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Realtors Contribute Signs for Canal Pathways

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Pathway users along Yuma's East Main Canal will now be able to see where to go and how close they are to various attractions along the city's pathway network, thanks to the efforts of the Yuma Association of Realtors.

YAR turned over 10 new signs to the city at a brief dedication recently at a trail junction about two blocks east of the entrance to West Wetlands Park. The signs were put up shortly afterward.



(Members of the Yuma Association of Realtors pose next to the signs they helped install, thanks to a \$2,500 grant from the Arizona Association of Realtors and National Association of Realtors. Photo: Yuma Sun)

The Yuma Association of Realtors secured more than \$2,500 in grant funds from the Arizona Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. The Realtors then used these funds to coordinate production and installation.

"Executing the signage was truly a collaborative effort between the Yuma Association of Realtors and the City of Yuma," Yuma Senior Planner Naomi Leeman said. "YAR and their local partners provided the vision and guidance, and city staff offered their technical expertise."

The city's Parks and Recreation staff assisted with the design. Engineering staff determined the locations. Planning staff coordinated the design and approvals. Public Works staff will maintain the signs in the future.

"The resulting signage will truly enhance Yuma's linear park system by adding an important wayfinding element to the trails that not only provide directions, but also serve to brand the trails with a vibrant, colorful logo," Leeman said.

"Realtors live, work and volunteer in their communities and take immense pride in working to improve them," YAR President Mike Porter said. "Placemaking can help foster healthier, more social and economically viable communities. It creates places where people feel a strong stake in their neighborhoods and are committed to making things better. These grants allowed us to enhance areas in our community and create a place where friends and neighbors can come together."

Placemaking grants are awarded to local and state Realtor associations to help them and their

members initiate projects in the community, like turning a parking lot into a farmers market or a vacant lot into a playground.

Realtor associations and their Realtor members are actively engaged in the community and know the neighborhoods and the properties that would benefit most from these improvement efforts, noted a press release from the city.

For more information on the city's system of pathways and trails, visit the Parks and Recreation's page (click on City Departments > Park Attractions > Paths and Trails) on the city's website, www.yumaaz.gov.

AWC Expands Opportunities in South Yuma County



[INSTINCT2 Grant](#)

INSINCT2 Grant enables South Yuma County students to earn a BAS

Yuma, AZ (June 29, 2017)— On Thursday, June 29, ground was broken for the planned renovation and expansion of the Arizona Western College San Luis Informatics Campus. The expansion and renovation is the result of a Federal Title III STEM Grant awarded to AWC on October 1, 2016; “Informatics STeming Into New Careers for Today and Tomorrow” (INSTINCT2). The renovations will take place over the next several months at the San Luis Middle School.

This renovation/expansion will double the learning spaces currently at San Luis Middle School AWC campus. This will create two active learning classrooms, a Discovery Lab and an open student work area; the “Student Idea Incubator.” Each of these spaces will be equipped with state-of-the-art computer equipment in order to provide a newly created AAS degree in computer informatics.

The AAS Informatics degree from Arizona Western College transfers seamlessly to a Bachelors of Applied Science degree in Informatics from University of Arizona South. This degree pathway will incorporate updated curriculum with an emphasis in four innovative degree emphasizes that utilize the latest technology and are taught using hands-on, real-world experiences: (1) Systems Administration, (2) Software Development/Information Management, (3) Cyber Operations and (4) Digital Design.

The addition of these classes, along with the renovation of the other spaces will establish a path where all 4 years of a baccalaureate degree in Informatics is available in South Yuma County. Additionally, this degree pathway was purposefully designed to address local student needs while also meeting the needs of the local industry.

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Pilkington Construction Co., Inc. was chosen to build the new building for AWC in the City of San Luis, Ariz.





Congratulations Graduates

Family Medicine program celebrates seven great doctors

YRMC witnessed its second graduation of Family Medicine Residents this past weekend. Residents who graduated over the weekend were:

- Dr. Ayesha Venkateswaran
- Dr. Nada Alsaiegh
- Dr. Jose Vega III
- Dr. Navaneeth Kumar
- Dr. Ryan Casey
- Dr. Joseph Hogue
- Dr. Bjorn Jacobson

The doctors are photographed above with their Program Director, Dr. Kristina Diaz.

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Top 50 U.S. FBOs:

- #2 Million Air St. Louis
- #6 Million Air Dallas
- #16 Million Air Houston
- #20 Million Air San Antonio

FBOs ranked by region:

- North Central- #1 Air St. Louis
- South Central- #4 Million Air Dallas

Star FBOs:

- #5 Million Air St. Louis
- #12 Million Air Dallas
- #20 Million Air Houston
- #21 Million Air San Antonio

Top Canadian FBOs:

- #4 Million Air Vancouver

Top Caribbean FBOs:

- #1 Million Air San Juan

**JV Smith Co. CEO
Receives Forbes
Impact Award**



SALINAS, Calif. — Honored for his commitment to innovation for the specialty crop industry, Vic Smith, chief executive officer of the JV Smith Cos. was awarded a Forbes Impact Award at the Forbes AgTech Summit.

Western Growers chairman and Duda Farm Fresh Foods senior vice president Sammy Duda presented Smith with the award June 29, praising his vision and leadership as a Western Growers board member.

“He has really been a proponent and leader, pushing us into innovation and technology to meet the challenges of our industry — and he is one of the reasons we are having this event today,” Duda said. “Like (Taylor Farms CEO) Bruce Taylor, he has invested a lot of time, money and effort to improve the ecosystem that will improve automation.”

Smith has worked to automate lettuce weeding and thinning in the desert growing regions.

Duda also said Smith has an ability to break down barriers to help keep the industry working together, particularly his advocacy of the Western Growers Center for Innovation and Technology in Salinas.

Smith thanked Western Growers president and CEO Tom Nassif, the staff and the board members of Western Growers and Forbes Media for the honor. He paid special tribute to Taylor, who drew together industry leaders almost five years ago to organize the first Forbes AgTech Summit.

“Silicon Valley and Salinas Valley was always a great concept, but it took a tremendous amount of effort to implement this,” Smith said.

Innovation has to continue, he said.

“We know that we are not going to solve the critical issues we face unless we bring innovation and technology to bear, and those are our hopes for the future,” Smith said. “We need the innovators at this conference and the investment capital to meet the most important mission we have, to provide good healthy and nutritious food.”

Photo by Tom Karst



Booth Machinery, LLC New Opening Location in Salinas, Ca.



Booth Machinery, LLC, the fastest growing Case IH dealer in the country, it is proud and excited to announce we have opened a new location in Salinas, California located at 1081 Harkins Road. With the opening of this store in Salinas, Booth Machinery is uniquely positioned to better serve their customers because Booth now has locations that stretch from Yuma to Salinas and throughout California's Central Valley. The company believes that this will help Booth better meet their commitment to their customers by helping them reduce costs and increase overall machine uptime.

This is just one of many exciting developments at Booth Machinery. Please visit Booth Machinery's company website at www.boothmachineryinc.com or email them at info@boothmachineryinc.com to learn about other exciting events happening with Booth Machinery!

Booth Machinery looks forward to continuing to serve our customers and agricultural communities for many years to come!



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