



A New Chapter for Tucson's Makers

There's a new market in town, and it's built on a lifelong dream.

Tucson native **Brianna (Earl) Workman** recently opened **The Peddlers Passage**, an indoor artisan marketplace where local makers, artists, authors, vintage collectors, and small businesses can share their work in a space designed to spark curiosity and wonder.

Raised in Three Points, Brianna attended Serenity Baptist Church and graduated from Flowing Wells High School. Although her journey eventually led her to open a business in Tucson, she has never forgotten where she came from. She hopes her story encourages young people—especially those growing up in small communities like Three Points—to believe that their dreams are worth pursuing.

Inspired by the magic of storybooks and fairy tales, Brianna envisioned more than just a place to shop. She wanted to create a destination where people could step away from the constant rush of everyday life, wander without hurry, and rediscover the sense of wonder that so often fades with adulthood.

"Life moves so fast," Brianna says. "I think we're all searching for places that let us slow down for a little while. My hope is that when people walk through our doors, they feel like they've stepped into another chapter—a place where they can breathe, explore, and remember what it felt like to get lost in a favorite story. I want every visit to feel peaceful, inspiring, and just a little magical."

"If I could tell the next generation anything," she adds, "it's that where you start doesn't determine where your story ends. I grew up in Three Points with a dream that probably seemed bigger than me at the time. It took years of hard work, setbacks, faith, and perseverance, but that dream eventually became The Peddlers Passage. I hope every young person knows that they don't have to stop dreaming just because they're from a small town. Sometimes the most beautiful stories begin in the most unexpected places."

Today, The Peddlers Passage is home to more than 70 Southern Arizona artisans offering handcrafted goods, original artwork, locally written books, vintage finds, specialty foods, home décor, jewelry, and one-of-a-kind treasures. Every purchase supports a local creator or curator and helps strengthen Tucson's thriving community of artists and small businesses.

At the heart of the shop is **The Velvet Burrow**, a cozy reading nook tucked away like a hidden corner from a storybook. Visitors are invited to settle in with a good book, pause for a quiet moment, or simply enjoy the peaceful atmosphere before continuing their journey through the market.



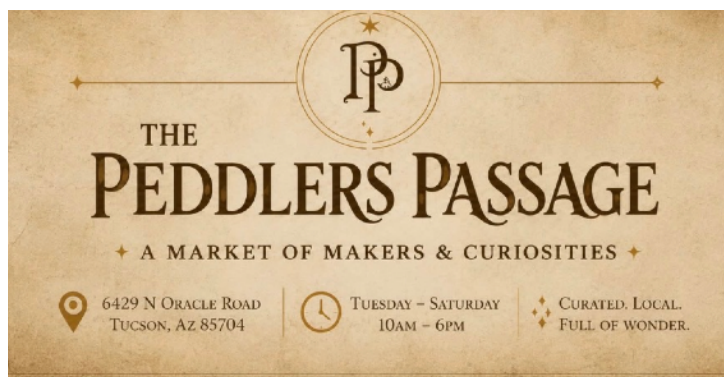
That spirit of community extends beyond shopping. The Peddlers Passage is becoming a gathering place for local creativity, with plans to host poetry readings, author talks and book signings, live acoustic music, maker demonstrations, workshops, and other community events that celebrate Southern Arizona's incredible creative talent.

Whether you're searching for the perfect gift, hoping to support local artists, looking for a quiet place to recharge, or simply wanting to escape the noise of everyday life for a little while, The Peddlers Passage invites you to slow down, wander the aisles, discover something unexpected, and leave feeling a little more inspired than when you arrived.

The Peddlers Passage is located at **6429 N. Oracle Road** and is open **Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



Sometimes the greatest adventures don't require a passport—just the willingness to step through an unexpected door. The Peddlers Passage invites the Tucson community to come wander, explore, and discover that a little bit of wonder still exists.



Community Calendar Page

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

Caring Food Ministries	3rd Thurs of the month 8-9:30 AM
Sierrita Mountain Livestock 4 H Club	Meet at Serenity Baptist Church 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm

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

My Friends Closet
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



**No Grub At The Hub In August
We Start Again In September**

**Community Mic at The Hub Will
Restart In September**



Other Events This Month

AVSD School Board	2nd Wed of the month - 6 pm AVMS
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
Monday thru Friday 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 Will Not Be Available in August, Will
Resume In September
Every Third Tuesday of the month 2:30pm-3:30pm.**

Activities Available Every Day

Computer Lab
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

Robles Prime Timers Community Meeting Potluck:
Monday, August 3, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join us as we discuss
upcoming activities and trips.

Mexican Train Dominoes:
Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Active Adults Craft
Starting Monday August 10 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
We will repurpose garden art.

Active Adults Fitness Friday:
Fridays, - 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join us for Cardio Drumming. This is
the perfect way to get you moving

For the activities below please register on line at
www.explore.pima.gov/pima/programs

50Fit: 10:15-11:15 a.m
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attend.

Yoga for Beginners 10:15-11:15 am
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Adult Mental Health First Aid Class

Friends of Robles Ranch is partnering with the Pima County Health Department to provide free Adult Mental Health First Aid Certification

If you are interested, please visit our website to sign up to receive more information for class registration.

Website: www.friendsofroblesranch.org



Office Hours at The Hub



Supervisor Jennifer Allen & Team Pima County District 3

We invite you to stop by, introduce yourself, and share your voice.

Location: 16150 W Ajo Hwy

Wednesday: August 5th

Time: 3 PM Until 6 PM

The Hub Cafe will be providing FREE fresh popcorn!



GRUB AT THE HUB

Join us for a great time!

Wednesday September 2nd

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

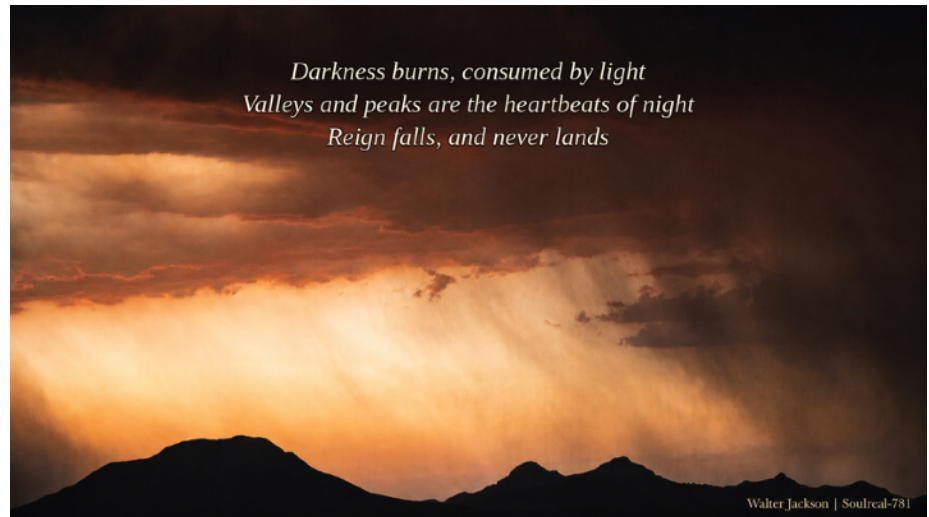
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Three Points Festival Update

From Nicci Pretti



Planning is well underway for the **2027 Three Points Community Festival**, and I'm excited to begin sharing monthly updates with our community.

One of our 1st goals this year is to make festival information easy to find.

The HUB at friendsofroblesranch.org is now the official online source for the Three Points Community Festival. Throughout the planning process, we'll continue adding volunteer opportunities, vendor applications, sponsorship information, contest details, important dates, and festival news—all in one convenient location. Thank you Walter!

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 13, 2027, at Altar Valley Elementary School**. We're looking forward to another great festival featuring local vendors, food, entertainment, community organizations, and activities for all ages.

Poster Contest

The 2027 Three Points Community Festival Poster Contest is now accepting entries. The winning artwork will become the official image of the festival, and the winning artist will receive a \$250 cash prize. Contest rules, deadlines, and entry information are available on the website.

Celebrating Our Community's Creativity

One of my goals this year is to expand opportunities for local artists and makers to participate in the festival. I'm especially excited about developing a Community Quilt Project inspired by our 2027 festival theme, "Under Three Points Skies."

If you're interested in quilting, art, or helping shape this new project, I'd love to hear from you. Please email 3pointscommunityfestival@gmail.com or text 520-540-7729.

Get Involved

Whether you're interested in volunteering, becoming a vendor, sponsoring the festival, making a donation, entering the Poster Contest, or nominating a Legacy Family, **The HUB** at friendsofroblesranch.org is your official source for festival information. Be sure to check back often as new opportunities and updates are added throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Three Points Community Festival. I look forward to sharing more updates with you next month as we continue the countdown to **March 13, 2027**.



We have several events scheduled over the summer at the VFW Post 10254 Arena at 10111 S Sasabe Rd, Three Points AZ.

These events are open for the community to attend & participate.

You can follow events at our <https://www.facebook.com/ironspurproductions> for more info you can email us at ironspurproductions@gmail.com

Save the Date

August 14th-Summer Series Barrel Race-
Food Starts: 5:30PM Race: 7:00PM

September 11th-Patriot's Day Recognition 4-7PM
Food Trucks, Grand Entry Event, and more!

September 18th-Summer Series Barrel Race-
Food Starts: 5:30PM Race 7:00PM

October 16th- Summer Series Barrel Race-
Food Starts: 5:30PM Race 7:00PM

November 7th & 8th- Stars & Spurs Veteran Weekend-
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Richard Elías-Mission Library Welcomes You to Its Beautiful New Home



the library at 3770 S. Mission Road has reopened as a vibrant gathering place where people of all ages can learn, create, and connect.

For families and residents of Robles Ranch and the surrounding communities, the drive is well worth it. Whether you're looking for free educational opportunities, a fun family outing, a peaceful place to read, or a chance to learn something new, you'll find something here for everyone.



If you haven't visited the Richard Elías-Mission Library recently, now is the perfect time to make the trip. After an exciting 5,000-square-foot expansion and renovation,

The expanded library features a larger children's area with an enclosed outdoor space for play and programs, a dedicated teen and tween Makerspace, an on-site Seed Library, expanded book and magazine collections, comfortable reading areas, and indoor and outdoor gathering spaces.

The library is already buzzing with activity so check out the [Events Calendar](#) to see all upcoming events. Need help with technology or your job search? Friendly staff provide one-on-one assistance every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., with a Computer Basics class coming soon. Beginning English classes are offered every Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. through August 28th, with additional classes anticipated this fall. Adults can also enjoy educational workshops including *Arizona in the Movies*, Sewing & Mending 101, and a cancer education series presented by the University of Arizona. Gardeners can look forward to the return of the popular University of Arizona Master Gardeners lecture series on Saturdays in September.

Families with young children can enjoy Bilingual Baby Storytime and Bilingual Family Storytime every Wednesday and Friday morning. Children can also participate in upcoming hands-on activities such as soap making, growing flowers from seeds, Lego Building, a bubble party, and other creative workshops that inspire curiosity and confidence. Parent education programs, including potty-training workshops, are also offered throughout the year. During summer break snack courtesy is provided by the Community Food Bank for ages 0-18.

Teens have their own welcoming space to gather with friends, browse a large manga collection, use the dedicated computer lab, participate in gaming tournaments, and enjoy Movie Afternoons featuring favorites like *Godzilla 2000* with complimentary treats. Teen Makerspace has already hosted creative writing, jewelry making,



and weaving workshops, with 3D printers, Cricut machines, and a button maker coming soon.

Also worth mentioning is that Mission Library has Free WIFI, access to computers, copy machines (.10 cents per page) for printing/scanning/faxing and three large study rooms.



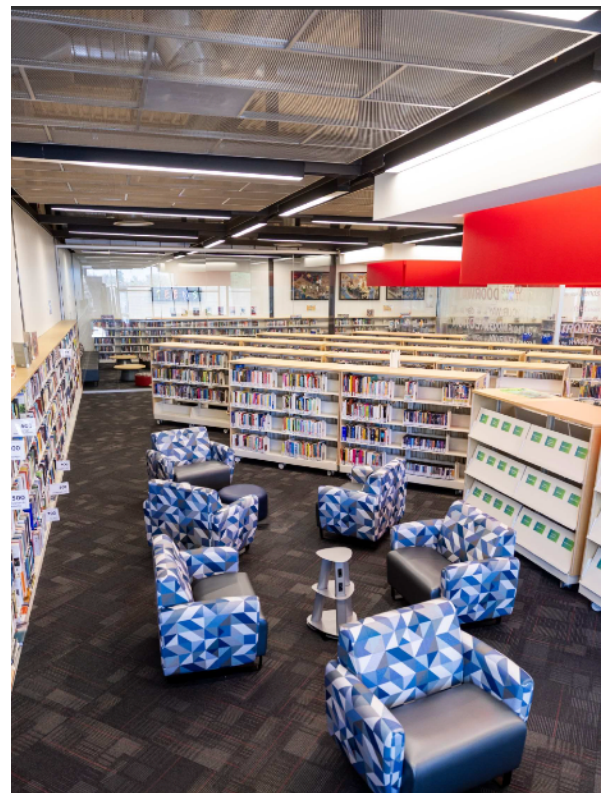
Whether you're visiting for Storytime, a workshop, gardening tips, or simply a relaxing afternoon with family, we invite you to discover everything the Richard Elías-Mission Library has to offer. We think you'll find it's a place worth visiting again and again.

Visit library.pima.gov and filter Richard Elías-Mission Library for the latest programs and events or call **(520)594-5325**.

Library Hours:

Monday–Tuesday & Thursday–Friday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!





Date: June 3, 2026
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Trico Electric Co-op Awards POWER Grants to Six Local Non-Profits

Trico Electric Cooperative has awarded a total of \$35,000 to six non-profit organizations providing critical services in Southern Arizona. The grants are part of Trico's POWER Grants program and are awarded twice a year to charities throughout Southern Arizona. Non-profits are selected through an application process and reviewed by a seven-person committee made up of Trico employees, Members, and Board Members.

Arivaca Coordinating Council/Human Resource Group, Inc. and Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona both received

grants of \$10,000. Youth On Their Own received \$5,000. Friends of the Arivaca Schoolhouse & Historic Townsite, and United Community Health Center both received \$4,250. Mt. Lemon Fire Fighter Foundation received \$1,500.

Since 2008, the POWER Grant program has awarded more than \$1 million in grants. For more information or to apply go to www.trico.coop/power-grants.

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Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc., is a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving more than 53,000 Members in Marana, Corona de Tucson, Saddlebrooke, Mt. Lemmon, Sahuarita, Green Valley, Three Points, Star Valley and Arivaca. Trico is dedicated to making a difference in the communities we serve by providing our Members cost-effective and sustainable energy solutions. For more information about the cooperative, visit www.trico.coop or follow them on social media at facebook.com/TricoelectricAZ or instagram.com/TricoElectricAZ.



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Next Level: Teen Program

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Participants will engage in a variety of activities, including sports, arts and crafts, and leadership development. Our experienced staff is dedicated to providing a safe and inclusive space where young people can grow, learn, and build lasting memories.

Cost: \$50 for 5 months

Online registration begins
 Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 6 a.m.
explore.pima.gov/pima/programs
 Program start date: August 6, 2026



After School Program

Have fun in a safe, engaging recreation program sponsored by Pima County.



The program runs from school dismissal until 6 p.m. The after-school program is for children ages 5 to 12. 5-year-olds must be enrolled in elementary school. Activities include homework help, a reading program, group games, sports, arts and crafts, board and table games, special events, and more. All participants must be registered in the program. Enrollment is limited.

Community Center After School Program Fees: \$50 per month per child, \$40 per month each additional child in same family.

Community Center After School Program Reduced Fees for youth in National Lunch School Program (reduced or free lunch) or similar assistance programs: \$15 per month per child, \$12 per month each additional child in same family.

Pima County Parks and Recreation facilities are not licensed childcare facilities under section 36-882 of A.R.S. The school-age youth programs are "at will" drop-in programs and youth enrolled in the programs may come and go of their own volition.

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County Awards Nearly \$4 Million Through Outside Agency Program

Community & Workforce Development [Outside Agency Program](#) for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

The funding supports the second pillar of the [Pima County Strategic Plan](#) – improving quality of life for residents – by helping nonprofit organizations provide vital economic development, health, and social services to low-income, rural and economically underserved communities.

This year's new funding priorities reflect feedback from nearly 2,600 respondents to the [2025 Community & Workforce Development Outside Agency Community Needs Assessment \(PDF\)](#) and align with the policies of the [Prosperity Initiative](#), a regional partnership focusing on reducing generational poverty.

The [Outside Agency Citizen Review Committee](#) received a record 159 applications for programs from 96 community-based agencies, requesting more than \$11.4 million in funding. The committee recommended funding for 127 programs.

“The new priorities opened the door to different nonprofits, and this year’s funding includes 58 programs receiving awards for the first time,” said Dan Sullivan, Pima County’s Community & Workforce Development director. “By listening to community needs and maintaining a transparent process, the County has strengthened the ability of a wider range of nonprofit partners to deliver essential services.”

As the first year of the new two-year funding cycle, the Board approved awards across six competitive priority service categories:

- Basic Needs: \$1,221,145
- Community Well-being and Safety: \$161,890
- Education and Workforce Development: \$545,670

- Health and Wellness: \$424,460
- Prosperity Initiative: \$165,285
- Youth and Family Services: \$276,470

The Prosperity Initiative awards support new programs such as financial education and local business support. In addition, Prosperity Initiative alignment was a scoring factor in all other competitive categories.

Another \$660,142 is set aside for General Services, while \$481,558 supports County departments managing Outside Agency Programs with other sources, including the Pima Association of Governments.

See the [complete list of agencies and funding awards \(PDF\)](#).

The largest beneficiary is the [Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona](#), which will receive \$390,258 for four programs, including \$262,873 for emergency food assistance.

The Outside Agency Citizen Review Committee consists of six members appointed by each member of the Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator.

The County’s Department of [Community & Workforce Development](#) is a single point of contact for wide-ranging assistance and service programs. The County’s [Attractions & Tourism Department](#) also administers part of the Outside Agency Program. The Board of Supervisors on June 23, 2026, [approved \\$427,500 through Attractions & Tourism](#) for nonprofit agencies with events, celebrations, and programs that support tourism in Pima County.

[Pima County’s Community & Workforce Development Department](#) administers programs to improve the economic and social sustainability of Pima County. The Department operates [ARIZONA@WORK – Innovative Workforce Solutions](#) (also known as the Pima County One-Stop Career Center system), which works with industry partners, community organizations, government agencies and faith-based groups to deliver services efficiently and effectively.

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Are You Practicing your Higher Values ?

We do our daily chores and things mostly with routine and so called ordinary thoughts, not much special. Yet each of us have standards and values, concepts and beliefs, right !

How much do we allow our higher standards into everyday Life? You might say, it's natural, of course they manifest daily. But we may not be consciously thinking " hey, whats my best solution" to this or that problem! It may be automatic, as most of our daily doings.

The so called "Better Part of Us", our Higher Self has often no say in our daily life! Why do you think that is so?

Mostly because our doing are standard, if you will. Going food shopping or to get gas to our car are both routine, that we have done a million times. Why should it need Higher Value thinking?

You are right the act as such does not, BUTwhile we fill the tank or make choices in shopping, we could allow Higher Values into that..... meaning : " Let me make something really good today" or "What would my family appreciate most today!"



A Higher Value is not only material like good food, super nice cloths, etc. it mostly related to our behavior! Higher Value is to behave out of kindness, respect and politeness!

It might be interesting for you to make a list of your Higher Values! What are they and don't list super soft pillow or fancy leather shoes! We are talking more of spiritual and mental values!

Somebody's values include "keep it simple" or don't visit anybody for more than 15 minutes.

What does your Higher Self say? Are you allowing it to give you hints during your everyday Life? We seldom stop to really ponder what is the right and good solution! That's what we are talking abo ut here.

And then it's OK to take a minute to ponder, even during a conversation and then allow yourself to express your opinion or answer with Your Higher Values !

Take a deep breath and take this all in!!!

Good Luck and smile!!!

From Anita K. Diamond Bell



U of A Cooperative Extension Monthly Garden Reminders for August

For those Fence Post Readers who rely on our monthly garden reminders, please use this link to go to the U of A , August garden page.

August Garden Info

<https://extension.arizona.edu/publication/august-monthly-gardening-guide-pima-county>

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Church Information



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.

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.

We have signs on the campus facing East & West so look for upcoming events.

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

Important Youth Group Change Of Date Now On Thursday Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm (ages 6th grade-12th grade) in the Main Sanctuary.

Derek Wyatt, our new Youth Pastor, will lead 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 call us at 520-822-2026. Leave your name, phone#, and a brief message. Your call will be returned as quickly as possible.

Important Please Read Food Ministry Now Only 1 Thursday A Month

Due to the food shortage that Caring Ministries is experiencing now, we will be changing our Food Thursday to once a month.

The **Third Thursday** of each month will be the new schedule until further notice. The time will still be 8am-9:30am or until we run out of food.

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!



NEW

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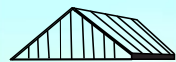
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Welcome Back to the 2026–2027 School Year!

There is something special about the start of a new school year. It is a time of new beginnings, fresh opportunities, new friendships, and endless possibilities. And, as my daughter has been reminding my wife and me for weeks, it's also time for back-to-school shopping!

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! I hope you had a wonderful summer filled with time to relax, reflect, and recharge. This year, we will continue planting the SEEDs that help every student Build, Grow, Flourish, and Succeed.

My family enjoyed spending time together this summer, but I was excited for the first day of school to arrive. The reason I chose a career in education is simple—I love the excitement that comes with a new school year. I enjoy learning, helping others achieve their goals, and watching students discover their potential. And yes, I still love back-to-school shopping. After all, who doesn't appreciate opening a brand-new box of freshly sharpened pencils?

While summer is a time to recharge, it has also been a season of preparation across Altar Valley School District. Our teachers spent time planning for the year ahead, students and staff enjoyed another outstanding Discovery STEM Camp, and our third through eighth grade math teachers strengthened their instructional practices through Modern Classroom mathematics training. We also welcomed new and returning staff back to campus to prepare for another year of excellence as we continue planting and growing our SEEDs—creating a **Safe and Strong Learning Environment, Educating to Exceed, Exciting, Engaging, and Empowering** students, and encouraging them to **Dream Big and Do Great Things**.

I am proud of the direction Altar Valley School District continues to move. Our students are making academic gains, and

we remain committed to building on that success as we help every student reach their full potential.

This year also brings several exciting changes. Ms. Dustie Gunn will serve as principal of both Robles Elementary and Altar Valley Middle School, and Ms. Gloria Vasquez will assume the new role of Dean of Students while continuing to serve as our Exceptional Student Services Coordinator. Both are exceptional leaders who are deeply committed to supporting our students, staff, and families.

Another exciting change is that all middle school students will now be located in the B Building. This move strengthens our middle school program by bringing students and teachers together in one location, fostering greater collaboration, stronger relationships, and an enhanced learning environment for students in grades 6–8.

I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to our outstanding Operations Team—including our maintenance staff, grounds crew, transportation department, and the Pima County Summer Youth Employment Program workers. Their dedication and hard work throughout the summer have ensured that our campuses are safe, welcoming, and ready for the first day of school.

As we begin this new school year, thank you for your continued partnership and support. The strength of Altar Valley School District comes from the incredible students, families, staff, and community we serve. Together, we will continue to **Build, Grow, Flourish, and Succeed** while planting the SEEDs that help every student thrive.

I wish each of you a wonderful, successful, and memorable 2026–2027 school year. So, sharpen those pencils, embrace the opportunities ahead, and together let's **Build, Grow, Flourish, and Succeed**. Welcome back!

Keep Growing!

Dave Dumon, Superintendent

Welcome Back, Altar Valley Families!

Dear Robles Elementary and Altar Valley Middle School Families,

Welcome to the **2026–2027 school year!** We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for an exciting year of learning, growth, and new opportunities.

Whether your child is returning as a Robles Bobcat or joining us as an Altar Valley Eagle, we are excited to welcome your family back. Our commitment remains the same—to provide a safe, supportive environment where every student can learn, grow, and succeed.

ParentVUE Registration

If you have not completed your child's annual registration, please do so as soon as possible by visiting www.altarvalleyschools.org and selecting **Helpful Links** → **Registration**. If you need assistance, please contact your school office.

Meet the Teacher Wednesday, August 5 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Come meet your child's teachers, explore the campus, locate classrooms, and get ready for a great first day!

First Day of School, Thursday, August 6

School Start Times

- **Altar Valley Middle School:** 7:30 a.m.
- **Robles Elementary School:** 8:45 a.m.

We look forward to welcoming all of our Bobcats and Eagles back for an amazing **2026–2027 school year!**

Sincerely, Dustie Gunn

Robles Elementary School & Altar Valley Middle School Principal

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Registration to win tickets will be available on our website www.trico.coop from September 1–8, 2026. Registration doesn't guarantee admission. Winners will be randomly selected. Quantities of tickets are limited. Maximum of five tickets per Membership. Ticket includes general admission and one pumpkin per Membership. Additional fees for the zipline, pumpkin cannon, rock wall and paintball. Please bring a copy of your Trico bill for fast check in.



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