



11.7 Bits and Pieces of Nipomo

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The San Luis Obispo Latino Outreach Council will present a free health-care information forum, "How to Obtain Coverage under the Affordable Care Act," on Thursday, Nov. 13.

The forum will inform the public about the ACA, the legal requirement to purchase insurance and how to go about it and be in compliance with the law.

It will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers of the San Luis Obispo County Government Center, 1055 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo.

A variety of health-care insurance representatives will speak at the forum, including Kena C. Burke, director of Covered California education for the California Medical Association Foundation, whose presentation will focus on the state's open enrollment process, provider network access and other issues affecting the Latino communities.

Also scheduled to speak is Jose Guzman of Community Health Centers of the Central Coast, who will discuss CHC's outreach efforts that focus on helping Spanish-speaking community members and their families access health care.

A representative from CenCal Health will give an update on the current status of Medi-Cal expansion in addition to CenCal Health's role in serving members of the Latino community.

I will moderate the forum.

Community partners that will offer free health-care information will include Promotores Collaborative of San Luis Obispo, CHC, CenCal Health, San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services and the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County.

For more information about the free event, contact Theresa Scott of CenCal Health at 541-7083 or tscott@cencalhealth.org.

The Nipomo Chamber of Commerce's November mixer will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at the chamber office, 239 W. Tefft St.

Home-based businesses are invited to showcase their products at the mixer. For more information, contact Amber at 929-1583 or amber@nipomochamber.org.

The Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Holiday Craft & Gift Boutique will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Edwards Barn, 1095 Pomeroy Road at Willow Road.

Vendor spaces are available, and applications can be obtained by calling 929-1583 or emailing amber@nipomochamber.org.

This is a very popular gift show with many great local vendors, and it's a fun time. You can eat a delicious pulled pork sandwich prepared by the folks at Monkey Spit Hot Sauce and enjoy a refreshing Champagne mimosa while you shop.

Bring the kids for a visit with Santa Claus between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

You may have seen the signs around town about the Nipomo Community Services District water rate hike and the effort of some people to inform the public of their right to protest that rate hike.

If a majority of the ratepayers protest the rate hike, then it can be overturned.

For more information, two meetings planned to inform people on how to make and send in a protest ballot for the NCSD water rate increase.

The deadline to submit a protest is 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. For information about the meetings, contact John Snyder at 440-8362.