





Hello December

December 2024

CASS & BASS Field Employees

IMPORTANT TIMECARD NOTICE

As always, please remember to submit your timecard no later than Friday afternoon, unless you are working a weekend shift. In that case, please e-mail/fax no later than 8am Monday morning.

CASS & BASS offices will be closing at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, 12/24, closed on Wednesday, 12/25 in celebration of Christmas Day. We will be closing at 2:00 pm on 12/31



Please join us in congratulating the following Field Employees, who were hired by our Clients in **November**!

> Linda Clason Noah Wells Hailey Smith Jon Harrington

for New Years Eve, closed on Wednesday, 1/1/2025 in celebration of New Years Day .



SO MANY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES!

Please visit our website at <u>Capital Area Staffing.com</u> for a list of all current openings!

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Reception/Office Assistant Front Desk Administrator Loan Officer I Application Specialist Receptionist Optician Loan Processor Multi-Family Loan Officer Staff Accountant HR Generalist/Spec. Marketing Asst. Director of Communications Fiscal Compliance Officer

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Painting/Property Maintenance PT Administrative Assistant Project Manager - Restoration Senior Accountant Manufacturing Associates Forklift Operator/Warehouse Evening Janitorial PT & FT





- 12/1 First Sunday of Advent, marking the beginning of the Advent season
- 12/6 Saint Nicholas Day
- 12/7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.
- 12/8 Bodhi Day in the Buddhist calendar
- 12/13 St. Lucia's Day, which has long been associated with festivals of light. Before the Gregorian calendar reform in 1752, her feast day occurred on the shortest day of the year (hence the saying "Lucy light, Lucy light, shortest day and longest night").
- 12/15 Bill of Rights Day.
- 12/17 Wright Brothers Day.
- 12/21 Winter Solstice the astronomical day when Earth is farthest away from the Sun.
- 12/25 Christmas Day, a holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.



Chef John's Hot Spinach Artichoke Dip

I've always enjoyed hot spinach artichoke dip, but it always struck me as a little oily. I decided to try a mayo-less version, and then raised the stakes even higher by excluding the sour cream as well. To counter this, a bit more cheese was added, and the results were amazing. A rich, creamy, cheesy, not greasy dip. *By John Mitzewich*

2 tablespoons butter ¹/₂ cup green onions, white and light green parts only, thinly sliced 2 cloves garlic, minced salt

1 (14 ounce) can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped

1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach , thawed, drained and squeezed dry

8 ounces cream cheese ½ cup shredded Gruyere cheese ½ cup finely grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

¹/₄ teaspoon hot sauce1 pinch ground nutmegsalt and freshly ground black pepper totaste

¹/₄ cup shredded mozzarella cheese **Directions**

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees F
- Melt butter in a saucepan over medium-low heat; stir in onions and pinch of salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are soft, about 5 minutes. Stir garlic into onions and remove from heat.
- Mix green onion mixture, spinach, artichoke hearts, cream cheese, Gruyere, Parmigiano-Reggiano, hot sauce, nutmeg, salt, and pepper in a large bowl until combined.

- 12/25 marks the beginning of Hanukkah this year, the 8-day Jewish festival of lights.
- 12/26 Boxing Day (Canada, UK) and the first day of Kwanzaa.
- On the last evening of the year, December 31, kiss the person you hope to keep kissing!
 December's full Moon, the Full Cold Moon, appears on Friday, December 15, reaching peak illumination at 4:02 A.M. EST.

Geminid Meteor Shower Look skyward on the night of December 13 after 9 P.M. for a chance to catch a glimpse of the Geminid meteors. The Geminid meteor shower is the most active shower of the year.

The **birthstones** for December are Turquoise, Tanzanite, and Blue Zircon, and the **birth flowers** are Narcissus, Poinsettia, and Holly.

Making the Most of December: Reflect, Celebrate, and Look Ahead

As the year draws to a close, December offers the perfect opportunity to reflect on the past year, celebrate accomplishments, and set intentions for the year ahead.

Reflecting on 2024

Take a moment to look back on the milestones achieved this year. Whether it's personal growth, professional success, or meaningful connections, acknowledging these accomplishments can fuel motivation for the future.

Seasonal Celebrations

December is synonymous with celebration—holiday gatherings, cherished traditions, and time spent with loved ones. Embrace the festive season by making time for what matters most: sharing joy, expressing gratitude, and creating new memories. If you're away from family this year,

- Spoon artichoke mixture into an 8x8. Top with shredded mozzarella cheese.
- Bake in the preheated oven until top is golden brown and bubbling, about 25 minutes.



consider starting new traditions with friends or reaching out to loved ones virtually to stay connected.

Looking Ahead to 2025

With a fresh start just around the corner, now is the time to dream big. Set realistic and exciting goals for the upcoming year. Consider jotting down aspirations and actionable steps to achieve them. A clear vision can pave the way for a fulfilling 2025.

Giving Back

December is also a month of giving. Whether it's donating to a charity, volunteering, or simply lending a hand to someone in need, acts of kindness can make the season brighter for everyone.

Let's close out 2024 with gratitude and anticipation for what lies ahead. Wishing you a joyful December and a promising New Year!



Wishing you a year filled with new hopes, joys, and beginnings!

Cathy, Dawn, Nettie, & Chris

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