



## February 2024

# FIELD EMPLOYEES IMPORTANT TIMECARD NOTICE

Please remember to submit your time card no later than Friday afternoon.

If you are working a weekend shift, please submit no later than 8am

Monday morning.

CASS & BASS offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th for the Presidents' Day holiday.

If you have upcoming plans that require time off from work:
Please be sure to notify us as soon as



# Dates and Fun Facts for February

• Feb. 2 is Groundhog Day. The day we find out if winter will last for six more weeks!

possible! The sooner we know, the better we (and our Clients) will be able to prepare for your absence.



## Augusta Area

Pension Associate - Augusta
PT Administrative Asst. - Augusta
Full-time Teller - Augusta
Administrative Coordinator - Augusta
Commercial Tire Tech - Waterville
Patient Services Rep. - Farmingdale
Accounting Asst. - Nobleboro
Deputy Clerk - Searsmont
Warehouse Assoc. - Gardiner
Customer Support Rep. - Gardiner

## **Bangor** Area

Painter/Property Maintenance - Bangor
Production Worker - Bangor
PT Receptionist - Holden
PT Admin Asst - Bangor
A/R Billing - Bangor & Holden
Vehicle Undercoater - Bangor
Chiropractic Assistant - Bangor
Bookkeeper/Admin - Hampden
Manufacturing/Machine Operator - Old
Town

Production Line Supervisor - Old Town
Marine Carpenter - Trenton
Fiberglass Technician - Trenton
SQF Practitioner - Old Town
Dental Hygienist - Bucksport

- Feb. 10 is the Lunar New Year. Celebrated widely throughout East Asia, this holiday begins with the first New Moon after the Winter Solstice.
- Feb. 11 is Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas!
- Feb. 13 is Mardi Gras, which is the final feasting day before the Christian tradition of Lent begins the following day, Ash Wednesday.
- Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day! Celebrate with your special someone!
- Feb. 22 is Presidents' Day, which celebrates the February birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.
- Feb. 29 is Leap Day. Once every four years we are given an extra day in February.

The Full Moon in February 2024 will occur on Saturday, February 24. It's know as the "Snow Moon" due to the typically heavy snowfall during the month.

### Folklore for February

- February comes from the Latin word *februa*, which means "to cleanse." The month was named after the Roman *Februalia*, which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement that took place this time of year.
- "Married in February's sleety weather, life you'll tread in tune together."
- "If February give much snow, a fine summer it doth



## 2024 is a Leap Year!

We have an extra day this year, February 29th! Why is a Leap Year necessary? We need to add an extra day every four years so our calendar stays aligned correctly with astronomical seasons, since the Earth's orbit around the sun is approximately 365.25 days.

February 29th is known as Leap Day and person born that day is known as Leaplings!

Many people feel being born a Leapling is a sign of good luck!

Leap Years were established all the way back in 45 BC when Roman Emperor Julius Caesar instituted the Julian Calendar. Adjustments to the process have been made since then!

Long ago Leap Day was known as "Ladies Day" or "Ladies' Privilege" and was the one day women were allowed to propose to men. However, there are some cultures where people believe getting married during a Leap Year is bad luck!

According to folklore, the weather always changes on Friday in a Leap Year.

Source: Almanac.com



Little month of February, You are small, but worthy—very! Will you grow up like the others, Like your sister months and brothers?

foreshow.

• "Fogs in February mean frosts in May."

Source: Almanac.com



Please join us in Congratulating the following Field Employees, who were hired on with our Clients in January!

~ Sean Taylor

- ~ Stephanie Kimball
  - ~ Brock Littlefield
  - ~ Marianne Huro
    - ~ Derek Ladd
  - ~ Richard Pante



#### **Chocolate Truffles**

How about some homemade chocolates for your special someone on Valentine's Day? Or maybe just treat yourself!

## **Ingredients**

1 pound dark or semisweet chocolate (or a combination), finely chopped 1-2/3 cups heavy cream 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract 1/2 teaspoon kosher or sea salt 1 cup (approx.) unsweetened cocoa powder

#### Directions

Place chocolate in a medium-size

Every four years with a bound With a leap up from the ground, Trying to grow tall as they—All you stretch is one small day! Even then you're not so tall But just the shortest month of all.

-Leap Year by Annette Wynne



bowl. In a small saucepan, over medium-high heat, bring cream to a simmer; pour hot cream over chocolate. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and let stand 10 minutes. Uncover and whisk chocolate mixture until smooth. Whisk in vanilla and salt. Pour into a pie plate and let cool 10-15 minutes. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until completely set, about 3 hours.

Place cocoa powder into a second pie plate. Using a melon baller or 1-inch ice-cream scoop, scoop out some chocolate mixture and roll into a ball. Roll in cocoa powder to cover; then place on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Repeat with remaining chocolate. Gently pinch the tops for interest. Refrigerate until set, about 15 minutes.

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