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Message From the Association President



By **Allen Johnson**
Association President

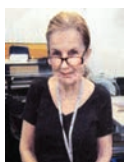
Recognizing Two Departing Board Members for Their Years of Service

I hope you had a wonderful Easter and are enjoying the spring weather. Hopefully, you had a chance to join us at our social-ly-distanced **Family Drive-In Movie Night**, or participate in our **Social Media Photo Hunt** and **Egg Decorating Contest**. Thank you to our Recreation team for making these awesome virtual events possible. Our staff and volunteers have gone above and beyond to make these offerings available in lieu of traditional gatherings. We sincerely hope our ability to resume in-person events is just around the corner. Keep monitoring the **Events Calendar** on our website for updates.

The **March Board Meeting** included a continuing discussion about the need to re-invest in our community's infrastructure. Several notable projects were approved by the Board, including re-roofing our maintenance facility and La Casita Recreation Center, sealcoating the parking lot at the Los Altos Recreation Center and engaging with an architect to redesign and potentially remodel our Saratoga Recreation Center.

The Board also had pleasure of voting to sponsor one of our local **Girl Scout Troops (Troup # 1213)** on their Bronze Award Project. They recognized the opportunity to install a "Buddy Bench" at Franklin at Alma Elementary School's playground. By sitting on the "Buddy Bench," a student signals their interest in making a new friend. It's a heartwarming concept and we couldn't be happier to help these girls make it happen.

Finally, I'd like to recognize two very special volunteers who are departing from the Board of Directors at the conclusion of their terms this month.



Joan Long spent many years volunteering on our Recreation, Master Planning and Budget & Finance Committees. She served as Treasurer while on the Board, and has been deeply committed to ensuring our Members receive the very best in return for their investment. Joan has a sincere passion for making Dobson Ranch the "best place to live!"



In addition to serving as Board Secretary, **Louie Thiele** chaired the Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee (a.k.a. the "DRAC") through a pivotal time. During his leadership, the DRAC underwent a significant transformation. Their hard work spent updating our Residential Architectural Guidelines resulted in a process that is easy to understand, fair in its interpretation of our governing documents and factors in tradition and common sense. This revised protocol sets the foundation for maintaining the best possible aesthetic in our community. Louie's mix of wit, humor and strong work ethic have made him an esteemed member of our group.

We're grateful to Joan and Louie for their service, and wish them the very best.

Be well!

Executive Director's Message



By **Lynelle Glysson**
Executive Director

Most Common Questions Answered

I receive many inquiries from the "Contact Us" form on the website. I thought I would answer a few common questions in my article this month.

Do I have to submit an architectural review for my project?

This question gets asked for things like roofs, landscape, paint, and other various projects. The answer is normally yes. However, it is usually an easy process. The Dobson Ranch Architectural Committee has delegated some approvals to the office. Those are replacing roofs, painting your house with an approved color, replacing windows and solar panels. You will still need to submit an application, and that can be found on our website under Documents and Forms. Larger projects such as sheds, additions and other permanent structures will need the approval of the DRAC. They meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

I received a violation letter, and I do not believe I have a violation.

On occasion, a resident will get a letter from our office pointing out an issue we believe is in violation of the governing documents. We typically issue a "Friendly Reminder" first. We don't start with a violation since residents are not often aware that they are in violation of our governing documents. We want to give residents the benefit of the doubt and time to correct anything that may be elevated to a violation. And, on occasion, we are wrong. Our "Friendly Reminder" acknowledges that we can be wrong about a seeming violation. If you do get a letter of any kind from our office, please call our office and we are happy to work with you on whatever the issue is... even if it is a profuse apology.

Where is my statement? I have not received my coupon book! What are our annual assessments? I was set up on autopay and payments have not come out of my bank account.

As of January 2020, The Dobson Association, Inc. sends out our quarterly statements. You should have received yours recently in the mail. We stopped sending coupon books in 2019, due to a relatively new law that requires us to send statements. The annual assessments are \$552.00. In June 2020, we switched banks from Washington Federal to CIT. If you had your assessments on autopay, you would need to update your payments with CIT. You can go to our website to make a payment, or go directly to: <https://propertypay.cit.com/> You will need the information below to pay online:

Management ID: 1194

Association ID: OODR

Account Number: The first 9 numbers of your account number on your statement.

If you want to set up autopay with your bank, please use our new lockbox address: PO Box 98148, Phoenix, AZ 85038

Until we can come together in person, let us stay **#DobsonRanch-Strong** while we are **#HomeontheRanch!** Thank you for the continued support of your neighbors, Board and staff.



Water Awareness



By Craig A. Wilson
Water Resources Manager

Water Quality

Recently the City of Mesa mailed a flyer to each homeowner reporting on the current water quality inspection made on the drinking water we consume. When you turn on your tap, you want to know the water is clean and safe. Since the founding of Dobson Ranch, the City of Mesa has been providing water that meets more than 100 state and federal drinking water standards to provide clean and safe water.

As discussed in a previous article, water is ubiquitous, it is everywhere. Been there, done that tends to pick up a lot of baggage and in the world of water quality that baggage is called contamination. Some contamination presents no problems for our households, but some contaminates are bad for our health. Some contaminates are from natural sources while others are byproducts of our daily lives. Lead, copper and arsenic can be traced to the ground through which the water flows before it enters our drinking water supply. Other chemicals, like Trichloroethylene (a solvent) or Dibromochloropropane (a pesticide) enter the drinking water supply as run-off from spills and other contaminated locations. Microbial contaminants, like bacteria and viruses, can be washed out of contaminated soil near agricultural operations (farms). The list goes on.

How do we deal with these and other baggage that gets picked up by water before it enters our water supply? One way is to buy bottled water. That, however, creates more problems than it solves. Bottled water must meet the same standards as tap water, only it is delivered in plastic cylinders that are a contaminant themselves, maybe not to us directly, but to some part of nature. The other way is to insure the City of Mesa continues to provide safe and clean drinking water, which it has been doing for over 100 years.



Mesa Pumping Station

The City of Mesa relies on three sources for our drinking water: the Salt and Verde Rivers, the Colorado River and ground water pumped from 34 wells around Mesa. In 2011, 49% of the potable water supplied to our area came from the Colorado River via

the CAP canal, 45% came from the Salt River Project system and 6% came from the City of Mesa wells. One of these wells is located on the Dobson Ranch Golf Course.

Tests are routinely conducted to monitor for the presence of these elements and measures taken to limit their concentrations. Removing them from our drinking water is an effort and expense. Wasting water negates all that effort, effort we pay the City of Mesa to perform. Remember, clean water is abundant to those that use it wisely.

Message From the Editor



By Nancy Roggio
Communications Manager

A Warm Welcome Back

The Dobson Ranch HOA office officially reopened on Monday, March 15, after being closed to our residents for one full year. During that time, I had been working from home and managed to get things done without ever missing a beat.

When Lynelle asked me about my plans to come back to the office, I was hesitant to return immediately, as I did not have both of my COVID vaccine shots. But, I was scheduled to get the second shot in the next few weeks. I originally planned to head back to the office on April 1, but postponed my re-start date to April 5th, after the Easter holiday.

I'll be honest, I had mixed feelings about coming back to work in the office again. So, I decided to make a list of the pros and cons of coming back to the office full time.

Here's what I will miss:

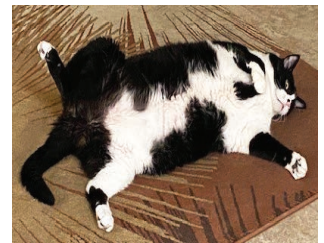
- Going barefoot or wearing slippers all day.
- My 15-step commute from my living room to my home office.
- Starting my workday at 7:30 am with a fresh cup of coffee.
- Having a window in my home office.
- Watching an episode of *Friends* on my lunch break.
- My personal phone not ringing one time the entire day.

- Being able to concentrate when writing, editing or proof-reading without interruptions.
- Having my two cats come visit and "talk" to me in my office several times a day.
- Ending my day at 4:30 pm and commuting 15 steps to my living room.

Here's what I won't miss:

- Monday morning Manager's Meetings via Zoom.
- Being out of the office "loop" at home.
- My **30-pound** (no, not a typo!) cat, Catillac, falling asleep on top of my feet under my desk every day.

I am extremely thankful for being given the option to work from home over the past year in order to stay safe. The experience makes me appreciate seeing my co-workers and Dobson Ranch residents all the more.



It's good to be back!

If you have a message or **Letter to the Editor** you'd like us to share with our readers, please email your comments to nroggio@dobsonranch.com. The copy deadline for the **May Ranchers' RoundUp** is April 20, 2021.

Please use the same email address above to send your reviews, comments and suggestions for future issues. We'd love to hear from you!



NOT GETTING OUR WEEKLY EMAIL BLASTS?

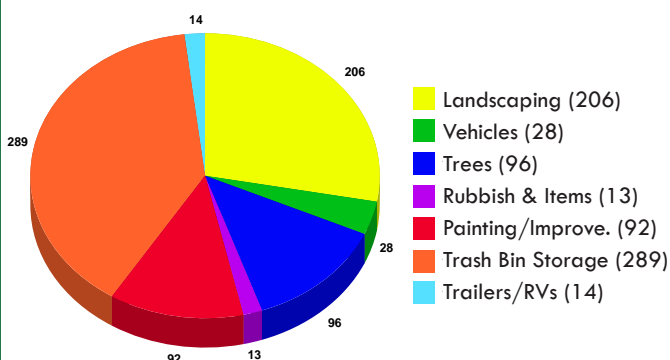
Send your email address to nroggio@dobsonranch.com to be added onto our mailing list to receive important announcements from the Executive Director.

CC&R Notices

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By Nancy Roggio
Ranchers' RoundUp Editor

Our April Green Thumb Award goes to **Edward and Kathleen Gast** at 2466 S. Los Altos.

This home definitely caught my eye on my drive around the Ranch! Not only was the lawn as green and manicured as can be, but the colorful flowering accents were a "Welcome Spring" visual treat. Loved the ornate fountain on the patio, too. Two green thumbs up!

Homeowners taking pride in their property like the Gasts is what makes Dobson Ranch indisputably... *the best place to live!*



Congratulations Edward & Kathleen!



There are many impressive and well-manicured yards in Dobson Ranch that it's hard to pick just one each month. If you would like your yard or a neighbor's yard featured in a future issue of *RoundUp*, email nroggio@dobsonranch.com.



Spring Is in the Air!

by Camille Gonzales, Operations Manager



Now that we are slowly moving into warmer weather, many homeowners are looking to get started on home projects such as house painting, landscape work and tree planting.

Before starting any home project, please make sure to refer to your **Dobson Ranch Residential Architectural Guidelines**. Here is where you will find Dobson Ranch's Architectural rules and what is and is not allowed. Homeowners can find both the **Residential Architectural Guidelines** and the **Architectural Application** on the Dobson Ranch website.

Painting - All colors for exterior surfaces must be taken from the **Dobson Ranch Color Code**, which shall consist of a color palette range. This color range includes base and trim colors and can be found on the Dobson Ranch website. Any repainting, redecorating or other change of an exterior surface will require prior written approval from the DRAC. Exterior paint should be maintained and/or repainted when the existing paint has deteriorated.

Landscape - All visible yard areas shall be landscaped. Landscaping may consist of grass, trees, plants, shrubs, decorative stone, artificial turf, or other materials approved by the DRAC. Exposed dirt is not an approved landscape

material. All landscaping projects need to be approved by the DRAC committee. When filling out the Architectural Application for landscaping, please remember to review the check list attached to the sheet and be as detailed as possible with pictures, sketches, what type of plants and location, and size and color of pavers.

Trees - All Dobson Ranch front yards shall have and maintain a minimum of one live tree (15-gallon size or larger) and two live shrubs (5-gallon size or larger) and must be permanently planted in the ground. Due to the lack of rain Arizona has had last year and so far this year, there are many dead trees throughout the neighborhood. Luckily, with the help of the **SRP Free Shade Tree Program**, many Dobson Ranch homeowners were able to get free trees to replace their dead ones. Please remember to maintain trees by trimming or removing dead branches.

Please remember when filling out the Architectural Application to be as DETAILED as possible. This will help the DRAC make an informed decision. When applications are not filled out correctly or have missing information, it can stall the approval process. If you have any questions regarding filling out the applications, please feel free to contact the main office and I would be happy to assist you.

Do Cats Need to Roam Outside?

We have a short quiz for you cat fanciers. Answer true or false to each statement below:

1. Cats need some "outdoor time" when they can roam free.
2. Cats that roam freely outside live shorter lives than those that live indoors.
3. Cats that roam freely outside don't present a significant nuisance to others.

The first and third questions are false and the second is true. Often people let their cats roam freely in the neighborhood because they think that their cats need some outside time. There is no evidence that cats "need" to roam freely outside. They are not harmed physically or behaviorally if they do not get outside. Certainly there are some cats that are very persistent about wanting to go outside, especially those that have been outside cats in the past. They can meow, howl, pester and try to dash out the door or even try to break out of windows. This can be distressing to owners and sometimes the easiest way to deal with such pesky pets is to just let them out. This is not a good idea because it shortens the lives of cats to be allowed to roam freely outside. They can be injured in fights with other cats, by dogs and wild animals such as coyotes, owls, snakes, scorpions and bobcats. Or they may be killed by cars and trucks and subject to diseases from other animals or carcinogenic chemicals like pesticides.

Cats that roam freely can also become a significant nuisance to the community by eliminating in neighboring gardens and yards, by digging up plants, killing wild birds and small

animals, getting into fights with neighbor cats, and clawing outdoor furniture cushions, and, if they are not spayed or neutered, by reproducing and often leaving kittens that end up in shelters. Roaming cats can also harass indoor cats by threatening them, attacking them through windows and doors and by spraying the outside of neighboring houses. Such harassment can lead the indoor cats to spray, fight with other indoor cats or even attack their owners.

If you have an outdoor cat, the best thing you can do for your pet is to bring the cat inside and make her an indoor cat. If your indoor cat wants to go outside, try to distract the cat with play or attention when it gets pesky. If this doesn't help, try putting your cat on a time-out away from the doors until it has quieted down. Try to enrich her environment with toys, things to climb and things to scratch. If these things don't work and you feel you need to give the cat some outside time, either build an outside cage, where the cat can be outside but safe, or cat-proof your backyard so the cat cannot escape and let her out back when she wants out. If these things are not feasible, consider putting your cat on a harness and leash and taking her outside under supervision.

This article was written by Daniel Estep, Ph.D. and Suzanne Hetts, Ph.D., and was published in the *Rocky Mountain News*.

The article comes to you as a direct request made by Dobson Ranch residents **Mary** and **Mike MacVittie**.



Landscaping Tips



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Tips for Hard Pruning Shrubs

Rejuvenation and renovation (or renewal) pruning are forms or techniques of hard pruning. These extreme methods of pruning shrubs can restore vigor to old, neglected, overgrown or misshapen shrubs. These techniques involve cutting some shrubs to the ground or leaving only 6 to 12 inches of stubs. While drastic, if done properly, the result is like replacing old shrubs with new ones.

Renovation or renewal pruning: Removal of old stems or canes over a period of three years with 1/3 of the oldest stems removed each year. It is best done during the dormant season, right before new growth begins in the spring. This results in a more vigorous shrub, and, in the case of flowering ornamentals, better flowering.

- In early spring, remove 1/3 of the stems, cutting them all the way to the ground or main trunk. Cut side branches back by 1/3.
- In the second year, cut 1/2 of the remaining old wood, and
- In the third year, remove all remaining old wood.
- As you thin the shrub and the sun begins to penetrate to the center, new growth replaces the branches you have removed. Most of our shrubs respond well to this method.

Rejuvenation pruning: Removal of all the stems or canes to ground level or up to 12 inches at one time and allowing the shrub to regrow. In mid-summer, about 1/2 of stems should be removed and the remaining ones cut back to different heights. The advantage of this type of pruning is that the shrub recovers quickly. The disadvantages of this type of pruning are that not all shrubs tolerate drastic cutting, and, until the plant regrows, you are left with an unsightly stub.

Recommended shrubs for rejuvenation pruning: *Leucophyllum, Xylosma, Oleander, Hopbush, Creosote, Brittle Bush, Lantana, Autumn Sage, Mexican Honey-suckle, and Red Bird of Paradise.*

These methods are not appropriate for all shrubs. They work best with shrubs that consist of several stems arising directly from the ground. Shrubs with tree-like growth consisting of one main stem with several side branches are difficult to renew by this method. *Cassias, Arborvitae, Junipers* and *Rosemary* do not respond well and may die. A third, less drastic option is to prune all the stems or canes to unequal heights in one season. Pruning by shearing will not correct the issues with old shrubs.



Homeowner Improvements Architectural Applications March 2021

By Carole Stabile, Member Services Coordinator

59 Applications \$ 446,154

DOBSON RANCH UNIT I

Paint	\$ 14,300
RV Gate	\$ 5,000
Garage Door	\$ 1,600
Solar Panels	\$ 60,000
Stucco/Paint	\$ 3,500
Pergola	\$ 3,700
Driveway Extension	\$ 1,550
Roof Replacement	\$ 10,200
Landscape	\$ 12,140

DOBSON RANCH UNIT III

Paint	\$ 4,150
Window Replacement	\$ 1,500
Security Doors	\$ 14,615

DOBSON RANCH UNIT V

Shed	\$ 8,000
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DOBSON RANCH UNIT XV

Landscape	\$ 5,000
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DOBSON RANCH UNIT XVIII

Garage Door	\$ 1,900
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DOBSON SHORES

Paint	\$ 5,600
Solar Panels	\$ 30,000
Window Replacement	\$ 4,660

LAGUNA SHORES

Landscape	\$ 3,500
Window Replacement	\$ 12,000
Pergola	\$ 3,000
Stucco	\$ 900

LAGUNA SHORES AMENDED

Landscape	\$ 16,500
Block Wall	\$ 5,000
Window Replacement	\$ 25,726
Paint	\$ 4,800
RV Gate	\$ 2,000
Pool Installation	\$ 33,000

GOLDEN PALMS ESTATES

Landscape	\$ 10,000
Driveway Replacement	\$ 7,500

LOS ALTOS

Window Replacement	\$ 30,000
Paint	\$ 6,600
Dock	\$ 4,000
Roof Replacement	\$ 24,610
Shed	\$ 2,436
Landscape	\$ 13,000

REGENCY ESTATES

Window Replacement	\$ 3,293
Solar Panels	\$ 10,374
Landscape	\$ 100
Paint	\$ 5,000
Door	\$ 700

SARATOGA LAKES

Paint	\$ 1,200
Roof Replacement	\$ 12,000
Window Replacement	\$ 18,500

LAGUNA VILLAGE

Stucco	\$ 3,000
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Home Sales

Trustee Properties:
1 – House
Home Sales: 38





Happy 51st Earth Day - April 22, 2021

By Kathrine Blomquist, Water Management Committee Member



Unless **SOMEONE LIKE YOU CARES** a whole awful lot, nothing is **GOING** to get **BETTER IT'S NOT.**
-Dr. Seuss-

Welcome to Dobson Ranch's newest residents – 130 Truffula Trees! The new trees are actually water-adapted shade trees. Last month, Dobson Ranch residents had the opportunity to participate in **SRP's Shade Tree Program** and receive two free shade trees. Thank you to all the residents for your environmental stewardship and to Dobson Ranch, **SRP**, and **Trees Matter** for making pick-up so easy; tree distribution was conveniently located at our very own La Casita.

The Lorax couldn't be happier, especially since he "speaks for the trees." **The Lorax** was published 50 years ago, the year after the first **Earth Day**. The early '70s were a pivotal time for the environmental movement. In May 1971, **Look** magazine reported that in the year after the first Earth Day "121 of the 695 bills passed by the 91st Congress were pro-environment; conservationists preserved more than 62,000 acres of land in 23 states." President Nixon called for the establishment of the **Environmental Protection Agency** in July 1970, and the **Clean Water Act** as well as the **Endangered Species Act** were signed into law by 1972.

With its humble beginnings as an idea from a U.S. Senator in Wisconsin, Earth Day is now the largest civic-focused day of action in the world, with over 1 billion people worldwide

taking part. The organization that educates and activates this environmental movement is **EarthDay.org**. Check out **EarthDay.org** for more information about **Earth Day Live** and the three days of climate action taking place April 20-22.

If you haven't read **The Lorax** recently, or if it's your first time, the Mesa Library system has 12 copies available (**MesaLibrary.org**). The take-away from **The Lorax** is just as relevant today as when it was first published: Now is the time to take action in favor of the environment. Make 2021 the year to celebrate Earth Day each and every day.

EarthDay.org has a list of 51 actions and tips to help you make a difference. My pledge this past year was to limit the use of single-use plastics, and I am happy to report it is going well. My household also switched to bar soap, to help lessen the estimated 1.4 billion empty bottles of body wash tossed out every year.

Need more pro-environmental ideas? April is **Water Awareness Month** and **ArizonaWaterFacts.com** and **WaterUseItWisely.com** have great tips and resources for inspiration. Our local **A&P** and **SummerWinds Nurseries** have ladybugs in stock to eat those pesky aphids. The time is now to join your fellow residents and ensure that Dobson Ranch continues as a community leader in conservation. Remember that whatever you choose, your stewardship helps the community and the environment for future generations.

UNLESS... 



◀ The Lorax book cover
Look magazine article May 1971 ▶

Dobson Ranch is a community leader in conservation practices, let's keep it that way in 2021 & beyond!



The Dobson Ranch **ART SHOW COMPETITION** is open to all **CHILDREN** (up to age 17) and **ADULTS** (age 18 and up) living in Dobson Ranch.

There are six categories in which to enter your works of art: **Drawing, Painting, Ceramics or Sculpture, Crafts, Jewelry** and **Photography**.

How to Enter:

Send a good quality digital photo of your work of art to nroggio@dobsonranch.com, by no later than **May 14, 2021**. Be sure to include your name, age, address, and the category that you are entering. You may enter one item per category.

Prizes:

First Prize winners will be selected in each category and in each age group (12 winners total). A **Best of Show** winner will be selected in both age groups. First Prize winners will each receive a \$10 Gift Card and prize ribbon and Best of Show winners will each receive a \$50 Gift Card and prize ribbon. Winners will be announced in the June issue of *Ranchers' RoundUp*.

THE ART SHOW COMPETITION BEGINS APRIL 12.



Supporting Young Learners Using AI

By Nancy Roggio, Communications Manager and Ranchers' RoundUp Editor



Board Vice President **Ben Smith** shares details about his fast-growing, news-worthy company **Gnosis IQ** in this Q&A-style interview.

Q: What is your college background.

BS: My path to a Bachelor's degree took about 14 years. After starting at the University of Minnesota, I moved back to Arizona

and enrolled at Scottsdale Community College where I completed two Associate's degrees. After that, I transferred to ASU where, due to a busy personal and professional life, I took at least one course per semester. After a few years at ASU, I decided I needed to accelerate my progress and transferred to Ottawa University and graduated with a degree in Business. After completing that degree, I immediately started an MBA, and was able to complete that program in just over a year. Currently, I am working on my PhD in Psychology with a focus on the psychological and emotional impacts of implementing technology in education. I expect to complete this program in late 2023.

Q: What is your family status?

BS: I married my lovely wife, Jill, in 2005, and we have three children – Chloe (18), Cadence (13) and Broderick (11). While we have only lived in the Ranch since 2017, we've spent 12 years in a home in Dobson Woods (the neighborhood behind Walgreens on Alma School and Guadalupe).

Q: How long have you served on the Board of Directors? When did you become Vice President?

BS: I have served on the Dobson Ranch Board for almost two years after being elected in the spring of 2019. I became Vice President in the spring of 2020.

Q: Why did you run for the Board of Directors? What recent achievements of the Board are you most proud of and why?

BS: I ran for the Board because I wanted to ensure that Dobson Ranch continues to be the amazing family-friendly neighborhood I fell in love with so many years ago. I am most proud of the renewed focus on our beautiful lakes, the shade cover for the playground at Laguna Park, and the ongoing support of the family-friendly events that our Recreation Team hosts. These are the things that make Dobson Ranch the best place to live. I am also tremendously proud of the work the entire staff has done to innovate and think outside the box to engage our community in safe ways during the COVID quarantine period.

Q: Tell us about your role as CEO of Gnosis IQ. What does the word "Gnosis" mean?

BS: I am the Founder and CEO of **Gnosis IQ**. While the company was not officially formed until July of 2020 as a "COVID Company," the concept dates to an idea I had in early 2015. The idea was to program an Artificial Intelligence engine with an algorithm I wrote that analyzes several variables to predict academic weakness for K-12 learners. I also wanted to develop a tool that would remove the social stigma of asking for help and allow the students to self-report their emotional state.

The word "Gnosis" is Greek for the word "Knowledge." My team and I chose that name because our tools empower users with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions to support young learners and promote their success.

While the number of people who work for the company fluctuates based on need, the core team consists of between five and 10 people, and currently employs six people.

Q: Tell us about your new software in layman's terms?

BS: The software has been in development since spring 2020 and is based on an algorithm I wrote in early 2015. It has two core functions. The primary function is to automatically pull and analyze learning data to predict when, where and how students will struggle academically. This information is displayed graphically on a dashboard for all stakeholders including students, parents, teachers, school administrators and district administrators. This information allows the students to see what they need to focus on and empowers teachers by helping them develop intervention plans for students before they fall behind.

The secondary function of the **Gnosis IQ** application allows students the opportunity to self-report their emotional health in a fun way that eliminates the social stigma associated with asking for help. When students report "risk" emotions, alerts are automatically sent to a configurable group of people that generally include the teacher, counselor and principal. However, we have cases where parents, case workers, and even the superintendent are notified. When notified, the users can log into **Gnosis IQ** and see a timeline of reported emotions along with their current and predictive academic data. The combination of this information allows the users to understand what was happening with the student and helps to guide the conversation to support the student. With **Gnosis IQ** tools, help is a click away!

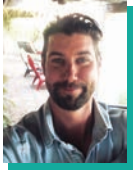


Ben's article is continued on Page 23.



Spring Fish Stock

By Joe Trickett, Chairman of the Water and Lake Management Committee



With another summer rapidly approaching, we find ourselves in the midst of spring. Those of us who have lived in the valley through multiple summers know that spring never lasts as long as we'd like it to, and while the rest of the country anxiously awaits warmer weather, we wish there was some way to pump the breaks on the soon to be ever-rising daily (and let's be honest... evening) temps!

With spring comes our **Spring Fish Stock**, this year's stocking took place on March 19th. Fisheries have mostly recovered from the effects of Covid-19. Yes, they had Covid, too! Supplies have been renewed and we are excited to get full orders of quality fish. The spring order is where we add Minnows, Readear Sunfish, Bluegill and Catfish. These fish species are our aquatic workers and provide forage for larger fish.

This season's order consists of 2,200 Readear Sunfish, approximately 3,600 Bluegill, 1,775 catfish and 25,000 Fathead Minnows. The Readear Sunfish are one of the few fish species that will actively feed on mussels including the dreaded

quagga mussel. The Bluegill feed on insect larva, flying insects, zooplankton and smaller fish, while catfish eat mostly fish and insects which have died and are lying on the bottom of the lakebed, (think of them as the cleaners of the lakebed). The Fathead Minnows are particularly hard workers, in that they eat algae, organic sediment, duck and goose waste, leaf litter and mosquito larva. These guys work 24/7!

Along with the fish stocking, another set of artificial fish habitats will be placed in Lake 1, east of the bridge. This new habitat will provide cover for smaller fish and provide a place for multiple fish species to lay their eggs, which in turn will help add to our fish stock and create a more stable ecosystem within our lakes. More habitat is planned for future placements throughout the lakes here at the Ranch.

As always, remember to "Catch and Release." That goes for all our fish here at the Ranch. Resident and non-resident fishing licenses are available at the Recreation Center. You can also submit photos of your catch to **Ranchers' RoundUp** for a chance to be featured in a future publication.

Redear Sunfish



Flathead Minnow



Bluegill



Catfish



These four types of aquatic workers provide forage for larger fish.



From the Recreation Director's Desk



By **Jesse Wright**
Recreation Manager

Hope everyone is staying safe in this unique time. The Recreation offices have opened in a limited capacity to the public. Los Altos Jr. Olympic pool is now open with reservations being made through the Dobson Ranch App.

We have a new and exciting event coming up soon. In May, we have our brand-new **Virtual Bingo Night** on Friday, May 21st from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Enjoy a family-friendly and free online Bingo Night to win prizes. The deadline to register via ActiveNet is May 14th at 5:00 pm. For more details see the flyer on page 17 or call the La Casita Recreation Center.

Don't forget about the outstanding **Summer Kids Camp Hope** at La Casita. We are limiting attendance this year. So, sign up for your child's spot today. You will have the choice of weekly, 5-week or 10-week session options. See the flyer on page 17 for more details.

We are looking forward to a great summer at Dobson Ranch and I hope you are, too!

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Tennis Tip for April: Anticipation Skills



By **Kwong Young**
Dobson Ranch Tennis Professional

Anticipation

Remember the song, **Anticipation**, from singer/songwriter Carly Simon released in the early '70s? Anticipation means to be prepared for, look forward to, and the action of expecting or predicting something to happen.

One of the key abilities of good tennis players is anticipation. It's an ability to predict with very high probability what the opponent will play. The player anticipates their opponent's shot and moves before the opponent even plays the ball.

For example, if you do a short drop shot, then you should move up as your opponent is trying to chase it down to end the point. Or, if you lob the player at the net, and they are running back to retrieve the ball, then you should be moving toward the net as they are running away from the net to end the point rather than standing and watching.

The most common act is when you send the ball close to your opponent's body or at their feet to ANTICIPATE a weaker reply back, rather than standing far back on the baseline, and now you have to run down that weaker reply that doesn't reach you because you did not perform anticipation.

Tips for Developing Anticipation Skills

You can practice developing anticipation skills at any time -- while watching a game or practice -- even if you're not playing.

- 1. Identify your target:** Identify the target whose movement you want to anticipate. This could be the ball or an opposing player.
- 2. Establish spatial awareness relative to your target:** Be aware of where your target is relative to where you are positioned and where you are moving to.
- 3. Identify likely movements:** Quickly think of what movements are most likely in the situation and by this player.
- 4. Look for the earliest "committed" movement cue:** Watch for the instant the target commits to his move and respond immediately to the target's direction.
- 5. Visualize:** Immediately after the play, visualize the movements and cues that just took place and what the final committed movement was. You will store this information in your brain and continue to build experience each time you do it.



DOBSON RANCH TENNIS ACADEMY

All tennis lessons and Round Robin events are held at the La Casita Recreation Center. All tennis sessions begin on the first of each month and run until the end of the month. Contact the La Casita Recreation Center for more information at 480-831-7464 or visit dobsonranchhoa.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 pm - 8:30 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **5985 \$50 R/\$75 NR**
Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19, 26 **5986 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Adult 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 pm - 10:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **5987 \$50 R/\$75 NR**
Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19, 26 **5988 \$40 R/\$60 NR**

Adult 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.

8:30 am - 10:00 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **5989 \$50 R/\$75 NR**

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 students to reach a higher level of play and learn to love a sport they will play for a lifetime. Bring a friend!

Junior Clinic

This class is for junior tennis players ages 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 pm - 7:00 pm | Sessions: Monthly
Monday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **5983 \$50 R/\$75 NR**

10:00 am - 11:00 am | Sessions: Monthly
Saturday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **5984 \$50 R/\$75 NR**

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 | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

*May Social 5/15

FREE! Adults 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 Young** at 480-759-2248 or kyoung@dobsonranch.com to schedule private lessons. The Dobson Ranch tennis courts are for the exclusive use of Dobson Ranch residents and 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.



RECREATION CLASSES

The following classes are tentatively on the schedule and are subject to change. Please visit the events calendar for the most up-to-date information at www.dobsonranch.com.

ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES

TAI CHI

Instructor: Linda
 When: Wednesdays
 Where: AM Classes & PM Classes at La Casita Recreation Center

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



Healing Yoga

Hard to get up off the floor? Body having a hard time moving? 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! 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

Instructor: Nancy
 When: Mondays & Thursdays 6:00 am - 6:45 am*;
 Where: Laguna Park
 Cost: See pricing below in orange band.
 RSVP: Contact the instructor with questions prior to class at 602-703-7822 or at nancy@magillfitness.com

Buy 5, Get 1 FREE! Residents: \$50, Non-Residents: \$75
 Buy 9, Get 3 FREE! Residents: \$90, Non-Residents \$135

Your 1st class is FREE!!! Contact Nancy at 602-703-7822 or at nancy@magillfitness.com to reserve your first FREE class.

*Your Punch Card for this class expires three months from your purchase date. Punch Cards may be punched one time for residents only per class. No additional punches for guests or residents. Punch Cards can be purchased by appointment at the La Casita Recreation Center.





CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES

FAIRYTALE DANCERS (AGES 3-5)

Code: 5981
 When: Thursdays (April 22 - May 27)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. 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 or princess shine in this fun and creative program. Children need soft-soled shoes and comfortable clothes. Ballet shoes, leotard and tights are 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 info on this program, contact Jana Moore at 480-363-9997.



INTRO TO BALLET & JAZZ (AGES 4-6)

Code: 5982
 When: Thursdays (April 22 - May 27)
 Where: Saratoga Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to 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.



GET YOUR PUNCH CARDS FOR RECREATION CLASSES BY APPOINTMENT AT LA CASITA

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

DANCE SAMPLER (AGES 5-8)

Code: 5980
 When: Tuesdays (April 20 - May 25)
 Where: La Casita Recreation Center
 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Cost: **Reg. fee due at time of enrollment: Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$10. Contractor fee due to 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.



New Tennis Reservation System for La Casita Tennis Courts Using the Dobson Ranch App



Just follow these simple steps to make your reservation:

1. Log into your Dobson Ranch App.
2. Navigate to the Tennis menu.
3. Tap into which La Casita Tennis Court you would like to reserve.
4. Tap "Reserve La Casita Tennis Court".
5. Select the date you wish to reserve and tap "Manage Reservations".
6. Select the time you wish to reserve.

Reservations are required to use the Dobson Ranch La Casita Tennis Courts.

Have questions? Contact the Recreation Office at 480-831-7464.



Spring CLEAN UP

Our community-wide CLEAN UP and SHRED event on Saturday, March 13th was a BIG hit!



Be sure to visit our Facebook page to see more photos from the Spring Clean Up.

Thanks for helping to make Dobson Ranch... the **CLEANEST** place to live!



SHADE TREE PICKUP

Residents who virtually attended SRP's Shade Tree Workshop on March 6th picked up their **2 FREE TREES** at La Casita on March 27th.



Visit our Facebook page to see more photos.

Special thanks to **Deb Coy**, with Trees Matter.





Family Drive-In Movie Night

Dobson Ranch families enjoyed this Easter treat with free popcorn and animated movie "HOP" on April 1st.



Other Easter events will be featured in the May RoundUp.





All events are subject to change. Check the Events Calendar on our website for the most up-to-date info.

VIRTUAL SPRING Break CAMP

MARCH 8-12

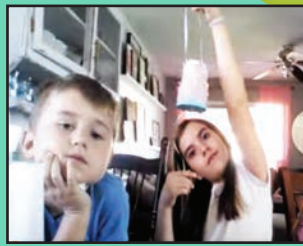
DAILY THEMES!



Jude & Gavin Chavez



Abigail & Benjamin Lee



Emerson & Mae Cooley



Sebastian Montemayor

Special thanks to all our Campers: Jude & Gavin Chavez; Emerson, Lyndie & Mae Cooley; Andrew Ernst; Brayden Hagan; Abigail & Benjamin Lee; Sebastian Montemayor; and Kaya & Sherry Pusch.

VIRTUAL BINGO! NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 21 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Enjoy a family-friendly* and FREE online BINGO NIGHT to win great prizes! Bingo cards will be emailed to all participants that sign up. The deadline to register via ActiveNet is May 14th at 5:00 pm.

Gift Cards will be given out to the winners. Don't miss all the FUN!

*Ages 8 and up.

Weekly Themes, Swimming, Arts & Crafts, Field Trips, Games and much more!

SUMMER CAMP HOPE

Register Early & Save! March 22 - April 26

Additional Children in Same Household Save 10%

MAY 24 - JULY 30

La Casita Recreation Center • 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

PRICING: R = Resident NR = Non-Resident
 10 weeks \$1,050R/\$1,103NR; First 5 weeks \$550R/\$595NR;
 Second 5 weeks \$550R/\$595NR; 1 week \$135R/\$148NR

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IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY

Raffle



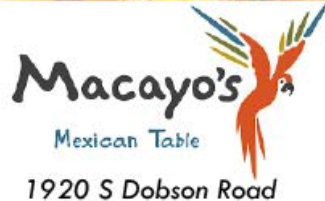
Congrats to the two lucky winners of our **"It's Your Lucky Day!" Raffle**. Winners were selected at random from among all of our Dobson Ranch App new and existing users.



Each will receive their choice of breakfast or lunch for two at **First Watch Café** or dinner for two at **Macayo's Mexican Table**.

JOVAN JOVANOVIC
Existing App User

LISA BELENSKY
New App User



68 NEW APP USERS WERE ADDED FROM CONTEST FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF 1,630 USERS!



Dobson Ranch Republicans

Michelle Masters, Chairperson

YOU ARE INVITED

First Thursday each month
7pm-8pm @ Native Grill-Dobson


Business networking 6:30pm-7pm

Join us each month to discuss
issues impacting you & your family

Dobson Ranch Republicans

Conservatives believe each of us has inherent gifts that we are meant to give this world, which means our individual liberties must be protected. This requires participation and awareness.



Events and agendas: www.DRGOP.com
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People First = Liberties First

Dobson Ranch Democrats & Friends Club

By Jill Snyder, Treasurer

Please join us online for our monthly meetings to stay connected and hear from exciting speakers! We meet on the second Wednesday of each month using **Zoom**. Please visit our **Facebook** page for more information and to register for the next meeting:

<https://www.facebook.com/DobsonRanchDemocrats>

Thank you!

Questions? Call **George Tihanyi** at **480-792-6746** or **Robert Doyle** at **602-321-6169**, or email rdoyle@canyonrecords.com

Donations are always appreciated:

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Join our Meet-Up group:

<https://www.meetup.com/LD18-Dems/>



Dobson Ranch Independents

By Jack Wagner, Chairman & Dobson Ranch resident since 1979

**Democracy only works
if you work at it.
Become a more active citizen!**



So many ways to do the above!
Please share how you are doing just that at the email below.

Community Voices!

Send an email:
golfingjack@msn.com



"These are the times that try men's souls."

- Journalism broadcast in 1776 by Thomas Paine.



Dobson Ranch Retirees' Club

By Frank Saavedra, President

It's not all that often that one can find benefits for being "mature." The last few weeks have shown that being older means getting vaccinated earlier. At this point, most of our Club members have taken advantage of that, and many are feeling a greater sense of freedom as a result.

Since so many of us are vaccinated, the Club Board is starting to plan for membership meetings. While there is still much uncertainty about how things will be rolling out, alternatives are being looked at insofar as planning for large meetings.

Our HOA has been very good about observing safety precautions. Keeping us safe at times means that use of facilities must have limitations. That being the case, it's not yet clear when indoor meetings will be able to start and if limiting the number of attendees will have to be imposed when they do start. Nonetheless, we hope to be ready to move when conditions permit us to meet indoors.

Until then, we hope to start gathering in relatively large numbers outdoors. We expect to once again resume participating in our Club community, and resume any friendships that have been on hold for so long.

God Bless You!
Frank



Rollin', rollin', rollin'... "The Free Wheelers" and "Slo-Spokes" keep on rollin'. This time **Arnie Chase** is behind the camera.



From North Scottsdale to South Chandler... the **Retirees' Bike Club** has been there.

Blarney, We Celebrated on St. Paddy's Day... But No Tournament Until Easter Saturday!

By Rich Bitner, Recreation Committee Pickleball Representative

In our last **RoundUp** issue the Leprechauns may have been at work early, as they predicted a St. Patrick's Day Pickleball Tournament. That would have been three days late, so the tournament was rescheduled to the Saturday of Easter Weekend! Tune in next time for a report on the outcome of our Easter festivities.

The weather is warming, and, for the most part, we continue to enjoy delightfully sunny mornings, with the exception of one rainout this month. The remodeled bathrooms at Los Altos just re-opened and they are beautiful, including new AC, fixtures, tilework and all handicapped accessible!

We'll continue our 8:00 am start for morning play until the sun rises earlier and temperatures climb more: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8:00 am. Also, regular evening play on Monday and Thursdays at 7:00 pm is very solid, plus we keep hearing there are other night time groups coming on under the lights and other small groups scattered throughout the day. To those who read this who may not be on our email list, please join us so we can maximize our opportunities for play as the Dobson Ranch HOA considers how best to resurface our courts this summer with pre-stressed concrete, and converting to eight dedicated pickleball courts. We will be relocating temporarily once demolition gets underway, so watch for further word on timing and a new location.

We continue to welcome new resident players, but do advise checking with us before coming out to make sure our schedule has not changed. We provide balls for drop-in play through the generous donations of our players, and can provide loaned paddles, but please wear appropriate attire including court shoes. Please 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 Ransom** at donna85202@gmail.com to get on her email list for Monday and Thursday night play.

Stay Healthy, Practice Safe Exercise, Get the Vaccine & Pickle-On!!





Retirees' Hiking Club

By **Barbara Stout**, Retirees' Hiking Club Chairperson

Hello Hikers,

It was "Girls Only" on the March 17th hike... with **Pauline Cetti** in the lead! Maybe this hike was too tough for our Club's guys? (See photo below.)

Watch for our **Spring Hiking Schedule** coming your way soon!

Happy Hiking,
Barb



Women's Club

By **Patty Smith**, Women's Club President



I know you all join me in anxiously awaiting the return to our activities. We are getting closer every day.

Can you believe it's been over a year since we played **Bunco** at Lynn's? We sure miss playing Bunco and going out to lunch together. Maybe in May?

Please continue to keep **Phyllis Bleakley** in your thoughts and prayers.

Welcome to our new Board Members. Thank you for volunteering your time and talents.

May you stay safe and healthy during this Easter Season of Renewal.

Happy **Mother's Day** and **May Day!**

Blessings,
Patty

41 Years and Still Splashing!

Do you know...

- bottlenose dolphins live in groups with their family and friends?
- baby dolphins babble to practice grown-up sounds, just like human babies?
- dolphins shed their outermost layer of skin every two hours?
- the Dobson Dolphins are celebrating their 41st season this summer?

Go Dolphins!



Yes, the **Dobson Dolphins Swim Team** will be back this summer at Los Altos! At this time, the Dolphins' Board is working on the details of the season. Visit our website **DobsonDolphins.com** for the most up-to-date information. Registration information will be posted soon.

Thanks for the generous support from the Dobson Association and the Mesa HoHoKams.



Move One Mesa Keeps Students and Community Moving Forward

By Laurie Struna, Media Communications Specialist, Communications and Engagement/MPS



Photos by Cody Simpson

Left to Right: Superintendent of Mesa Public Schools **Dr. Andi Furlis**; fitness trainer and wellness expert **Chris Powell**; City of Mesa Councilmember **Julie Spilsbury** and Mayor **John Giles** participate in **Move One Million** from Brown Mountain. Below: **Move One Mesa** encourages the community to come together.

Move One Mesa is a new partnership igniting a culture of learning and well-being throughout the city. Health and fitness expert **Chris Powell** partnered with Mesa Public Schools, City of Mesa and Mesa Chamber of Commerce to bring his **Move One Million** nonprofit to Mesa. The goal is to use movement as a pathway to boost positive behaviors in the classroom, while looking to the future of our community.

According to **Marlo Loria**, director of career & technical education and innovative partnerships, the district is committed to safety and well-being practices that are evidence-based and embedded throughout the district.

“Students can’t learn or reach their full potential without meeting their mental and physical needs first,” Loria says. “Chris Powell has spent the past 20 years transforming people’s lives. **Move One Million** provides a powerful tool to help the district meet our respective goals, and bring students, staff and the community together through movement.”

Move One Mesa encourages employees and students to participate in a special synchronized routine together. The 2.5-minute routine also includes an adapted version for individuals with limited movement. It increases learning and improves health by reducing stress, boosting blood and oxygen flow, and creating a sense of accomplishment. The daily

movement resources are provided free to the district and based on **Raijo Taizo**, the Japanese radio calisthenics program. Video routines feature guest hosts, including Powell and six-time Olympic gold medalist **Amy VanDyken**.

The kickoff featured Superintendent **Andi Furlis**, Mesa Mayor **John Giles**, Powell, community leaders and educators on top of Brown Mountain. The weeklong initiative focused on daily priorities that included physical health, mental health, #MesaKindness and community service.

Furlis says Mesa Public Schools enjoys working with community partners that are important to creating comprehensive healthy schools and communities.



“The results are evident in district programming that includes nationally recognized physical education, recess activities, healthy nutrition, classroom movement

breaks, and counselors who address the social and emotional needs of students,” Furlis says. “Around the community, the City of Mesa is improving parks and sidewalks, and building bike trails to support the whole child and needs of the community.”



Supporting Young Learners Using AI

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Q: How did you get involved with Artificial Intelligence software? What sparked your interest?

BS: I started working with Artificial Intelligence in the early 2000s when I wrote an adaptive learning model for online education. The system would analyze the performance of the student and assign them lessons in the course that supported their weaknesses and was based on homework and test scores within the system itself. It was cutting edge at the time, but would be considered rudimentary by today's standards. While the computing power was nothing like it is now, the system proved effective and is actually still in use today. I got interested in AI while trying to figure out how to better support struggling learners.

Q: What makes your software so unique?

BS: The **Gnosis IQ** software is the only automatic (no data entry required) educational predictive reporting tool that empowers all stakeholders. There are other reporting tools on the market, but they are complicated, don't offer AI, and only allow a hand-full of users per school or district. We also use a proprietary 10-point performance scale that is color-coded and easy to read. Finally, we offer the only integrated emotional self-reporting tool in education. The tool is available through the **Gnosis IQ** software and is also directly integrated into the web browser!

Q: What is the targeted market for your software product?

BS: The software is designed to be sold to schools and school districts. However, when purchased, all stakeholders get access. Students can see their own records, parents can see their kids, teachers can see their kids, principals (and other school administrators) can see their kids, and District Leaders can see all the data for all the kids in their district. While we have sales teams outside of Arizona, we are focused on supporting Arizona children first.

Early results show a decrease in teacher "Admin Time" because the **Gnosis IQ** software processes and displays the critical data that teachers need. One educator reported that it saves him 8-10 hours per week. Students are also already seeing the benefits by receiving targeted lessons to support where the system predicts weakness and performance is increasing at a measurable rate! The emotional tool was just launched, so we're actively monitoring the benefits that system offers.

Q: Which school districts are currently using the software? What has their reaction been to the data provided by the software? What other school districts are interested in testing the software?

BS: Currently, the only district using the software is Isaac Elementary School District in Phoenix. However, we have at least a dozen other Arizona school districts with which we are in active conversation. The feedback that we received from Isaac has been nothing short of inspiring. The last time I met with the Superintendent, **Dr. Mario Ventura**, he told me about how they were able to identify everything from academic weaknesses to inconsistencies in recording grades. This empowered him to coach his staff through correcting the problems and gave the educators direction on future lessons. The students also love the ability to share how they are feeling.

Q: Since the KTAR and CBS5/TV3 interviews, have you had any new interest from other school districts in the state of Arizona?



BS: Since the television interviews aired on February 24, we have received a tremendous amount of interest from schools and districts through-

out the state of Arizona. We are also in talks with a large Arizona university about leveraging doctoral students to analyze and expand our current scope of reporting to include Title 1 performance data. (*Title 1 is a classification of students whose families classify at the federal level as socioeconomically disadvantaged.*) The goal is to be able to offer schools and educators with current and future academic performance data, so they can make targeted decisions about the programs and services they offer that population to ensure the greatest benefit.

Q: Are there any specific goals that you have set in 2021 for Gnosis IQ? How do you plan to meet them?

BS: At **Gnosis IQ**, we're always looking to innovate. However, since we spent 2020 building out the system, our goal for 2021 is growth. We currently support about 7,700 students and would like to support over 100,000 students by the end of the calendar year.

To find out more about **Gnosis IQ**, visit GnosisIQ.com.

Q: Please tell us something that most people do not know about you.

BS: Most people don't know that I was once featured on the **History Channel** show, **American Restoration!** I was in Season 4, Episode 3 in a show entitled "Harleys and Horsies." I had my 1970s Harley Davidson Golf Cart restored. The episode still airs occasionally, and it's fun to get the calls/texts from friends who didn't know that I did the show when they see me on it.



Ben Smith appearing on **American Restoration** show

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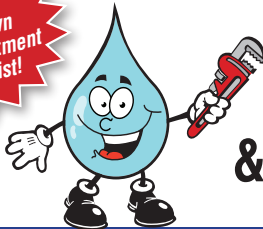
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APRIL 2021 / MAY 2021

All events are subject to change. Visit the Events Calendar at dobsonranchhoa.com for updated info.

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<p>12</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p>ART SHOW COMPETITION BEGINS</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS</p> <p>ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS 7:00 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p> <p>Architectural Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Sunday 18</p>
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<p>26</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Sunday 2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Water & Lake Management Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Master Planning Committee 7:00 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Sunday 9</p> <p>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Architectural Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Chica Room</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>14</p> <p>ART SHOW</p> <p>LAST DAY TO ENTER ART SHOW COMPETITION</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Sunday 16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Yoga for Beginners 5:30 pm Grande Room</p> <p>Budget and Finance Meeting 6:30 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Tai Chi Beginner & Intermed. 9:00 & 10:00 am Grande Rm.</p> <p>Tai Chi Intermediate & Beg. 6:00 & 7:00 pm Grande Rm.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Fitness in the Park 6:00 am Laguna Park</p> <p>Healing Yoga 8:15 am Grande Room</p> <p>Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm Grande Room</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Virtual BINGO!</p> <p>FAMILY BINGO NIGHT 5:30 - 7:00 pm (virtual)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Sunday 23</p>