

Featuring this Month **Pulaski #43**

FUN FACTS:

- Opening Date: June 17, 2010
- Years of Service: 60
- Their team has grown tremendously and continue to take every challenge given and crush expectations. They've increased sales and food service by 10% each over the last 10 weeks. They are what Byrne Dairy & Deli strives for... AMAZING!

The Sonbyrne Scoop

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025

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Customer Comments

LYSANDER #3 // 11.19.24

"A friend and I are traveling, and we stopped at this gas station for a snack for the ride. At 5 in the morning you don't expect much. This store was beautiful. It was clean, it was organized, and the coffee and donuts were fresh with a great variety to choose from. The best part by far was the customer service. The cashier was not only wide awake (you don't usually experience that at a gas station at 5 am) but she was attentive. Her sales skills and store knowledge were top tier. I asked which donut was the best; she talked me into buying half a dozen. I asked what coffee was what, and she talked me into buying a travel mug. I apologized for being so demanding of her attention, and she was sincere when she told me it was literally her job to be helpful. She sold my friend a mug as well, and when he asked for a slice of stromboli, she convinced him to buy two when she asked if he preferred an outside one or an inside one, and he said he had no idea, so she gave the pros and cons of each one, so he got one of each. I apologized again after paying and thanked her for her help, and she told me to stop, that I had no reason to be sorry. Carrie made my first visit to a Byrne Dairy one I will not soon forget. First impressions, and this one was phenomenal. Beautiful store, excellent coffee, delicious donuts, the stuffed pizza was to die for, and Carrie was the icing on the cake. If this finds its way to her, please let her know that we couldn't decide on the outside piece or the inside one because they were both excellent, but that being said, her pros and cons list was spot on. Thank you for making the start of our day so great. We left smiling and stayed smiling, and the travel mugs were the better option. Thank you again."

- Lisa Barkley

FULTON RT 3 #50 // 1.28.25

"I live by this location and always visit this location. The employees are always so friendly and welcoming when we go into the location. Today was so busy and crazy that all associates were helping customers or vendors around the store, and it made me feel appreciative to see I was being helped in a timely manner. Thank you to all of your employees!"

- Brenda Pryor

CLAY #125 // 1.23.25

"I am in the store everyday after work and Chelsea and Robin are always friendly and they do a lot to please their customers. Amazing customer satisfaction!!! They care about that store and most of all their customers!!! They deserve lots of recognition!!! Thank you ladies for making my visit always so welcoming!!!!!!"

- Tanya Terry

HR & OPS Vpdates

SURVEYS:

For all of our newer employees we wanted remind you all of the surveys we are sending out after you have been employed for 14 days, 30 days and 90 days. These surveys will come to you via text message from *GoHappy*. They are generally very quick surveys and you will receive a gift certificate once you have completed them. We are really thankful for your feedback as this helps us improve on employee satisfaction and to keep up the areas that we are doing well on.

TRAININGS CHECKLISTS:

Just a friendly reminder to all employees: please ensure that training checklists are completed when you are hired. Once finished, kindly scan the completed checklists and send them to **sonbyrnehr@byrnedairy.com** so they can be added to the employee's file. Receiving these checklists is crucial in helping us ensure that all employees receive the proper training.



YOUR WAY TO MENTAL HEALTH

FEBRUARY 2025

Engaging in physical activity is not just about improving your physical health; it plays a crucial role in enhancing your mental well-being too. Regular movement can help reduce stress, anxiety, and depression while boosting your overall mood.

BENEFITS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

- **Reduces stress:** Physical activity increases the production of endorphins, the body's natural mood lifters, which help to alleviate stress.
- Improves sleep: Regular exercise can help you fall asleep faster and deepen your sleep.
- Enhances creativity and learning: Movement increases blood flow to the brain, which can help improve memory, creativity, and learning.
- **Boosts self-esteem:** Achieving fitness goals, even small ones, can boost confidence and self-esteem.

SIMPLE WAYS TO MOVE YOUR BODY

Walking

 Take a walk in your local park or around your neighborhood. Aim for at least 30 minutes a day.

Dancing

• Put on your favorite music and dance like nobody's watching.

Yoga

• Try a yoga session at home to improve flexibility and reduce stress.

Stretching

• Add stretching sessions into your day, especially during long periods of sitting.

Cycling

• Ride a bike for fun and enjoy the outdoors.



TIPS FOR STAYING MOTIVATED

- Set achievable goals: Start small and gradually increase your activity level. Celebrate your achievements.
- Find a buddy: Exercising with a friend can make activities more enjoyable and keep you accountable.
- Schedule it: Treat your physical activity like an important appointment. Set aside specific times in your week.
- Mix it up: Keep things interesting by trying new activities or varying your routine.

REMEMBER

Your journey to improved mental health through movement is personal. Listen to your body and do what feels right for you. Every step counts, and every movement is a step towards a healthier mind and body.



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Ways to Regulate

1. Deep Breathing Exercises:

- <u>Why it works</u>: focused breathing activates the calming system in your body, which relaxes your muscles and mind.
- How to do it: inhale deeply for 4 seconds, hold for 4, and exhale slowly for 4 seconds. Repeat 3-5 times.

2. Grounding Techniques:

- <u>Why it works</u> grounding techniques help redirect your focus to the present moment, interrupting the stress response.
 <u>How to do it</u>: use the 5-4-3-2-1 method:
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3. Physical Movement:

- <u>Why it works</u>: exercise or movement helps release built-up stress hormones and can trigger a relaxation response.
- <u>How to do it</u>; a short walk, stretching, or any form of light exercise can reset your body's response.

4. Reframing Your Thoughts:

- <u>Why it works</u> changing negative or catastrophic thinking can reduce perceived threats and ease stress.
- <u>How to do it</u>: pause and ask yourself, "What is the evidence for this thought?" and "What is a more balanced perspective?"

Fight vs. Flight Mode

What it means and ways to get out of it.

Fight or Flight is a natural reaction our body has to stress, danger, or perceived threats. It's an automatic response triggered by the sympathetic nervous system (nerves in your body that activate when you're stressed), preparing us to either fight or flee from a situation. In this state, adrenaline surges, heart rate increases, and we experience heightened senses, all of which are designed to help us respond quickly to danger. In modern life, we don't always face physical threats, but we still experience this stress response due to work, relationships, or other stressors. This prolonged or constant activation can lead to anxiety, irritability, and difficulty managing emotions.

The Warning Signs & Symptoms

Examples

Situations

of Triggering

Corp**Care**

Rapid heartbeat

- Shallow or fast breathing
- Sweating
- Tension in the muscles
- Racing thoughts or worry
- Irritability or intense anger
- Feeling overwhelmed or out of control
- Heightened senses
- Increased pupil size
- Increased blood pressure
- A feeling of dread or panic
- Numbness or apathy
- Feeling outside of your own body

• A job interview

- Heavy traffic
- A heated argument with a partner
- Public speaking
- Sudden loud noise
- A workplace confrontation

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Monthly Food Safety Tip

Sometimes we get so focused on our work that we forget about the most important thing in our stores - the people! Our guests and our staff are sometimes standing right in front of us and we don't even acknowledge them because we are so busy doing other things, which is crazy because those "other things" that we are doing are to help serve those people! All humans react positively to a "Good Morning!!" accompanied with a smile. So I'd like you to try this out - task your staff to say "Hello!" or "Good Morning!" to every single person who walks in the door this morning and watch how it improves the energy and the mood of your store, your guests, and your employees. And tell everyone to do it - not just the cashiers.

It costs you nothing but will improve your day!



Featuring February's STAR



Dimitri McGuinness

ELECTRONICS PARKWAY #136

Dimitri has been with team 136 since it opened 3 years ago; his dedication and ability are beyond something to rave about. He does well in all environments, not only encouraging himself but also others around him along the way daily. I have enjoyed seeing his skill set advance in the past year under new leadership in the Salt City district; he truly takes everything with a great deal of concern and puts anything that is asked of him into motion. Thanks so much, Dimitri, for all you do at Byrne 136. You are a true rockstar!!

Tanya Doughty, District Manager

Employee Spotlight

Michelle Parker

CORPORATE OFFICE MICHELLE'S HIRE DATE: 12/4/2000 JOB TITLE: ACCOUNTING CLERK



I have had the pleasure of working with Michelle for 21 years. Her dependability and work ethic are an inspiration to everyone around her.

She always goes above and beyond what is expected of her and is willing to jump in to help anyone at any time. She is a loyal and trusted person and without her I wouldn't be able to successfully do my job.

During her time with Sonbyrne she has transitioned through three computer systems and has been able to adapt and excel flawlessly. She consistently exceeds expectations and sets a higher bar for everyone.

Thank you, Michelle, for all your hard work and dedication. Your efforts are appreciated more than you know.

Colleen Taylor, Office Manager

What do you enjoy most about being part of the team?

The best part of this team is that we all work together. I love that this company is so family oriented and family comes first.

Outside of work, what are some of your hobbies or passions?

I love spending time with my family. I love Football. I am a huge Buffalo Bills and Ohio State fan. Most of the time I spend my weekends at the motocross track watching my husband and son race.





Marketing Vpdates

Featured Ice Cream Strawberry & Grasshopper Pie

Featured Sandwich Meatball Sub



Featured Milk Strawberry & Mint

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

FEB - CHOCOLATE MONTH

- 1st Dark Chocolate Day
- 2nd Groundhog Day
- 3rd Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
- 7th Bubble Gum Day
- 9th Pizza Day & Superbowl
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 17th Presidents Day
- 20th Muffin Day
- 22nd Chili Day
- 27th Strawberry Day

MAR - FROZEN FOOD MONTH

- 1st Peanut Butter Lover's
- 3rd Soup it Forward
- 4th Snack Day
- 6th Frozen Food & Oreo Cookie Day
- 7th Cereal Day
- 9th Meatball Day
- 10th Daylight Savings
- 12th Milky Way Day
- 14th Potato Chip Day
- 17th St. Patrick's & Corned Beef and Cabbage
- 19th Poultry Day

THE SONBYRNE SCOOP



Tracy Acee Melissa Allen Deborah Amo Helene Anthony Alexandra Arcaro Judith Baldo Shawniqua Barber Sienna Baron **Paige Beaty** Jennifer Bellows Lance Bishop **Alexis Blair Brianna Brame** Jessica Brown James Brownell **Maurice Brumfield Terence Burgess Catherine Bush Tammy Callahan Dominick Carfora Aaliyah Carmichael Ashley Chase** Isaiah Clarke Adam Coe Sabrina Conklin **David Cook Christopher Coons Alexis Cornwell Karianne Cummings Christopher David James Davis-Reed** Marissa DeGroat **Charity Demeurisse** Sophia Demilio

Taylor Depalma Annabelle Dickens **Christopher Dineen Renee Drake Ashley Duncan Christian Dunne** Alektra Elliott **Alexander Eppley** Azsha Estell Saralynn Farber **Brandon Fischer Tara Fistick Benjamin Ford** Matthew Gaston **Brian Germano Michael Gill Jamie Grant Jaimison Green** Jessica Hart **Corinne Hence** Zoey Henderson **Danajah Hester Kyie Howell** Dawn Hromada Alyssa Jensen **Gretchen Justiniano** Justin Kahlke **Diezel Kelly Crystal Kimpel** Heidi Kluth Marissa Kopp **Catherine LaVergne** Zachary Leetz Nathan Leetz

Jessica Locorini **Joseph Lohnes Echo Longley** Samantha Look Alexandria Loomis **Conner Love** Cody Major **Jordan Majors** Jordan Martin **Kelly Merritt** Moriah Mitchell **Caitlyn Moebs Trystin Moore** Eric Moore Sophia Moore **Daniel Morehouse** Kristi Morquecho Skylar Mosher Scott Nesbitt Freya Nilsen Fanizzi **Stefanie Oneill Brendan Petranek Mary Pettitt Kaitlin Pfund Thomas Phelan** William Powell Lauren Powless **Ellen Prior Daisy Ramos** Amy Rantucci **Darlene Reid Michael Reynolds** Valerie Rich **Rosemary Riegler**

Judith Roberto **Nalayah Robinson** Nicole Roddenbery Margarita Rodriguez Joshua Scarpino **Kimberly Schultz Rheanna Shockency Tiffany Skinner** Kerri Sloan **Marcus Snow Kyle Soberanais Catherine Sokolov** Veronica Soria Melissa Soudan-Radcliffe **Kimberly Sprague** Maureen Stagnitti Jennifer Staiger John Stark James Stedge **Emily Steinacher Amy Sterling** Lisa Stoughtenger **Christopher Thoma Madison Tyler** Domitri Valentin **Jazmine Vann** Kenado Virgo Myra Waller Andria Weaver **BethAnn Whelan Kaliesha Whittico** Marshall Winn **Danielle Wright** Melissa Zimmerman



Karen Arnold Dale Barrows Demetrius Beach Amanda Beeching **Deborah Besaw** Brian Bieganowski **Cody Blaney** Jennifer Bloss **Kasey Bogan** Haley Brock **Gerald Brown** Mariah Bruinsma **Christian Brunelle Tabatha Buck Steven Burnside Lonnie Bushnell** Joseph Calabrese Jennifer Camello **Heather Campbell Antonio Canales Brandon Carney Devon Carolla Bobbi Carter** Jayson Cesarini Sandra Chapin Samantha Church Miranda Cleveland **Raymond Cooke Allison Cooter Keegan Corbett-Bean August Corso** Natalia Cruz David Daddario Nicole Danizio John DeSantis

Lindsay Dillon Andre Dinnerson **Tanya Doughty** Hope Downey Harold Drown **Blake Duncan Sky Fagner** Terra Fagner **Mackenzie Field Kolby Fleming Lily Fleming Aaron Flood** Hannah Forbes Mallachi Gaters Tyler Gizzarelli **Ryan Gorman Jamison Griffin** Patti Griffin Maria Guerrero Joan Guerrette Joshuah Hagenbuch Jennifer Hall **Tresa Hammond** Jaedyn Hendrix **Nezekiah Hill** Sadie Hill Lilli Holcomb **Daniel Holland Ryan Houck** Anastasia Hyde Barbara Janaskie **Craig Johnson** Dakota Johnson **David Johnson** Adam Johnston

Alexander Jones Breanna Jones Susan June Tricia Justian **Richard Kelly** Nicole Kenyon Jessica King **Katrina Kirkpatrick** Rebecca Kunkel Jessica Laird James Lanier Matthew Larkin Adam Leonard Vernay Magana Leslie Manwaring Allan Martinez **Constance Masten** Heather McCallister Jesse Mccauliffe Alexander McEwen Nicholas Menkins **Bernard Meyers** Alicia Mitchell Jakob Montano **Robert Moon** Joshua Murray **Mary Nadeau Robert Natoli** John Northrup **April Oldaker** Ashley Olson Kelly O'Neal Leigha Oneill **Christine Ordway Ryan Ortlieb**

Caroline Parody Stephanie Pescini **Kory Platt Uniqnious Porcha** Nicole Pragle William Purdy Emma Rose Layla Russ Samantha Sealey **Tania Shaughnessy** Antonio Siscoe **Carolyn Smith Ciani Smith Maureen Smith Queenisha Smith** Nyla Snyder Shane Sorell Minuette Stanton **Rylee Strindberg** Matthew Sutch Jordan Sweeney Veronica Sweeney Christopher Tarbox Michael Van Houten **Colleen Waite** Dominick Walker Kimeka Wineglass **Kaitlynn Wollek** Vaquez Woodard Mary Wright Bryonna Yestrumsky **Kristina Young** Marissa Young

February Anniversaries

Below are employees who completed another full year at Sonbyrne and Byrne Dairy & Deli.

Congratulations and thank you for all of your hard work!

| 1 YEAR | 2 YEARS | 4 YEARS | 10 YEARS |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Stephanie Arocho | Crystal Ashwell | Joseph Demauro | Peter Elliott |
| Bianca Berg | Austin Carosella | Kenneth Kimpel | |
| James Brownell | Xzavier Carter | Joshua Payzant | 12 YEARS |
| Nicholas Chrissley | Catherine Clappin | | Tamara Kelsey |
| Meghan Cleveland | Lisa Grego | 5 YEARS | |
| David Delpriore | Lisa Lafritz | Lashanda Lake | 14 YEARS |
| Adam Hartle | Andrew Okoniewski | | Tanya Doughty |
| Mackenzie Johnston | Nathaniel Recor | 6 YEARS | Kelly Magee |
| David Kausch | Darlene Reid | Jessica Bohart | |
| Donald Lamb | Heather Stage | Ashley Bollinger | 18 YEARS |
| Adriel Lopez | | Jean Fisher | Brenda Leader |
| Alexander Mandujano | 3 YEARS | Cory Kotanich | |
| Erin Marmontello | Roy Clarke | | 21 YEARS |
| Crystal Mattes | Nicole Gaglianese | 7 YEARS | Colleen Taylor |
| Caitlyn Moebs | Corey Klauder | Marie Waskiewicz | |
| Annette Mullins | Daniel Morehouse | | |
| Ava Renna | Latif Richardson | 8 YEARS | |
| Bryant Santiago | DeAnna Ryan | Laurie Benjamin | |
| Carolyn Smith | | | |



March Anniversaries

Below are employees who completed another full year at Sonbyrne and Byrne Dairy & Deli.

Congratulations and thank you for all of your hard work!

1 YEAR

Lydia Anderson Christian Ayala Loretta Ayers Sienna Baron Russell Benfer Dylan Blair **Christian Bristol** Wayne Cash Laurie Cirigliano Danielle Crowley Brianna Daggett Joseph Davis Lindsay Dillon Samantha Dimora Ryan Doughty Blake Duncan Alektra Elliott Mackenzie Field Mykala Girvin Katrina Hill Dawn Hromada Jayden Hunkins Geana Ingison Barbara Janaskie Izabella Jensen

Jainna Kelly Nathan Manos Abu Marrah Terri McGurk McKayla McNeilly Tvren Mcrae Jakob Montano Freya Nilsen Fanizzi Maleek Pointer Joshua Rogers Aaron Simmons Kayla Solosky Jenny Torres Jazmine Vann

2 YEARS

Lesly Vasquez

Hassan Ali **Robert Barnes** Marissa DeGroat Melissa Dunaway Kolby Fleming Emmeline Foster Rodney Geranis **Kimberly Kelly** Jordan Majors

Dylan Maynard Carlee McCall Alan Miller Alyssa Ritchie Anthony Roscoe **Gage Simmons** Dakota Williams

3 YEARS

Sara Clarke Michael Gill Derek Hildreth Alyssa Lopez Kaitlin Pfund Ashley Skinner **Timothy Strassner** Jennifer Tedesco Michael Ward

4 YEARS Michael Todaro

5 YEARS Taylor Depalma Carrie Pitcher

7 YEARS

David Branagh Jamie Grant Jason O'reilly Julie-Anna Santiago Nicholas Wager

8 YEARS Kevin Catlin

9 YEARS Sharon Henderson

10 YEARS Melissa Swim

12 YEARS Jamie Moreno Bobby Potter

15 YEARS Pamela Clark

18 YEARS Joshua Martin















