FOOTPRINTS

GOOD NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE FRIENDS OF FIXING FEET INSTITUTE

Helpful Tips for a Healthy Pedicure

A pedicure is a great way to get your feet looking and feeling great for the spring. While some areas of the country may not be warm enough for sandals and flip flops now, in just a few weeks, it will definitely be time to get out the summer shoes and show off your toes.

While a pedicure itself is relaxing and helps to get the feet summer ready, not all pedicures are good for your feet.

In fact, salons and beauty shops offering this service may not be a good place to go for anyone, but individuals with diabetes or other types of circulation problems in the feet should avoid these locations, even if the service is professional and the facilities are well-maintained.

The Risks of Professional Pedicures

The big risk for professional pedicures is the transmission of a fungus, virus, or bacteria to the feet. This can occur when pedicure tools or equipment, including foot baths, are not correctly sterilized between customers.

It is not uncommon for nail files, nail clippers, and even the equipment used to polish nails or treat cuticles to be simply wiped with a cloth between customers, and not completely disinfected in the correct solution to kill any possible infectious agents present.

Pushing back the cuticles on the toes is also a potential source of infection. This can open up the tissue around the bottom of the nail to bacteria or fungus. If the nails are then painted and polished, this seals in the bacteria, allowing the infection to spread.

A Better Option

A better option is to plan to pamper yourself with a pedicure at home. Soak your feet in warm but not hot water and add a couple of drops of your favorite essential oil. To help tired feet, add a ¹/₄ cup of Epson salts. A pumice stone or loofah can be used on wet feet to gently remove dead skin and rough patches.

Soak your feet 10 to 15 minutes, then pat dry completely, including between the toes. Apply your favorite foot moisturizer and cover with cotton socks to allow the skin to absorb the moisturizer.

Avoid cutting the nails too short as this can also create discomfort, and it can result in the exposure of the nail bed to bacteria. Any help needed or questions regarding the health of your feet and nails, call Fixing Feet Institute for an appointment.

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A St. Patrick's Day Poem by

Poet: Polly Ross

Once again we feel the magic When St. Patrick's Day comes 'round. Shure you can see the shamrocks As they bloom all over town.

Doesn't make a bit of difference If Ireland you've not seen; If your folks came from Ireland Then you know what I mean.

For there's a lilt to Irish laughter With a twinkle in the eye, And a blessing on sweet lips When you have to say goodbye,

So though we're far away from Ireland One can dream of hills so green, That just to walk upon them Would be answer to a dream.

There is an Irish saying My mother oft did say -A fair wind be at your back To last you all the way. So may it be the same On this St. Patrick's Day.

Clearing Your History on YouTube

YouTube is one of the world's most popular websites, allowing users to share videos of all kinds including music videos, movie trailers and reviews and "how to" videos of all descriptions.

However, there are also some odder videos on YouTube that people may not be overly proud of having watched, or even been unaware of their true nature when first clicking on them. This can be embarrassing, especially for those who have to share their computer with others.

The best way to avoid embarrassment is to clear your YouTube viewing history. Click on your profile image, go to Settings and then move to the History and Privacy section.

One of the options you will see is "Clear History". Click on that option, click "yes" when asked if you are sure if you want to delete your browsing history, and all videos you have watched on the site will be deleted from your computer and any other device.

Changing Careers

Changing careers is something that happens today more than ever before, with technology helping to allow people to work from anywhere, from home and for companies on the other side of the world.

A job is no longer for life and individuals can now be measured by their talents and skills. A career change can still be a scary prospect however, which is why there are a number of tips to help accomplish that goal. Freelancing can be an excellent option for those wanting more flexibility, a career they actually care about and the ability to work from home.

More and more people are choosing to become freelancers long-term, and there are many career choices for freelancers including writing, programming, business consulting, IT and marketing.

Hiring a career coach is a good tip for those who want to change careers but are nervous about making the move. These career coaches can help to create action plans for the short and long term and keep you accountable and on track.

The Best Sources of Potassium

4700 milligrams of potassium is required for the human body to stay healthy and strong, and the good news is that potassium can be found in other foods besides just bananas.

There are in fact many good sources of potassium that can be consumed in order to meet the daily intake requirement.

One good source of potassium is avocados. All avocados contain potassium, in addition to mono and polyunsaturated fats that are very good for heart health.



One of the very best food sources of potassium is ordinary cow's milk. Just one cup of milk can provide between 322mg and 466mgs of potassium, depending on the nature of the milk (low-fat, skim or whole).

A2 milk, which is more tolerable to some people unable to drink other forms of cow's milk, contains up to as much as 510mgs of potassium in every cup.

Sweet potatoes are a powerhouse for nutrients and in addition to being a strong source of potassium also contains lots of Vitamin A.

Brain Tips for Older People

Older people have to keep learning too, but as the brain ages it can become more challenging to do so than when they were young.

However there are a number of tips that can help older people to keep learning.

One good tip is to avoid multitasking. Far

from being a good way of keeping the brain active, it actually causes the brain to function in an inefficient manner because the load is being handled by many different parts.

The communication is not synchronized and is essentially overusing the brain, causing it to become fatigued, decreasing performance and slowing efficiency.

In order to accomplish more than one learning task, older people in particular should just do them one at a time, and minimize distractions by not looking at emails and turning off their phone.

Too many hours of brainwork can also result in the brain slowing down, as it is important to allow the brain downtime. Decreasing exposure allows the frontal lobes to more focused on important data and aware of what information needs to be learned and what can be ignored.



How to Be a Host

If you are hosting any kind of family party, be it for a birthday, engagement or festive celebration, it can be a stressful responsibility.

However, there are some helpful tips to enable the event to go as smoothly as possible.

One good tip is to make sure there is good food at the party, and plenty of it. People expect to eat at a family party, so make sure there is enough to go around. If you are not much of a cook, you can always order in.

Music is also very important at parties, and can have a big impact on the mood of family members. It is also important to have music that is appropriate for the occasion, such as romantic songs for an engagement party or Christmas songs during the festive season.

Children are often forgotten at family parties, and can then cause trouble in order to try and get attention.

Make sure you have plenty of activities and games to entertain them and keep them occupied.

A Treat for St Patrick's Day By Rhonda and Gabriele Lemon Curd Tartlets

Ingredients

- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon zest
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 1 package (1.9 ounces) frozen miniature phyllo tart shells, thawed
 Fresh raspberries, mint leaves *and/or* sweetened whipped cream,
- optional

Directions

- 1. In a small heavy saucepan over medium heat, whisk the eggs, sugar, lemon juice and zest until blended. Add butter; cook, whisking constantly, until mixture is thickened and coats the back of a metal spoon. Transfer to a small bowl; cool for 10 minutes. Cover and refrigerate until chilled.
- 2. Just before serving, spoon lemon curd into tart shells. Garnish with raspberries, mint and/or cream if desired. Refrigerate leftovers.

Nutrition Facts

1 tartlet (calculated without garnishes): 115 calories, 5g fat (2g saturated fat), 50mg cholesterol, 45mg sodium, 16g carbohydrate (14g sugars, 0 fiber), 2g protein. Diabetic
Exchanges: 1 starch, 1 fat. Courtesy of Tasteofhome.com



SAVE THE DATE

Some of you may be aware that Sara, our Office Administrator, has an Etsy shop called Cactus Valley Creations, where she sells quilts, hand sewn items such as aprons, pet items, children's clothing, household items, etc, and other crafty things that she makes.

She is going to have a booth to display and sell her creations at the upcoming "Sweet To The Soul" Spring 2020 West Valley Market to be held on March 28th at the Peoria Sports Complex.

There will be a wide variety of arts and crafts vendors from home décor to clothing to baked goods. The local media will be there as well as several food trucks with unique food items.

It promises to be a fun day and we hope you can join in. There is a \$5 charge for admission.

Sweet to the Soul Spring 2020 West Valley Market

Mar 28, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Peoria Sports Complex 16101 N 83rd Ave





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March Dates to Remember

- March 3rd National "I want you to be Happy" Day
- March 4th Hug a GI day
- March 6th National Dentist's Day
- March 12th National Good Samaritan Day
- March 17th St. Patrick's Day
- March 19th National Let's Laugh Day
- March 21st National Single Parents Day
- March 28th National Weed Appreciation Day
- March 30th National Doctor's Day
- March is also: National Kidney Month
 https://www.kidney.org/
 Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month
 http://www.kidney.org/
 American Red Cross Month
 http://www.redcross.org/

Help us fill their bowls and feed some hungry Pets!

For the 4th year during the month of March and April we will be collecting pet food, and other pet items to help pet owners who are facing challenging times, be able to keep and take care of their pets.

The Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry helps people who have been

knocked off their feet because of a job or home loss, illness, or community disaster. They also help Veterans, domestic violence victims, and the Red Cross with pet food and pet items so their pets can stay with them and be taken care of.

We will have collection boxes placed in our reception area. If you would like to donate something other than pet food, you can see their complete wish list on their website at <u>http://www.emptybowlpetfoodpantry.org/inkind-</u> <u>donation-needs.html</u> or contact our office.

