



## THE DISTRICT 3 DIGEST

### A NOTE FROM SUPERVISOR BRONSON...

What could be a better way to start the new fiscal year than making it easier for our veterans to receive assistance when needed. This includes employment assistance, peer support, career counseling, benefits counseling and claims assistance, housing assistance, computer labs, office equipment, education, medical care and disability and more.... all located at one convenient site.

Effective July 16, 2012 Pima County will open the nations first ever Veterans Workforce Center located at 2801 E. Ajo Way. The center is a partnership with Pima County One Stop Career Center, the U. S. Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs, The AZ Dept. of Veterans Services and Economic Security, Pima Community College, Community Partnership of Southern Arizona, the Pima County Health Department and Old Pueblo Community Services.

The Center will work directly with employers to help secure positions for our veterans and any who hire an unemployed veteran may qualify for a Returning Heroes Tax Credit (range from \$2400 to \$5600) or the Wounded Warrior Tax Credit of up to \$9600 for an unemployed veteran of more than 6 months with a service connected disability.

The unemployment rate for Iraq/Afghanistan era veterans was 12.7% for the month of May compared to 8.2% for the national average so the timing could not be better for the opening of this facility. For more information call 520-243-6700.

If you know a veteran who needs assistance please share this information with him/her.....thanks.

## Pima County Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

You might be surprised to find out about all the opportunities the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program has to offer such as:

Local Projects - Free Bike Safety Classes - Safe Route to School - Maps and more...

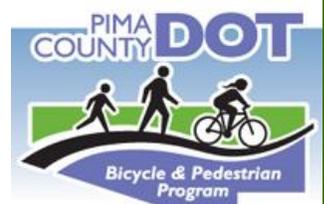
While what they offer is extensive, their goal is very simple: "To improve safety, facilities and access for walkers and cyclists throughout Pima County".

Visit their website at <http://bikeped.pima.gov/> or feel free to contact the following individuals:

Matt Zoll - Pima County Bicycle and Pedestrian Manager - 243-BIKE  
Donna Lewandowski - Safe Routes to School Coordinator - 740-6496  
Kathryn Skinner - Bicycle and Pedestrian Engineer - 740-2881  
Ignacio Rivera de Rosales - Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Educator - 349-1701

Can you guess how many miles of bike trails are in Pima County:

A) 875      B) 990      C) 1115      *Answer on page 2*



## Southeast Regional Park Shooting Sports Complex

A 2004 bond project was just completed at the SE Regional Shooting Range. This included the Rifle Range, Education Range, Archery Range and the Shotgun Sports Range. The education range includes a building with indoor air gun/archery range, berm and shaded range cover. The archery range has a full berm and earthwork for an eventual 20 stations, parking area, restrooms and an uncovered DG shooting line. The shotgun range includes three trap and three combination trap/skeet stations along with trap/skeet houses, equipment, restrooms and administration office.

The infrastructure is now in place to accommodate future expansion when it is needed and the flexibility to offer a wide range of shooting options, no matter what type of shooting you do. So pack up the family and head out to the updated facility to check it out.

<http://www.pima.gov/nrpr/shooting/serpshooting.htm>



## Tucson Water.... Rainwater Harvesting Rebate



Are you interested in saving water and lowering your water bill.....Tucson Water is now offering its single family residential customers a rebate of up to \$2,000 for capturing and storing rainwater for plant irrigation and other uses.

Practices that are eligible for the rebate include, but are not limited to:

- Passive earthwork features
- Gutters and downspouts
- Active rainwater tank storage (below or above ground)



Participants will be required to attend a free three-hour harvesting workshop in order to qualify for the rebate. Several workshops are scheduled which are held at Pima County Cooperative Extension, 4210 N. Campbell Ave. Call 626-5161 to register for the workshop or for more information about the program call 791-4331 or visit their website at:

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water/rwh-rebate>

## Amado Youth Center...Grand Opening

Supervisor Sharon Bronson worked with the other Supervisors to allocate \$10,000 to Compass Behavioral Health Care Inc. in January to work with Amado residents and friends to renovate an empty storefront where it could provide more than 250 Amado area youth with educational, recreational and leadership services.

"I am extremely happy to assist in bringing this new center and youth services to this important and historic area of Pima County," Supervisor Bronson said. "It is important that the County provide infrastructure and services in the rural areas as well as in the center. This is a small but important contribution and I wish them great success".

Pima County Public Library donated eight previously used computers and a collection of books to the center and the Grand Opening was celebrated on June 9th. Now young people have a place to hang out after school, have fun and learn.

The center is located at 28802 S. Old Nogales Highway and for additional information call Amy Bass with Compass Behavioral at 205-4780 or JoAnn Corneliusen, Amado Youth Coordinator at 730-3370.



## Amado Food Bank

Supervisor Bronson is joined by Bill Carnegie, President/CEO of the Community Food Bank and Mildred Feliciano, Manager of the Amado Food Bank to test out the new pallet jack with scale that she recently donated.



The Amado Food Bank is one of the branch locations of the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona and is located at 28720 S. Nogales Highway. You can reach them at 520-398-2942 and hours of operation are:  
Mon -Tues - Wed - Fri - 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Thurs - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The following services are offered:  
Food Boxes - Gleaning - Tucson Table (non-profits agencies only)  
Value Foods Store - Summer Meals for Children  
Edible Landscape - WIC Case worker on site every Tuesday  
Bi-Monthly Mobile Clinic - AHCCCS worker every Wed morning

If you need their services please contact them and if not stop by to make a donation or visit their website at:

<http://communityfoodbank.com/get-involved/amado/>

*Picture courtesy of Jessie Baxter with the Community Food Bank  
Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Bill Carnegie, and Mildred Feliciano*

## Pet of the Month

Hi, I'm Walter and as you can see I am wearing the latest in fashion for those who have just been neutered. I'm a 2 year old Terrier Mix and I have been told I am extremely sweet with a calm and gentle personality. That kind of description puts a smile on this ole doggy's face.

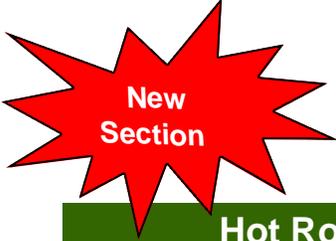


So stop by for a visit and I will make sure you receive a very warm welcome that will be worth while for both of us. My kennel # is 388699.

PACC is located at 4000 N. Silverbell and they can be reached at 243-5900. The website address is: <http://pimaanimalcare.org/>



*Miles of Bike Trails in Pima County: Correct Answer is B*



## Shopping Local.....in District 3

### Hot Rod Café

Stop by the "Hot Rod Café" for breakfast or lunch located at 2831 N. Stone (right down the street from the Paul Bunyan statue)

Check out their website for a full list of menu items, hours of operation and a preview of all the great memorabilia that is a part of what makes this café so special.

[www.TucsonHotRodCafe.com](http://www.TucsonHotRodCafe.com)

Pressed for time....you can call in advance to place your order and for additional convenience they will also deliver to businesses located between Campbell and I-10 and Speedway to Wetmore. Phone # 903-CAFE or 903-2233



With 76 branches in 56 communities from Ajo to Marana to Tucson there is ample opportunity to take care of all your banking needs. Look into their InGroup programs that offer a variety of benefits for any group, large or small.

#### InGroup Checking Program:

- No Charge for using any other banks ATM—Free Visa Debit Card
- Free Online banking, bill pay and mobile banking
- 5 automatic rebates of other banks' ATM fees per month
- Multiple options to waive monthly maintenance fee
- Personalize your debit card with myPHOTocard

#### InGroup Savings Program:

- No minimum balance and no monthly service fee

There are lots off additional features and benefits so take the time to make contact with the branch closest to you.

- Ajo Branch: 520-387-2200 - [kelly.moore@nbarizona.com](mailto:kelly.moore@nbarizona.com)
- Marana Branch: 616-0102
- Downtown Tucson Branch: 884-1500



## Arizona Feeds Country Store



When one sees a "Feed Store" they usually think of large farm animals, but that certainly is not the full story for the Arizona Feeds County Store. They carry a full line of items for domestic animals, medicine, a full array of leather goods, a selection of toys for the younger generation, and so many other items all of them cannot be mentioned in this article. They have roosters, baby chicks and geese, chickens and all the things you need to keep them healthy and happy.

Supervisor Bronson stopped by the other day to meet with the owner Kevin Bloomquist to tour the facility and of course, to do a little shopping.

Every fall they hold an Expo on Horses....with a presentation by a qualified vet and for "Free of Charge" you can ask any question and get an answer from the professionals. In the spring they host a Ag Expo/ Spring Fling with a variety of options for the whole family such as workshop on horses, dog obedience, animal first aid, model horse show, pet adoptions, petting zoo, "Raffle Prizes" and more.

They also have programs available to everyone:

Responsible Pet Owner Club...you can receive up to \$50.00 in store gift certificates for each cat or dog you have spayed/neutered or for each dog or cat that you adopt.

Fund Raising Friend...Read all about it at: <http://afcountrystore.com/community/>

Ambassador...4-H support fair and more



**Store Locations:**  
 4743 N. Highway Drive      2701 S. 6th Ave.  
 Tucson AZ 85705          Tucson, AZ 85713  
 887-2202                      622-2321

[www.afcountrystore.com](http://www.afcountrystore.com)

