

Annual Community Wellness Fair set Aug. 15

With National Health Center Week being observed during the month of August, Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District and Community Health Development Inc. have been busy planning the 13th annual Community Wellness Fair.

The event is set Aug. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Uvalde High School cafeteria, 1 Coyote Trail.

As per tradition, the wellness fair will have a carnival theme: "Carnival Wellness Fair - Where Wellness Can Be Fun."

National Health Center Week runs Aug. 10-16. An official proclamation signing will happen today at the CHDI board meeting starting at 6 p.m.

According to Rachel Gonzales-Hanson, CHDI chief executive officer, last year more than 1,000 people attended the wellness fair and everyone is invited to attend again this year.

"We invite you to participate as an exhibitor by sharing information on health, wellness and safety," Gonzales-Hanson said. "We encourage everyone to decorate their booths in our carnival theme."

Numerous agencies will be participating in the 13th-annual fair. The office of Sen. Carlos Uresti will give free backpacks to area students once again.

Free immunizations will be available for pre-kindergarten through high school students who are returning to classes in the fall. The fair also features activities for children and the entire family.

Other entities interested in reserving a booth space should complete a 2014 registration form. The form can be requested from Isabel Hernandez at 830-278-5604, ext. 3215 or via e-mail at ihernandez.chdi@tachc.org.



Uvalde Mayor Don McLaughlin Jr. (front left) and Uvalde County Judge William Mitchell (front right) sign proclamations on July 24 declaring Aug. 10-16 as Community Health Center Week. Looking on are (left to right) Rachel Gonzales-Hanson, Community Health Development Inc. chief executive officer, and CHDI board members Monica Gonzales, Delfina Diaz, Anita Shackelford, Amanda Hadley, Jesse Ybarra and Reyes Lopez.

Each exhibitor is being asked to provide their own table and chairs or pay a nominal rental fee of \$5 per table and 60 cents per chair. "Thank you for your participation and we look forward to working with you to make the 2014 wellness fair a huge success," Gonzales-Hanson said.