Visiting Hours

BY SARA GERMAN, RD, LN

mind when you hear the

ing on hav? A bowl of fla-

vored cardboard

enough.

What pictures come to

word, "fiber"? A cow munch-

masquerading as breakfast

gardless of what you think

about it, fiber is an important part of a healthy diet

and most people don't get

the stuff in plants that our

bodies are unable to digest

products, meat or eggs. All plant foods (fruits, vegeta-

bles, grains, nuts, and

legumes) contain fiber in

various amounts. The Institute of Medication recom-

mends that most women eat 25 grams of fiber and men

eat 38 grams each day, but

day. If fiber is in so many

foods, why aren't we eating

One reason is that most

Americans don't eat enough

ting the recommend amount

(for most adults, 2-1/2 cups

of vegetables and 2 cups of

ward meeting fiber require-

Another reason is that

many grains are processed

to remove the fiber. All-pur-

pose flour and regular pasta

has been stripped of its bran

(the outer layer), which con-

tains most of the fiber. Simi-

are made from wheat that

ments.

fruit) would go a long way to-

fruits and vegetables. Get-

on average people eat closer to 15-20 grams of fiber each

– you won't find it in dairy

So what is fiber? Fiber is

cereal? A stalk of celery? Re-

Avera Sacred Heart Hospital

COMMUNITY

The COMMUNITY CALENDAR appears each Monday and Thursday. Contributions to this list of upcoming events are welcome and should be submitted two weeks before the event. Submissions MUST be typewritten or legibly printed and include the name and phone number of a contact person. Send items to P&D Calendar, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078, or email to news@yankton.net.

THURSDAY

Table Tennis, 8:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Wii Bowling, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Billiards, 10 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Yankton Sertoma, noon, Pizza Ranch, 605-661-7159 Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking open meeting, 1019 W 9th

Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters, noon, Benedictine

Center; open session 605-665-6776

Pinochle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

Dominos, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685

Weight Watchers, 4 p.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour

before. **Weight Watchers**, 5:30 p.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS #SD 45), Weigh-in 5:30-6:30 p.m., meeting 6:30-7:30. RTEC building, 1200 W. 21st St. For more information call 605-665-3738 or 667-9274.

Yankton Area Banquet, 6 p.m., United Church of Christ, Fifth and

Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Youth Room #4, 2407 Broadway, Yankton, 605-665-5594
Freeman Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., non-smoking closed

Yankton Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30 p.m., open session, 1019 W

Yankton Alanon, 8:30 p.m., 1019 W 9th Street

FRIDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking open meeting, 1019 W 9th

Partnership Bridge, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Bingo, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Open Billiards, 7-9 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Vermillion Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., non-smoking closed

session, 16 1/2 Court St, Vermillion

Porchlight, 8 p.m., non-smoking closed session, United Church of Christ, 210 W 5th Street

FOURTH FRIDAY

Scrapbooking, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 900 Whiting Drive,

SATURDAY

Weight Watchers, 9 a.m., 413 W. 15th Street. Weigh in 1/2 hour

Each Day a New Beginning, 10 a.m., non-smoking closed ses-

sion, 1019 W 9th Street

Daily Reprieve, noon, non-smoking closed session, 1019 W 9th

Vermillion Unity Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. closed session, Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark, Vermillion.

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 a.m., closed meeting, 1019 W. 9th

Tyndall Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., non-smoking, 1609 Lau-

Vermillion Unity Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., closed meeting, Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E. Clark, Vermillion

MONDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Quilting, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Exercise, 11 a.m., The Center, 605-665-4685 Daily Reprieve, noon, open meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th St. Daily Reprieve, noon, open meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th Interchange, noon, Minerva's Bar and Grill, 605-660-8849.
Cribbage, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Pinochle, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Whist, 12:45 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
Hand & Foot Cards, 1 p.m., The Center, 605-665-4685
River City Harmony Sweet Adelines, 6:30 p.m., First United
Methodist Church, 11th and Cedar, 605-661-7162
Divorce Care, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church
Divorce Care For Kids, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church
Daily Reprieve, 7 p.m., closed meeting non-smoking, 1019 W

Daily Reprieve, 7 p.m., closed meeting non-smoking, 1019 W 9th

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

HAMMOND, La. — Southeastern Louisiana University conferred degrees on approximately 1,200 graduates Saturday, Dec. 14, at the university's fall commencement exercises.

Receiving a Masters Degree was Laura M. Jackson, Vermillion, Biology (Thesis).

University of Louisiana System President Sandra K. Woodley was the keynote speaker at the 10 a.m. ceremony in the University Center arena. Candidates for associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees were honored.

In his welcome Southeastern President John L. Crain noted that the 1,284 individuals being recognized at commencement included 468 men and 816 women who were receiving 15 different

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from 28 states and 15 countries. Seven candidates received the doctorate in educational leadership.

degrees; and representatives

• Consuming five or more alcoholic beverages in just one night can affect your brain and physical activities for up

• Your attention span is shorter for periods up to 48 hours after drinking.

 Binge drinking on a single occasion slows your body's ability to ward

off infections even up to 24 hours after getting drunk. Alcohol slows muscle growth. Coming from a family with a nis-

tory of alcoholism increases your risk for becoming an alcoholic. • Eighty percent of young people feel that parents should have a say in

whether they drink alcohol.

possession of alcohol will have their driver's permit or license impounded by the court for 30 days. According to the most recent road-

drivers on the road was legally drunk. If you operate a vehicle on Nebraska roadways, you have already given your consent to submit to a blood, breath, or urine test when asked

revoked. • Nebraska ranks 4th nationally among all states in DWI arrests per

One word of caution if you typically don't eat many fiber-containing foods: go slow. If you rapidly increase your fiber intake, your body will not be able to adjust fast enough and you may actually experience constipation. Try increasing your daily fiber intake by 3-5 grams each week, and make sure to drink lots of water!

1. Start your morning right with a high-fiber cereal. On the nutrition label, look at "total fiber" under the "total carbohydrates" section. Aim for a cereal with at least 5 grams of fiber.

2. Eat more fruits and vegetables — and stick with whole produce (juice doesn't contain fiber).

3. Choose whole grains. Common foods that naturally are whole grains include oatmeal and popcorn. If you are buying bread, choose a loaf with "whole wheat" as the first ingredient in the ingredients list. Try whole grain pasta and brown rice. If you like to bake, whole wheat flour can usually be substituted for half of the all-purpose flour in a

4. Eat beans! They may have a bad reputation for being a "musical fruit," but they are nutrient powerhouses and great sources of fiber.

5. Nuts are good sources of fiber, too. They are also high in calories, so limit yourself to a small handful (instead of the whole container).

Celebrate The Holidays Safely: Facts About Drinking Alcohol

too.

feeds the good bacteria in

your gut, which in turn pro-

hanced immunity and keep

the bad bacteria from taking

healthier and decreases your

found in many healthy, nutri-

ent-rich foods, if you are get-

ting enough fiber you will

other beneficial nutrients,

get more fiber in your diet.

probably be getting a lot of

Below are some ways to

risk for colon cancer. Addi-

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tionally, because fiber is

5 Tricks To Finding Fiber

LINCOLN, Neb. — Alcoholic bever-• Parental disapproval is the number ages are part of many holiday celebraone reason why young people choose tions, but there are things about not to drink. alcohol use and your health you might In Nebraska, a person age 20 or younger who is convicted for minor in

larly, white rice is made from

brown rice that has had its

processed grain products

bread, cereals, rolls, pas-

you buy at a grocery store -

tries, sweets — will be made with processed flour. Be-

cause that's what most of us

are used to, products made

with whole wheat flour take

You may have heard that

fiber helps keep a person

"regular" — and it does. It

can help lower cholesterol. It

Why is fiber important?

some getting used to.

bran removed. Most

side survey information it was determined that after 9 p.m., one of every 12

by a law enforcement officer. Refusal to comply can result in your license being

capita.

• In 2012, the average blood alcohol level for individuals arrested for drunk driving in Nebraska was .161. The legal

 At a .08 blood alcohol concentration level, a driver's crash risk is 11 times higher than a non-drinking driver.

 The average financial cost of being convicted for driving while intoxicated is more than \$5,000.

• In 2012, the conviction rate for those who were arrested for DWI in Nebraska was 90 percent.

"Celebrate the holidays safely," said Scot L. Adams, director of the Division of Behavioral Health at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. "Keep in mind that overconsumption of alcohol may result in unwanted consequences—health, legal, family and more. Safety first."

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