

River Run

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Young River People's Council Newsletter



President Ray, Secretary Zinke and Nalani Lopez

Secretary of Interior, Ryan Zinke visited our Community recently to meet with Tribal Leaders on issues effecting their community. Fortunately, I had the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Youth Council, on our efforts of addressing substance abuse. Although it is a difficult subject to tackle, I suggested how we could use education to bring awareness. People need to know how drugs effect a person's health, family and community. I am glad that Secretary Zinke made time to listen to me. That afternoon I was able to listen in on a round table discussion with Secretary Zinke and the 4 Sister Tribes. Tribal leaders talked about issues in their community. I was glad to be a part of this event, it was a great learning experience for me.—**Nalani Lopez**



Nalani, Dinger, Alyssa and Sommer

WOLF Grand Opening

Nalani Lopez and I were asked to co-emcee the Way Of Life Facility (WOLF) Grand Opening at the beginning of March. Along with co-emceeing, we sang an opening song with Councilman Leonard (Brusha) and helped with the ribbon cutting. The WOLF is a great facility that we encourage all to use. A few resources it has to offer are a three court gym, swimming pool, fitness area, indoor walking track and much more. I've had the opportunity to visit it myself a few times and it was always a great experience. It was such a wonderful opportunity to emcee this event. Nalani and I were both a bit nervous at first but since we had each other it wasn't so bad and we both enjoyed it. The event went well and we got nothing but positive feedback from those who attended

- **Alyssa Andrews**



Nalani Lopez and Alyssa Andrews

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Polo Espinoza being interviewed at the State Capitol

Eli, Sergeant Flores, Ky-Mani, Alyssa and Detective Orozco



Marcia and Dre at The Spa at Talking Stick



Nalani at one of SRPMIC's Enterprises

I job shadowed Detective Orozco and Sergeant Flores. We got to experience the gun simulator test. The screen gave us different scenarios and we had to decide to use pepper spray, a tazor or a gun. The simulator test made me very nervous and helped me realize what the police have to go through in those real situations. I thought the experience was very cool and I now have a deeper appreciation for law enforcement.
—**Ky-Mani Harney**

During my spring break, I was given the opportunity to job shadow Aaron Studebaker, who is the Project Manager for CDD. It was a really great experience to see how the enterprises within Salt river attracting tourists. There are very cool entertainment businesses within our community such as iFly and Octane. I earned a lot and hope to job shadow again next year! —**Nalani Lopez**

During spring break, I had the honor of job shadowing Rena Cooper from Social Services. I met the director, Stephen Hudson and the therapist, Annamari Hogan. I was able to help supervise a visit and learned what needs to be documented. I had a good time and it was a great learning experience. —**Gabriela Fulwilder**

Polo and I spent our time job shadowing State Representative Isela Blanc. It was a crazy experience because we participated in a protest about gun safety. During the morning we followed Representative Blanc to a meeting that discussed different issue's that were happening in Arizona, and what efforts could be made to fix them. From 11am to 6pm, we took part in joining other high-schoolers expressing their freedom of speech. It was a very interesting experience, we even protested in Governor Ducey's office for 2 hours! Although it was intense, I'm proud of all the youth that used their voice to fight for their beliefs, it was inspirational to be a part of. —**Sommer Lopez**

It's unfortunate that our children have to see these (whip-its) on their way to school. PLEASE STOP throwing them onto the road! Thank you to those that have helped us clean them up. We are making a difference!

-Sommer Lopez



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