-minded region that shares our vision of improving mobility for all.”

Self-driving cars were first welcomed to Arizona in 2015 through an executive order from Republican Governor **Doug Ducey**. That order was updated last year to permit tests with no driver behind the wheel which Waymo has done at times.

To learn more, visit www.waymo.com.

*This article is an excerpt from an Arizona Republic article by **Ryan Randazzo** and **Lindsey Colton***





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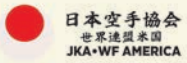
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