

Employee Receives Welding Certification

David Hancock completed his journeyman welder apprenticeship in half the usual time. This certification allows him to perform welding fabrication for Graham County Utilities on different projects and line repairs.

The rigorous apprenticeship involves becoming operator-qualified in 43 critical natural gas functions during three years. Training for these tasks include testing the apprentice in their knowledge of operation manuals, procedures and hands-on proficiency that is held to not only the high standards of GCU, but to federal and state standards.

David was hired in the gas and water department in March 2019 as an apprentice welder. He says he likes working with his hands and performing welding fabrication.

“I’ve always worked outside doing things as an ag (agriculture) mechanic, like working construction on different things for farms,” David says.

Prior to his job at GCU, David worked several years at Allen Pump, where he



Journeyman welder David Hancock loves working with his hands and working outside.

removed and installed wells and irrigation water systems.

David came to the Gila Valley from St. David in 2011. He is married to Lindsey (Allred), a radiologist at Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center. They are the

proud parents of two little girls: June, who is 3, and Sydney, who was born in July.

David’s hobbies include “anything outdoors!”

He loves hunting, fishing and spending time with his young family. ■

House Lighting Contest for Members

Bring a little cheer to your neighborhood by lighting up your home and enter the GCEC/GCU-sponsored house lighting contest for members.

To enter, send your name, address and a picture of your lighted house to communications@gce.coop before December 17.

For more information, visit us at gce.coop, our Facebook page or call Diane Junion at 928-485-2451.

Prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners, respectively.



Christmas lights entries are due December 17.

Christmas Food Drive

The GCEC Foundation is pleased to announce the sixth annual Christmas Food Drive and Utility Assistance. All tax-deductible contributions go to help our elderly members. All cash or nonperishable donations must be received no later than December 3. For additional details, contact Kim Larkey or Diane Junion at 928-485-2451.