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## Perris Park Photo Wins Blue Ribbon



Perris Recreation Coordinator Rachel Pinedo holds her winning photo entry of her daughter, Revelry, running through a sprinkler at Mercado Park.

Perris Recreation Coordinator Rachel Pinedo never thought about winning a prize when she snapped a photo of her daughter, Revelry, frolicking in the water at Mercado Park this summer.

At the time, it was just a chance to document a fun time between mom and child.

Pinedo learned that her picture won the blue ribbon in a photo contest conducted as part of the annual Southern California Fair at the Lake Perris Fairgrounds.

"I was just having fun with my daughter at the park and took what I thought would make a nice keepsake," Pinedo said of her winning picture. "I never expected to win first prize but I am pleased and proud."

Pinedo took her picture as part of the "Parks Make Life Better" picture contest sponsored by the City. Residents were encouraged to submit photos of themselves or family and friends enjoying one of the community's parks. Ashley Lipton and her daughter, Katelyn Mason, 8, also submitted winning entries in the City's competition and their pictures were entered into the fair's photo contest where they also captured prize-winning ribbons. Perris Recreation Coordinator Juan Rodriguez said the City was pleased with the initial Parks Make Life Better photo contest and hopes to expand it in 2017.

Pinedo lives in Perris, has worked for the City for a decade and frequently takes Revelry, 5, and her other daughter, Garnett, 4, to events Perris-sponsored events like the annual Harvest Festival, Movies in the Park and End of Summer Splash.

"Perris events are family-friendly and we always encourage people to bring their children when they attend," Pinedo said. "The City is a great place to work for because it sponsors a lot of events that are geared for families and the community."

As for her winning photo, Pinedo said it all about timing.

"It was something that just happened," she said. "If I had tried to stage the photo, it would not have turned out as good."

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