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Photos, from left to right:
—Applegate School students **Kailas Lowry**, 6, and **Coral Lowry**, 9, search the Applegater for ninja turtle sightings while vacationing on Grand Turk Island.
—**Claudia and Dan Beausoleil** of Williams hiked up 2,000 feet to The Tiger's Nest monastery (elevation: 9,300 feet) in Bhutan, where they clung to the Applegater for spiritual guidance.
—Just below Huddleston Glacier while hiking the Southern Alps in New Zealand, **Tom and Kathy Carstens** check the Gater's avalanche forecasts.



Ruch Family Medicine

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**Introducing
Natalia Nazartchouk, PhD, FNP-BC**

Natalia Nazartchouk has joined Dr. Andrew Watson at Ruch Family Medicine and is **currently accepting new patients**. She is a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner and, additionally, has been certified as an Advanced Diabetes Management Practitioner by the American Diabetes Association. Natalia received her Master of Science degree from University of Massachusetts in 2002 and, for the last 11 years, has engaged in advanced medical practice, both in ambulatory and hospital care environments.

Key specialties of her medical experience include family primary care, cardiology, advanced diabetes management, geriatrics, and women's health. As a Family Nurse Practitioner, Natalia places strong emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention.

Natalia's Philosophy of Care: "Compassion and understanding need to be integrated with clinical aspects of healthcare. I want to build long-term professional relationships with my patients based on trust, comfort, and understanding, and I enjoy taking care of multiple generations within a family. I am a strong advocate for preventative medicine and strive to equip my patients with knowledge and tools, which will help to promote their personal wellbeing."

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