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Birthday and Father's Day wish

Jason Engel

Wanted to let you know we think about you all the days and nights that passes. We miss you very much. We just wanted to wish you a Happy Birthday and Happy Fathers day. we miss you very much and that you are a Special person to us and that you are loved by your family and that I'm sending my prayers and wishes to you. We love you Jason and miss you very much, Happy Birthday. XOXOXO

Love, Aliyah, Brooklun, Cody and Rhonda

To my Dad, Jason

Even though we can't be together on Fathers day you'll be close in our thoughts and close in



our hearts...
Just as always.
Happy Fathers Day,

Love you XOXOXO
Love, Aliyah, Brooklyn, Cody and Rhonda

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construction companies under the direction of the Nation's housing office.

The new lift station will replace 2 smaller lift stations currently operating according to Benson. This 5-month project, funded by the Indian Health Service of Phoenix, will cost \$800,000 according to Benson.

"This project incorporates not only the housing in Tunlii but also the realignment of the waste from the Yavapai County complex across Hwy 260, the Nation's hous-

ing office, warehouse and nearby Market Place," said Benson.

The Yavapai County office complex, which includes the county jail, is located 1 mile west of the Tunlii area. The pipeline will run down East Cherry Street down hill and flow into the new lift station that is located about 200 yards directly south of the newly proposed community center site.

Letters

Special Thanks to YAN Police Department During National Law Enforcement Week

Thank you To the YAPD for your hard work to keep our communities safe.

Prayers to those that lost their love one this past week, our police officers all over the world are the ones that put their life on the line for us all to be safe.

May God Keep You All Safe.
Renee Gonzales

To all the Yavapai-Apache Nation Police Officers and Staff,

We are reminded of the distance between life and death with the passing of Officer David Glasser. It can come with a simple call for assistance, it can come in a moment and it can come when you least expect it.

As you enforce the laws of the Nation and wonder in frustration, "if only others would just respect the law and each other". Never forget that you are appreciated for the work you do, the sacrifices you make and the dangers you face each day.

My prayers are for your safety, this, and every day.

Larry Jackson

Thank you YAPD for all the hard work! Don't dwell on the negativity from others and know you are appreciated by many.

Keep up the good work

Guadalupe Larson

Refund in the Fast Lane

BY EDWIN HAZELWOOD JR.,
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Do you like refunds? Of course you do, and in this article I am going to inform you on how the State of Arizona will pay you for a necessity you use daily. I will also explain the process on how to apply for a refund from the state and get your hard earned money back in your hands.

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) offers refunds for members of federally recognized tribes for fuel, either gasoline or diesel, purchased on a reservation for on reservation use. Note that the individual applying for the refund must reside within the boundaries of the reservation. Currently the only two stations that an individual can use receipts to claim a refund from are Ernie's Shell Station in Camp Verde and The Marketplace in Tunlii.

Application Process

The document titled, "Tribal Member Refund Application", is the beginning step on your way to a fuel refund. It can be found at the link provided: <https://www.azdot.gov/mvd/professional-services/FuelTaxInfo/refunds>

The first step is to fill out all your personal information as shown below. A "Refund Account Number" is not necessary for filling out the application and if it is needed ADOT will fill in that portion for you. After your personal information is filled out it is now time to add up all your purchased gallons

gallon total respectively and multiply by eighteen cents. This will give you the amount taxed by the state for your fuel purchased. After multiplying both the Gallons Claimed and the Tax Rate to find the Refund Amount(s), simply add the two figures together if applicable to know exactly what your refund check will be. Do not worry if you get it wrong as I did, ADOT will review your application and fix any mistakes that occurred.

After the application is done and completely filled out there are some additional documents that are needed in order to complete this process. First, make copies of all the receipts you have available for the last 6 months of fuel purchased at one of the two stations I mentioned earlier, ADOT will need these to verify the application. The next document needed is a copy of your vehicle registration as well as a copy of your tribal enrollment card and driver's license just to be safe. After you have gathered all the required documents review your application for any mistakes, if you are satisfied with your application it is now time to mail it off.

The mailing address for ADOT is:

Mail Drop 521M
Fuel Tax Refund Compliance Unit
Arizona Department of Transportation
PO Box 2100
Phoenix, AZ 85001-2100

My application took about 30 minutes to fill out and approximately 5 weeks to receive my refund check in the amount of \$36.18. I will provide an example below on how exactly ADOT calculates the amount of refund that a person is eligible to receive.

Fuel Tax Refund Example

According to Quickenloans.com the average tank size for a car is a 12 gallon tank. A report done by fuelgaugereport.aaa.com says that the average price of Unleaded Gasoline fuel was \$2.28 in the state of Arizona from May 2015 to May 1, 2016, with the typ-

This fuel tax exemption applies to motor vehicle fuel or use fuel that is:

- Sold within the boundaries of the tribal reservation
- Sold to the enrolled member of the tribe indicated above, who is living on the reservation
- Used by the enrolled member for the member's own benefit

The exemption **does not apply** to use fuel used to operate motor vehicles for a commercial purpose on the highways of this state outside the reservation.

Applications must be completed in full and mailed to the address above, and must be submitted within six months from the date the fuel was purchased or invoiced. If the allowable claim is for less than \$10, only one request may be submitted in a consecutive six month period.

Attach a copy of purchase invoices/receipts for all gallons claimed, a copy of your vehicle registration, and a copy of your tribal enrollment card. These documents **must be submitted** with this application.

Motor Vehicle Fuel			
(Gasoline)	ADOT Use NS	Gallons Claimed *	Tax Rate x \$0.18
			Refund Amount
Use Fuel			
Light Class and Exempt Use Class	NL	Gallons Claimed *	x \$0.18
			Refund Amount
Bulk Purchases	NH	Gallons Claimed *	x \$0.26
(Diesel)			Refund Amount
* Round to whole gallons.			
			Total Refund Due

I certify that I am an enrolled member of the tribe, residing within the boundaries of the reservation, that the fuel was used for my benefit and not used to operate motor vehicles for a commercial purpose on the highways of this state outside the reservation. I further certify that the Arizona taxes have been paid on all the gallons claimed above and that the original, unaltered invoices/receipts (and supporting documents) for the gallons claimed will be maintained for three years.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

ical person filling up once per week in a poll done by GasBuddy.com. With these statistics in place we can now provide an example on how much a person can expect to receive in a fuel tax refund check. Assuming that a person with a 12 gallon tank doesn't let it run on empty we can suspect this individual purchases about 10 gallons of gas a week for their vehicle at the unleaded average price listed earlier of \$2.28. Statistically, the price of fuel increases and decreases over the year but for this example we will rule that out.

10 Gallons purchased x \$2.28/gallon x 52 weeks/year
= \$1,185.60/year for fuel

10 Gallons purchased x 52 weeks/year
= 520 Gallons purchased/year

520 Gallons x \$0.18 rebate = \$93.60/year for tax return check

Since claims can only be filled once per 6 months to find the actual amount someone could receive using the example above we take the yearly rebate and divide by 2 since there are 12 months per year.

\$93.60/year for tax return check ÷ 2 return periods/year = \$46.80

Using the statistics and examples provided above, we concluded the average person could see an Arizona state refund check on taxed fuel in the amount of \$46.80 every 6 months. Results may vary depending on tank size and amount of fuel purchased.

I believe we can all agree that receiving money back is a great thing especially if it's yours to begin with. Simple things such as purchasing from on reservation gas stations and saving those pesky receipts can get you some extra change back in your pockets. Using the information provided in this article, I encourage all of you to apply for your refund and enjoy the riches of refunds today.

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TRIBAL MEMBER REFUND APPLICATION

Clear
• Complete online or in black ink
• Mail to the address above

Refund Period Beginning Date	Refund Period Ending Date		
Applicant Name (as shown on enrollment card)		Tribal Enrollment Number	Refund Account Number
Residence Address (physical location on the reservation)			
Refund Mailing Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Check if changed	City State Zip
Tribal Name			

for the last 6 month period.

The form requires separation of fuel types with regular/ unleaded gasoline fuel being placed into the "Motor Vehicle Fuel" section for Gallons Claimed, and diesel being placed in the "Use Fuel, Light Class and Exempt Use Class" section for Gallons Claimed. There are two methods to filling out the application, one through a PDF file on a computer or by hand. If you are filling out the application on a computer all you have to do is insert the gallon totals and the dollar amounts will calculate automatically, but if you are filling it out by hand I will explain the process for you here. Take each