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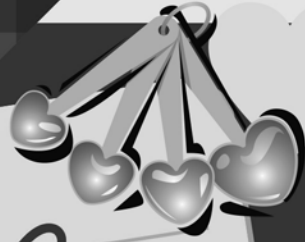


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No-Bake Chocolate Oat Bars

1 cup butter
1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
3 cups rolled oats
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1 cup dark chocolate chips
3/4 cup chunky peanut butter

1. Line a 8x8 baking dish with paper.
2. In a saucepan, combine the butter, brown sugar, and vanilla. Heat over low heat until the butter has melted and the sugar has dissolved.
3. Add in the oats, cinnamon, and kosher salt. Cook, stirring constantly for 4 to 5 minutes.
4. Pour half of the oat mixture into the prepared baking dish. Spread out the mixture evenly, pressing down.
5. In a microwave safe bowl, combine the chocolate chips and the peanut butter. Heat on high in the microwave, in increments of 40 seconds, stirring in between each increment, until melted and fully combined.
6. Pour 3/4 of the chocolate mixture into the pan over the pressed oats, reserving about 1/4 cup for drizzling. Top with the remaining oats and drizzle with remaining chocolate mixture.
7. Refrigerate for 4 hours, or until set.

Maple Bacon Brussels Sprouts

1 1/2 lb. brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
1 tablespoon kosher salt, plus more to taste
4 strips bacon, diced
1/2 cup pecans, chopped
1 teaspoon ground mustard
2 oz bourbon, or 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
3 tablespoons maple syrup
ground pepper to taste

1. Fill a large pot with enough water to fully submerge the brussels sprouts, and place over high heat. Bring the water to a boil and season with kosher salt. Add the brussels sprouts to the boiling water. Boil for 4-5 minutes until the sprouts are tender but still bright green in color. Drain and run under cold water to stop the cooking process. Lay on kitchen towel to dry.
2. In a skillet, cook bacon until the fat has rendered and bacon is crispy. Remove bacon with slotted spoon and place on towel to drain.
3. Increase the heat to medium high, then add the blanched brussels sprouts and pecans to the rendered bacon fat. Salute over high heat, stirring frequently, until the sprouts are crisp, 4-5 minutes.
4. Sprinkle with mustard powder, stirring constantly for about a minute. Pour bourbon into the pan to deglaze, stir and scrap constantly until any brown bits have been scraped up and the bourbon is completely absorbed, 2-3 minutes.
5. Add the bacon back to the pan, then pour in the maple syrup. Give everything a good toss then cook 1 minute more, until syrup is slightly thickened. Taste for seasoning and adjust with salt and pepper if needed.



TIPS TO MAKE SOUP MORE NUTRITIOUS



Soup is a dish that wears many hats. When the weather becomes chilly, people often turn to soup to warm themselves up from the inside out. Soup, especially when soup is paired with a favorite sandwich, also can be a simple and light meal when one doesn't want to spend too much time in the kitchen. Soup has been heralded as a remedy as well, a reputation that dates back thousands of years. In the twelfth century, Egyptian Jewish physician Moshe ben Maimonides prescribed chicken soup as a treatment for respiratory tract issues. And Penn Medicine suggests eating soup while ill is a good idea because the meal is nourishing, easy to digest and often full of nutritious components.

People may wonder what they can do to tweak their favorite soups to make them even more nutritious, as many modern soups have gained a reputation as being sodium-heavy. These ideas can give soup a powerful boost.

- Use a higher ratio of vegetables in the soup when compared to meats and grains. Vegetables are notoriously high in nutrients that the body needs to stay healthy, including antioxidants and vitamins.
- Make your own soup stock from fresh ingredients. Doing so helps retain control over what goes into the soup, helping to reduce potential additives or other ingredients like sugar and sodium.
- Vary the color of the vegetables. Aim for vegetables of at least three different colors. The colors of the vegetables often correspond to the nutrients and phytochemicals they contain. For example, carrots are high in beta-carotene. Beta-carotene converts into vitamin A, which is necessary for eye health, healthy skin and a strong immune system.
- Replace the cream in soups with healthier ingredients. Soups that are cream-based tend to be loaded with calories and saturated fat. Instead, use Greek yogurt at the end (to prevent curdling) or even low-fat cottage cheese to amp up the protein content and give the soup a creamy consistency without the fat.

Silken tofu or even a vegetable purée made from potato and cauliflower can add creaminess as well.

- Swap meat for lean proteins in the soup. Lentils, for example, are a plant protein rich in flavor and nutrition. According to UC Davis Health, lentils have about 18 grams of protein per cup and also are high in fiber. Relatively inexpensive, lentils also can help keep meal budgets in check. Alternative legumes also can work in soups, as can seafood or lean poultry.
- Add texture to the soup. Pumpkin seeds or flax seeds have taste and texture, and can be a healthier option for topping soups over buttery croutons or crackers.
- Keep ingredients "whole" in the soup. Lean on whole grains, fibrous vegetables, fresh herbs, and lean meats to build a well-rounded soup that's bursting with nutrition.
- Add some turmeric and ginger. If the flavor profile allows, incorporate some fresh turmeric and ginger to the soup. Health magazine says these ingredients are part of the same plant family and have been used in traditional medicine in India and China for centuries. Both are known for reducing inflammation and alleviating symptoms of digestive disease.

Experiment with different ingredients to create soups that are not only delicious, but nutritious as well.

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Location: Fergus Falls, MN

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Key Responsibilities

- Complete monthly and annual tax filings including sales and use tax, coal conversion, highway use tax, rail car tax and other miscellaneous taxes.
- Interpret existing sales and use tax laws and advise internal resources on taxability.
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- Assist with other sales and property tax projects as assigned including reverse sales tax reviews and audits.

Qualifications

- Associate or bachelor's degree with emphasis in accounting preferred.
- Familiarity with sales tax laws and regulations.
- Experience working with invoicing and determining sales tax applicability is preferred.
- Efficient, comprehensive learner, who is coachable and works well independently and in a team environment.
- Successful candidate will be deadline driven and able to balance multiple priorities at a given time.

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Department Coordinator, Human Resources

Location: Fergus Falls, MN

Description

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Some examples of those activities will include:

- Receptionist duties for the Human Resources and Safety Services Departments
- Support job posting process both internally and externally
- Maintain HR activity calendar
- Maintain insurance database and complete utility month-end reporting for life, AD&D, LTD, and other insurance plans
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- Maintain and update HR filing index

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- There's a lot of innovation in our industry and we want positive, can-do people who are resilient through the challenges that sometimes come with change.
- To hit the ground running, preferred candidates will have HR education and experience.
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- Must have demonstrated experience with typical office software such as Outlook, Excel, Word, and PowerPoint.
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OBITUARIES

Sharon Pederson



Sharon V. Pederson, 88, resident of Fergus Falls, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on November 22, 2024, at LB Broen Home also under the care of Vivie (Knute Nelson Hospice) in Fergus Falls, MN.

Sharon was born on October 8, 1936, to Harvey and Carrie (Elmore) Ott in rural Maine Township. Sharon attended country school in Maine Township, District 251.

On June 13, 1953, Sharon was united in marriage to Verdelle Pederson at Sverdrup Lutheran Church in Underwood, MN.

Verdelle and Sharon were married 44 years and shared five daughters together.

Sharon was employed with Red Owl Supermarket for over twenty years and with Walmart Super Center for eighteen years, retiring at the age of 78. She valued her continued friendships with her colleagues throughout the years.

Sharon belonged to The Church of the Nazarene in Fergus Falls, where she had her "assigned" seat every Sunday and enjoyed fellowship with other members.

Anyone who knew Sharon realized she was a woman with impeccable style and a great sense of humor. Sharon's greatest joy was spending time with her family.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Verdelle Pederson; son-in-law, Dixon Esary; brother, Gilbert Ott; sister and brother-in-law, Ileen (Carl) Trites.

Survivors include her daughters, Bonnie (Brett) Hopponen, Barbara Esary, Becky (Michael) Mulvaney, Kay (Wayne) Evavold, Shari Pederson, all of Fergus Falls, former son-in-law Ricky (Sheila) Kugler; eighteen grandchildren, Carrie (Nick) Anderson, Kelly (Justin) Arneson, Chad (Marinna) Hopponen, Samuel Esary, Jamie

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The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Park Gardens and LB Broen for the loving care they showed Sharon.

Visitation: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday, November 29, 2024 at The Church of the Nazarene in Fergus Falls.

Memorial Service: 1 p.m., Friday, November 29, 2024 at The Church of the Nazarene in Fergus Falls.

Clergy: Pastors Clay Mitchell, Dallas Rostad and Joe Hauer
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Funeral Service: Fri., Nov. 29, 11am
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Age: 84
From: Wadena, MN
Passed Away: Tues., Nov. 12
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Memorial Service: Sat., Nov. 23, 11am
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