

# GCEC Hires New Project Manager

Josh Bryce was hired in January as a project manager for Graham County Electric Cooperative and Graham County Utilities Inc. He replaces Jenny Howard, the compliance and special projects manager who left the co-op in February.

Because the job evolved from compliance to more project management, Josh will be responsible for planning, administering and completing assigned projects. He will develop and implement business processes necessary to manage capital projects.

"We are really sorry to see Jenny go and wish her all the best in her new ventures," says CEO and General Manager Phil Cook. "Jenny did a lot of great work and moved many programs across the finish line for us.

"I am excited to have Josh

on our team. He brings a lot of experience and expertise in many areas that will help us complete some important electrical and water system projects. We will be very busy over the next few years with upgrades to infrastructure and implementing new technologies."

Josh was raised in the Gila Valley, attended Eastern Arizona College and graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in electrical engineering.

Josh is a registered professional engineer in Arizona. He was president of Utility Industrial LLC, a consulting engineering firm, from 2014 to his hire date with GCEC. He also was employed as an electrical design engineer with ProConn Engineering from 2011 to 2014, and Hanlon



**Josh Bryce started at Graham County Electric Cooperative in January. He is developing business processes for capital projects.**

Engineering and Architecture before 2011.

"Being part of the team here was a goal of mine from the time I started in the utility industry," Josh says. "I'm

excited to be back in the Gila Valley and be working with all the great people at GCEC."

Josh and his wife, Katy, are raising their six children in Bryce. ■

## Former Employee Is Expanding Her Business

Jenny Howard was the GCEC compliance and special projects manager for three years. One of the projects she worked on was expanding participation in the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program. The funding from this program supports economic development projects in rural areas served by electric cooperatives.

We wish Jenny much success as she expands her businesses, Ginaveve's Market Place and The Main Street Bean. The Tiny Bean, a drive-thru coffee shop serving craft espresso and non-espresso beverages, specialty foods and deserts, will open soon. The shop will be on east Highway 70 and will have a large deck for outdoor seating.

