

Winter Visitor
Welcome Back Bash
2017

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WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 6, 2017
Yuma County Fairgrounds
2520 E. 32nd St. • 9:30a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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San Luis gets major street improvements

BY CESAR NEYOY
BAJO EL SOL

SAN LUIS, Ariz. — Residents on the west side of San Luis are getting smoother rides to and from home, thanks to resurfacing of a stretch of Juan Sanchez Boulevard, one of two of the city's busiest streets.

Juan Sanchez was repaved between Main and Hidalgo streets in a five-month project that cost nearly \$730,000 in city road funds.

As part of the work, the city replaced six manholes, installed

new water lines and rebuilt nearly half of the sidewalks along the stretch. The redone stretch was formally turned over to the public in a recent ceremony headed by the San Luis City Council.

Mayor Gerardo Sanchez said the project was slowed by delays that were beyond the city's control, among them the requirement to relocate underground fiberoptic cables that did not belong to the city. Another agency had to do that work, but the re-

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Part of Juan Sanchez Boulevard resurfaced

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SAN LUIS CITY OFFICIALS TURN OVER A RECENTLY REBUILT STRETCH of Juan Sanchez Boulevard in a dedication ceremony. From left to right are city council members Africa Luna-Carrasco and Ruben Walshe, city Public Works Director Eulogio Vera, Mayor Gerardo Sanchez, council members Maria Ramos and Matias Rosales, James Davey, the engineer for the project, and City Administrator Tadeo De La Hoya.



Lighting up Main Street

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Yumans got into a festive spirit Saturday night for the inaugural Main Street holiday lighting event. For more photos of the event, check out Faces & Places on Page A8.

"Life is never about me, it's about we."

THIS FALL, YUMAN ERIK ESCH (SHOWN HERE, DONATING) made a life-saving peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) donation through the Gift of Life registry. For more information on donating, visit giftoflife.org/register or call 1-800-9MARRROW (1-800-962-7769).

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Invaluable donation

Yuman's blood stem cells help save a life

BY RACHEL TWOGUNS
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Two years ago, Erik Esch made a spur-of-the-moment decision that eventually would save someone's life.

It all began when Esch came across a booth while he was attending the University of Arizona to pursue a degree in business and finance.

"I was walking down the University of Arizona mall — the main area — it was two-and-a-half years ago almost, and there was just a stand where they were just holding

out signs asking 'Do you want to save a life?'" Esch recalled. "My friend and I were walking by and we said OK, we'll do it. They take a little Q-tip and they swab your gums where your wisdom teeth used to be and it's a sample. They take your DNA sample and they put it in a marrow registry."

The booth Esch came across was set up by public bone marrow and blood stem cell registry Gift of Life. According to the organization, over time there is a 10 percent chance of being called back as a possible match.

"I didn't hear anything back for two years," Esch said. "After two years I got a call and they said you might have a potential match."

Esch, who recently graduated from college, flew out to Washington D.C. from Yuma to make the donation at the beginning of November. The donation followed the completion of a physical he undertook to ensure he was in good health.

The trip, he said, was paid for by Gift of Life.

Transplantation using a

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