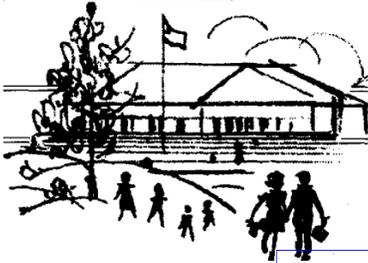


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# Graham County School News



*Graham County School Superintendent*

*Donna M. McGaughey*

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[www.graham.az.gov](http://www.graham.az.gov)

## Superintendent's Message

Wow—October is gone, and what a busy month it was! We experienced absolutely beautiful weather and our community had numerous events going on. On Oct. 9th, Pima Unified School District hosted the Arizona School Boards Association county meeting. Most of our board members were able to attend and learn more about good boardmanship. Additionally, we had a fabulous meal and great entertainment by the Show Choir. This was followed by the Graham County Fair which was a great success and showcased the talents of our citizens. Our dedicated Intel Math Cohort II completed their 10th day of training. Many of us attended the EAC advisory board meeting and luncheon. Oct. 26th, "Make a Difference Day" brought hundreds of our community members out to work on a variety of projects. In downtown Safford, the Harvest Festival was in full swing. We hosted a Virtual Economics workshop on Oct. 30th. Have you ever seen a dancing slice of pumpkin pie? The Dan Hinton Halloween program had it all—including the dancing pastry! In between all those events mentioned, there were sporting events, concerts, rodeo events, fund raisers and dozens of other activities. It was great to be part of it. Sadly, we also said goodbye to two long-time teachers, Dan Hunt and Patti Hinton. We send our condolences to their families and students. They each made a huge impact on education.

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## Save the Date:

**Nov. 5** — Graham Co. ASBA Governing Board training at EAC.

**Nov. 11** — Veterans Day

**Nov. 12** — ASBA meeting for school leaders in the David M. Player Center for the Arts

**Nov. 13** — FMI Community Partnership Panel meeting 10:00 in the General Services Building

**Nov. 23** — Intel Math training

**Nov. 25** — Graham/Greenlee Superintendents meeting in Solomon

**Nov. 28** Thanksgiving holiday

The Graham County General Services Building is open Monday—Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and is closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



# EASTERN ARIZONA SCIENCE INITIATIVE

PRESENTS:

## Free SATURDAY SCIENCE CAMP

for all 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students!

### Attention all future Astronauts and Biologists!

Join us Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00am to Noon

In the Discovery Park Campus- Ranch House

For two exciting hands-on science activities;



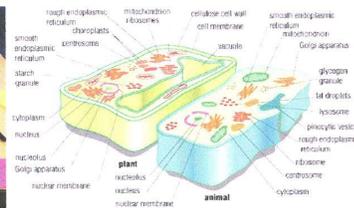
**Mrs. Taylor Kerby,**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Ruth Powell School

### "Angry Red Planet" It's a Science Mystery!!

Be a member of "Mission Control" and help your four "bio-nauts" figure out why their oxygen is getting low during their flight simulation to Mars... Only you can save them!



**Mrs. Mickey Hawkins**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Ruth Powell School

### "Create Your Own Awesome Plant and Animal Cells"

The average human body is made up of over 75 Trillion living cells! Your body is amazing... and so are all of the awesome cells that make... YOU! Learn the difference between Plant Cells and Animal Cells, and all the different and cool "organelles" in each one, and what their functions are by creating one or the other with lots of different fun art supplies and goodies.

The **SATURDAY SCIENCE CAMP** schedule is:

8:00 - 8:30	Registration and snacks
8:30 - 10:00	"Angry Red Planet" It's a Science Mystery!!
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:45	"Create Your Own Awesome Plant and Animal Cells"
11:45 - Noon	Feedback and Evaluation Completion

### Register to attend:

Contact Paul Anger at: [paul.anger@eac.edu](mailto:paul.anger@eac.edu)

Name, Grade (must be in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade), School, and Parents' email or phone #

**We have room for 25 students at Camp – Register SOON!**

The Discovery Park phone number is 428-6260. If you call, you must leave a message which includes the student's name, email address or phone number, grade and school.

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**Saturday November 2, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.**



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\* A FREE Scholastic book for the first 100 children who visit their local McDonald's \* Books are for toddler to 6th grade. While supplies last. (Excludes Walmart McDonald's restaurant locations.)

\*FREE *Read On Arizona* Early Literacy Guide for Families. A handy new guide full of ways to help support your child with Reading.

\* Visit our Facebook Page <http://community.mcdonalds.com/phoenix> for McDonald's reading screening locations near you.

### \*FREE cone for kids



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For more information, visit [www.ReadOnArizona.org](http://www.ReadOnArizona.org)



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Paulette LeBlanc, FTF Community Outreach Coordinator

Phone: (928) 428-9330

Email: pleblanc@aznex.net

## HALLOWEEN: The Day After

If your children or grandchildren went trick or treating on the 31<sup>st</sup>, the chances are they came home with lots of sweet treats. As a parent or caregiver you need to take some action. First of all, safety! Inspect everything in the collection to be sure all is safe. Throw away anything that looks suspicious or tampered with. Secondly, moderation is the key. Limit the daily intake. It would be great if children were limited to one piece per day. Remember that children don't usually have such self-discipline. You can provide guidance on this. Also, have your child brush his or her teeth after eating candy. This is a good habit to begin in the preschool years. Oral health problems are a main reason for school absences. Early dental care will prevent future loss of school time. You want to set your children up for success. After three weeks, toss the remaining candy out. It will be old news by then and truly won't be missed. If you are in the position to manage that bag of sweet loot, take the time to make it a positive learning experience with your child. Remember the key words: SAFETY, MODERATION, BRUSH, AND TOSS!





## Eastern Arizona Science Initiative

# “C'mon get Hoppy!”

Hands-On Frog Dissection with

**Tammy Gillespie, Eastern Arizona Biology Instructor**



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**for all interested teachers of Science...**

**but HURRY! There's only 25 seats... and frogs, available!**

**[Click on the link below to register](#)**

**<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CmonGetHoppy>**

**We all did it in high school... and you know that your students would love it...**

**but do you remember how to make it fun and interesting?**

Come and join us for this FREE Teacher Workshop where we'll get up to our elbows... *so to speak*, in remembering the details of frog dissecting and making it fun, like; all living things share the same DNA molecules, but how does that make us alike? Using frog specimens for comparative anatomy purposes, we will explore what things are the same between humans and frogs, from system to system. Then we will examine the structures specific to the frog that it uses for its unique life functions.

***Come take a giant leap with us into what makes us tick. You'll be hoppy you did!***

**Wednesday November 13, 2013**

**4:00—5:30 p.m.**

**EAC Discovery Park Campus—Ranch House**



This workshop is funded through the generosity of Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold, Inc. and the Graham County United Way.



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## Spelling Bee Information

Individual school enrollment to qualify students who wish to participate in the 2014 Arizona Spelling Bee will take place **until October 15, 2013**. To enroll, schools visit **www.spellingbee.com** and follow instructions to enroll their school.

To be eligible to send a representative to the county, state and ultimately the Scripps National Spelling Bee, schools must register and pay the enrollment fee, set by Scripps, of \$120.00. A late fee of \$75 will apply between Oct. 16 and Dec. 13, 2013.

**The Graham County Spelling Bee, which serves as the qualifier for the Arizona State Spelling Bee, will take place on Wednesday February 5, 2014.**

### School District Spelling Bee Timeline:

**August 15, 2013—Oct. 15, 2013:** Schools must enroll with Scripps Nat'l Spelling Bee

**December 2013 until January 17, 2014:** Schools plan and hold their school bees

**January 31, 2014:** Districts bees must be held and winners reported to the county office

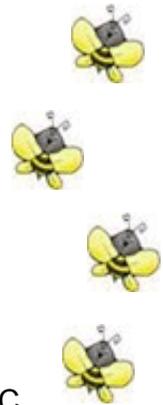
**February 24, 2014:** County and Regional Bees must be held by this date

**March 3, 2014:** Biography forms from each county/regional winner must be submitted

**March 29, 2014:** Arizona Spelling bee will be held in Phoenix at Eight/AZ PBS

**Late May / Early June 2014:** Scripps National Spelling Bee will be held in Washington, D.C.

Good luck to all spellers!



The Society for American Archaeology is pleased to announce that Dr. Barbara Little, RPA, will be presenting an online seminar "Public Archaeology is a Moving Target" on November 14, 2013 from 3:00—5:00 p.m. EDT. Her presentation will focus on public archaeology as it is practiced in the U.S. today.

For more information and to register for the seminar please see:

[http://www.saa.org/Aboutthe Society/OnlineSeminars/tabid/1503/Default.aspx#1](http://www.saa.org/AbouttheSociety/OnlineSeminars/tabid/1503/Default.aspx#1)

The University of Arizona

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences - Southwest Institute for Research on Women

Workshop: Cyberbullying Presenter: Thomas Bogart

**Tuesday November 26, 2013 9:30—11:00 a.m.**

Eastern Arizona College Campus, 615 N. Stadium Ave. Thatcher, AZ

Academic Programs Building Room 109

Intended audience: Students and Educators

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Your Grade Level(s) \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the lesson you will use to incorporate Western Art into your curriculum.

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List the supplies you will purchase for the lesson.

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Amount requested (up to \$500) \_\_\_\_\_ Time frame of the project \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Reporting: Share with us! Email 3 to 5 photos showing student artwork.

Successful applicants will be notified within 4 to 6 weeks after applying and receive a supply account at Sarnoff Artist Supplies, 2504 N. Campbell Ave. in Tucson. Supplies are for western art projects only.

Send applications to: [FWAgrant@gmail.com](mailto:FWAgrant@gmail.com)

- To be eligible, you must teach in SE Arizona which includes the entire counties of Pima, Cochise and Santa Cruz plus areas south of the Gila River in Pinal, Graham and Greenlee counties.
- You may apply anytime, and more than once (for amounts less than \$500), during the school year.
- Maximum award is \$500 per year per teacher.

[www.friendsofwesternart.org](http://www.friendsofwesternart.org)

Are you a parent  
of a child with  
special needs?



## ***We have workshops for you!***

**Eastern AZ Special Education Conference**



**Saturday, November 9, 2013**

**General Services Building**

**921 Thatcher Boulevard**

**Safford, Arizona 85546**

**Parent Professional  
Collaboration**  
9:00—10:30 a.m.

**AzEIP to Preschool Transition**  
10:45 a.m. —12:45 p.m.

**Positive Behavior Support**  
1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

● **Light Breakfast and Lunch -\$5.00 (pay at door)**

● **Registration required**

● **No childcare**

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The Safford City / Graham County Library offers services beyond checking out books. The Graham County School Superintendent has partnered with the library to offer homework help for students from kindergarten through college. It's free to Graham County students. Visit the library's homepage at [www.cityofsafford.us](http://www.cityofsafford.us) and click on the Homework Help icon. This will lead you to the icon for Tutor.com. "Check out" this free tool and get help on any subject.

Citizens looking for help with finding a job should take advantage of the services offered by Job Skills Instructor, Kevin Hansen. Mr. Hansen offers help in finding jobs and preparing resumes. Additionally, he will help coach job seekers as they practice their interview skills. This is a great service!

The library has partnered with *First Things First* to enhance literacy skills in our youngest population. In addition to story time, parents can bring their children to the Brain Box sessions and other preschool activities scheduled throughout the year. The library has secured a grant from First Things First to fund the Imagination Library Book Club. Children ages birth through five can be signed up to receive a free, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. These are just a few of the wonderful things families can explore due to the partnerships formed by the library.

Visit the Safford City / Graham County Library in person or online!

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The SE Arizona Workforce Connection team promotes and supports a workforce system that offers employers, workers and communities across Cochise, Graham and Greenlee Counties workforce solutions that achieve and sustain economic prosperity.

1910 W. Thatcher Blvd. Safford, AZ

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[www.seazworkforce.org](http://www.seazworkforce.org)

Kimberly Termain, Business Development/Outreach Coordinator

[ktermain@cpic-cas.org](mailto:ktermain@cpic-cas.org)



**New to the area? Need information?**

The Graham County Resource Center is a one-stop shop to find information on all services offered in Graham Co.

It is open Mon.—Fri. from 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

301-B East 4th Street (across from the Safford Bowling Alley) Safford, AZ 85546 928-428-7231

## Professional Development Opportunities/ Grant Funding Alerts

### Esri Education Site License Program for Arizona K-12 Schools

Arizona has a statewide site license for this program and it is at **no cost**. The license may be free, but if you are new to Geographic Information Systems (GIS), you will want to do some self-training before you install it at your school.

It is highly likely that you don't need the full package. For small projects, you may find the free software available on the Esri website is easier for you to utilize.

If you are new to GIS, we highly encourage you to do the basics at <http://www.esri.com/what-is-gis>

You can apply for the full Esri software:

[http://perceval.bio.nau.edu/grail\\_form/default.aspx](http://perceval.bio.nau.edu/grail_form/default.aspx)

### D-Backs Program Grants

D-Backs program grants are given statewide to non-profit organizations. Funds for these grants are raised throughout the season through team fundraising events, including the annual Evening on the Diamond benefit dinner, Shirts Off Our D-Backs and additional events. All 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in Arizona are welcome to apply for funding, however, funding must be serving the people of Arizona. The deadline is open and the amount of grant funding available for projects is \$1,000—\$5,000. For more info:

<http://arizona.diamondbacks.mlb.com/ari/community/grants.jsp>

### KaBOOM! Let's Play Grants

#### Deadlines: Rolling

Dr. Pepper Snapple Group & KaBOOM! Are excited to offer \$500 Let's Play Completion Grants to qualifying Do-It-Yourself communities to be used toward the improvement of an existing playground built using the KaBoom! Community build model and \$750 Let's Play Maintenance Grants to communities who wish to make their playgrounds cleaner, safer and more inviting.

[http://kaboom.org/about\\_kaboom/programs/grants](http://kaboom.org/about_kaboom/programs/grants)

### Name: Shell Science Lab Challenge

#### Deadline: 12/20/13

Sponsor: National Science Teachers Assoc.

Amount: Up to \$20,000

The Shell Science Lab Challenge recognizes outstanding middle and high school programs in the U.S. and Canada for their exemplary approaches to science lab instruction.

<http://www.nsta.org/shellsciencelab/>

### Youth Program Grants

#### Deadline: Open

Sponsor: The Entertainment Software Association Foundation

Amount: Varies

Type: Social & Economic, Arts & Culture

The ESA Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of America's youth.

<http://www.esafoundation.org/application.asp>

### VEX Robotics

Schools interested in learning more about VEX Robotics and available grants should visit

<http://www.vexrobotics.com>

[www.roboticseducation.org](http://www.roboticseducation.org)

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



## Grant Funding Alerts

*It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

### Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. Grants

Mini-Grants for Education Application Window: May 1st –**Oct. 30th**

**(Start planning for next year!)**

Please visit [www.freeportinmycommunity.com](http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com) Click on: Our Programs

Grants in the range of \$100—\$500 a school is eligible to receive up to four mini-grants per year. Additional grant opportunities are available including the STEM Education grant. Congratulations to Lena Mattice, Ft. Thomas Unified School District on receiving this grant.

Graham County received nearly \$500,000 in the recent round of Community Investment Fund grant awards held in August. Several schools received grants, including Thatcher Unified, Safford Unified, Pima Elementary, and Solomon Elementary School District.

### Strengthening Secondary Education

**Deadline: Open**

Amount: \$100,000—\$200,000

Sponsor: Arthur Vining Davis Foundation

Type: Education

Grants are made for innovative professional development programs that strengthen teachers and their teaching in grades 9-12.

<http://www.avdf.org/FoundationsPrograms/SecondaryEducation.aspx>

### Fall Technology Grants

**Deadline: 11/15/13**

Amount: Varies

Type: Education, Science & Technology\*

Technology Grants for Rural Schools program was created to meet the growing need for innovative technology in the classroom. The grants strive to help public schools in rural areas bring modern computers to every classroom, connect schools to the information superhighway, etc.

<http://www.fred.org/tech.html> \*Schools must meet certain criteria

### KaBOOM! Spruce Project Grants

**Deadline: Rolling**

Are you itching to serve? Organize your friends, clean up a playground, and you can be eligible for \$750, courtesy of Dr. Pepper Snapple Group. The grant is part of the Let's Play initiative to get kids and families active.

<http://grants.kaboom.org>

### DoSomething.org Seed Grants

**Deadline: ongoing**

Are you working to start a community action project or program with your friends? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? A \$500 DoSomething Seed Grant is given out every week to help young people like you!

Visit the website:

[www.dosomething.org/grants/seed-grants](http://www.dosomething.org/grants/seed-grants)

## American Youth Leadership Program with Singapore and Malaysia

### Upcoming Application Deadlines

A Department of State—funded program providing high school students and educators the opportunity to travel and experience the people and cultures of Singapore and Malaysia, with a focus on the nations' approaches to sustainable development and urban planning.

Who is eligible: U.S. high school students ages 15-17

Teachers and administrators working with youth  
Deadline: December 1st

Learn more and apply at [www.culturalvistas.org/aylp](http://www.culturalvistas.org/aylp)

### School Library Grants

**Deadline: 12/2/13**

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Sponsor: Laura Bush Foundation

Type: Education

The Foundation provides grants to help school libraries expand, update and diversify their book collections. All LBF grants are made to individual schools rather than school districts, county systems, private organizations, foundations, or other entities.

<http://laurabushfoundation.unt.edu>

### Instrument and Equipment Awards

**Deadline: Open**

Amount: Varies

Sponsor: Fender Music Foundation

Type: Arts and Culture

The Fender Music Foundation awards instruments and equipment to eligible music instruction programs. These items are lightly used, blemished, or otherwise imperfect and have been collected from manufacturers and retailers. The organization is currently awarding acoustic guitars, electric guitars, etc.

<http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/grants/grants-info/>

### Free Classroom Supplies Are Now Available for Teachers!

How to help a teacher:

1. Visit the NAEIR website at [www.naeir.org](http://www.naeir.org)
2. Click on the Teacher's Program drop down
3. Click on the View Products to view the products that are available through this program.
4. Interested teachers can register for the program—the registration fee is only \$9.00. Click on the Teacher's Program Registration.
5. The day after registering, the new member of the Teacher's Program will receive an invitation to set up a Login I.D.

For more information, please call Patti Woolsey at 800-562-0955 ex. 334

## News from the Arizona Geographic Alliance

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School of Geographical Sciences & Urban Planning

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Strengthening Geography Education in Arizona

**Student Film Competition:** San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival <http://www.oceanfilmfest.org/education/>

Do you want to get your students involved in telling a story? producing a short film? Why not focus on the ocean? The San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival is accepting student entries for the 2014 Student Film Competition as part of the annual festival!

What? The top 10 student films will be screened at the festival and prizes for 1st-3rd place will be awarded.

Who? Open to all students (nationwide and international) in grades 6-12

When? Deadline to submit films is January 5th, 2014 (The Festival is March, 2014)

Where? Make the film anywhere! Films will be screened in San Francisco at the 11th annual San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival in March 2014.

Prizes!!!!!! 1st place-\$500 cash 2nd place-Go Pro Camera 3rd place Go Pro Camera

Have a question about the competition? Email [education@oceanfilmfest.org](mailto:education@oceanfilmfest.org)

### **K-12 Student Teams Can Win Science Awards**

Foundation: Toshiba and the Nat'l Science Teachers Assn. (NSTA)

Opportunity: ExploraVision Program

Funding Focus: Science education, youth (Funding supports student-led science projects)

Eligibility: K-12 student-led teams, schools

Funding: Eight winners, up to \$10,000 each

Deadline: Jan. 30, 2014.

Summary: The program (<http://www.exploravision.org>) is looking for projects which offer ideas and inventions capable of making the world a better place. The school submitting the most eligible projects will receive \$1,000 worth of Toshiba technology.

Each student on the four first-place Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision winning teams will receive a \$10,000 savings bond; students on second-place teams will each receive a \$5,000 savings bond. Members of the eight teams will also receive an expenses-paid trip with their families, mentors and coaches to Washington, DC for an awards weekend in June 2014.

### **2014 Youth Gardening Grants Encourage Outdoor Education**

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2014-youth-garden-grant>

Private Funders: Nat'l Gardening Assn. (NGA), Bonnie Plants, Ames and High Mowing Organic

Seeds. Funding Focus: Recreation, gardening and education (funding supports school, community gardens) Eligibility: Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, community organizations and nonprofits. Funding: 20 awards of \$500 each plus supplies. Deadline: Dec. 6, 2013

These grants help schools and community organizations build and expand youth-centered garden programs. They must involve teams of children between the ages of 3 and 18. The garden program must be charitable or educational in nature. Priority will be given to programs that emphasize integration of content standards, nutrition connections, environmental awareness, entrepreneurship.



The Safford City—Graham County Library has partnered with the Arizona State Library to bring a fabulous FREE database of eBooks to our students!

Visit [www.saffordlibrary.org](http://www.saffordlibrary.org)

On the left side of the screen, click on “TumbleBooks / eBooks for Kids  
“Check out” the titles, which now include non-fiction!

The books are indexed by reading levels, grade, and lexile.

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity—it’s free!

Several Graham County Social Studies teachers took advantage of the “Virtual Economics / Strand 5” training recently hosted by the Graham County School Superintendent. One really interesting and useful statistics website demonstrated in the training was

[www.gapminder.org](http://www.gapminder.org)

Check it out!

### Assistive Technology Loan Library

Arizona Dept. of Education Exceptional Student Services has partnered with Northern Arizona University’s Technology Access Program to make available, at no cost, a wide variety of assistive technology. Forms are available at [www.adeatloan.org](http://www.adeatloan.org) or email [atloanlibrary@nau.edu](mailto:atloanlibrary@nau.edu)

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*Reminder: The Graham County General Services Building is now open Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are closed on Fridays.*