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Trico Electric Cooperative Applies for Arizona's Broadband Equity, Access & Development (BEAD) Grant Program

Trico Electric Cooperative (Trico) has applied for a grant from Arizona's Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment (BEAD) Program, which represents the state's largest broadband investment in history. The BEAD program is managed by the Arizona

Commerce Authority with the goal of providing universal broadband internet access for all in Arizona.

Over the past 18 months, Trico's Board of Directors and Staff have completed a detailed feasibility study to understand the financial, operational, and technical requirements for offering broadband. The Board has approved proceeding with a BEAD application and planning for providing broadband. The final decision on whether to proceed with offering broadband services will be made after BEAD awards are announced, which is expected to occur in early Summer 2025.

The BEAD Program prioritizes extending broadband internet service to the unserved and underserved areas of Arizona, including many rural areas. The goal is to improve connectivity, support economic growth, enhance education, and improve healthcare access throughout the state. As an electric cooperative that has been serving underserved and rural communities of Southern Arizona since 1945, Trico is uniquely qualified to provide this service.

On March 7th, Trico submitted an application for BEAD grant funds to support the design and construction of fiber infrastructure that would allow Trico to provide broadband internet service to the residents of Southern Arizona. Trico's extensive utility experience

and not-for-profit cooperative model make it an ideal candidate to provide fast, reliable, and affordable internet solutions with a focus on excellent service. Trico is already working on a plan to expand fiber facilities in its electric service territory to support better communication and control between Trico substations and line devices, and to implement smart-grid solutions that will provide improved reliability, allow for better integration of distributed energy resources, and support energy solutions offered to Trico Members.

Trico is taking practical steps to be prepared if it does earn a BEAD award. One of these steps is identifying public and Member interest in receiving broadband internet service from Trico. Members can visit www.trico.coop or login to their Trico SmartHub accounts to register their interest. This will help Trico to better understand which communities are the most interested in broadband service, collect a list of interested Members who want to stay informed, and plan Trico's fiber build out.

"Almost 80 years ago, Trico was established to provide essential electric services. As we have grown, developed, and innovated over the years, we have never lost sight of that important duty. Today, high-speed, reliable, and affordable broadband service is a vital utility that promotes economic progress, education, and healthcare" said CEO and General Manager, Brian Heithoff.

"As a co-op our experience, our high-level Member service, and our decades long commitment to the communities we serve, make us uniquely qualified to design, deploy, and manage a broadband network to serve rural areas, growing towns and suburban areas, vital community anchors like schools and hospitals, and traditionally underserved areas throughout Southern Arizona," Heithoff said.

What will Trico getting the BEAD grant mean to the residents of Three Points

by Trish Hastings-Sargent

Trico is working to build a reliable, resilient Smart Grid using high speed fiber. This Smart Grid will ensure safety, cybersecurity, and reliable performance.

By building Smart Grid thru-out their service area, they will be able to monitor their system and reach outages faster, including potentially redirecting electric power to outage areas while repair work is being done.

If Trico receives a BEAD award then the Board will decide whether to extend the fiber Smart Grid to also provide broadband to Trico Members. This is a hard wired closed system, meaning a cable from Trico's closest facility to your home.

The speed of the broadband service that Trico could provide (among other options) will be 1 Gigabit up and 1 Gigabit down. The final cost is being determined but is expected to be cost competitive.

Trico will hear if they received the grant this summer. If they do proceed with broadband the build would likely start in January 2026. To build the entire system could take around three years.

Attention Three Points Residents

If you are interested in receiving broadband internet service from Trico go to www.trico.coop or login to your Trico SmartHub account to register your interest.

Trico is logging each interested vote on a map. If they receive the grant and start planning their fiber build this map will identify the areas of greatest interest and will be built earlier than lower interest areas.

Our Community needs reliable high speed internet for a fair price.

Let's all register our interest with Trico for high speed to our community. Three Points should be at the top of Trico's list not the bottom.

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

Weekly/Monthly Events at The HUB Building 16150 West Ajo Hwy 85735

My Friends Closet Please 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



Grub At The HUB April 2nd 4 to 6 PM Hot Dog, Soda & Chips

The Pima County Health Department will be there. Their team will hang out, introduce themselves, and share information about the services and resources.



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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.
4-H Robles Ranchers	Meeting are at the Double E Feed Store 2nd Friday of the Month at 7 p.m.

Fence Post Deadline 20th of the month 5 pm This is a firm deadline.

E-mail articles to fencepost3points@gmail.com

Weekly/Monthly Events at Robles Ranch Community Center

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

Friends Of Robles Ranch Meeting is The First Tuesday Of The Month at 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 10:30 am- 5:30 pm Monday-Friday.

Billards Table

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

Robles Ranch Lending Library

Open to the public 10:30 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

Active Adults Fitness

Active Adults Fitness 10:30-11:30 April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Mexican Train Dominoes

10:00-12:00 April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Active Adults Craft Days

10:30-12:30 April 14th, 21st, 28

Robles Prime Timers Community Meeting Potluck

10:30-12:30 April 7th . Come to the meeting and help plan events

Active Adult Trip – Tohono Chul Gardens. April 23rd Depart from center at 10am arrive back by 3pm (must be signed up to attend)

Yoga for beginners 10:15am- 11:15am Tuesdays & Thursdays April 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 Whether you are new to yoga or looking for a gentle calming practice this class serves as an ideal introduction to yoga. (must register online)

The HUB News

Check Out The Friends Of Robles Ranch Scholarship Program



We are now accepting scholarship applications.

TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY, VISIT WWW.FRIENDSOFROBLESRANCH.ORG

INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE!

Visit The HUB Website

Our Community Website provided by Friends Of Robles Ranch at

friendsofroblesranch.org

To Find:

The Scholarship Applications Volunteer Applications

Hub Resource Guide

The Fence Post

Fence Post Business Listings

And Much More



Welcome to The Hub!

We are the Friends of Robles Ranch, a group of community members who believe in serving, providing resources, and creating positive experiences for our neighbors.

The Pima County Health
Department Will Be At "Grub
at The Hub" on Wednesday,
April 2nd, at 4 p.m.



We manage a clothing store and food bank that provides affordable clothing, household items, and essential food boxes to our outstanding community members. The place/space we gather and serve is called The Hub.

We are also working to establish the Hub as a place where we will hold community events and offer various training/programs and volunteer opportunities.

Over the last few weeks, we have been working with the Pima County Health Department to find ways to better serve our community. They have a great team dedicated to serving the people of our community.

The Pima County Health Department will attend our "Grub at The Hub" **on Wednesday, April 2nd, at 4 p.m**. Their team will hang out, introduce themselves, and share information about the services and resources.

Pima County Health Department aims to strengthen and expand its relationship with rural partners. They also want to better understand how The Hub supports and works in the community and what gaps might exist for the health and well-being of Three Points residents.

The Friends of Robles Ranch at The Hub are excited about partnering with the health department.

We are grateful for community members who shop at our store, donate to our store, receive food boxes, and volunteer. Without you, The Hub would not exist.

"Legacy is not leaving something for people. It's leaving something in people."

~Peter Strope

Important Community Survey



Take our Community Needs Survey today!

Your input helps bring vital resources to our community.

Complete the survey to enter to win a \$100 Visa gift card!*

Deadline: March 31, 2025.

Your responses are completely anonymous. A valid email is required but will only be used to contact the winner.

*Pima County employees are not eligible for the drawing.

Pima County Outside Agency Program





Scan the QR code to get started.

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 5655 W. Valencia Rd.

- 9 a.m. Registration opens
- 9-11 a.m. Informational Booths and Workshops
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Meeting will last one hour
- · Please bring a copy of your bill for fast check in
- Win raffle prizes (must be present to win)
- · Trees will be available for purchase



Dear Fence Post Readers

The County's <u>Outside Agency Program</u> has launched a comprehensive survey designed to gather information about the needs of the communities it serves. The program offers financial support to nonprofit agencies that provide services for low-income individuals, those in rural areas, and other at-risk populations.

Pima County's aim is to gain a deeper understanding of the services that can help empower every individual to not just thrive, but to truly flourish and achieve their full potential both economically and socially.

"The findings from this survey may play a crucial role in influencing future programs and initiatives within our community."

Answers to the survey are anonymous. Participants will have the opportunity to enter to win a \$100 Visa gift card; a valid email will be required but will only be used to contact the winner. Pima County employees are not eligible for the drawing.

To participate in the survey Use the QR Code or this direct link bit.ly/oa-survey

The Outside Agency Program, established in January 1992 by the Pima County Board of Supervisors, is funded by the Pima County General Fund, and awards are allocated through a competitive process. Agencies are funded for one fiscal year, with the possibility of funding renewal for a second year. The County maintains an Outside Agency Transparency webpage.

Community Festival Date Change: Mark Your Calendars for November 8th!

Attention all festival-goers! The highly anticipated annual festival, originally scheduled for the first Saturday in October, has a new date. This year, the festival will take place on **November 8th**.

The change was made to accommodate scheduling conflicts and ensure the best possible experience for attendees. Organizers have promised the same exciting lineup of entertainment, delicious food, and fun activities for the whole family—just on a new date!

"We are committed to making this year's event as memorable as ever, and we look forward to seeing you all on November 8th."

Be sure to update your calendars and spread the word! More details on festival activities, vendors, and ticketing, will be provided in the upcoming months.

Any suggestions or concerns can be brought to us. We appreciate your feedback and look forward to an amazing event!

We can't wait to celebrate with you on November 8th!

Community News



Sierrita Mountain Livestock (SML) 4-H Club

SML 4-H club is getting ready for the Pima County Fair! This is where they have their final shows and auction off their animals.

If you are interested in showing an animal in the future, this would be a great time to come and see some shows! The Pima County Fair Grounds will have animals shows from the 22nd - 26th.

We are still meeting on the second Tuesday of the month in the fire station on Sasabe.

Stop on by if you have questions or want to join next year!



Coming Next Month in the Fence Post - Local Artists Page

By Trish Hastings-Sargent

Dear Reader

The Fence Post is our local newsletter. As such we would like to encourage our local creative talents.

We know there are a lot of talented folks out here and we would like to begin sharing what they create with our readers.

- Do you create original art? This is a broad category. It includes original art in all mediums, like fiber, wood, metal, painting, photography, tattooing, garments, sculpture (hard & soft) and probably others I have not thought of.
- Are you a creative writer? Do you write original poems or short stories?
- Are you musical? Do you write original songs and preform them? Have you preformed them and posted them online?

What The Fence Post Will Not Accept

The Fence Post is dedicated to providing only positive points of view. We will not accept anything negative or derogatory. We prefer nothing political as it is so controversial. We reserve the right not to publish anything we feel could be controversial.

What The Fence Post Will Accept

- We will only accept original work (not made from a commercial pattern) from folks who live in our Three Points/Robles Junction Community.
- We encourage folks of all ages (especially students) to submit their original work.
- If you are an artist, we will accept one photo of one piece of your original work per issue. We will include the title of the piece, your name and any information you want to include.
- If you are a creative writer, we will accept and print a poem or short story under 400 words. If your creative writing is longer than that and you have a link to where it can be found on line we will include the link, with your name and contact information and any information you want to include..

• If you are a musical talent and have preformed your original piece on a social media platform we will include the link with your name and any information you want to include.

If you would like to share your creativity please contact Trish at fencepost3points@gmail.com for more details.

The new Local Artists Page will be a Free Listing.

Our goal is to promote local talent. Here is a sample of what the listing could look like.



Trish Hastings-Sargent Fiber Art

Queen Of The Night 20" H X 16"W

This piece is available for purchase
For more information contact
Trish by text at 520-247-8222
Or visit her website at
ths-studio.com



Community News

Robles Ranch Community Center presents

4th Annual Egg Hunt Extravaganza & Movie Saturday, April 12, 2025 • 4:30-9:00 p.m.

Event Festivities

Face Painting • Balloon Animals
Music • Activity Tables
Raffles • Treats
Bunny available for photos
Egg Hunt ages 13 yrs. and under
at 6:00 p.m.



Three Points Veterans Memorial Park 10211 S. Sasabe Hwy, Tucson 85736

Friends Of Robles Ranch at The Hub will be on site with hotdogs, chips & soda available for \$3.00





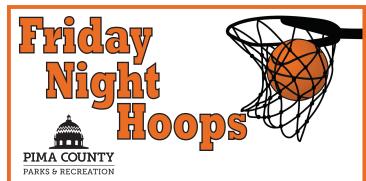




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3 vs 3

5 vs 5

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Robles Ranch Community Center 16150 W. Ajo Highway Call the center for more details 520-822-4408

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Deputy Sheriff I

Closes 4/11/25

(Starting pay \$28.13)

Safety Loss Prevention Officer

(Starting pay \$25.12)

Accounting Supervisor

(Starting pay \$38.71)

Accountant I

(Starting pay \$25.12)

Custodian II

(Starting pay \$16.53) Process Server

(Starting pay \$16.54)

Corrections Cook

(Starting pay \$16.53)

Corrections Officer

(Starting pay \$24.91)

911 Dispatcher

Open 4/4/25-5/2/25

(Starting pay \$21.11)

Public Safety

Transcription Technician

(Starting pay \$17.36)

Public Safety Specialist

(Starting pay \$17.36)

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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

Ace Hardware has been doing some Spring Cleaning, and in the process we are finding many items that just need to go, passing those savings along to you!

Be on the lookout for clearance items throughout the store. For the Month of April Ace has gardening soils, bird seed, and yard tools on sale. It's time to get back outside and enjoy your yard now that the weather is getting nice again!



Three Points Ace Hardware is also now offering UPS package service. You can bring

your package(s) to the Ace Hardware side of our store if you need us to ship your parcels. We can also print your labels for you, and we don't charge any in-store service fees, only UPS shipping fees! You can have Amazon

orders shipped to our locker next door named FAIRWAY. (The General Store side cannot receive packages at the counter).

At the General Store we are now selling Kettlelicious Kettle Corn. a fellow local business! Several flavors available for \$6.29. We are stocked with new flavors of Crown Royal, new wine selections, and a continued sale on Jack Daniels, 2 for \$45. We also have 200ml Blue Raspberry BuzzBalls in stock.

We'll see you soon!







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Bud Light and Budweiser 6 packs, one for \$6.99 or two for \$11.99, and the 24 packs are \$21.99 each.



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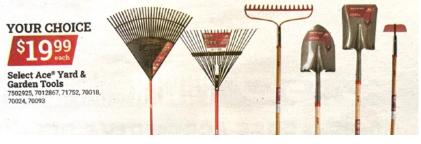
Natural light 30 pack cases are on sale for \$19.99.







YOUR CHOICE









Hello Three Points/ Robles Friends,

Allow me to introduce myself, I am Gabie Davenport, LMSW, BHP, CCTP-Trauma Specialist, Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA), Certified Mental Health Professional. I have been within the behavioral health field for 16.5 years. My experiences include substance use disorders with recovery treatments, mental and behavioral health diagnoses.

trauma disorders, crisis interventions and prevention of SI/HI. A 2018 graduate of Arizona State University-School of Social Work Master's Program.

My calling in life has always been prevalent in all aspects of who "I AM", a Helper. My guiding philosophy is: "First one must see the need, then move into filling the need." This provides a heightened awareness of opportunities in helping people grow into the best version of themselves, creating healthier lives starts with oneself, this will continue in the creating a healthier family, community, and so forth. My guiding goal is a simple approach; helping one learn how to achieve their own successes. It starts by addressing the needs for wellness and wellbeing of the whole person: Body, Mind, and Spirit. The holistic, service model approach in helping others in helping themselves by increasing one's own abilities to cope with daily living, to promote healing. In the words of Hippocrates (the father of medicine), "Let food be thy medicine, and medicine be thy food". Living within rural communities affords one the ability to grow and harvest Fresh herbs, vegetables, eggs, and meats. Avoiding, or limiting the intake of processed (fast) foods available on "Every Street Corner, USA". Aiding others in understanding of the value of healthy nutrition in daily living is having a healthy body, a healthy mind, and healthy spirit, thus supporting a healthier life, which is all-encompassing of Body, Mind, and Spirit.

I have recently joined the team here at United Community Health Center (UCHC) in Three Points; as a therapist in our Behavioral Health Services, providing therapeutic sessions based on mental health needs, as well connecting with the resources needed in "making daily living simpler", within our rural community. Being a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW), I am an "Agent for Change". Change which allows a difference in the lives of an individual, their families, within their neighborhoods, and in communities. These changes may even occur at the county, state, and national levels of government, which effects "all the people". Yet, the place to start change, is with YOU.

Here at United Community Health Center (UCHC) our Mission Statement reads "We deliver quality care that is accessible, comprehensive, innovative, compassionate and culturally sensitive in an atmosphere of trust and respect" means the delivery of our services to you are important to us. Making a difference in the worth of the person, their families, and within their communities. UCHC-Three Points provides these services to the community; Medical Health Care, Women's Health Care starting May 16th, 2025, on every 3rd Friday of every month, Behavioral Health & Psychiatric services, we also provide Dental Care services for adults and children by calling 520-407-5617 to make an appointment. We deliver all services, with respect and professionalism for children, adolescents, adults, and elder adults. Both in clinic and telehealth services for both medical health care

and behavioral health, on an as needed basis. Assisting our patients in meeting their needs thorough our integrated approach to medical/women's care, dental care, and mental health/psychiatric services, providing our patients their own treatment team within the clinical network of UCHC.

In conclusion, there are two important topics I would like to address, and they are:

- 1. Interventions for mental health crisis: You have a choice; to continue to suffer, feeling down/sad with depression or overwhelmed with anxiety toward situations in life, which are just too much to manage on your own.
- 2. Prevention of suicidal ideations or harm to self or others with intent and/or plan.

<u>OR</u> make the choice to reach out, asking for the help need.

Listed below are a few ways of receiving assistance if you are in a Mental Health Crisis.

- *First and Foremost, in the Event of an Emergency Call 911
- *United Community Health Center, 15921 West Ajo Hwy., Tucson, AZ. 85735, 520-407-5700
- *Warm-Line (you *just* need to talk with someone) 520-770-9909, or 884-733-9912
- * Hot Lines Immediate Crisis: (PLEASE HELP ME) 520-622-6000 Community Wide Crisis Line
- OR... Dail 988 to reach the Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
- * Crisis Response: Call 988 or AZ Statewide Crisis Hotline: 844-534-4673.
 - *ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS...YOU DO MATTER!!!
 Written by: Gabie D. Davenport, LMSW, BHP

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Message From Supervisor Jennifer Allen, District 3

Dear constituents and friends,

With two months in office under my belt, I am so impressed by the complexity of the issues, concerns, and challenges facing District 3 and Pima County. With all the upheaval and uncertainty at the federal level, I hear and feel communities' anxiety, fear, and outrage. As I dig into my new role, my goal continues to be to figure out ways to protect the lands and people who call southern Arizona home and ensure that



everyone is treated with dignity and has opportunities to prosper.

To get started, I've focused on building a strong foundational understanding of Pima County. I've participated in five Board of Supervisors meetings where I've been learning the ropes. With my staff, we've met with eighteen County departments to learn about their scope of work and priorities. We toured the Tres Rios Water Reclamation Center, the Pima County Adult Detention Center, and the Pima Animal Care Center where almost 500 dogs are waiting for their forever home (my family has just adopted one: Ribsy, my new best friend!).

One of my favorite parts of this role is being in District 3 communities. In the last two months, we've been in Arivaca, Ajo, Marana, Three Points, Altar Valley, Sells, Flowing Wells, and Sasabe.

In January I visited the Marana Rescue Me Shelter with other local elected officials to draw attention to the need for more pet adoptions. In February, I met with a delegation of Japanese business owners thinking of partnering with Pima County. I was honored to speak at the 70th anniversary celebration of the Southern Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

I've also been meeting with community organizations that are uniting to protect our most vulnerable residents, including immigrant families and the parents of transgender youth.

We are just getting started – so much good work ahead of us. Our calendars are packed with meetings and events across District 3 so we look forward to seeing and hearing from you in the days ahead.

Thank you,

How to Reach Us!

Website: pima.gov/district3

Facebook: Supervisor Jennifer Allen **Instagram:** @SupervisorJenniferAllen

Email: district3@pima.gov

Address: 33 N. Stone Ave, 11th Floor, Tucson, AZ 85701



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U of A Cooperative Extension Monthly Garden Reminders for April

Pima County Monthly Garden Reminders for April

https://extension.arizona.edu/publication/pima-county-monthly-garden-reminders-april

Spring wildflowers abound this month in the desert and possibly in your garden as well as the days warm. Pollinators, critters and pests will all be out enjoying the bounty, making this a busy month for gardeners - so keep an eye out and take environmentally friendly action as needed to maintain your alive and active landscape. Plant your garden with the things you enjoy most; the options are endless.

Maintenance

- Remove any remaining winter damaged plant parts and compost them unless diseased. Flower stalks on fading spring bulbs are not trimmed - allow them to die back naturally but when fully spent, trim at the base.
- Thin fruit of deciduous trees such as apple, peach, plum and apricot. Pick marble-sized (or smaller) fruit off so that the fruit are spaced about 6 inches part.
- Protect young plants from wildlife. The best way to keep critters out is to use fencing 2' to 3' high. Stake the fencing to keep it standing up. Cage individual plants or entire plantings. For rabbits, use ½" poultry wire. For ground squirrels or chipmunks, use fencing with smaller openings; ¼" woven wire and cap the top as squirrels and chipmunks can climb. Leave fencing in place until plants become mature & less appealing to them.
- If your plants have yellowing or discolored leaves, contact the Master Gardener Plant Clinic for expert diagnosis and guidance on how to resolve the issue.
- Check your irrigation systems for leaks, clogged emitters and other issues. Regular maintenance includes flushing the lines on an annual basis.
- Monitor tender new growth on roses and other plants and check the undersides of leaves for aphids, thrips, and spider mites.
 Instead of chemical controls, use a blast of water to dislodge pests or add 1 tablespoon of liquid dish detergent to 1 gallon of water and spray the top and bottom of leaves.
- Flush accumulated salts from root zones of drip-irrigated plants in containers/raised beds by watering once 3X as long as normal.

- Plan or install active or passive Water Harvesting systems before monsoon.
- Mulch to a depth of 3-4 inches around trees and shrubs. Be sure the mulch is a few inches away from the trunk; don't make a "mulch volcano" as you can harm the plant.

Planting

- Plant warm season annuals for summer flowering-aster, coneflower, gaillardia, lisianthus, marigold, pentas, portulaca, Madagascar periwinkle, and zinnia.
- Plant perennials that provide color and attract pollinators such as chamomile, Gooding's verbena, justicia, lantana, Russian sage, and salvias.
- Plant summer bulbs such as dahlias, iris, and caladium.
- Sow seeds outdoors for cucumbers.
- Transplant seedlings of eggplant, squash, peppers, tomatoes, and thyme into the soil.
- Plant heat-loving vines such as Baja passion vine, pink trumpet vine, yellow orchid vine, and crossvine
- Plant fig trees.
- Plant citrus trees to give them time to get fully established before cold weather.
- It's the perfect time to plant heat-loving herbs such as Basil, Oregano, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme and more.
- Plant cacti and agaves as well as native and non-native desertadapted plants to allow roots to establish before the heat begins.
 Consider the mature size and sun demands and any other limitations for location.

Fertilizing

- Fertilize established (not newly planted) citrus (2nd of 3 annual feedings) if you did not do so in March. For oranges, tangerines, and grapefruit, the first application was 1/3 of the total in January or February, the current 1/3 in March or April, and the last1/3 is in May or June.
- Fertilize Bermudagrass once a month.
- Begin mild fertilizing of vegetables gardens.
- Fertilize your roses on a 3 to 4 week schedule.

Watering

• As the weather warms, increase your watering frequency but adjust if your garden receives significant rainfall.

Let's Not Allow The Internet To Kill Our Conversation Skills!

By your 3-Pts resident Anita K., Diamond Bell.

We are very literally living in the Internet Period of History; most communication goes via internet.

Why? Well, it's easy and it's fast! So simple, who would not take the "Easy Way", if it is available,

BUT this easy way may lead to permanent damage to our communication skills.

It already seems to affect kids, teenagers, who clearly are starting to lack the skill of communication! Look at them, all you see is teenagers attentive to their cell phones.

You start or try to initiate a conversation with a teenager, and he/she goes silent. You take a train ride and sit for hours, all there is both adults and teenagers staring and communicating their cell phones. Nobody or very few talks!

In plain English, the art of personal communication is about to get lost!

Not good!



So, let's try to converse, talk, communicate without the fantastic cell phone!!

They used to teach the "Art of Speaking", at least in European high schools, but even that is gone

Old fashioned, some say. We must be "modern"...... do you believe that? I don't!

Maybe one has to get older, more adult to understand the power and wisdom of personal interaction through conversations! Don't know, but I do know you can't do e.g therapy via texting. I mean it does not benefit whatever you may be needing. We could predict, that say ten years from now, if this tendency of no personal conversations goes on, the therapists will be busy.

Especially young people will have so many mental and spiritual problems coming from no-live conversations, that it will not be funny.

So, let's all encourage, especially our teenagers and other family members, to "real conversations" with their friends and acquaintances. It could be called Modern Basic Psychology. And we know it works with all of us!







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Community News



The essence of *The BAYADA Way* is our belief that our clients come first and that you deserve home health care delivered with compassion, excellence, and reliability.

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How The BAYADA Way began

In 2002, Mark Baiada began a companywide initiative to define and express the mission, vision, beliefs and values that have guided our work as home health care professionals.

This important project involved thousands of clients, family members and employees. Through a series of focus groups, overnight retreats, written surveys and feedback sessions, *The BAYADA Way* emerged.

Traveling across the country in "The BAYADA Bus" to personally deliver *The BAYADA Way* to each of the 128 offices at the time, Mark and *The BAYADA Way* team sought to listen closely and respond to the needs of our clients and professional caregivers.

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Three Points Fire District

10351 South Sasabe Highway Tucson, Arizona 85736 Phone: (520) 822-1086

April News

Three Points Fire District TPFD has been fighting fires this month. We urge everyone to be careful with any electric sources, legal burns, cigarettes, and any fire sources that could occur.

We need everyone to prepare for the summer heat that is coming upon us rapidly. We still have burn permits available and burning will be allowed until May. Please call the front office at (520)822-1086 for a burn inspection and permit.

Always stay hydrated! Please be safe out there and have a wonderful month!



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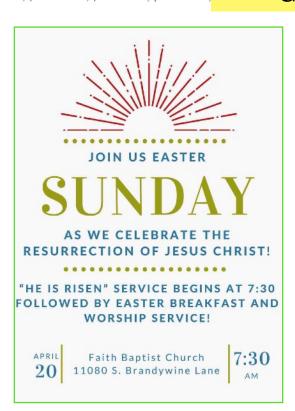
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Church Information



Faith Baptist Church

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





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.



Easter Sunday Service is at 10:30 am, April 20th.
All are welcome.

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.

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!



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.



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Message from Superintendent Dr. David Dumon

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Dear Altar Valley Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break and is ready to have an exciting final two months of school!

ELA Curriculum Adoption

Altar Valley School District is in the process of adopting an ELA curriculum and we Value your input! Please visit www.altarvalleyschools.org to take the survey and to learn more about the ELA curriculum.

As we prepare for this adoption, we are also working to foster a culture of reading in our community. Here are a few ways we're making books more accessible:

Little Free Library

We're excited to introduce our **Little Free Library** in front of Robles Elementary! This free book-sharing resource is designed to inspire readers of all ages. Feel free to take a book, leave a book, and enjoy the joy of reading!

Bookmobile Visits

The **Pima County Bookmobile** brings books to areas with limited library access. Be sure to stop by during one of these visits:

- April 15 Robles Junction Community Center 2 -3 pm
- April 30 Family Fun Night at AVMS. 5:30 7:00 pm

AVSD School Libraries

Don't forget—our students have access to our **school libraries** at both Robles Elementary and Altar Valley Middle School!

Book Reading of The Night Defenders: Join us in supporting our very own Mrs. Danielle K. Herker as she shares a reading of her book, The Night Defenders. April 14. 10:00 am at Robles Elementary Family Resource Center.

Important April Dates

Spring Holiday - No School

Friday, April 18 & Monday, April 21

Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA)

AASA is the statewide achievement test for Arizona students in grades 3–8. Testing begins in early April—please check with your child's teacher for specific dates.

Family Fun Night:

Join us at Altar Valley Middle School on Wednesday, April 30, from 5:30 – 7:00 PM for our last Family Fun Night of the year! Free meals will be available for the first 125 attendees—we hope to see you there!

2025-2026 Registration Open

Registration is open for all new and returning students, including Open Enrollment Students in grades PK-8. Don't wait —secure your spot today!

https://www.altarvalleyschools.org/registrationHappy Spring!

Happy Spring!

Dr. Dave Dumon, Superintendent. #AllStarsRead





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Altar Valley School District News

Full articles, and more pictures are on the AVSD website Please click on the links to read the articles.

Message from Robles Principal

Growing Strong Together: April Updates from Robles Elementary

https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/april-2025/bobcat-bulletin

Fifth Grade Shines: A Year of Learning and Collaboration

https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/april-2025/bobcat-bulletin
This school year, the fifth grade has been busy exploring new ideas
and skills in every subject area. Students are not only deepening
their academic knowledge but also learning the art of collaboration,
a skill that will serve them well in all areas of life.





Altar Valley Middle School https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/april-2025/eagle-pride

Igniting Passion for STEM: Innovative Learning at Altar Valley Middle School

by Julie Venglarcik, 6-8 Grade Science Teacher

Science is all around us. Well-planned (as well as unexpected) opportunities to engage in STEM learning provide our students a variety of experiences to build on as they negotiate their way to the future. Please don't pass up an opportunity to encourage STEM exploration. Or, as Miss Frizzle always said: "Take chances, make mistakes, and get messy!"







Family Resource Center

https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/april-2025/family-resource-center

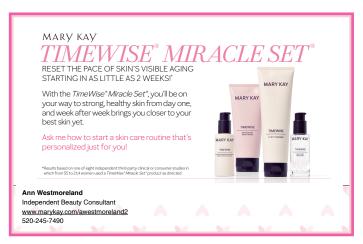
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