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**CGUHS track replacement to cost more**

**\$92,000 extra may be needed to stabilize ground**

By **SUSAN RANDALL**  
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Crews pulled up the rubber coating on the old Casa Grande Union High School track Wednesday. They dug up the asphalt Friday, and what they found underneath could cost the district a lot of money.

"It doesn't look good," said Facilities Manager Tim Mace. "Short story is we're going to have to treat it."

If Mace is right, and the ground under the asphalt is not stable enough, a contractor will have to bring in a tilling machine, drill the soil to a depth of 12 inches and mix it with 5 percent lime.

"It's like having a 12-inch foundation underneath the track," Mace said.

A geotechnical engineer will visit the site next week, take some samples and tell the district how much of the soil under the track will have to be stabilized.

"I kind of have a hunch we're going to have to do the whole thing," Mace said.

With roughly 57,600 square feet of surface, 12 inches of soil mixed with lime would cost an additional \$92,000 or more. The cost to replace the track

without the lime treatment would be roughly \$340,000.

Mace said he was optimistic until workers reached the inside loop of the track and saw that the soil was "pumping," a term used to describe dirt that moves when something rolls over it.

The schedule would allow time for the soil to be stabilized before the track is paved with new asphalt on June 19. It will be allowed to cure until July 10, when it will be washed and treated with a chemical to help the rubber bond.

The rubber is scheduled to be applied beginning July 23 with heat and compaction at a rate of 15 or more pounds per square yard, and the track



Workers from Bryco Asphalt Milling grind up the asphalt athletic track Friday morning at Casa Grande Union High School. Five inches of asphalt was removed so the track can be refurbished.

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**High-tech healing**



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Melinda Nelson, above, shows where she was left with a 20-centimeter-deep wound May 27 at the Banner Casa Grande Medical Center wound center after surgeons removed a hernia from her lower intestines in January. She was referred to wound care a month later when an infection was detected. Registered nurse Linda Fox, right, shows a hyperbaric chamber at Banner Casa Grande.



**Banner CG hyperbaric chamber closes wounds**

By **KEVIN REAGAN**  
Casa Grande Dispatch

Carlos Moreno has always been a little claustrophobic.

When the staff at Banner Casa Grande Medical Center's wound center asked him to go inside an enclosed, hyperbaric chamber, he admitted to being afraid.

"The first time was very scary," Moreno, 35, said. "You can't extend your arms out, so I just closed my eyes

and tried to relax."

While he was inside the chamber, Moreno's bloodstream was infused with 100 percent oxygen. The treatment was meant to accelerate the healing process for a chronic wound on his left foot.

Moreno suffers from diabetes, so the smallest of cuts on his hands or feet can quickly decay into an infected ulcer. When he noticed a small hole on the bottom of his foot, he knew it might be a problem.

"Any issue with my feet," Moreno said, "I run to the hospital."

He would spend the next 10 weeks undergoing various treatments in Casa Grande's only wound care facility. The center specializes in curing all types of wounds that can't heal on their own.

Moreno is one of more than 2 million people diagnosed with a diabetic-related wound every year, according to the wound science organization Healogics. It's estimated there are more than 800 care centers nationwide

collectively treating up to 6.7 million chronic wounds.

Nurses would clean, scrape, drain and bandage Moreno's wound on a daily basis in an effort to eliminate foreign bodies that inhibit healing. Eventually, he'd have to experience something like going 3,700 feet below seawater to get that wound to close.

The two hyperbaric chambers have been a useful resource at the care cen-

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**Pratt to run for state Senate**

By **BRIAN WRIGHT**  
Maricopa Monitor

Despite no formal announcement, records at the Secretary of State's Office show state Rep. Frank Pratt, R-Casa Grande, has filed paperwork to begin fundraising for a run for the state Senate in 2016.

Pratt, who represents Legislative District 8 but is serving the last of four consecutive terms allowed by law, was first elected to the Arizona House of Representatives in 2008 and was re-elected in 2010, 2012 and 2014. He lost in the general election for a House seat in 2004 and 2006.

Pratt looks to unseat incumbent Sen. Barbara McGuire, D-Kearny, a person with whom he has an interesting history.

In 2008, when Pratt was first elected to the Legislature, he took one of two House seats in the old LD23, and the other seat went to McGuire. In 2010, Pratt and fellow Republican John Fillmore won the two seats, with McGuire finishing third in the general election.

After redistricting, LD23 became LD8, and McGuire won the Senate seat in 2012 and was re-elected in 2014.

Poll results released by the Arizona Republican Party on Friday show Pratt with a slight edge over McGuire should the two face off in next year's gener-



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**Douglas 'Listening' tour stops at CGUHS**

By **KEVIN REAGAN**  
Casa Grande Dispatch

Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas said funding is the most recurring theme she hears from communities across Arizona.

Casa Grande was no different when Douglas received public comments from teachers, parents and community leaders Saturday at Casa

Grande Union High School.

It was the 10th stop on Douglas' "We Are Listening" tour. The superintendent has been traveling around the state for the last eight weeks gathering public input so she and her staff can devise a list of recommendations to improve the education system.

Charter schools, retention rates and teacher certifications were com-

mon topics mentioned by members of the public — though the issue of adequate funding for public education was brought up most frequently.

Casa Grande Union High School District Superintendent Shannon Goodsell said increased funding is critical for recruiting out-of-state teachers to Arizona. He told Douglas he thought Gov. Doug Duc-

ey's enhanced funding proposal announced Thursday was a good "first step" but worried it may not be a long-term solution.

"We have to make sure that the funding source that is available to pay our teachers has got to be from a sustainable source," Goodsell said.

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Kevin Reagan/Dispatch

Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas speaks Saturday on her "We Are Listening" tour at Casa Grande Union High School.

**Today's weather**



Mostly sunny

High **97** Low **69**

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