

Chocolate companies have a mystical aura to them due to the many tales of chocolate slides, playgrounds and magical machines used to create everyone's favorite treats.

In reality, a chocolate facility doesn't look so different from other high-standard, modern plants. But what lies at the heart of a chocolate facility is certainly magic: the commitment and talent of many individuals to make Peter's Chocolate extraordinary.

Peter's 2024 Calendar showcases a few of the individuals who bring magic to the workplace, the ones that keep Peter's at the forefront after 149 years in the business.

Each month you will meet members of the Peter's family: from maintenance supervisors and production operators, to R\&D experts and sample room specialists.

Inspired by their favorite flavors, chocolates, and desserts, our product development team created a unique dessert for each month. The result? A diverse set of flavors and delicious ideas to match the heart of our company: our diverse, inventive and sweet-toothed people.

Savor a taste of magic at every page and join us in celebrating those who make Peter's a sweeter place.


Bill Frame \& Dave Gake
Maintenance \& Reliability
Burlington, Ontario
Peter's begins in Burlington with crumb. Bill and Dave are integral in keeping the Peter's equipment and flavor profile alive. The Burlington team often boasts that Bill "came with the building". He has worked in the chocolate industry for 40 years and has been with Peter's since 2002. Bill supervises the maintenance department, and with retirement coming someday, Dave, who's counting on six years, is primed to step in as the successor in the leadership role In addition to daily duties comes building repairs, inspections, and preventative maintenance to keep production machinery running efficiently and reliably. These two represent a tightknit group of eight who are all ready to do whatever is needed!
This month's recipe brings Dave's fondness for white chocolate and Bill's love of 'Oh Henry!' bars with peanuts, caramel and fudge together in a delicious milk chocolate drizzled peanut brittle.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?
Bill: Having the grandkids over. Working on the flower gardens

What's something surprising that not many people know about you?
Dave: I competed in sport Judo for 7 years.




## Banana Caramel Chocolate Brownie Bites

## Brownie ingredients

454 g Peter's ${ }^{\circ}$ Gibraltar" bittersweet chocolate
227 g Dairy butter
80 g Corn syrup
1 each 25 ml Fresh brewed espresso shot
15 g Vanilla extract
200 g Sugar
6 g Salt
65 g All purpose flou
10 g Baking powder

## Caramel Ingredients

454 g Very ripe bananas
20 g Dark brow
2 g Cinn
3 g Salt
1200 g Peter's ${ }^{\ominus}$ caramel loaf

## Brownie instructions

Preheat oven to $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Line one $13 \times 18 \times 11 / 2$ inch sheet pan with parchment paper.
Melt the chocolate wafers and butter together in a microwave oven or over a double boiler. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, corn syrup, espresso, vanilla, suga $m$ chocolate mixture Add flour and baking powder to the chocolate mixture Spread brownie evenly into lined sheet pan. Allow to col complety

## Caramel instructions

Cook bananas, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt over medium heat until softened (approximately 3 to 4 minutes). Blend into a puree with immersion blender.
Melt Peter's ${ }^{\circ}$ caramel loaf and blend in banana puree. Cook to final temperature of $240^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.
Allow caramel to cool to $160-170^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, pour over cooled brownie base and spread evenly. Allow to cool completely

## Finishing instructions

Flip 2 layer slab over and peel away parchment paper. Prebottom the brownie side with tempered Peter's ${ }^{\ominus}$ Gibraltar ${ }^{m}$ bittersweet chocolate. Once chocolate is solidified, flip slab over and cut into 1 inch squares. Enrobe in Peter's ${ }^{\circ}$ ar" bittersweet chocolate
Yield: 234 pieces



## Doug Race $\&_{\text {O }}$ Ohris Wise

Production Line Operator \& Laborer Lititz, PA
Chris and Doug were integral in Cargill's recent investment in a Flavor \& Color injection line, improving the efficiency and flexibility of Peter's sister-brand, Merckens Rainbow Line of Confectionery Coatings, and expanding the company's overall capabilities for flavor exploration. These two worked to install the line, lead trials of new innovations for customers, and are part of the team that manages day-to-day production runs.

After 14 years in chocolate, Doug loves the renewed joy and challenges of creating innovative products for customers. Chris has been in the business since 2014 and both he and Doug take pride in their role in the massive project. Today, they enjoy working as part of a well-oiled machine of a team.
Chris \& Doug's favorite desserts inspired the recreation of a millionaire bar. Layers of crispy, buttery shortbread and thick caramel, gathered and enrobed in Peter's Newport Bittersweet Chocolate.
What is one of the accomplishments you are most proud of in your time working for Cargill/ Cargill brands?
Chris: Getting the new line up and running.
What do you enjoy most about working here?
Doug: I love that we can now play with new flavors. It's added excitement and the products are delicious!





## Bryan Kuhl \& Roberto Nieves

Refining Operators
Milwaukee, WI
This June is a special month for both Bryan and Roberto, who both have retirement plans after more than 40 years each with Cargill \& it's preceding companies. They are coworkers, friends, and both very humble about being in the spotlight! They say they are just a part of a bigger team that does everything together, and showcase a palpable pride for their work and the legacy they will be leaving. Refining is a key step in the chocolate production process that determines an end product's fineness. Bryan, Roberto and their team oversee the conching step in production which is key to flavor development. As most confectioners know, flavor is everything and fineness translates to mouthfeel, both attributes Peter's boasts as premium elevations for consumers' palates. Our June recipe, inspired by our operators favorites, is Neapolitan Fudge. Both Bryan and Roberto prefer milk chocolate, so using Peter's Madison was a no brainer. The strawberry is pulled from one of Roberto's favorite desserts - Strawberry Banana Cake - and Peter's Original White Chocolate was used to round out the three-layer treat. What are your plans for retirement life? Roberto: Family first. Sports \& travel. Would love to take my kids and grandkids to Mexico What do you enjoy doing outside of work? Bryan: Hunting, fishing, \& wilderness camping


## Neapolitan Fudge

## Chocolate layer <br> 150 g Cream cheese

250 g Confectioner's sugar
300 g Peter's Madison milk chocolate

## Vanilla layer

150 g Cream cheese
250 g Confectioner's sugar
300 g Peter's Original white chocolate
8 g Vanilla (optional)

## Strawberry layer

## 150 g Cream cheese

200 g Confectioner's sugar
300 g Peter's Original white chocolate 50 g Freeze dried strawberries,
crushed into a fine powder

## Instructions

Prepare a $9 \times 9$ pan with foil lining. For the each layer, mix the cream cheese and sugar together in a kitchen mixer with paddle attachment, then add the melted chocolate and other ingredients, then spread out in the pan and allow to chill in the refrigerator for 8 minutes before adding the next layer on top. Once all layers are added, cover and allow to chill for several hours or overnight Cut to desired dimensions and keep refrigerated unt s and keep refrigerated until ready to serve

Yield: one $9 \times 9$ pan

## Corey Strauser

Liquor Department Superintendent Mount Joy, PA

With an engineering background, Corey began with Cargill's legacy companies approximately 20 years ago. He even worked at the old Broad Street Wibur plant in Lititz, PA during its prime. Through the years he's held many roles in engineering and operations, ultimately working his way up to a department superintendent. His longevity and artisan knowledge of the process makes him a key player in the production of Peter's beloved chocolates.
When it comes to chocolate, it all comes down to the beans. Turning beans to chocolate liquor is the start of the process regardless of the product, and Corey's department does it all. Beginning with receiving, where the quality of the beans is checked to meet the Peter's standard, to cleaning, to breaking and sifting to turn the beans into nibs, and finally over to the roasting which is where flavor development occurs.
We share with you an elevated version of a chocolate-covered gummy bear for this month's confection, taking inspiration from Corey's favorite non-chocolate sweet treat. These Strawberry Bon Bons add the chocolate back in (of course!) showcasing our Semisweet Lenoir as the enrobed chocolate feature.
What do you like about working for Gargill?
It is an interesting and secure job that allows me to be home with my family.

How would your co-workers describe you in three words?
Knowledgeable. Hard-Working. Friendly.



## Strawberry Bon Bons

SB Pate de Fruit filling ingredients
180 g Strawberry puree
100 g Apple compote
240 g Glucose syrup, divided
370 g Sugar, divided
10 g Pectin
2 g Citric acid
908 g Peter's Lenoir Dark Chocolate, tempered

## Instructions

Combine strawberry puree, apple compote, and 80 g of glucose syrup in a saucepan
Mix 40 g of sugar with pectin. Whisk into puree.
Bring to a boil, stirring constantly.
Add 330 g of sugar and return to a boil, stirring.
Add the 160 g of glucose syrup and continue cooking over low heat, stirring, until the batch reaches $225^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, or 75 Brix.
Add citric acid and stir
Deposit into an $10 \times 5$ frame set on oiled parchment paper. Allow to set.
To make bon bons (pictured): Use mould of choice to make shells.
Deposit strawberry filling into mold, then bottom with additional Lenoir chocolate
Tip: Spray gloved hands with pan spray to prevent sticking.
To make a firmer pate de fruit to enrobe, increase citric acid to 4 g and cook mixture to $225^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.
Precoat jelly with tempered Lenoir.
Cut into squares, using the 22.5 mm strings on a guitar.

Dip each square into the tempered dark chocolate. Yield: 100 bon bons



## Jeff Pattenden

## Facility Manager

Georgetown \& Burlington, Ontario
Jeff is well-known in Ontario as the Facility Manager for both the Georgetown and Burlington locations. He jumps back and forth from site to site and oversees it all, but it's the trust in his team that makes it happen. Through his leadership, he promotes ownership and instills accountability within his employees, who welcome it with open arms.
Jeff enjoys continued learning, connection with various teams and helping everyone. He is also dedicated to encouraging team morale and championing shared lunches and volunteer activities on-site and cheerleading after-work gettogethersthat celebrate the diversity of his team

Our September recipe highlights a highly regarded dessert in Canada: the butter tart. This sweet pastry usually houses a filling of butter, sugar, syrup and egg. We've taken it a step further and added blackberries and a milk chocolate drizzle to bring in some of Jeff's favorite flavors.

Tell us a bit about your family.
My wife works in health and safety. We have two boys who are into sports, music, and clubs. They keep us busy and we are ever so proud of them.

What's something on your bucket list?
Windsurf in Aruba.



## Wildberry Butter Tart

## Pastry

21/4 cups Pastry flour
${ }^{21 / 4}$ tbsp Brows Pastry flour
$1 / 2$ tsp Salt
$1 / 2$ cup Shortening, very cold/cut into cub
$1 / 2$ cup Butter, very cold/cut into cubes
6 tbsp Ice water, approximately, enough to bring the dough together
Pulse the cold butter and shortening into the flour, sugar and salt using a food processor until reduced to pea sized pieces.
Sprinkle ice water over the mixture and toss with a fork until just incorporated into the dough. Do not over work the dough; handle only enough so it stays together.
Form the dough into two rounds about an inch thick.
Wrap in plastic wrap and let rest in the fridge for about a half hour.
Roll out on lightly floured surface. Cut into 12 rounds with 4 inch cutter. Press rounds into 12 count muffin tin ( $23 / 4$ in diameter $\times 11 / 8$ in. deep). Chill in the fridge or freezer while you prepare the filling.

## Filling

13 oz. jar Four berry or Wild berry preserves $1 / 2$ cup Brown sugar
$1 / 2$ cup Corn syrup
$1 / 4$ cup Butter, melted
1 Large egg
1 tsp Vanilla extrac
$1 / 4$ tsp Salt
Place fruit preserves in a small pan and bring to boil; cook to $230^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ and remove from heat; cool to room temperature When cooled, spoon or pipe 1 tbsp preserves into bottom of each tart pastry
Combine all remaining ingredients in a separate bowl and mix well. Spoon or pipe syrup mixture into tarts (on top of preserves), filling to $2 / 3$ full.
Bake on bottom shelf of oven at $425^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 13 to 15 minutes Cool completely on wire rack.

## Topping

8 oz Peter's ${ }^{\circ}$ Chatham ${ }^{\ominus}$ milk chocolate, tempered 4 oz Heavy Cream, warmed to $95^{\circ}-100^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ $y$ cream into tempered milk chocolate, allow to Beat ganache with whisk to aerate, and pipe whipped ganache onto tarts using star tip.
Yield: 12 large tarts

## Karla Valera

Food Safety \& Quality Technician Mount Joy, PA
Karla has been working at the Mount Joy location for just over a year, but her family has a greater history there. Her father, José, has been a Maintenance Technician at the site for six years. If you ask anyone at Mount Joy, they'll say they both have been great additions to the team, bringing light and positivity.
As a technician in the FSQR lab, Karla tests each product to make sure it complies with specifications and showcases overall quality measurements for color, fat content, etc. Karla takes pride in assuring efficient, accurate and credible data that translates to reliable products for customers. She also loves her coworkers, cherishing the collaboration and helpfulness present in their true team environment.
We've combined both Karla and José's favorite flavors for inspiration in this month's recipe: Pumpkin Spice Mendiants. Pumpkin Pie is a mutual favorite dessert the two love and the white chocolate background, using Peter's Original, comes from Karla's favorite flavor of chocolate. Tell us a bit about your family.
We're a big Dominican family full of love, laughs, music, support, and comprehension. What's something on your bucket list? Get my US Citizenship





## Daniel Almirante

Batcher/Operator
Georgetown, Ontario
Working at Cargill for the last six years, Daniel has quickly become someone others admire for his work ethic, kindness and light-hearted energy.

The Georgetown location makes many of the products in Cargill's vast portfolio, but the one most dear to our Peter's friends is the Eastchester Icecap. As Batcher and Operator, Daniel has oversight and ownership of this process and production, ensuring the traditional confectionery product remains consistent in sensory and quality.
The final recipe in the 2024 calendar is a nod to Daniel's favorite dessert, Crème Brulee. This truffle showcases rich custard and caramelized flavors and is made with Peter's most popular milk chocolate, Broc, for a tasty combination that amplifies the caramel notes that are famous in the milk chocolate line.
How would your co-workers describe you in three words?
Considerate. Devoted. Adventurous.
What is on your bucket list?
Travel up to the Baltic countries, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, etc.



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