



Did You Attend Our 18th Annual **COMMUNITY FESTIVAL** On Saturday November 8th Last Year?



If You Did Not Attend What
Would Entice

You

To Come And Bring Your
Family To The Next
Community Festival?

We Absolutely Want To Hear From You.

Our Community Festival wants to change to meet the needs
and interests of our community.

Please help us by taking a few minutes to tell us what you
would like to see in future Festivals.

Sharing your ideas and suggestions is easy.

Go To the HUB website at friendofroblesranch.org.

Go to our Contacts Page

There you will see a place under "The Fence Post" to
send us a message.

Please use this Fence Post message box to send
your ideas and suggestions.

The Fence Post

First Name Last Name Email *

Message

Thank You for taking the time to help our Festival to better serve our community.

Do You Know A High School Senior Who Is Considering What They Should Do Next?

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OR

**TRADE
SCHOOL**

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What Do I Need To Do To Get A Good Job? Could A Scholarship Help That Decision?

Friends Of Robles Ranch offers Scholarships of \$500 - \$1,500 that you might qualify for.

- First you must live with in the 85735 or 85736 zip code.
- You must be graduating from Marana or Flowing Wells High School. If you attend a Private or Charter School or if you are Home Schooled you could still qualify.

- Are you an adult who is looking to further your education with a certification program or other additional higher education? You might qualify for the Adult Scholarship Program.

To find more information regarding these scholarships and how to apply,
please visit THE HUB website at: www.friendsofroblesranch.org



Deadline For High School Applications is March 23, 2026 and Adult Applications is April 24, 2026

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
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



Grub At The HUB
Wednesday February 4th, 4 to 6 PM

Other Events This Month

AVSD School Board	2nd Wed of the month - 6 pm AVMS
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4-H Robles Ranchers	Meeting are at the Double E Feed Store 2nd Friday of the Month at 7 p.m.
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Fence Post Deadline 20th of the month 5 pm
This is a firm deadline.
E-mail articles to fencepost3points@gmail.com

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Swap Meet available for set up on Friday Saturday & Sunday
please call 520-270-7280 for details.

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

**The Community Center Will Be Closed
Monday February 16th for Presidents Day**

**Friends Of Robles Ranch Meeting will be
February 3rd at 6pm**

Bookmobile
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.

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

Robles Prime Timers Community Meeting Potluck:
Monday, February 2 – 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join us as we
discuss upcoming activities and trips with a potluck brunch.

50 Fit
Mondays, February 2, 9, 23
OR Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25
This program is designed for adults 50+ to build strength, balance,
and mobility in a safe supportive environment. Must be registered
online to attend

Active Adults Fitness
Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, 27- 10:30-11:30

Yoga for Beginners:
Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24– 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Or Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26- 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Must be registered online to attend.

Mexican Train Dominoes:
Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Active Adults Craft Days
Mondays, February 9, 23- 10:30-12:30 Fall Crafts

Robles Prime Timers
Wednesday, February 11 – Trip: Gem Show at Kino. We will depart
the center at 10:00 a.m. and return around 3:00 p.m.

Happy Groundhog Day



Groundhog Day, celebrated annually on **February 2nd**, is a North American tradition where a groundhog's emergence from its burrow is said to predict the arrival of spring. According to lore, if the groundhog sees its shadow, it indicates six more weeks of winter; if not, an early spring is expected. The first official celebration was in 1887 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, rooted in German, Celtic, and Christian (Candlemas) traditions.

Grub at the Hub – February Kickoff!

Kick off February with **Grub at the Hub** and our community resource partners!

We hope everyone had a great New Year. We are excited to resume Grub at the Hub and welcome the community back.

**Wednesday, February 4
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

16150 W. Ajo Hwy (new white building)

Join us for our **signature hot dog meal**, including chips and a soda, for just **\$3.00**. Our goal is to provide an excellent, affordable meal in a positive, friendly, and welcoming atmosphere for the entire community.

We are thrilled to have several community resource partners joining us, including:

- Jennifer Allen, Pima County Supervisor – District 3
- United Way Tucson and Southern Arizona
- United Way Family Resource Center
- Pima County Mobile Clinic
- Pima County Mental Health and Drug Addiction
- And many others!

We are especially excited to welcome **Supervisor Jennifer Allen and her team**. If you haven't met them yet, we invite you to stop by, introduce yourself, and share your voice. Her team is here to connect with the community and listen.

\$50 Vista Gift Card Raffle

Visit each resource partner for a chance to win!

How to Enter:

1. Receive a raffle card from a volunteer.
2. Visit each resource table to get your card punched.
3. Fill out your name and contact information on the back of the card.
4. Drop your completed card into the raffle jar.

Winner Notification:

- A My Friends Closet volunteer will draw the winning card.
- Winner information will be provided to the Hub Coordinator.
- The winner will be called or texted within **72 hours**.
- The prize can be claimed at **The Hub**.

We are excited and can't wait to see you at the Hub! Bring a friend and come enjoy good food, great resources, and a strong community spirit.

Walter Jackson

The Hub Community Outreach Coordinator



VALENTINE GRUB AT THE HUB

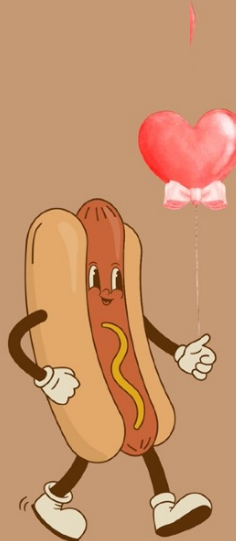
COMMUNITY GATHERING AND RESOURCES

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4TH 4PM TO 6PM

LOCATION: 16150 W AJO HWY

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

- Pima County Supervisor Jennifer Allen for District 3
- United Way Tucson and Southern Arizona
- United Way Family Resource Center
- Pima County Mobile Clinic
- Pima County Mental Health & Drug Addiction
- United Community Health Center



WE  OUR COMMUNITY!



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Robles Ranch Food Bank

We are committed to providing essential food services and making sure our community members can access them.

Our benefits application will be available on our website under the Food Bank page. Please visit www.friendsofroblesranch.org, click the "Food Bank" tab, and then select the downloadable form.

After filling out the form, please bring it to the Food Bank for processing. If you have any questions, click the contact link to email us. Thank you!





Valentine's Day Sale: *Nothing But Love!*

We're showing our community
some love on

**Saturday, February 14th,
at My Friends Closet!**

Store Hours: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Join us for a **free, hot, delicious pancake
breakfast** made with love!

Enjoy **door prizes, great music, and amazing deals on
clothing and more.**

Hub Café Specials:

Coffee or hot chocolate topped with whipped cream for
just **50¢**—now *that's* love you can afford!

Location:

16150 W Ajo Hwy (the big white building)

Mark your calendars, bring your loved ones, and come enjoy a
warm community breakfast together.

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Community News



Why You Should Add A Loved One To Your Trico Account

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, Trico cares about our Members and is always looking out for you. We want to make you aware of some of our rules and regulations that could ease your burden should a loved one pass away.

Whether you are a spouse, partner, sibling or child of a Trico Member, being added to the Trico Account has many benefits, including Membership Equity. It also gives you access to the account and the ability to pay the bill if necessary or make changes to the account. Adding someone to the account is free and will save your loved ones a lot of stress.

When a Trico Member passes away, if the surviving spouse/partner is not on the account, the service will have to be transferred to their name. There are fees to transfer service. A \$50 establishment fee will be added to the first month's bill. You may also have to pay a deposit, which is two times the average monthly bill.

Giving permission for someone to talk about your account is not the same as adding them to the account. To be added to the account, you need to fill out the Joint Membership form and have it notarized. We can email or mail the form to you. We can notarize the form at no cost to you; just call us first to make sure one of our notaries is in the office.

If a member of your household requires life sustaining equipment, you need to fill out the Life-Sustaining Equipment Form, which is available on our website at trico.coop/outages or we can email or mail it to you. The form must be signed by a physician. Life support equipment does not release the Member from financial obligations.

Did you know that you can have your bill sent to a seasonal address? If you are usually gone from May to October, you can set it up for your bill to automatically be mailed to your seasonal address. A copy of your bill can also be sent to another billing address if someone else pays the bill.

At least once a year, Members should make sure their contact information – phone and email – is accurate. We recommend that you add all your household phone numbers to the account so we can reach you in an emergency. You can change your contact information in SmartHub or call us at 520-744-2944.

Thank you for being a valued Trico Member.

2026
ALL THE WAY TO THE BORDER
HIGHWAY 286 CLEAN-UP

Javier the Highway Clean-up Javelina invites you to pick up unsightly and dangerous trash from all 45 miles of Highway 286 which runs from Three Points to Sasabe and through the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge. We'll meet at 9:30am. After a short safety meeting, snacks, and surprises, we'll assign miles and head out to pick up trash from 286. We'll finish up and be off the roadway by 2:00pm. Bring a friend (or 5!) The more the merrier!

Altar Valley Middle School
(16350 West Ajo Highway)

Saturday,
January 31, 2026

ALL THE WAY TO THE BORDER IS THE ONLY ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY EVENT TO CLEAN AN ENTIRE HIGHWAY!

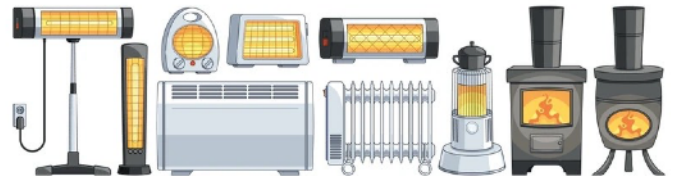


Three Points Fire District
10351 South Sasabe Highway
Tucson, Arizona 85736
Phone: (520) 822-1086

February News

The Three Points Fire District thanks everyone who graciously donated to the toy drive this year! We are incredibly grateful for your assistance and were able to help so many families.

The fire district is getting ready for live fire training next month that will increase our skills and knowledge of structure fires. The district is also sending personnel to Technical Rescue Training to help keep the community as safe as possible when a rescue is needed.



With heaters being on continuously, we ask that you be very careful and check the wires before you turn the heaters on so that a fire does not occur.

Happy New Year to all and please be safe!

Let's support Peace & Cooperation !

Everybody remembers the late 60's saying "Make Love not War"! That would fit perfect in today's demonstrations and unrest.

All takeover efforts and fights in various parts of our Planet are perfect examples of people not being satisfied with what's going on.

And yet it all starts internally within each of us. Yes, we get kicks and ideas from outside sources, but whether we want to join those ideas depends on us.- The tendency now is to blame the authorities, even other countries for our problems.

But we don't have to "go with the flow", we should look inside, listen to our inner voice and then come out with an opinion, hopefully supporting Peace!

It's not easy with all turmoil and fighting going on. But the secret is to find our own Truth!!

Think about it; you have the absolute right to express your own truth, to be yourself! And I bet, your truth as is mine, is not the war!!!

So, as it all starts internally, let's repeat in our minds the gift of Peace is gold!

It sometimes is the collective mind-power, that moves people. So, we can Pray and Hope, that Peace remains, for honestly nobody wants a war, especially those of us who have lived through one or several international conflicts.

God is on the side of Peacemakers, let's remember that too.

With peaceful greetings from Anita k. from Diamond Bell.



Sierrita Mountain Livestock (SML) 4-H Club



SML is gearing up for the Pima County Fair that is quickly approaching. The livestock recently had their ear-tagging completed, and every project is working diligently with their animals for all of their shows coming up.

For everyone in the community with livestock, please be cautious of the cold weather with your animals.

Heat lamps, water heaters (or break the ice in the mornings), and good bedding can keep the animals from getting too cold.

Please let us know if you are interested in joining next year - abigailethridge@gmail.com. Happy New Year!



I bet after seeing us, George Washington would sue us for calling him "father."

~Will Rogers (1879-1935)



The Bulldog Bakery & BBQ

The Old One Stop Market

520-578-6160

New Hours Starting February 1st

Monday-Friday 9am - 8pm

Saturday & Sunday 8am - 8pm

**Kitchen Open For
Breakfast, Lunch and
Dinner**

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

**We Are Making Changes
Watch Our Facebook Page**



Bulldog Bakery & BBQ

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advertised specials and new items.**



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Community News

Robles Ranch Community Center December Holiday Event



Robles Ranch Community Center would like to thank everyone who joined us for our **Hot Cocoa and Cookies with Santa** event in December. The evening was filled with festive fun, including holiday crafts, photos with Santa, a hot cocoa and cookie bar, a s'mores station, and beautiful seasonal decorations. It was wonderful to see so many families come together to enjoy the celebration.

A special thank you to **VFW 10254 Auxiliary** and **The Family Resource Center** for partnering with us and helping facilitate several activity stations. We would also like to thank **Seniors for Kids** and **Friends of Robles Ranch** for their continued support and generous donations, which helped make this event truly memorable.

We are also grateful to the community members who donated items for our raffle giveaways, your generosity is sincerely appreciated. Thank you all for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at our next community event.



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Data centers: A strategic opportunity for Trico Members

By Brian Heithoff, Trico CEO & GM

Last month, Trico Electric Cooperative celebrated our 80th year with a look back at all we accomplished in 2025. As Trico starts its 81st year, I want to look forward to an issue that will be important for Trico in 2026 and for years to come: data centers.

I recognize there are concerns about data center development in our communities. Questions about water usage, community impact, and whether these projects benefit local residents are important. From an energy perspective, there is no denying that data centers are a significant challenge, an important challenge that utilities across the country are working to solve. At Trico, we look at the issue through the lens of our mission and our commitment to providing all our Members with cost-effective and sustainable energy solutions. As a cooperative, we work to reliably serve all loads in our territory, but we also have an obligation to do so on terms that protect and benefit all our Members.

That's why our Member-elected Board developed a rigorous framework that establishes exactly how we work with data centers. We are laser-focused on protecting the Membership from financial and reliability risks, and we see benefits that can be gained for our entire Membership if and when these projects move forward.

The first question we have heard from Members is: will data centers increase Members' energy costs? It is true that in many places data centers have increased costs. However, Trico is different

for two reasons: 1) we are a not-for-profit cooperative; and 2) we plan to assign all costs, including power supply.

As not-for-profit cooperative our purpose is to serve our Members. When it comes to power supply, we are different than many utilities because we lock in generation resources and contracts in advance to cover our Members' load. This minimizes the number of purchases we make on the energy market. This allows us to separate our existing Member power supply costs into one bucket and put the cost of power supply for a data center into a different bucket (that will be paid for by the data center). This provides protection for Trico Members.

To further protect our Members financially, we will require contractual commitments that any large data center pays 100% upfront for all distribution and transmission infrastructure. They also pay for all system impact studies. Importantly, they also receive direct assignment of generation costs and the expense to develop, build, and maintain additional generation resources. If the cost to build or buy new resources to serve them exceeds the existing generation costs built into our rates, the data center pays that difference—not our other Members. This protects our Members, our community, and the financial health of our cooperative.

How can Members benefit? Data centers consume electricity 24/7. When they pay all transmission and distribution infrastructure costs, those costs do not spread across the Membership. Then, as data centers pay rates that reflect the true cost of serving the load, this creates a margin for the cooperative, and this benefits all Members. This margin can actually defer the need for rate increases for the entire cooperative.

Your Trico Board has been proactive, strategic, and focused on protecting Members. The result is an opportunity to make the challenge of data centers into a benefit that works for Trico Members. That's the cooperative difference.



**Starts Thursday
February 5th**

**Our meetings take place at Serenity Baptist
Church in the West Building. The address is
15501 W Ajo Highway.**

*GriefShare is a 13 week, faith based program for
those who have lost a loved one. Each session is on
a specific topic so you can attend as many sessions
as you would like.*

If you are interested in getting more information please
go to www.griefshare.org

You can register online at www.griefshare.org and use
your zip code to "Find A Group".

It should bring up Serenity Baptist Church or contact
Trish Sargent about the program at Serenity Baptist
Church at THSargent920@gmail.com

The coffee is always on.

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Happy Valentine's Day

It's not just 2/14—I show my love for You.
Every day has been V-Day since the moment I met You.

You are my heartbeat,
the rhythm I dance to.

When we're together, we create a musical—
like Nat King Cole, *Unforgettable*.

My heart and my head are at Your command.
Tell me what to do—I'll work magic with these hands.

You are my favorite flavor.
I love your brand.

Thirty-one scoops of You are not enough.

I can never have too little
Or ever have too much.

We're rich in love like a gold miner's rush—
No special day is needed to show how much.

Our love has stood the test of time.
We've endured heartbreak hurricanes.
No tropical pain could ever blow out our flame.

As long as we stand in love, our hearts will survive.
Every day with You is Valentine's.

Written By Walter Jackson

A.K.A C-FIT



**My life is so much better since I started writing
my own horoscope**

Fence Post is on line at www.friendsofroblesranch.org

QUILT FEST! Celebrating 50 years of the Tucson Quilters Guild

Feb. 19-21, 2026
Thursday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm
Pima County Fairgrounds
Old Pueblo Hall
11300 S. Houghton Rd., Tucson, AZ
\$10 per day or \$20 per 3-day pass

Special Exhibits:
"Old Glories: Antique Quilts" from Lenna DeMarco and "Patchwork: Stitching Together Arizona History"

Hundred of Quilts!
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Fabulous Vendors!
Basket Bonanza Raffle!
Small Quilt Sale for Charity!

Info at TucsonQuiltersGuild.com

OPEN MIC NIGHT FREE EVENT

The Hub
Location: 16150 W Ajo Hwy

MARCH | 21 | MARCH

We will start at 4 PM

Calling all performers and artists! Come showcase your talent and join us for a memorable Open Mic Event that celebrates creativity and expression

Performers must sign up in advance at friendsofroblesranch.org

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Church Information

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

11080 South Brandywine Lane

Planning Your Visit...

Sunday School-10:30

Worship-11:00

Ladies Bible Study Monday-5:00

Youth Group/Adult Bible Study-

Wednesday-6:00-7:30

(Dinner included)

Revival Services 11/9-11/14-6:00



Are you interested in joining our Horizon Homeschool Community? Please email us at horizonrobles.homeschool@gmail.com for more information and to register to attend one of these days!



Come join us every Wednesday at 5:00 for Chess Club! Get to know more people in our community, learn the basic fundamentals of the game and practice your skills. Ages 10 through adults.



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 is continuing his series on Psalms.

His wife, Cindy, has a special lesson for the kids (ages: infants-thru 5th grade), during Kids Karpets 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.

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.

The Gathering will be meeting on the first and third Thursday of the month, Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

This will be a time of praises, prayer, prayer requests and worship songs. Please join us in the Sanctuary so we can get to know each other.

All Are Welcome.

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!



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U of A Cooperative Extension Monthly Garden Reminders for February

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

Maintenance

- Prune any dormant deciduous trees and shrubs you missed in January. Although no pruning is necessary for citrus trees, remove dead and diseased wood as well as crisscrossing limbs if the danger of frost has passed. Refer to [Pruning Deciduous Shade Trees](#) and [Pruning Citrus](#).
- Watch for cold temperatures—both night and day—and protect plants as needed. Refer to [Frost Protection](#) and [Protecting a Citrus Tree from Cold](#).
- Leave frost damage on plants until the danger of freezing has completely passed. Pruning too early exposes vulnerable plants unnecessarily and may encourage new growth that is even more frost-sensitive. Check your irrigation system for leaks caused by freezing temperatures and repair them. Refer to [Drip Irrigation: The Basics](#).
- 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. Refer to [Diagnosing Problems of Roses in the Landscape](#).
- Cut back native grasses, such as Muhlenbergia species (Muhly grass), to about 4 to 6 inches high before new growth starts. Cutting to this height removes dead and brown blades of grass and allows for new green growth. Native grasses also do not require soil amendments or fertilizer.
- Plan and prepare your summer garden layout, and rotate the location of certain vegetables if needed. Keeping a garden journal can help track these details. Refer to [Planning Your Vegetable Garden](#).
- 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. Refer to [Ten Steps to a Successful Vegetable Garden](#).
 - Recommended amendments include compost, composted manure, and worm castings. These add essential nutrients and promote beneficial biological life in the soil. Adding perlite and vermiculite improves 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 local gardening conditions. Refer to [Fertilizing Home Gardens in Arizona](#).
- Winter rains bring weeds, so begin scouting for and manually removing them as soon as they appear.
- Look for aphids—they thrive in cooler temperatures and on new growth. They may also appear on plants other than roses. Refer to [Aphids](#) and [Diagnosing Problems of Roses in the Landscape](#).
- Now is a good time to plan or install active or passive rainwater harvesting. Refer to [Harvesting Rainwater for](#)

[Landscape Use](#) and [Landscape Management Practices to Optimize Passive Rainwater Harvesting and Plant Health](#).

Planting

- Harvest cabbage and cauliflower. Monitor lettuce for signs of bolting. If they bolt, consider saving seeds for next year or donating them 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. Refer to [Flower Planting Guide for the Low Desert](#).
- Plant bare-root roses near the end of the month. Refer to [Rose Selection and Planting in the Low Desert](#).
- Continue harvesting most varieties of oranges and citrus. Refer to [Oranges for Southern Arizona](#) and [Grapefruit and Pummelo for Southern Arizona](#).

Fertilizing

- Continue with mild fertilizing of winter vegetables.
- Fertilize citrus—this is the first of three annual feedings. For oranges, tangerines, and grapefruit, apply one-third of the total in January or February, one-third in March or April, and one-third in May or June. For lemons and limes, the first two applications are the same, but the last one-third isn't until August or September. Refer to [Diagnosing Home Citrus Problems](#) and [Citrus Fertilization Chart for Arizona](#).
- Overseeded Bermuda grass lawns need applications of a nitrogen fertilizer once per month. Refer to [A Turfgrass Maintenance Guide for Residential and Commercial Lawns in the Low Elevation Arizona Desert](#).
- 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.
- Do not irrigate cacti, agave, yucca, and desert trees and shrubs through the end of the month.

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Message from Superintendent Dr. David Dumon

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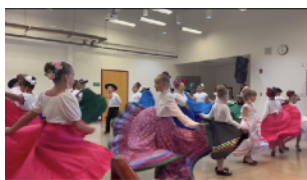
We encourage you to explore these resources if certification is part of your professional goals.

<https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/february-2026/superintendent-message>

Message from Robles Principal Dustie Gunn, MAED; MBA

<https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/february-2026/bobcat-bulletin>

Welcome Back, Bobcats! Building Strong Habits for a Successful Second Semester



Folklorico at Robles Elementary

Message from Altar Valley Middle School Principal, Riki Valdez

A Strong Start to the New Semester at AVMS

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Diana Cordova**

<https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/february-2026/family-resource-center>

Our Coat Party was a great success!



In January we had tons of fun with our classes!



Check out our classes this month!:

**Make Way for Books,
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Virtual Classes, and more!**

Summer Youth Application opens Feb. 2, 2026

<https://sites.google.com/avsd.org/february-2026>

Visit pimaparenting.org to look up classes and descriptions, monthly schedule, and to register.
Have questions? Call or text Diana Cordova
520-800-2002, Email: dcordova@avsd.org



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Friday, March 13, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

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- Kindergarten students must be five before Sept 1, 2026
- Parents may register online for **kindergarten only** at: https://az-alt.edupoint.com/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx
- Parents may also come to Robles to utilize a computer to register in the front office

Parents are asked to bring the following documents for photo copying when they enroll their child:

1. Birth certificate
2. Current immunization records
3. Proof of residency: 2 types such as utility bill, rental agreement, vehicle registration, etc...

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