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Giving People Something to Chew On

Collier: The Tobacco-Free Collier Partnership is hosting a presentation entitled, “Giving People Something to Chew On”, a compelling real-life story about how chewing tobacco significantly changed a young man’s life. Rick Bender will talk about his devastating experience at 4 pm at the Physicians Regional Medical Center - Collier Boulevard (classroom 120) on May 5, 2011. Mr. Bender shares how he started using spit tobacco at the age of 12. By the age of 26 he was diagnosed with cancer. Since, he has undergone four major surgeries and has lost a 1/3 of his tongue, ½ of his jaw, and has only 25% use of his right arm. Mr. Bender uses his second chance at life educating others on the dangerous consequences of using tobacco. His presentation is appropriate for youth and adults of all ages. Parents who want to make an unforgettable impression on their teens are strongly encouraged to attend with their children. Admission is free.

After Mr. Bender’s presentation, the Tobacco-Free Collier Partnership invites anyone, who would like to stay, to participate in the partnership meeting from 4:30-5:30pm. For more information please call Rachel Kleist at 239-252-6852.

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