

Payson business has international reach

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The Rim Country has an international reputation as a recreational mecca. Not many residents realize it has an international business reach as well.

One of Payson's businesses working on the international stage is Pulse Combustion Systems.

Pulse Combustion Systems, located in Payson's Skypark Industrial Park since 1999, is in the industrial spray-drying business. Spray drying is a technology that converts liquids into powders — for instance, raw eggs into egg powder that then goes into a cake mix, explains James A. Rehkopf, the company president.

The company has two activities — one is to sell dryers for customers to operate on their premises and the other is to dry liquid products in Payson before shipping the powder back to the customer.

The company uses patented and proprietary pulse combustion technology to produce better powder than conventional spray dryers or freeze drying systems. These dryers deliver significant cost and performance improvements across the entire spectrum of feedstocks, including foods, chemicals, minerals, nutraceuticals and pharmaceuticals.

Rehkopf said the business started in 1995 in California after the technology was developed and proven. While the company did not open a plant here until 1999, it first came to the area in 1996 because it was the site of its first project. Rehkopf said Payson was chosen for its proximity to that project and the welcoming attitude of town officials.

Currently Pulse Combustion Systems has 10 employees at its Payson operation: two managers, three supervisors and five operators.

Pulse Combustion Systems recently entertained buyers from Mexico. Representatives from Tecsiquim, SA de CV, Mexico City, were in Payson June 15 to finalize arrangements for its purchase of a specially constructed drying system. Tecsiquim produces a line of solvents for liquid chromatography, mainly for phar-



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Jay Hannar, Pulse Combustion Systems senior operator, second from right, shows Tecsiquim representatives how to operate their newly purchased dryer. The Tecsiquim visitors are, from left, Sofia Rodriguez, manager; Jorge Barrada, production manager; Hannar; and Abraham Rangel, maintenance manager.

maceutical, chemical and teaching and research laboratories.

Rehkopf said Tecsiquim purchased the company's small production dryer for use in its plant to make a high-value animal feed additive. The new pulse dryer will make an improved powder and will make it more quickly and at less cost.

The Tecsiquim dryer is the company's first "plug and play" dryer, Rehkopf said. It has been completely assembled and tested at the plant and the customers came to inspect the dryer and learn how to operate it, in what is called a "Factory Acceptance Test."

The sale to Tecsiquim is Pulse Combustion Systems' first sale of a complete dryer to an international customer. The company

has sold dryer components, but not complete dryers to companies in Germany, Canada and South Africa.

"We are extremely proud of our operation here in Payson, as well as of our achievements. We are privileged to have qualified, dynamic and talented leaders," said Ina Grobler, quality, logistics and marketing manager with Payson's Pulse Combustion Systems.

"Pulse produces a world class, unique product that brings buyers from across the globe to our cool mountain town. Almost without exception, prospective customers comment about how easy it is to get to Payson. They often remark about it being 75 minutes north of Sky Harbor, one of the busiest airports, yet a world

away when it comes to quality of life issues. Business visitors are impressed with our friendly hospitality industry, and from the Town's perspective, they add income to the community during the week — not just on weekends and holidays.

"Another ancillary benefit is that because of the unique materials that are used in Pulse assemblies, we have the opportunity to court and try to recruit additional companies such as Evans Alloy that can manufacture and weld exotic or highly specialized metals and assemblies. That vortex principle will produce the kind of jobs we need as we move forward as a community," said Payson Mayor Kenny Evans, who visited the plant to meet with the company's guests from Mexico.

WEATHERREPORT

Forecast by the National Weather Service

Friday	Mostly sunny	94/63
Saturday	Sunny	94/63
Sunday	Mostly sunny	96/64
Monday	Mostly sunny; 30% chance for rain	95/65
Tuesday	Mostly cloudy; slight chance for rain	93/65

PAYSONREPORT

Weather courtesy of Bruce Rasch, weather.astro50.com

Payson Statistics			
DATE	H	L	PRECIP.
June 13	85	53	
June 14	88	45	
June 15	89	45	
June 16	89	47	
June 17	95	48	
June 18	101	47	
June 19	108	59	
June 20	107	67	
June 21	101	67	
June 22	101	64	
June 23	100	60	

Precipitation	
2016 thru today	June 2016
5.57	0.15
30-year Average through June	June Average
8.25	0.35

Average Payson Precipitation from the office of the State Climatologist at Arizona State University.

PAYSON POLLEN COUNT FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
4.0	3.9	2.6	2.8
LOW-MED	LOW-MED	LOW-MED	LOW-MED

Dominant pollen: Grasses-Sagebrush-Chenopods
High: Pollen levels between 9.7 and 12.0 tend to affect most individuals who suffer from the pollen types of the season. Symptoms may become more severe during days with high pollen levels.
Medium: Pollen levels between 7.3 and 9.6 will likely cause symptoms for many individuals who suffer from allergies to the predominant pollen types of the season.
Low: Pollen levels between 0 and 7.2 tend to affect very few individuals among the allergy-suffering public.

Source: pollen.com

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Arizona vehicle crash deaths on the rise

Motor vehicle crashes on local roads and highways across the state claimed the lives of 895 people in 2015, 121 more than the year before, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation's annual Motor Vehicle Crash Facts report.

The statistical report summing up data provided by law enforcement agencies around the state provides some sobering information about motor vehicle crashes last year, including the 16 percent increase in fatalities. The highest annual number of motor vehicle crash fatalities in Arizona — 1,301 — occurred in 2006.

The numbers highlight how better decisions can save lives when it comes to the following factors, some of which can apply to the same crashes:

- 313 of those killed last year weren't using

a seat belt, child safety device or helmet, which represents a 17.7 percent increase from 2014.

- 300 of those killed were involved in crashes related to exceeding the speed limit or driving too fast for conditions, a 26 percent increase from 2014.

- 295 of those killed were involved in alcohol-related crashes, a 10 percent increase from 2014.

"One death will always be too many, and there are things all drivers can do to reduce the number of crash deaths, starting with buckling up, obeying speed limits and reducing speed when conditions warrant," ADOT Director John Halikowski said.

Total crashes in the state rose to 116,609 in 2015 from 109,664 the year before. Total injuries rose as well, with 53,554 in 2015 to

50,988 in 2014.

After falling every year since 2011, alcohol-related crashes rose slightly to 4,941 in 2015 from 4,906 in 2014, while the number of people killed in alcohol-related crashes rose to 295 last year from 269 in 2014. Some 16.2 percent of drivers in fatal crashes last year had been drinking, while 4.8 percent of drivers in fatal crashes appeared to be under the influence of drugs.

Speed and aggressive driving remained key factors contributing to crashes, with 17 percent of drivers in fatal crashes going too fast for conditions or exceeding the speed limit. The report also shows 38 percent of motorcycle deaths involved speeding.

Motorcycle fatalities in Arizona rose to 134 in 2015 from 128 the year before. Twenty-nine bicyclists died in crashes during 2015.

FOR THE RECORD

The following reports and arrests were released by the Payson Police Department and Gila County Sheriff's Office. All persons listed in this report are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. After reviewing cases, the Gila County Attorney's Office often drops or modifies charges. If your name is listed and you are exonerated, please contact the Payson Roundup at editor@payson.com.

May 30 - **Mary Alice Kelly**, 65, Sun City - marijuana-possession; **John Gary Michael Ray**, 21, Payson - shoplifting; **Marlaina Lee Evans**, 34, Payson - drug paraphernalia-possession, marijuana-possession, theft and burglary-2nd degree-residential structure.

May 31 - **John Gary Michael Ray**, 21, trafficking in stolen property-2nd degree and theft of means of transportation-intent to permanently deprive; **Justin Michael Juliano**, 30, Payson - domestic violence and two counts of disorderly conduct-fighting.

June 1 - **Crystal Gayle Davis**, 38, Payson - camping in public place; **David Michael Mitchell**, 21, Payson - disorderly conduct-fighting; **Salina Anna Maria Maurer**, 19, Payson - disorderly conduct-fighting; **Andrew Hale**, 47, Gallup, N.M. - failure to appear-2nd degree; **Mitchell Joe**

Vezzetti, 56, Payson - failure to stop at attended vehicle accident and DUI w/drugs or metabolite; **William Sharkozy**, 56, Payson - disorderly conduct-fighting.

June 3 - **Rita Ann Pochert**, 79, Payson - domestic violence and disorderly conduct-fighting; **Elizabeth Graham**, 18, Payson - minor consumption; **Christian Schulz**, 19, Maricopa - minor consumption; **Justin Irving**, 48, Young - possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia; **Richard Powell**, 60, Star Valley - disorderly conduct/domestic violence and assault.

June 4 - **Jose Cristobal Cordero**, 36, Star Valley - disorderly conduct-fighting; **Arthur Raymond Ohlinger**, 29, Payson - disorderly conduct-fighting; **Travis Wayne Henderson**, 35, Mesa del Caballo - failure to pay a fine; **Shirley Ilene Devaney**, 70, Payson - shoplifting.

June 5 - **Christopher Michael Mahr**, 26, Payson - failure to pay a fine; **Timothy Perrin Thomas**, 22, Payson - DUI-extreme with BAC of .15 or higher, DUI with BAC of .08 or higher and false reporting to law enforcement agency; **Trevor Lee Osman**, 21, Payson - false reporting to law enforcement agency; **Levi William Camp**, 23, Payson - failure to appear-1st degree; **Marie Smith**, 36, Payson - warrant.

OBITUARY

Sharon Anne (Shari) Crise
 1960-2016



In loving memory of Sharon Anne (Shari) Crise, age 56 passed away June 11, 2016 at her home in Payson, AZ following a terminal illness. Shari was born in Madison, Wisconsin, the daughter of Guy and Kathleen Sphar. The Sphar family moved to Mesa, AZ in 1970. In the early 1990's Shari along with her two beloved young sons moved to the beautiful Town of Payson, where she met the love of her life her husband of twenty-three years Bill Crise. Shari owned/operated a home and new construction cleaning business, until her illness prevented her to continue. Shari cared deeply for her clients as they did for her. Even in the grips of illness her internal light shined bright. We will forever remember Shari's own sense of humor, contagious laugh, kindness and love that poured from her heart and soul upon her family and friends. Shari will be forever missed by those who knew and loved her. Shari was preceded in death by her loving parents Guy and Kathleen Sphar. Shari is survived by her wonderful hus-

band Bill; her two beloved sons; Steven (Harley) Williamson of Cody, Wyoming his lovely wife Katie, and their two sons Connor and Cooper whom eased her burdens and brought peace and joy to her soul. Jesse Williamson of Payson, AZ his beautiful fiancé Jamie and their daughter Jaelynn whom would brighten her day and bring a smile to her face with every visit. Her brother Dave Sphar of Scottsdale, AZ, her sister Suzanne Tyson of Mesa, AZ and brother Steve Sphar of Phoenix, AZ and many loving nieces and nephews, she loves you. Our family would like to extend our heart felt appreciation to the very caring staff of Hospice Compasses of Payson, AZ, enough can not be said for the care she received. There will be a private celebration of Shari's beautiful life on July 3, 2016 for family and friends at her home in Payson, AZ where she loved to be. In memory of Shari please make contributions to Hospice Compasses or the Humane Society of Central Arizona.

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