New Dental Program Launching In Naturita Elementary/Middle School

The Tri-County Health Network (TCHNetwork), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was awarded a 3-year, $500,000 SMILES Dental Project grant from the Caring for Colorado Foundation and Colorado Health Foundation. They plan to launch Skippy+ at Naturita Elementary School in Naturita and Telluride Elementary School in Telluride during the Spring 2022 semester. These schools were selected due to the high level of need and lack of dental providers that serve Medicaid and CHIP in the surrounding area. TCHNetwork plans to bring Skippy+ to other schools throughout Montrose, San Miguel and Ouray counties in years 2 and 3 of the grant.

“We are honored that the Tri-County Health Network selected Naturita Elementary as one of the Skippy+ pilot sites. Skippy+ breaks down barriers to dental care for our students by offering state-of-the-art services in our schools,” said Superintendent Mike Erupted, West End Public Schools District.

TCHNetwork was one of five Colorado organizations selected to receive funding after an intensive, year-long planning process.

With the grant, TCHNetwork will launch Skippy+ at Naturita Elementary School and Telluride Elementary School, serving over 1,000 children each year. Through Skippy+, they have provided tremendous preventive dental services for seven years at over 16 regional schools, many of which require transportation and dental visits. The children are often unable to receive care due to a number of barriers including lack of transportation, cost, and overall lack of access to oral health. In the next generation of Skippy+, their focus will be ensuring children receive all the care they need throughout their childhood and into adulthood.

Water Days Committee Resumes

The Water Days Steering Committee will carry on as a new committee was formed during their reorganization meeting held on October 22. They elected new officers that evening which are as follows:

- Tammy Gilly: Chair
- Cheryl Preston: Vice Chair
- Donna Saxon: Secretary
- Brandi Geddings: Treasurer
- Members: Jay Saxon, Lee Geddings, Judith Mayren, Bryan & Shelley Bishop & family, Derby Rod & a host of volunteers.

They initiated the organizing and planning for the 37th year of Water Days 2017 the same night.

They held their second Water Days Steering Committee Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at the Nocha Fire Department just after press time.

The Water Days Steering Committee will have a booth at the Heritage Harvest Festival in Naturita this coming Saturday October 8. They will be serving a Tamale Dinner. "PLEASE stop by our booth and have a Tamale and Support our 2017 Water Days!"

Visit them on Facebook at Water Days -Naturita, Colorado

Naturita School Library

To Host Scholastic Book Fair Event

Naturita Elementary Middle School will host a Scholastic Book Fair on October 10-20, 2017. Funds raised will help purchase books for the school media center for all students and their families can share. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

The Book Fair will feature a special Parents and Patrons with refreshments scheduled on October 13, 2017. The book fair will be open during school hours.

Parents and Teacher conferences Drawings for a chance to win a book of your choice or parent are held daily.

When: The Book Fair will be open daily Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM and on the last day Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM. Where: Naturita Elementary Middle School Library is located at 141 W. Main in Naturita.

The IRS is cutting 7,000 Jobs

According to the Washington Post, because of an IRS employment reduction of 7,000 jobs, the chances of your small business being audited is pretty damn high.

According to this analysis on MarketerWatch earlier this year, small businesses process over 50 million in assets who filed a "C-Corporation" return in 2014 faced 1 percent chance of being audited. That number goes down to 0.4 percent for those of us filing "S-Corporations," partnership or multi-member Limited Liability Corporation or LLC returns.

What should I do now? The Daily Mail reports that recently announced recall legislation at three IRS processing centers would result in a loss of 7,500 jobs or 8 percent of its 84,000 member workforce between now and 2024. Jobs will not be replaced.

Cost savings over five years for shutting down centers in Covington, Ky., Fresno, Calif. and Austin, Texas are projected to total about $356 million with subsequent savings over $53 million, the IRS said in another report. This should please the hard-liners in Congress who have been successful in deeming the agency’s budget by $100 million and 17,000 positions since 2010.

Ute Trail Study Club News

The Ute Trail Study Club will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7:00 PM at the Redstone Community Building. The hostesses are Linda Kerr and Thelma Archer. Our entertainment is "Getting Acquainted, will we get to know about our old and new friends (this could be very interesting).

Some of our members have some very active lives. The public is invited to attend. Lunch will be at 12:00 and a potluck affair, so please bring a dish. Lunch will be at a plentiful bar and salads and desserts.

The Study Club is always looking for new members so if you would like to join us, we will welcome you. We have some very enlightening and interesting meetings. Hope to see everyone then.

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