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What's up

with *That?*

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A little 'gross factor'

Sandi Marlowe with Livingston Health-Care is right; colon health is not something you really want to talk about at dinner parties, or ever, for that matter.

But this week, colon health will be at the top of the list of conversation topics in Livingston, thanks to a 20-foot-long inflatable colon replica known as Super Colon.

"It is so outrageous, it really engages them about their health," Marlowe said.

It is really important for both sexes to know about colon health, Marlowe said, because it becomes a real concern for everyone at about age 50.

Fifth, sixth and seventh graders at the Livingston Public Schools, as well as Arrowhead, Shields Valley, St. Mary's and Pine Creek are scheduled to tour Super Colon on Thursday and Friday as part of the kids-only days of the Fall Health Festival.

"It's interesting how excited the teachers are about it," Marlowe said. Many of the students have been learning about the digestive system in class.

Inside the bright pink Super Colon, visitors will be able to view the difference between health colon tissue, non-malignant diseased tissue and some cancerous tissues in the colon, according to Marlowe.

The Super Colon exhibit, a program through the Prevent Cancer Foundation, is in Livingston at a cost of roughly \$8,500. In addition to Livingston HealthCare, Super Colon's visit is funded by the Ough Charitable Trust, the NorthWestern Energy Foundation and the Livingston School District.

The Fall Health Festival continues on Saturday with annual health screenings to complement the Super Colon and other educational and preventative health exhibits.

For more information, visit www.livingstonhealthcare.org.

Don't forget the meatballs