

From the Director ~ Cheryl Brunz Welcome Summer of 2022!

What a year we have had so far. My favorite season is summer with the warm weather, family & friends BBQ's, the lakes, family vacations, and time in our backyard. This quarter I am bringing you an article from AARP titled "The Nutrients a Person Needs".



Create a plate of healthy food that nourishes the body

Everyone needs high-quality daily meals that balance fiber, healthy fats, carbohydrates, protein, calories and the harder-to-assess invisible ingredients, vitamins and minerals. But how much is enough? Wondering if you're hitting the nutrition mark can stress the chef is a good question. Most of us get all the nutrients we need from a healthy diet, but after age 50 the wiggle room of youth begins to shrink and the ability to absorb vitamins from food slowly diminishes. Vitamin and mineral shortages can have serious consequences.

The best prevention is to learn to spot the signs of malnutrition in aging people and serve meals that are nutrient-dense, packed with vitamins, fiber, complex carbohydrates and protein — much of it plant-based.

Creating Nutritious Meals: Step by Step

Step 1. Stock the fridge and pantry (Cont. Pg 6)

Take a farm-to-table approach that focuses on minimally

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Senior Center Locations

Handy-Bus Contacts

Alliance	308-762-8774
Banner Co.	308-436-5262
Bayard	308-586-1966
Bridgeport	308-262-1868
Chadron	308-432-2734
Chappell	308-874-2954
Crawford	308-665-1515
Gering	308-436-3233
Gordon	308-282-2939
Harrison	308-668-2261
Hay Springs	308-638-4534
Hemingford	308-635-0851
Kimball	308-235-4505

Tiger Den 308-778-0102 Mitchell 308-623-1145 Oshkosh 308-772-3400 Rushville 308-327-2061 Sidney 308-254-4835

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Box Butte Co. 308-762-3596

Cheyenne Co. 308-254-7070

Chadron 308-432-0520

Crawford 308-665-1256

Kimball Co. 308-235-0262

Panhandle Trails 308-761-8747

Scotts Bluff Co. 308-436-6687

Sheridan Co. 308-360-3504

Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

Yield: 19in pie plate

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust
- 3 cups rhubarb, sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1 cup fresh strawberries, quartered
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon butter, diced
- 2 tablespoons strawberry jam
- 1/4 teaspoon water



INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Place rolled-out pie crust in a 9-inch pie plate and set on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat. Combine rhubarb and strawberries in a bowl; transfer to the pie crust, distributing evenly. Whisk eggs, sugar, milk, flour, and nutmeg together in a medium bowl. Slowly pour filling over rhubarb mixture until it just reaches the top edge of the crust. Scatter diced butter evenly over the top of the filling. Lightly tap and shake the baking sheet to remove any air bubbles. Transfer pie to the preheated oven and bake, turning halfway through, until rhubarb is tender, and custard is set, about 1 hour. Mix strawberry jam and water in a small bowl; heat in the microwave until warm, about 15 seconds. Glaze the top of the pie with the jam mixture and let cool. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

- 1. "Do not regret growing older, it is a privilege denied to many."
- 2. "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think" - Christopher Robin
- 3. "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill
- 4. "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." C. S. Lewis
- 5. "You can't turn back the clock; But you can wind it up again." Bonnie Prudden
- 6. "Speak your mind, even if your voice shakes." Maggie Kuhn
- 7. "Age is not the enemy Stagnation is the enemy. Complacency is the enemy. Stasis is the enemy." Twyla Tharp
- 8. "We are all born ignorant, but one must work hard to remain stupid." Ben Franklin
- 9. "If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments." Flip Wilson
- 10. "True Terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country." - Kurt Vonnegut

Elder Access Line

Nebraskans, aged 60 and older, are able to receive help with any questions. Legal Aid of Nebraska operates a statewide Elder Access Line a free tele-

phone access line. 1-800-527-7249

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Let's Talk - Natalya Malakhova

So many of our senior residents who receive services from the Aging Office have a *Personal* Emergency Response System (PERS) or people refer to as LifeLine or Medical Alert, which includes a pendant or a wristband, depending on their preference. However, during my monthly visits, I noticed that 65% of our clients don't have it on them. When asked the question, "Where is your button/pendant?" they answer, "on the charger", "in the bedroom", or "on the kitchen table."

According to the CDC, every year, too many people 65 and older will fall. In fact, more than 1 out of 4 older people fall within 12 months, but less than half tell their doctor. Falling once doubles your chances of falling again. Therefore, next time your balance is compromised, whether due to a drop in blood pressure or skyrocketing blood sugar levels, you want to be ready.

WHY HAVE ONE

According to *Nebraska.gov*, these falls tend to happen in odd places and as fast as one can blink an eye. The people who fall at home and are not found for several hours or days suffer irreversible injuries and even death. When a person is alone in the house or outside their home, they can get help within minutes by pushing a button/pendant attached to the their bracelet or lanyard.

HOW DOES IT WORK

In case of emergency, the client would reach for the button hanging around their neck or their wrist, and push and hold for 2-3 seconds. The *PERS/LifeLine* triggers the responder from the emergency services to take the call, dialed from the button they pushed. The system is connected through cell waves via surrounding cell towers in the area or a landline phone connection through the landline phone company. It is quick and easy to use and works fast; no numbers to dial, no need to look for your glasses, no need to try to crawl and find the window to scream for help — just push the button that's on you and speak.

WHY TO HAVE MY PENDANT ON ME AT ALL TIMES

There is evidence that seniors who don't have the button on them have decreased their chance to call for help by 85%. If a button is on the top of the coffee table or on the charger placed on a shelf, the person is unable to reach or use the services of the Medical Alert/PERS. Unfortunately, 95% of those who fall are unable to get up on their own, and therefore, unable to get help.

Let's see what happens if you don't have that button on, and just imagine you fall in the bathroom or in the living room. Remember where you told me where your button was when I asked you during the visit? Aha, well of course... this is when I say, "The benefit of the PERS system is when you have it on you at all times." (Continued on page 16)

From the Director ~ Cheryl Brunz—Continued

processed foods. On your list:

- Non-farmed seafood
- Lean meats, fish, eggs, beans and nuts
- Fresh or frozen produce in a rainbow of colors Frozen or fresh, they have the same nutrients
- Canned produce packed in juice or water
- Dairy products such as plain yogurt, kefir, skim milk, cream and low-fat cheese
- Whole grains such as guinoa, barley, oats, black or brown rice and millet 100 percent whole wheat or whole grain bread

Avoid:

- Processed food
- Baked goods made with refined flour
- High-sodium foods
- Soft drinks, juice and high-sugar foods

Know before you go:

- Before shopping, check out family heart-healthy recipes.
- Read labels. Preservatives and other food additives can cause allergies or sensitivities at any age.
- Some fruits and vegetables take in more pesticides than others. The Environmental Working Group issues an annual Dirty Dozen list — foods it recommends buying organic. The Clean Fifteen items contain the least pesticides.

Dirty Dozen- most pesticides

- Strawberries
- Spinach
- **Nectarines**
- **Apples**
- Peaches
- Pears
- Cherries
- Grapes
- Celery
- Tomatoes
- Sweet bell peppers
- **Potatoes**

Clean Fifteen-least pesticides

- Avocados
- Pineapple
- Cabbage
- Onion
- Sweet peas (frozen)
- Papaya
- Asparagus
- Mango
- Eggplant
- Honeydew
- Kiwi
- Cantaloupe
- Cauliflower
- Grapefruit

Step 2. Create a plate

Using the U.S. Department of Agriculture's revamped food pyramid, MyPlate.

Picture the plate divided into quarters.

Cover most of a half with cooked or raw, high- fiber, colorful and dark green vegetables, leaving enough space for a healthy serving of fruit. Five servings a day reduces the risk of heart disease and stroke. Fiber slows digestion and prevents blood sugar spikes.

Fill a scant guarter of the plate with lean protein, as wide and thick as a deck of cards. Fish, poultry, meats, tofu, eggs, nuts and nut butters provide the nutrients needed to build and repair cells, deliver energy, and help create enzymes, hormones and antibodies. (Continued on Page 8)

Ignorance of Youth

A stuck-up college freshman was attending a recent football game. He took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why the older generation couldn't understand his generation.

Your problem is you grew up in a different world, an almost primitive one, says the student, loud enough for many of those nearby to hear. The young people of today are way more advanced than people your age. We grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, a man walking on the moon and the internet. We have cell phones, nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers, automated manufacturing, amazing technologies, and, pausing to take another drink of beer.

The senior took advantage of the break in the student's litary and said, "You're right, son. We didn't have those things when we were young, which is why we invented them. Now, you arrogant little twit, what are YOU doing for the next generation?"

The applause was resounding. I love senior citizens!

Sweet Grandmother



A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph's Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?" The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said, Norma Findlay, Room 302." The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room."

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and

"I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her

blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back normal and her Physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be dis-

charged tomorrow."

The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good News."

The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?" The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302. No one tells me S...t"

Director's Message Continued

Serve fish twice a week.

The last — slightly larger — quarter-plate is for whole grains, such as barley, brown rice, 100 percent whole wheat or whole grain bread, oatmeal, quinoa and beans with brown rice. (Double win: Quinoa and beans with brown rice form a whole protein when eaten in the same day and can be counted as either grain or protein.) Low glycemic, complex carbs provide energy without spiking blood sugar and help reduce insulin resistance and the risk of cardiovascular disease.

Healthy polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats, such as those found in fatty fish, nuts and seeds, avocados and olive oil, should be an everyday thing. The recommended range is 3-6 teaspoons. The USDA advises that fat account for between 20 and 35 percent of total calories eaten. Less than 10 percent should be saturated— 7 percent for those with high LDL cholesterol.

Sources of good oils:

- Olive
- Safflower
- Avocado
- Canola
- Fish oil
- Nuts

For flavor, use a dash of walnut or sesame oil.

Unhealthy fats include:

- Animal fat
- Cheese
- Butter
- Lard
- Stick and tub margarines
- Shortening

Is coconut oil good or bad? There have been no long-term studies of how coconut oil affects human cholesterol levels. The American Heart Association recommends holding off on coconut oil because it contains saturated fat, which shouldn't exceed 13 grams — about a tablespoon — a day. (Cont. Pg.10)



The first person aged 60 and older to find the Item Circled in the hidden picture, and call our office to tell us where it is in the picture will receive one free meal at the Senior Center of your choosing.

Aging Office of Western Nebraska 308-635-0851

Directors Message Continued

Step 3. Include calcium

Serve meal with low-fat milk, no-sugar-added yogurt, kefir, cheese or other dairy product. If your loved one cannot eat dairy, include high-calcium veggies like kale and broccoli, and ask the doctor about adding a calcium supplement.

Step 4. Mix it up

Once you're familiar with portion size, likes and dislikes, you can mix it up. Add almonds to green beans, fruit to salad, tzatziki to chicken, rice to black beans, green onions and apple to quinoa. To make a good meal great and add more nutrients, use spices, herbs, lemons, limes, shallots and garlic.

Step 5. Don't forget some sweets

Celebrations and treats add sweetness to life. Look for recipes such as grilled peaches with pureed raspberries, and no-sugar-added fruit pie with walnut crust, that let you and your loved one enjoy a reasonably healthy splurge.

July 2022 ~ Wha	t's for Lunch?	Meals include a Vegetable, Bread, Milk & Dessert					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
	Meals are subject to Change			1 Turkey Roll ups			
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Closed for 4th of July	Bratwurst	Oven Fried Chicken	BBQ Pork Sandwih	Porcupine Meatballs			
11	12	13	14	15			
Tuna Salad	Salisbury Steak	Chicken Alfredo	Liver & Onions or Alternative	Breaded Pork Chop			
18	19	20	21	22			
Meatloaf	Chicken Salad Sandwich	Ham Steak	Baked Fish	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce			
25	26	27	28	29			
Slppy Joes	Chicken Tacos	Fish Sticks	Egg Salad Sandwich	Cooks Choice			

August 2022 ~ V	Vhat's for Lunch?	Meals include	ude a Vegetable, Bread, Milk & Dessert			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
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Meat & Cheese Pizza	Oven Fried Chicken	Beef Stroganoff	Ham Salad Sandwich	Liver & Onions or Alternative		
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Pork Loin	Baked Lemon Pepper Fish	Taco Salad	Chicken Chow Mein	Hamburger		
15	16	17	18	19		
Chicken Strips	Tuna Noodle Casserole	BBQ Meatballs	Sausage Gravy on Biscuit	Chicken & Rice Casserole		
22	23	24	25	26		
Beef & Cheese Enchiladas	Baked Pork Chop	Salmon Patties	Oven Fried Chicken	Cook's Choice		
29	30	31	Meals are subject to			
Goulash	BBQ Chicken	Polish Sausage	Change			

September 2022	~ What's for Lunch	Meals include	Meals include a Vegetable, Bread, Milk & Dessert				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
	Meals are subject to Change		1 Liver & Onions or Alternative	2 Chicken Salad Sandwich			
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Closed for Labor Day	Chicken & Noodles	Tuna Melt	Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich	Vegetable Beef Stew			
12	13	14	15	16			
Oven Fried Chicken	Sausage & Egg Breakfast Casserole	Salisbury Steak	Ham & Beans	Lasagna			
19	20	21	22	23			
Baked Lemon Pepper Chicken	Pork Roast	Meat & Cheese Pizza	Baked Frish	Meatloaf			
26	27	28	29	30			
Chicken tenders	Chili with Meat andbeans	Salmon Loaf	Ham Steak	Cook's Choice			

Scams Happening in Nebraska

Beware of Scam Calls coming in from someone you don't know saying they are from Nebraska Aging. A consumer alerted us so we could warn others!

- 1. Do not answer the phone if you do not recognize the number.
- 2. Keep your credit card, checking account, insurance info, social security numbers to yourself.
- 3. Legitimate companies do not call consumers.
- 4. Don't click on links in a text or press numbers—Just hang up!



Emergency Response System and the Risk of Falling



Freeus introduces the reimagined Belle, designed for the Verizon 4G LTE network, coming soon!

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I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN

Jail

In a crazy kind of way... this makes a little sense!! Let's put the seniors in jail and the criminals in a nursing home.

This way the seniors would have access to showers, hobbies, and walks. They'd receive unlimited free prescriptions, dental and medical treatment, wheel chairs etc. and they'd receive money instead of paying it out.

They would have constant video monitoring, so they could be helped instantly if they fell, or needed assistance. Bedding would be washed twice a week and all clothing would be ironed and returned to them.

A guard would check on them every 20 minutes and bring their meals and snacks to their cell.

They would have family visits in a suite built for that purpose.

They would have access to a library, weight room, spiritual counseling, pool, and education.

Simple clothing, shoes, slippers, P.J.'s and legal aid would be free, on request.



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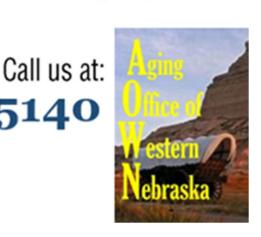
Are you age 60 or older and feeling like you might need some help?

the Care Management Program at the Aging Office of Western Nebraska is here to help!

AOWN's trained Care Managers can help guide you in finding the services and resources you want and need to safely remain in your home as long as possible!

We are here to help!

800-682-5140



I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN Continued

Revision of 60s and 70s songs...

They just don't make the songs like they used to any more!!!!!!

Some of the artists of the 60's and 70's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers who can remember doing the "Limbo" as if it were yesterday. They include:

Bobby Darin - Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' A Flash

Herman's Hermits - Mrs. Brown, You've Got A Lovely Walker

Ringo Starr - I Get By With A Little Help From Depends

The Bee Gees - How Can You Mend A Broken Hip

Roberta Flack - The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face

Johnny Nash - I Can't See Clearly Now

Paul Simon - Fifty Ways To Lose Your Liver

The Commodores - Once, Twice, Three Times To The Bathroom

Procol Harem - A Whiter Shade Of Hair

Leo Sayer - You Make Me Feel Like Napping

The Temptations - Papa's Got A Kidney Stone

Abba - Denture Queen

Tony Orlando - Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall

Helen Reddy - I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore

Leslie Gore - It's My Procedure, And I'll Cry If I Want To

And Last but NOT least... Willie Nelson - On the Commode Again.

Let's Talk - Natalya Malakhova Continued

I will share one of many stories we have encountered over the years regarding the Medical Alert System and what role the button played in saving people's lives. Just this year, an older woman who was living alone had a heart attack early one morning. She had a *PERS/LifeLine* button on her wrist. After she pushed the button, she lost consciousness and the emergency agent didn't hear her response over the speaker on the button. Immediately, the agent made a call to 911. The response was quick, and the ambulance was at her door within minutes. The key to the door was in a locked box (only the ambulance responders knew the code). She was rushed to the hospital, had heart surgery, and was able to return to her home a few months later. This story ended well for this woman. However, there are far too many stories without a positive outcome.

Once again, I would like to say to those who have their button, wear it at all times...

But those who don't have one, call the Aging Office for more information to get one...and please, have a great, safe summer.

Natalya, Service Coordinator, Chadron AOWN office

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CHALK LINE	HANDSAW	PENCIL	STRAIGH EDGE
CIRCULAR SAW	JIGS	PRY BAR	TABLE SAW
CLAMPS	KEYHOLE SAW	RECIPROCATING SAW	TAPE MEASURE
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Hidden Picture Winners

Were you a Hidden Picture Winner in the last edition of our newsletter? These folks were!!

Barbara Snyder—Alliance; Sharon Ragland—Bayard; Dorothy West—Bridgeport; Maxine Warren—Chadron; Terrie Klingman-Chappell; Beth Gibbons—Crawford; Lawanda Mendez—Gering; Marilyn Sager—Gordon; NONE—Harrison; NONE — Hemingford; Jan Hinton—Kimball; NONE—Mitchell; Mary Hood—Morrill; David Rubsam—Oshkosh; Cathleen Burbach—Rushville; Donna Kisler—Scottsbluff; Patricia Albers—Sidney.

Senior Funnies



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- ⇒ All communities in NE are eligible EXCEPT: Fremont, Grand island, Hastings, Kearney, Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, & South Sioux/Dakota City

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Dates to Remember

Independence Day –July 4th
Korean War Armistice Day -July 27th
Purple Heart Day—July 7th
Sturgis Rally— Aug 5th
V-J Day—Aug 8th
Nation Non-Profit Day –Aug 17th
Labor Day –Sept 5th
Patriots Day—Sept 11th
Grandparents Day –Sept 11th
POW/MIA Day –Sept 16th
First Day of Autumn—Sept 22nd
Native American Day—Sept 23rd