



# The Fence Post

Three Points/Robles Junction  
Community Newsletter February, 2025

## The New Building, Called The HUB, Is Finally Open At 16150 W Ajo Hwy

*This Building Will House My Friends Closet and  
Robles Ranch Food Bank*

### We Are Friends

*By Walter Jackson, Hub Media Director*

Friends of Robles Ranch, My Friends Closet's founder, has served our community in a small building of less than 900 square feet, with our bat neighbors in the attached barn.

We are thankful for the space we had because it was not the size of the area that made My Friends Closet. The original Hub was started by volunteers, community members, and Friends of Robles Ranch board members.

The Hub always existed. It did not have a name, but consistent actions spoke louder than words. The Friends of Robles Ranch's impact on the community increased as we served others.

We invite you to join us in our continued desire and commitment to serve our community. We have been part of this community for over 20 years, providing affordable clothing and food services, sponsoring local programs, scholarships for students and adults, and much more.

We are now writing and living the next chapter of serving our community. We have worked hard for the opportunity to grow into a new building and want to continue to be one of the pillars of our community.

A few weeks ago, on January 11th, we had a soft opening of The Hub for community members, supporters, and founders who had played a vital role in helping Friends of Robles Ranch over the last twenty years.

We are thankful for the people who joined us to celebrate a milestone. Without their support, none of this would have been possible. We are deeply grateful for your time, resources, encouragement, and dedication to bettering our community.

Our Soft Opening was terrific! It felt good to listen to the laughter and vibrant conversations filling the space in our new building. It felt good to see familiar faces and warm smiles. Most importantly, it felt good to welcome and share our freshly new space with friends. The hard work our volunteers have done to get The Hub ready is reflected in the positive feedback of our visitors. After a year of being under construction, The Hub is ready to serve our community!

By the time you read this long article, you will have attended the Grand Opening. Hopefully, you will have had a good time, purchased something you couldn't live without, won a prize, enjoyed a hot dog or two, and danced to a song! We want to thank you for coming out and being part of our celebration.

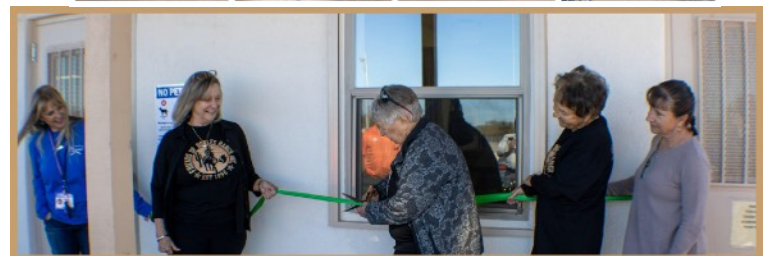
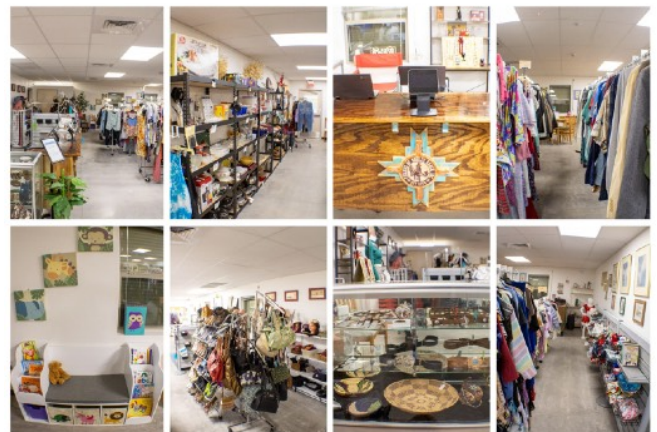
The My Friends  
Closet Door

The Robles  
Ranch Food  
Bank Door



If you were unable to attend our celebration, our doors will be open **on January 28th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Please visit our website, The Hub, at [www.friendsofroblesranch.org](http://www.friendsofroblesranch.org) for the new hours. We are looking forward to a year full of fun events and providing valuable community resources. While looking forward to the future is great, we will be thankful for today and grateful for what and who we have and continue to be good stewards of our resources to serve our community. We can't wait to see you at The Hub!

Thank you! Sincerely, Friends of Robles Ranch



### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Left to Right, Tahnee Jackson, MFC Manager, Sandy Pedersen, FoRR Secretary, Pat King FoRR President, Chris Cathcart, FoRR Treasure and Jennifer Chastain, Food Bank Manager.



### District 3

Left to Right, Joshua Laughlin Senior Aide, Dotty Schock, MFC Volunteer, Jennifer Allen - Pima Supervisor for District 3 and CJ Boyd, District 3 Chief of Staff.

# Community Calendar Page

## Community Weekly/Monthly Events at Serenity Baptist Church 15501 W Ajo Hwy 520-822-2026

Caring Food Ministries	Thurs 8-9:30 AM
4-H Robles Ranchers	Meetings Restart on 9/13/24 at 7 PM.
GriefShare	Thursday nights at 6:30 in the West Building. Text Trish Sargent at 520-247-8222 to sign up.

## Other Events This Month

AVSD School Board	2nd Wed of the month - 6 pm AVMS
Sierrita Mountain 4-H Livestock Club	Meetings at Fire District Station 303 second Tues. of the month @ 7:30 p.m.
<b>Fence Post Deadline 20th of the month 5 pm</b> <b>This is a firm deadline.</b> <b>E-mail articles to <a href="mailto:fencepost3points@gmail.com">fencepost3points@gmail.com</a></b>	

## A Graceful Touch of Hair



This February will be 56 years that I have worked as a Cosmetologist and have lived here in Three Points since 1986. I opened my shop here in 2009.

I would like to Thank All of my family, friends, especially all my clients that have allowed me to keep on doing what I LOVE. Everyday I Thank God for my health and Hair!!!

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Sincerely Grace

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## Weekly/Monthly Events at Robles Ranch Community Center

Hours 10 Am to 6 Pm  
16150 West Ajo Hwy 85735 Phone: 520-822-4408

**My Friends Closet Is Open For Business**  
Tues 10-1, Wed 3-6, Thurs 10-1

**Robles Ranch Food Bank**  
Please Call 520-343-2353  
Tues 10-3, Wed 3-6, Thurs 10-3

**Friends Of Robles Ranch Meeting is**  
Tuesday November 12th 6 pm

**Bookmobile**  
Every Third Tuesday of the month 2:30pm-3:30pm.

**Activities At The Community Center**  
Available Every Day

**Computer Lab**  
Open to the public 10 am- 5:30 pm Monday-Friday.

**Billards Table**  
Open to the public 10 am- 5:30 pm Monday-Friday.

**Robles Ranch Library**  
Open to the public 10 am- 5:30 pm Monday-Friday.

**Horse Arena**  
Open for public use M-F, FREE of charge, 10 am-5:30 pm.

## Scheduled Activities At The Community Center

**Community Center Closed for Presidents Day**  
**February 10th**

**Mexican Train Dominoes** Every Tues. 10 am to Noon  
Everyone Welcome

**Active Adults Craft Days 10:30am – 12:30pm**  
**Monday 10th, Monday 24th**  
Unlock your artistic potential and have fun with us while we discover different crafts.

**Coffee, Cards & Board Games 11:00**  
**February 5th**  
Visit old friends and make new ones as we play a variety of table games.

**Robles Prime Timers Community Meeting Potluck**  
**Monday February 3rd 10:30am – 12:30pm.**  
Come to the meeting and help plan events

**Active Adult Trip to Gem Show @ Kino Sports Complex**  
**10 AM** (must be signed up to attend)



# The HUB - Robles Ranch Food Bank

The Robles Ranch Food Bank is proud to announce we are now serving our Three Points clients from our new, improved, and much more spacious location. While the address of the new food bank is the same as the old (16150 W Ajo Hwy), locals will have noticed the large new building located to the front of this lot. The food bank has a generous portion of this new building, 12' x 48', as opposed to our previous 10' x 20', and we are excited to celebrate our new digs!

In addition to our new location, we were able to secure grant funding to obtain two additional refrigerator / freezer units and shelving. The new location also has a reception area so that clients can come in out of the elements while their food boxes are being loaded for delivery to their vehicles.

Clients of the food bank can visit once a month. In the 2024 calendar the Robles Ranch Food Bank distributed an average of 218 boxes each month to 178 households, which benefitted approximately 389 individuals.

We are fortunate to have supportive neighbors here in Three Points that regularly bring donations to us. One neighbor comes at least twice a month with a donation of boxed macaroni and cheese, oatmeal packets, hot chocolate mixes, etc. Another brings us several flats of canned vegetables each month. You know who you are and the Robles Ranch Food Bank says THANK YOU! If you have interest in making donations, items can be brought down during any of our normal business hours:

Tuesdays: 10 am – 3 pm

Wednesdays: 3 pm - 6 pm

Thursdays: 10 am – 3 pm

We do have restriction on what we can accept (expiration dates, etc. must be taken into consideration.) If you are unsure, bring it to us and we will make the decision!



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Sunday 7 am - 9 pm

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**The GROCH Team**



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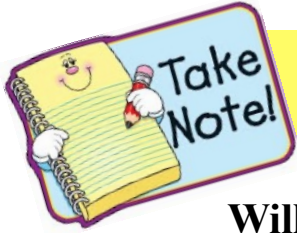
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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**My Friends Closet and Robles Ranch Food Bank  
Will Be Open On The Same Days Starting Tuesday January 28th**

**Their Hours Will Be A Little Different.**

*Important*

### MY FRIENDS CLOSET HOURS

### ROBLES RANCH FOOD BANK

<b>TUESDAY: 10 AM TO 1 PM</b>	<b>TUESDAY: 10 AM TO 3 PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY: 3 PM TO 6 PM</b>	
<b>THURSDAY: 10 AM TO 1 PM</b>	<b>THURSDAY: 10 AM TO 3 PM</b>

**IMPORTANT  
READ ME...**

For more information please go to our new community website called the HUB at [friendsofroblesranch.org](http://friendsofroblesranch.org)



#### Q. Who and what is The Hub?

A. The Hub is the **PEOPLE** and a place to gather to be part of the community, access valuable resources, participate in events, and much more.

#### Q. What can not be donated at My Friends Closet?

- air conditioning units
- box springs
- futons
- mattresses
- sleep number beds
- water beds
- cribs
- bowling balls
- broken items
- wet items
- built-in appliances
- portable dishwashers
- carpets
- chemicals
- paint
- strollers
- car seats
- construction materials
- couches with built-in beds or recliners
- propane tanks
- oxygen tanks
- diver tanks
- magazines
- newspapers
- fish tanks
- flammable items
- hot tubs
- office cubicles
- pianos
- plumbing fixtures
- tires
- tire rims
- TV's
- weight sets
- windows blinds
- window rods

A. This is a long list; please remember because you will be tested! Just kidding! However, government regulations prohibit the items on this list. Thank you for helping us comply with the donation restrictions in our building lease.

**COMING SOON**

- My Friends Closet is building an online boutique store to sell higher-priced items. We are still working on the name.
- **Starting March 5th**, the Hub will sell hot dogs, soda, and chip meals for \$3.00 on the first Wednesday of every month from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. **The Grub at the Hub** is the best meal deal!
- We are looking for someone who can play the piano and would love to share their talent with our community. We would love to have a conversation and collaborate to get something started.

#### Community Survey

We are excited to announce our survey winners

- Katie
- Christopher
- Edie
- Cindy
- Doris
- Deborah

Our community survey is still open, so if you want to share your opinion, we would love to hear from you.

Please visit our website at [www.friendsofroblesranch.org](http://www.friendsofroblesranch.org) or pick up a paper survey at the front desk at the Hub.

**Your Voice Matters!**



## Youth For Veterans



Dallas Harmon presents a Veteran with a patriotic pillow



Y4V member, Dallas Harmon, presents Veteran Dave Annis with a Veteran door hanger.



Left: Y4V member Dallas Harmon hands out jackets & blankets to the homeless. Right: Momma V & the Y4V hand out food, water, & Christmas stockings to the homeless

**Momma V  
& SO. AZ Youth For Veterans  
7184 Marstella Rd.  
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Dallas Harmon delivers another box of lap throws to the VA Hospital.



Momma V removes a sticker from the foot of one of her Veterans

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# Community News



## Sierrita Mountain Livestock (SML) 4-H Club

Sierrita Mountain Livestock is now meeting at the fire district station 303 on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The kids are getting ready for the fair and working very hard with their projects and animals! If you're interested in seeing what 4-H is all about, please stop on by!

Have a wonderful month!

## 4 - H. Going Beyond Ready

4-H helps kids find their spark, build real world skills and become resilient, adaptable, lifelong learners.

For our youth the road ahead may be challenging, yet 4-H'ers are succeeding. Data shows that compared to their peers they're:

- 2x more likely to have the goal of being a leader
- 3x more likely to participate in community service
- 2x more likely to report living life with intentionality and purpose

\*Tufts University longitudinal study of Positive Youth Development. 2021

## Bulldog BBQ Menu

### Dry Rubbed Brisket, Ribs & Chicken

Can be purchased by the plate or A la Carte

**Brisket Plate** 3 slices Brisket, choice of side and bread - \$19.99

**Ribs Plate** 3 Ribs, choice of side and bread - \$17.99

**Chicken Plate** Half a chicken, choice of side and bread - \$15.99

### Sides

Potato Salad	Bulldogs Ranch	BBQ Beans
Macaroni Salad	Bacon Pasta Salad	Coleslaw
Bulldogs Supreme Pasta Salad	Bulldogs Drunken Beans	

### A La Carte Menu

Chicken	Ribs
Whole Chicken \$20.00	Full Rack. \$31.00
Half Chicken. \$12.00	Half Rack. \$17.00
Quarter Chicken. \$6.00	Per Bone. \$3.50

**Brisket.** Per Pound \$23.00



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**Friday, Saturday and Sunday cooked Pizzas can be ordered until 9:30PM.**

**Saturday & Sunday BBQ Available Starting At Noon (Till Supplies Last)**

**Check Out Our FaceBook Page to find our specials for Valentine's Day.**



**Bulldog Bakery & BBQ**

**Like Us On Facebook and watch for announcements on advertised specials and new items.**

## SUPER BOWL FEAST 2/9/25

### (2) One Topping Pizzas

#### 24 Piece Wings

With fries or onion rings  
(Only one flavor)

#### Philly Platter

With Fries or Onion rings  
(Only one flavor)

### Appetizer Platter \*

Your choice of 3 different appetizers

- Zucchini Sticks,
- Mozzarella Sticks
- Macaroni Bites
- Jalapeno Poppers
- Hushpuppies

\* Appetizer choices must all be different

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## Three Points Fire District

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### February News

The Three Points Fire District was able to help more than 40 families this year with presents for Christmas, and we could not be more grateful for the donations given! We are truly appreciative of this community coming together and helping one another.

The burn permits are still in effect, but please be careful with this wind! We have had too many fires this year alone.

If anyone needs a CPR class, please call our admin during regular office hours. Once we get enough people we will put on a class.

Please be safe and have a wonderful month!

**Without love, what are we worth?  
Eighty-nine cents! Eighty-nine cents  
worth of chemicals walking around  
lonely. ~M\*A\*S\*H,**

**"Love Story," 1973, written by  
Laurence Marks [S1, E14, Hawkeye]**

## Friday Night Hoops



**Come join us!**

**Every 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month**

**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**6th-12th Grade – All Skill Levels**

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3 vs 3

5 vs 5

Free Throw Contest

3 pt Contest

H.O.R.S.E.

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16150 W. Ajo Highway  
Call the center for more details 520-822-4408

## COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Three Points/Robles Junction:  
The Power of Community

18th Annual Festival

**Saturday, Nov. 8th, 2025**

**2:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

**Robles Elementary School**

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## U of A Cooperative Extension Monthly Garden Reminders for February

<https://extension.arizona.edu/publication/pima-county-monthly-garden-reminders-february>



February is an active gardening month for gardeners. Days get a bit warmer but be prepared for occasional cold snaps as some of our coldest nights have occurred in February. There are still many cool season vegetables to plant this month, and you can prepare for your warm season veggie garden or plant perennials for summer color. This is a great time to be in the desert!

### Maintenance

- Prune any dormant deciduous trees and shrubs you missed in January. Although no pruning is necessary for citrus trees, dead and diseased wood as well as crisscrossing limbs should be removed if the danger of frost has passed.
- Watch for cold temperatures – both night and day - and protect plants as needed.
- Leave frost damage on plants until the danger of freezing has completely passed. Pruning too early means that vulnerable plants are exposed unnecessarily; new growth may appear which is even more frost sensitive.
- Check your irrigation system for leaks due to freezing temperatures and repair them.
- If you did not prune established roses earlier, do so early in the month. Discard all potentially diseased, dropped leaves and cuttings - do not leave them under the plants or compost them. Healthy leaves are OK to compost.
- Cut back native grasses such as muhlenbergia species (Muhly grass) to about 4-6 inches high before new growth starts. Cutting to this height allows you to clean out dead and brown blades of grass and allows for new green growth. Native grasses have the added benefit of not needing to amend the soil or use fertilizer.
- Plan and prepare your summer garden layout and rotate the location of certain vegetables if needed. It's a good idea to keep a garden journal to keep track of these details.
- Successful vegetable and annual flower gardens require amending the soil each planting cycle. The goal is to have loose, fertile, well-drained soil for these specialty gardens.
  - Prepare garden soils for spring planting of vegetables and annual flowers. Improving soil structure creates favorable conditions for seed germination and root growth.
  - The recommended amendments include compost, composted manure, and worm castings. These add essential nutrients and are teeming with biological life that helps to build good soil. Adding amendments such as perlite and vermiculite increase aeration and drainage.
  - Do not add wood ash, crushed eggshells or gypsum to the soil. Wood ash raises soil alkalinity, crushed eggshells are unnecessary, and gypsum is not recommended for our gardening conditions.
- Winter rains bring weeds, so begin scouting for and manually removing weeds as soon as you notice them.
- Look for aphids – they like cooler temps and new growth. They may appear on other plants besides roses.
- Now is a good time to consider planning or installing active or passive rainwater harvesting.

### Planting

- Harvest cabbage and cauliflower. Monitor lettuce for signs of bolting. If they do bolt, consider letting them set seeds that you

can save for next year or donate to the Pima County Seed Library.

- Sow annual seeds outdoors or plant starts for black-eyed Susan, fleabane, gaillardia, gloriosa daisy, Mexican sunflower, nasturtium, primrose and sunflower.
- Plant perennials such as autumn sage, butterfly weed, chuparosa, damianita, desert mallow, desert milkweed, lavender, moss verbena, and pineleaf milkweed.
- Plant bare-root roses near the end of the month.
- Continue to harvest most varieties of oranges and citrus.

### Fertilizing

- Continue with mild fertilizing of winter vegetables.
- Fertilize citrus (1st of 3 annual feedings). For oranges, tangerines, and grapefruit, apply 1/3 of the total in January-February, 1/3 in March-April, and 1/3 in May-June. For lemons and limes, the first two applications are the same, but the last 1/3 isn't until August-September.
- Over-seeded Bermuda grass lawns need applications of a nitrogen fertilizer once per month.
- Other uses of fertilizer are not advised. Fertilizers stimulate new growth that will be frost-sensitive.

### Watering

- February rainfall is normally about an inch. If your yard receives significant rain, adjust the amount of water you are supplying your plants. Change only the frequency – not the duration.
- Test your irrigation system for leaks and problems.
- No irrigation for cacti, agave, yucca and desert trees and shrubs through the end of the month.

29 Year Anniversary

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# Winter Heating Tips for Arizona Homes

Submitted by Kelly Medlock. <https://accutempaz.com/blog/winter-heating-tips-for-arizona/>

Properly heating your home in the winter is essential, wherever you live. Temperatures are hardly as cold as in other parts of the country, energy efficiency is paramount. Read on to discover some helpful tips to ensure you are maximizing your energy efficiency as much as possible in the coming winter months.

## How To Prepare For Winter in Arizona

Winter may not be as severe as in Montana or Michigan, but it still marks a significant change. Brutally hot, dry summer weather gives way to nights that can sometimes become quite cool.

For this reason, enjoying the cold weather is not as simple as letting it roll in. In fact, there are a number of steps that are vital to take to make sure your home is well-prepared for winter months — and that your average electric bill, does not excessively balloon when the temperature dips.

## Prepare Your Heating System

Preparing your heating system for winter is one of the most important steps to take towards energy efficiency. A few simple steps can make a world of difference in terms of smoothly getting through the heating season.

- **Check to make sure your thermostat is working accurately, and consider purchasing a digital thermostat if you still use an analog one — these can be far more efficient and can help keep energy costs down.**
- **Check all vents on your HVAC system to ensure they are unobstructed and free of any debris. You can also vacuum out individual vents to ensure any small objects are removed.**
- **Change HVAC filters before winter to keep your system working efficiently and avoid an unnecessary rise in heating costs over the winter.**
- **Consider having a professional maintenance check before winter to ensure there are no missed problems.**

## Clean and Check Your Fireplace

In addition to thoroughly reviewing your HVAC system to ensure it is working properly, it is very important to check and clean your fireplace before winter (if you have one). A thorough check of a fireplace includes a number of essential steps:

- **Cleaning the chimney each season is vital, as the excessive buildup of creosote inside it can be a major safety hazard and start fires. Some homeowners are equipped to clean their chimneys, but hiring a professional to ensure the job is done right is best.**
- **Creosote is not the only concern for chimneys. When cleaning, you will want to thoroughly check in and around the chimney for debris — twigs, birds' nests, or other items — that may have blocked or damaged the chimney.**
- **Check the outside of the fireplace and chimney for any noticeable cracks or other changes. These damages can sometimes occur with high heat and, ideally, should be repaired before the heating season begins.**
- **Double-check that all of your smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are working. It is doubly helpful to have a smoke detector near the fireplace to catch any dangerous situations quickly.**
- **Depending on the design of your fireplace, you will likely want to clear ash from the fireplace or catchment area before the season begins.**

Following these tips can help maximize energy efficiency and keep your home safe when you're cozying up by a roaring fire!

Fence Post is on line at [www.friendsofroblesranch.org](http://www.friendsofroblesranch.org)

## Quick Winter Energy Tips

In addition to the broad systems reviews outlined above, a number of smaller tips can be highly effective in promoting energy efficiency in cold weather.

## Set Thermostat's Fan Setting to "AUTO" — Not "ON"

By putting your fan on AUTO, it will be able to effectively modulate itself through the colder weather — avoiding blowing cool air through your vents and wasting energy and electricity.

## Run Ceiling Fans in Reverse To Turn Down Thermostat

Running ceiling fans normally in the warmer month helps to cool your home. In the winter, try the opposite. By running your ceiling fans in reverse, you can re-circulate warm air throughout the room. This may even allow you to lower the temperature on your thermostat and save money.

## Use a Programmable Thermostat

You can save a whole lot of money — and promote energy efficiency — by using a programmable thermostat.

## Seal Air Duct Leaks

Take a look around your home for air ducts, pipes, vents, or wires coming into your home or into specific rooms.

## Do A Basic Furnace Inspection

If your home has a traditional furnace, it is essential to do an inspection each heating season. While service from a professional is vital, doing a quick check on your own can alert you to any immediate problems.

- **Check for rust or water leakage around your furnace — particularly around the base. Any sign of structural damage indicates that you should have service performed immediately.**
- **Check around the furnace for anything flammable. These can be a major safety hazard and should be removed immediately. Even basic "clutter" around the furnace could be a hazard, so be sure to clear some space around it and generally clean around it as well.**
- **Change the furnace filter, if necessary.**
- **Schedule a maintenance inspection. Furnaces are complicated machines and are best double-checked by a professional.**

## Professional Maintenance Checks

In general, professional maintenance checks are essential at the start of the heating season. Even in a warmer climate like Phoenix's, a maintenance check can ensure your system works efficiently and exposes any systemic vulnerabilities you may have missed. While the tips above are a great way to get started, there is simply no substitute for a professional check.



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# Church Information



If you are not plugged into a church somewhere and are looking for a church family, we would love to have you join us!

Worship service is on Sunday mornings at 11:00  
Adult Bible study is on Wednesday evenings at 6:00  
Youth Group on Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30 where we enjoy food, singing, activities, and

Bible study. Elementary through high school. Parents are welcome to join the youth or attend the adult Bible study.

Faith Baptist Church  
11080 South Brandywine Lane  
[faithbaptistchurch-robles.com](http://faithbaptistchurch-robles.com)



## Serenity Baptist Church

*By Patzi Hughes,  
Ministry Assistant, Church Clerk*

Please join us at 10:30 AM on Sunday for our worship service in the Main Sanctuary. Pastor Jerry Griffin is current leading us thru a series of "Intentional".

His wife, Cindy, has a special lesson for the kids (ages: infants-thru 5th grade), during Kids Karpet time. A special bag of treats is given to the kids (also some adults have been able to convince her to give them one!). Every other Sunday, the kids go to Kids World in the West Bldg with Scott & Jennifer Kruger, for fun & Bible story time.

**Serenity Sisters**, meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday evening in the West Building.

**Youth Group** is on Wednesday night, 6:30 pm (ages 6th grade-12th grade) in the Main Sanctuary. Pastor Jerry leads the study time, Scott Kruger leads the game time. Jennifer Kruger, and Jennifer Williams help to serve food to the group.

Office hours are M-F, 9am-1pm, except holidays. If you have a question or have a need, please leave your name, phone#, and a brief message. Your call will be returned as quickly as possible.

## Food Ministry

**Thursday morning is our drive-thru Food Ministry. We do our best with the donations we receive. Please come early, food goes quickly. And we need to know how many boxes we need for that day.**

The FREE food is received from Caring Ministries in Tucson, Volunteers box the food inside the Main Sanctuary, and distribute the boxes to the community folks of Robles Junction/Three Points.

**The Ministry hours are 8 am-9:30.** We sometimes run out of food before 9:30 am but we try to make sure each vehicle gets a box. Come early to get in line, food goes quickly!



## Serenity Baptist Church Food Distribution for 2024

In 2024 SBC received from Caring Ministries 114,084 lbs of bread, desserts, produce plus pallets of watermelons, cases of juices, peppers, and tomatoes.

We were able to distribute 3561 boxes of food to feed 5,598 people in our community of Robles Junction/Three Points.

We are thankful for the food, and especially thankful for the volunteers that work to prepare those boxes.

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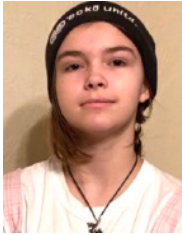


# Community News

## VFW Post 10254 Has Two Essay Winners

By Morgan McHose, US Army (RET), VFW Post 10254 Commander

The VFW is dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generation. If you are a democracy-loving high school student interested in a \$35,000 college scholarship or a patriotic middle school student interested in winning \$5,000, these scholarships may be for you.



Hailey Norris won the VFW Post 10254 Patriot's Pen contest. Patriot's Pen Each year is participated in by nearly 68,800 students in sixth through eighth grades to the VFW's youth essay contest for a chance to win their share of nearly \$1 million in state and national awards. Each first place state winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the national level, and the national first place winner wins \$5,000!

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.

Aliyah Moloch won VFW Post 10254 Voice of Democracy which was Established in 1947 and is an audio-essay program which provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded



essay. Each year, nearly 40,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of \$2.1 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.

The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$15,000, and the first-place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins a minimum scholarship of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.



**Post 10254**  
10111 S Sasabe Rd  
Call 520-822-5047.

**You can find the VFW Events, Menus  
and Up To Date Information  
on their Face Book Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/VFWPost10254AZ>



**Three Points General Store Hours Sunday thru Thursday 6am to 9pm, Friday & Saturday 6am to 10pm.**  
**Ace Hardware Is Open Monday - Saturday 8am to 6pm, Sunday 9am - 5pm**  
**General Store 822-1071. Ace Hardware 822-1353**

Come on down to the Three Points General Store this month for all your local needs! From groceries and liquor, to hardware and yard care, we have it all! Our store has been a focal point serving the Three Points/Robles Junction Community for almost 96 years now. We are more than just a store, we are members of your community, and we look forward to seeing you each and every day.

Shop our low prices on fresh produce, deals on beer like a 30 Pack of Natural Light for \$19.99 or Steel Reserve cans 2 for \$5.00, and even more deals next door at Ace Hardware! The Ace **Red Hot Buys** include select Ace Handle Yard and Garden tools for \$21.99, 20lb bags of Ace bird seed 2 for \$20, and Miracle-Gro 16 Qt Potting Mix 2 for \$20.

Our deli is open 6am-6pm Sunday through Thursday, and until 9pm on Friday and Saturday. Call us to place orders for pizza and wings to-go at our store number, 520-822-1071. Propane is also available daily, open until close, for \$2.29 per gallon. Other services available on site are gas, Arizona Lottery, bags of ice, purified water, air compressor, and an Amazon locker pickup (fairway). If there is something you need that we don't have, feel free to let your cashier know and we will see what we can do!





## Message from Superintendent Dr. David Dumon

February 1, 2025

Dear Altar Valley Families,

Altar Valley School District: Celebrating Achievements, Community, and Growth

I hope this message finds you well as we come together this month to celebrate Arizona's Birthday, The Tucson Rodeo, and the spirit of Valentine's Day! I am excited to share some highlights and important updates with you for this month.

First, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our students, parents, teachers, staff, and the entire AVSD community for your ongoing support. Your commitment to the Altar Valley School District is truly inspiring. Together I am confident that we will continue to Build, Grow, Flourish, and Succeed throughout this year!

Our Bobcats and Eagles of Excellence were **ROARing** and **SOARing** this past month as we celebrated our students for their academic achievements, extracurricular success, and community involvement.

Congratulations to our students and families who made the Honor Roll and Principal's list, as well as those that excelled on our District Benchmarks for Quarter 2. Thank you for your commitment to academic excellence and growth. A special thank you to all the families that came out to celebrate our students at our Bobcats and Eagles of Excellence event!

**All the Way to the Border Clean-up Project:** Thank you to Student Council and National Junior Honor Society for participating in All the Way to the Border Clean-up project.

**Staff Spotlight:** Congratulations to middle school teacher Rica Arzaga-Benedicto for being recognized as the Three Points VFW **Teacher of the Year** nominee! Your dedication plays a crucial role in shaping the educational experiences of our students and we wish you the best as you move on to the state level competition!

### District Updates:

February 12- AVSD Governing Board Meeting

February 14 – Valentine's Day / AZ Statehood Day

February 20 & 21 - Rodeo Break, No School

February 26 – Family Fun Night at Robles Elementary

In March, Altar Valley will be seeking input on our **Reading/ELA textbook adoption**. More information will be shared later this month.

**Parent-teacher conferences** are coming March 13 & 14. Send your child's teacher an email now to schedule a time to meet to discuss their academic success.

### Coming Soon - AVSD Family Survey:

Your feedback is invaluable! We encourage you to share your thoughts, suggestions, and concerns with your child's teacher, principal, or me at any time. Simply send an email letting us know you'd like to connect. For those of you that prefer a **survey** one will be available in March. Please keep an eye out for more details.

National Parks Pass: Attention 4<sup>th</sup> Graders get your **free National Parks Pass** for you and your family and visit hundreds of parks for the 2024-2025 school year. Learn more at [https://everykidoutdoors.gov/fourth\\_graders.htm](https://everykidoutdoors.gov/fourth_graders.htm)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** If you are interested in volunteering in your child's classroom or our schools please contact your child's teacher, principal, Evelyn See at [esee@avsd.org](mailto:esee@avsd.org) or me at [ddumon@avsd.org](mailto:ddumon@avsd.org)

I am looking forward to the rest of the school year and I am confident that our efforts will lead to continued success and growth for our students and the entire AVSD family.

Happy Valentine's Day & Arizona Statehood Day!

Together, let's continue to show how much **Altar Valley School District loves our community!**

Sincerely, Dr. Dave Dumon, Superintendent



## FAMILY CAFE



Join us for a welcoming gathering to share the joys and challenges of raising children, offer mutual support, exchange ideas for the FRC, and build community. The cafe will take place in the playroom, so bring your children and let them play! Family Cafe occurs every third Monday of the month.

### DATES

December 16

January 27

February 17

### TIME

9:00-10:00 AM

### LOCATION

Robles Elementary  
9875 S Sasabe Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85736

### QUESTIONS?

Jeannette | 520-800-2002  
[jramirez@avsd.org](mailto:jramirez@avsd.org)





# Altar Valley School District News

## Celebrating Our Governing Board: Appreciation and Oath of Office Highlights

<https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/february-2025>



**Congratulations to Rica  
Arzaga-Benedicto**  
Three Points VFW Teacher  
of the Year Nominee  
<https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/february-2025>

**District Spelling Bee Winner!!**  
**Congratulations to Andrea!**  
<https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/february-2025>



**Family  
Fun Night  
Around the  
Holidays!**  
Our next Family Fun Night  
will be on Wednesday,  
February 26, 2025 from  
5:30-7:00pm.  
<https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/february-2025>



**Message from Robles Principal**  
<https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/february-2025/bobcat-bulletin>  
**"Preparing for Success: Key Steps for  
Students and Families This February"**

## 21st Century Before and Afterschool Program at Robles

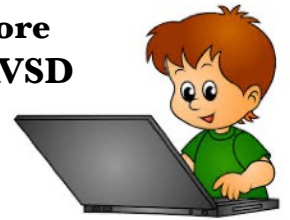
21st Century Before and Afterschool  
Program at Robles has wonderful  
programs and tutoring support for our  
students. Learn more about the Lego Club  
and Folklorico.

<https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/february-2025/bobcat-bulletin>



**Please click on the links to  
read the articles.**

**Full articles, and more  
pictures are on the AVSD  
website**



**Message from AVMS Principal**  
Semester One at AVMS was Filled  
with Excitement and  
Accomplishments  
<https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/february-2025/eagle-pride>



**Family Resource Center**  
<https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/february-2025/family-resource-center>

**Nature Play at Mission Manor Park**  
taught a class about Arizona's 5 C's:  
copper, cattle, cotton, citrus, and  
climate. The families participated in  
several fun activities and enjoyed a  
picnic together.



**Family Cafe is coming up on February 17th**  
Join us for a welcoming gathering to share the joys and challenges  
of raising children, offer mutual support, exchange ideas for the  
FRC, and build community.

**Story Time Arts & Crafts**  
Enjoy stories, songs and  
activities with your child  
while they explore their  
imagination and develop a  
love of reading. Join us and  
let's have some creative  
fun! Happening  
Wednesdays in February  
10:30-11:30AM.



## Free Nutrition Classes

Participants will receive resources to create nutritious meals your  
kids will eat! Attend all 8 classes and receive a large insulated bag  
filled with recipes and cooking items!

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## Artist - Craftsperson

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<b>See Kristina's Ad In The Fence Post</b>	
<b>THS Studio, Fiber Landscape Artist</b>	Trish Sargent 520-247-8222
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## Auto Repair

<b>Robby's Auto Service</b>	Robby Springer
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## Contractor - Handy Person

<b>Caruthers Construction LLC</b>	Kris Caruthers
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## Financial Services

<b>Teressa A Ryder, ChFC,CLUC</b>	Teressa A Ryder
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1 South Church Ave Suite 2200 Tucson, AZ 85736	<b>See Ad In The Fence Post</b>

## Beauty

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<b>Avon</b>	Victoria Wharton-Greenhow
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Go straight to my site to shop at <a href="http://www.avon.com/repstore/vwgreenhow">www.avon.com/repstore/vwgreenhow</a>	<b>See Ad In The Fence Post</b>

## General Shopping, Groceries - Hardware

<b>Ace Hardware &amp; Three Points General Store</b>	Ace Phone #520 - 822-1353 General Store #520-822-1071
<b>16237 West Ajo Highway, Tucson, AZ</b>	
All Your Hardware Needs, Groceries, Frozen Foods, Beer & Wine	
<b>See Ad In The Fence Post</b>	
<b>Bulldog Bakery &amp; BBQ</b>	Located on Ajo, the old One Stop Market
520-578-6160	Facebook look for Bulldog Bakery & BBQ
Groceries & Prepared Food, Beer, Wine	<b>See Ad In The Fence Post</b>
<b>Double E Feed</b>	Blake & Kaity Epley
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On Ajo, Feed Supplies, Chickens & Mailboxes and <b>Notary Service</b>	<b>See Ad In The Fence Post</b>
<b>Kestrel Kafe &amp; Market</b>	Donna Derosia
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Groceries & Prepared Food, Beer, Wine	<b>See Ad In The Fence Post</b>
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<a href="mailto:kjsconvenientstop@icloud.com">kjsconvenientstop@icloud.com</a>	
Groceries, Beer, Wine, Gas	<b>See Ad In The Fence Post</b>
<b>Hair &amp; Beauty</b>	
<b>Graceful Touch of Hair</b>	Grace Rico
Off Ajo, Behind Bulldog Bakery (Old One Stop)	
Hair Cuts, Perms, Pedicures, Foot Reflexology	
<b>See Ad In The Fence Post</b>	
<b>Hairy Cactus</b>	Lisa Wagner
(520) 861-9230	<a href="mailto:lisathestylist1965@gmail.com">lisathestylist1965@gmail.com</a>



### Health Care

<b>United Community Health Care - Three Points Clinic</b>	15921 W Ajo Hwy
Call For Appointment	520 -2407-5700
<b>See Ad In The Fence Post</b>	

### Notary Service

<b>Beverly Paye/Platt</b>	520-822-2310 520-850-8030
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<b>Momma V</b>	520-282-1617
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### Real Estate Agents

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<b>Kelly Medlock PLLC</b>	520-240-8844
<a href="mailto:kellyannsellstucson@gmail.com">kellyannsellstucson@gmail.com</a>	
Tierra Antigua Realty	<b>See Ad In The Fence Post</b>

### Utilities

<b>Trico</b>	520-744-2944
<a href="http://www.trico.coop">www.trico.coop</a>	
<b>See Ad In The Fence Post</b>	



## The Fence Post

**Is our local monthly community newsletter.**

**It is created 10 months of the year.**

**There is no January or July issue.**

**You can find the current issue of the Fence Post on The Hub as well as recent back issues.**

**We also print 150 B&W printed issues that we distribute to several local businesses.**

### The Fence Post Business Listings

is a growing list of local businesses.  
You can find the Business Listings in the middle of **The HUB** homepage with Quick Links

We have many businesses within our community, yet residents do not have a way to find them when they need them.

The Fence Post has created a Business Listing Page for **The HUB** website. This list will also be printed in the Fence Post four times a year.

All businesses who advertise in our Fence Post Newsletter are automatically included in this business listing page at no extra charge.

These businesses also have extra space for a brief description of their business in this listing.

There is an option if a local business would like to be on the Business Listing page without placing an ad in the newsletter for the low cost of \$10 for a 3 month listing..

Check Out the new Fence Post Advertising rates which can be found on the Fence Post tab on **The Hub**, <https://www.friendsofroblesranch.org/fence-post>. Advertising options are described in detail. Choose the one that works best for your business.

## Looking For Help?

**The Hub Resource Guide has a list of agencies in Pima County that can help.**

**Youth, Senior Citizen, Health, Rental, Legal and much more.**

**The Hub Resource Guide can be found at [friendsofroblesranch.org](http://friendsofroblesranch.org)**

**All the links are live to help you with your search**



# Join us in celebrating 80 years of dependable service to our Members

## TRICO ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 11 AM  
Casino del Sol Resort  
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- 9 a.m. — Registration opens
- 9–11 a.m. — Informational Booths and Workshops
- 11 a.m.–12 p.m. — Meeting will last one hour
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