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Dunmorean of the Month: Alyssa Bielinski



BY STEVE SVETOVICH

Dunmore graduate Alyssa Bielinski served as director of Pennsylvania State University's THON that raised \$13.7 million last month for Four Diamonds Penn State Children's Hospital in Hershey.

"The money was raised so families of children in this hospital do not have to worry about a bill," the 2018 Dunmore graduate said. "The money will also be used for funds and research."

Alyssa, 22, put in countless hours of time and effort to help raise money over the past year.

THON was held Feb. 18 to 20 at Penn State at State College. The event was held for 46 consecutive hours with students standing or dancing the entire time to raise money for the cause.

THON 2022 marked its return to the Bryce Jordan Center with its highest fund-raising total to date. Last year's THON was forced to go virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving behind a filled Bryce Jordan Center for a Zoom live stream where dancers participated from home.

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Bishop Joseph Bambera's statement on Ukraine

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera released the following statement regarding the invasion of Ukraine:

Like many of you, I am saddened and heartbroken by the humanitarian crisis that continues to unfold in Ukraine. Our world should be long past the need for anyone to wake up at 5 a.m. to the sound of explosions, rocket attacks and air raid sirens.

I ask you to join me in praying for peace, an immediate end to the Russian invasion, and a respect for international law. I also ask you to join me in praying for the more than 40 million innocent women, men and children currently living in Ukraine, and most especially the victims of this conflict and their families.

On behalf of the clergy, deacons, consecrated religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Scranton, I express our firm solidarity with Ukrainian Catholics and Ukrainians here in northeastern and north central Pennsylvania and in Ukraine itself.

Now more than ever, our world is in need of healing and hope. I also urge everyone to participate in the call of Pope Francis to make March 2, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. As Our Holy Father has said, 'May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.'

The following prayer is very dear to the Ukrainian people. I suggest that it be offered on their behalf.

*We fly to Your patronage, O Virgin Mother of God.
Despise not our prayers in our needs,
but deliver us from all dangers, since you alone are pure and blessed. O most glorious ever-Virgin Mary,
the Mother of Christ our God, accept our prayers
and present them to Your Son and our God,
that for the sake of you, He enlighten and save our souls.*

Editors Note: Various Catholic agencies, including the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and the international Caritas confederation, have already started to collect donations to aid with the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, as people flee to escape Russian bombing and shelling. For a list of agencies, please visit dioceseofscranton.org.



The Mayor's Message

By Max Conway

It has been a busy first month in the Dunmore mayor's office! One of the main highlights of this month was the sale of a blighted property located on Green Ridge Street that the Borough purchased last year. We recently sold the property to an individual who plans to renovate and revive the home back to its original grandness!

In addition to our continued fight against blight, we also started to take a closer look at potential options to remedy the problems with the Mill Street Bridge. I have been in contact with PennDot as well as our federal and state representatives to brainstorm ideas for potential solutions for a challenge that has been kicked down the road for far too long.

Some other things we have been working on include making significant progress on our "Safe Transfer Zone." As a reminder, the safe zone will ensure a significantly safer experience with online transactions and domestic exchanges. We hope to have the safe zone fully operational at the Borough Building in the next few weeks.

We have also been looking into updating our Borough website, a mass notification system for announcements and alerts, and potential updates to Dunmore Corners!

If you would like to keep up to date on other announcements and information, please follow me on Facebook at Mayor Max Conway!



(See additional photos and story about Alyssa Bielinski and THON on Pages 1 and 3)



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Dunmorean of Month: THON director Alyssa Bielinski

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THON 2022: Spark Endless Light celebrated its 50th anniversary and a return to the Bryce Jordan Center. THON 2022 shattered the 2014 record by raising \$13,756,374.50 to combat childhood cancer.

There were some changes this year due to the pandemic. Children with active cancer treatment were not able to attend. All attendees had to adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols.

In 1973, 78 dancers stood for 30 hours in the first Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon at the HUB-Robeson Center, raising about \$2,000 for charity.

Since then, it has evolved into the world's largest student-run philanthropy and has raised more than \$200 million to combat pediatric cancer.

The Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon or THON is a student-run philanthropy committed to enhancing the lives of children and families impacted by cancer. Its mission is to provide emotional and financial support, spread awareness, and ensure funding for critical research - all in pursuit of a cure.

Students, volunteers and Four Diamonds families joined together at the Bryce Jordan Center for 46 hours.

The volunteers gave children and

their families the opportunity to forget their cancer diagnosis.

Close to 700 students were recognized as dancers for THON Weekend, a feat that entails standing on their feet for the entirety of the weekend.

Daughter of AnnMarie Bielinski, Alyssa has volunteered for THON since her freshman year at Penn State.

She was named Special Events Director this year as a senior. She was previously on the rules and regulation committee.

Well-spoken and articulate, Alyssa is a senior Rehab and Human Services major. She has a 3.7 grade point average at Penn State.

Alyssa graduated seventh in her class at Dunmore High School where she attained a 97 academic average.

She was a member of TACT, SADD, Spanish Club, Earth Club and National Honor Society. She played four years of softball and was captain as a first baseman in her senior year.

Her plan after college graduation is to work in the non-profit development field of human services. She would like to add an internship before she enters the work world.

She said her experience with THON has been fulfilling.

"It has been absolutely amazing," she said. "You really grow as a person and it prepares you for life after

college. You meet so many people and it is very rewarding. You get to hear and share so many stories. It is an awesome experience

"I go to a lot of weekly meetings and lead a committee of 18 captains. There are 109 committee members. Special Events Director is a full year effort."

This year's event started at 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, and concluded at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 20.

Alyssa said emergency medical staff and athletic trainers were on standby for the dancers.

"This is a year-round effort for me," she said. "We are involved in events to raise money throughout the entire year."

Mature beyond her young years, Alyssa said THON partners with the Penn State football team, holds a 5K run with over 3,000 runners in October, and runs a family carnival in December, among other charitable functions.

"The THON Weekend is our visible event, but my job is to continue with events year-round.

"This was a record-breaking year. It was so humbling to see all of this emotional support coming back. We contacted a lot of organizations and raised so much money through our fund-raising efforts.

"This has been such an amazing experience. I have built so many wonderful relationships through this over the past four years.



"It is such an experience that I can not even measure its worth. It will certainly help prepare me for life beyond college."

See additional photos on Pages 1 and 3.

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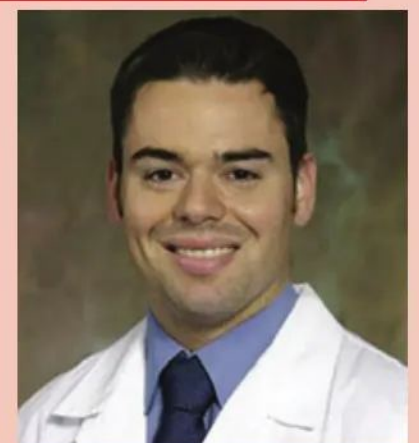


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With Steve Svetovich



Looking at the calendar recently, this scribe realized it was an anniversary of sorts

It was in the late winter of 1982 when a now 40-year run of writing stories began.

Having finished studies at the University of Scranton mid-year, this student had an opportunity to attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania on a graduate assistantship to study sports sciences with a concentration in sports management.

That was not to be.

A scholarship was also on the table to obtain a master of science degree in health care administration from Marywood University

That was also not to be.

After much deliberation, I decided to stay local, get a job, and try my hand at freelance writing.

I started by writing five sports columns during the spring semester for *The Aquinas* at the University of Scranton.

My first published article entitled "Old Men Still Play Ball" focused on all of the MLB players who were still active at the time in their 40's. That group included Pete Rose, Tony Perez, Phil Neikro, Gaylord Perry, Woodie "Old Folks" Fryman, Willie "Pops" Stargell, and Carl Yastrzemski among others.

Shortly after, my connection

with the late John McCormick, then sports editor of *The Scranton Times*, led me to covering football games for several years for that newspaper.

After a grueling 10-month period of unemployment while writing freelance stories, Danny Ziobro hired me full time to work in the Mercy Hospital Central Supply Department in Scranton.

That allowed me to continue pursuing free-lance writing interests. This scribe latched on with *The Pennsylvania Athlete* newspaper covering all high school sports in northeast and central PA on a freelance basis. That relationship lasted from 1982 until the *PA Athlete* eventually folded in 1997.

During my time at Mercy Hospital, I met the late Jim Crowley, one of the famed members of The Four Horsemen of Notre Dame. My recorded interview with him was published in various local newspapers, including *The Times Leader* and *Pennsylvania Athlete*.

I also wrote sports stories those years on a freelance basis for *The Times Leader*, *The Dallas Post*, *The Wayne Independent* and *The Carbondale News*.

After leaving the Mercy Hospital job and working for a short time in

Looking back on forty years of journalistic writing career

Seaside Heights, N.J., this scribe decided to pursue writing on a full-time basis.

In March of 1986, on a nice spring day with birds chirping all over Nanticoke, I interviewed baseball's only one-armed position player, Pete Gray of the 1945 St. Louis Browns, on the back porch of his home.

The interview got my name out there. It was heard on WARM Radio, published in the *Hazleton Standard Speaker* and *The Baseball Bulletin*, a national publication.

It earned me a United Press International (UPI) award for best sports story in a small market in New Jersey or Pennsylvania and is in the National Baseball Hall of Fame where I was given a lifetime pass. The interview can be heard world-wide today on the Internet through the Society for American Baseball Research.

During the time I was trying to get the Pete Gray story published, a New York Times editor gave me a valuable piece of advice after reviewing the story.

He told me he read the story with interest, could not use it at the time, and was sending me a \$75 check just for reading it.

His advice was simple and sweet. "Don't beg."

As a 25-year-old at the time, a strong lesson was learned.

I will never forget it.

Shortly after, I began writing a monthly column for *The Baseball Bulletin*.

I took a full time position at *The*

Potter Enterprise in Coudersport, PA in October 1986. The experience in Potter County was fulfilling, but then a 10-month position opened up at *The Scrantonian Tribune* as a general assignment reporter to replace the late Robert Curran who took a leave to write a book.

That assignment was extended an extra two months and it proved to be an enlightening and invaluable experience covering all aspects of news under tight deadlines. I will always be indebted to a certain group of editors who took an interest in me. That group included the late Doug Miele, the late Ray Flanagan, Joe Pesavento, Lew Marcus, Dunmore's Guy Valvano, and Maureen (Garcia-Pons) Hart, who is now my editor at *The Dunmorean*.

Eventually, Curran came back and I was out of work. But not for long. I became a reporter for a six-month period with *The Hawley News Eagle*.

After a short stint with Telespond Senior Services, Adams Manor Nursing Home hired me as a social worker. My social sciences degree was put to work.

I then enrolled at Misericordia University in Dallas where I pursued a second degree in occupational therapy, graduating six years later. As a writer, you always need a backup plan.

Hal Lewis, the managing editor of *The Scrantonian Tribune*, made sure I was not away too long from

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The Greater Scranton Chapter of The Penn State Alumni Association will hold its annual "Recruiting Night" on Friday, March 11, at the Penn State Scranton Campus, Dunmore, in the Study Learning Center at the View Café. For the seventh consecutive year, the guest presenter will be Donnie Collins, a columnist and the Penn State beat reporter for the Scranton Times-Tribune. Collins will present a video presentation of the Penn State incoming football recruiting class of 2022 as well as a discussion of the football program and a Q&A session. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the presentation at 7. There is no charge for the general public. The Chapter "Recruiting Night" committee shown from left are: Jeff Mallas, Chapter President, Sara Rinkaunas and Ted Zayac.

Holy Name Society hosts 64th Communion Breakfast



SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish Holy Name Society, Dunmore held its 64th Annual Communion Breakfast recently at La Buona Vita. The day began with 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church celebrated by the Reverend David P. Cappelloni, pastor. Music was provided by the parish choir under the direction of Joseph Moffitt. Shown seated from left: Dave Martin, Director of Athletics, University of Scranton, the principal speaker; Father Cappelloni, who offered invocation and benediction, Bruce Coyer, toastmaster, and Carlo Pisa, Holy Name president, who gave the opening remarks. Standing: Jim Colangelo, Pio M. Ferrario Christian Witness award winner, and Rick Sabato, general chairman.



Rev. David P. Cappelloni, right, pastor, presented Jim Colangelo, left, with the Pio M. Ferrario Christian Witness Award during the 64th annual Communion Breakfast of SS. Anthony and Rocco Parish Holy Name Society, Dunmore.



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Due to weather disruptions and travel restrictions, the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple's 6th Annual Winter Blues Guitarmageddon featuring Joe Louis Walker with King Solomon Hicks, Dustin Douglas & the Electric Gentlemen and the Deb Callahan Duo was postponed and rescheduled for Sunday, March 27 at 6 p.m.

All tickets will be honored at the rescheduled date. Patrons can contact their original point of purchase or the CC's Fidelity Bank Box Office at (570) 344-1111 with any questions.

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- Martha H.



The installation of new members into the Dunmore Lions Club took place at the District Governor's visitation dinner held recently at Carmella's Restaurant; Dunmore. District Governor Cathy Metschulat welcomed the new members and hoped they would become actively involved with the many humanitarian programs and services that the Dunmore Lions have sponsored throughout its history dating as far back as 1952. She thanked the club for all the great work they have done and will continue to do, particularly in working with the less fortunate within the Dunmore community. Pictured from left are: new member Cindy Church, District Governor Cathy Metschulat, Lion Sponsor Rich Green, new member Thomas Cola, and Second Vice Governor Dave Rudis.



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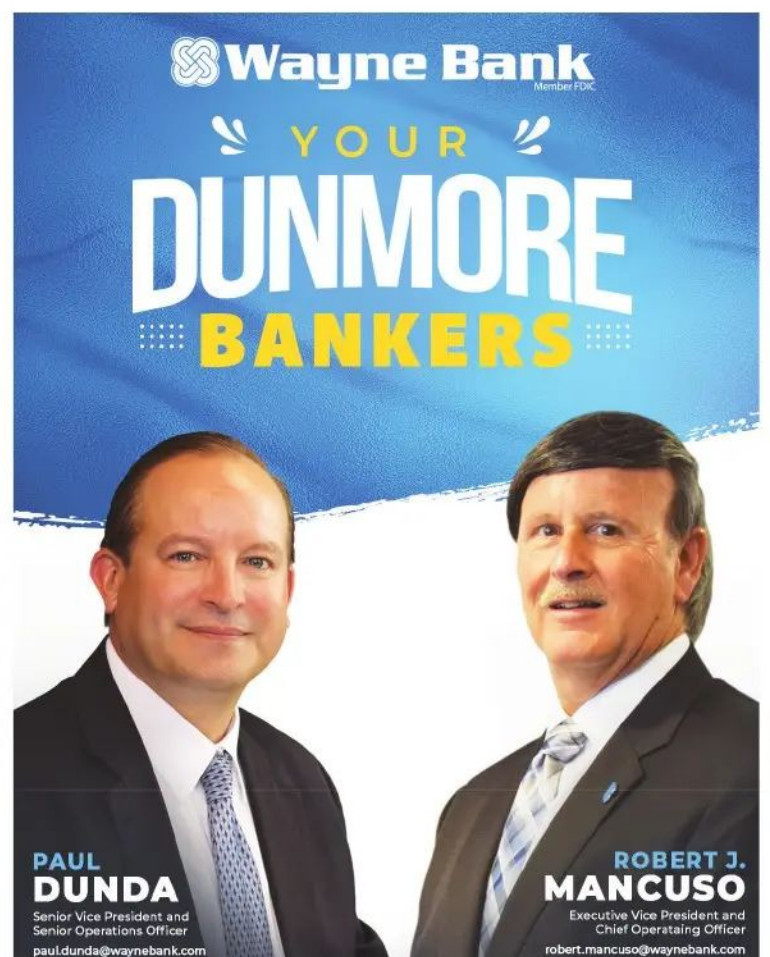
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DOIN DUNMORE: 7,000 stories later....

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that newspaper. He hired me as the Dunmore and Clarks Summit correspondent.

I was a social worker by day and news reporter by night. I held that position until the *Scrantonian Tribune* ultimately folded in

late 1989.

Former employees of the *Scrantonian Tribune* started their own publication, *The Sunday Sun*. This scribe became a big part of that as

both sports editor and Dunmore correspondent.

The *Sunday Sun* eventually folded after a year.

Within a week, I made an easy transition joining former *Scrantonian Tribune* editor John Hart's publication with *The Dunmorean*

in 1990.

I have not left since. And I have John and Maureen Hart to thank for that.

And over 7,000 stories later from the first one 40 years ago, this scribe is still writing and shooting for another 7,000.

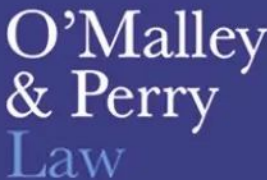


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The Greater Scranton YMCA's Swim Team recently attended the YMCA Penn-Del Monroe Division Championship Meet. Many of the swimmers achieved their personal best times, while the 8-and-under girls were awarded a team plaque for having the most overall points for the 2021/2022 League Season. Shown from left are: Liesel Gabriel, Ellie Siciliano, Siona Cawthern, and Talia Fediw.

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Lenten concert

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The concert is free and open to the public. There will be a freewill offering. Brenda Grunza is president of the Catholic Choral Society. Ann Manganiello is music director of the chorus; Kimberly

Gnall is accompanist.

Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at www.catholicchoralsociety.org.

SCC improv show

The current cast members of the Emmy-nominated TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" will present their new improv tour: "WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY?" appearing live in concert at the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple on April 29 at 8 p.m.

The show is 90 minutes of hilarious improvised comedy and song, all based on audience suggestions. Cast members are Greg Proops, Jeff B. Davis, Ryan

Stiles, and Joel Murray. Audience participation is key to the show, so bring your suggestions and you might be asked to join the cast onstage!

This particular style of improvisational comedy is rife with countless gags, one-liners, hilarious games and even songs so good you will hardly believe they were made up on the spot. Ryan All ages are welcome.

Tickets for "WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY?" are on sale ranging from \$46-56 (plus fees) and are available for purchase at the Fidelity Bank Box Office at the SCC in person or by calling (570) 344-1111, or via Ticketmaster. For more information or to view a full schedule of events. Visit SCCMT.org.

MFA information

Marywood University will hold a virtual Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Information Session on Wednesday, March 30, from 4-5 p.m. This information session is free and open to anyone who is interested in pursuing a low-residency master of fine arts degree. To register, please visit marywood.edu/mfainfo. Marywood's "Get Your Master's with the Masters" MFA program for designers and illustrators is designed for those who are working full time, but who are also interested in earning a terminal degree.

For details about the Information Session, contact Steven Brower, MFA, director of the "Get Your Master's with the Masters" MFA program at Marywood University, at (570) 348-6211, ext. 2569, or email sbrower@marywood.edu.

Workforce presentation

Skills in Scranton, the workforce development affiliate of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, will host a State of the Workforce virtual presentation on Thursday, March 3 from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. All school administrators, guidance counselors, curriculum writers, teachers, and school board directors in Lackawanna County are invited to attend.

Guest speaker, Teri Ooms, executive director of The Institute for Public Policy will present on topics including where to find workers, today's job opportunities, the skills and education needed to fulfill them, as well as where the workforce is headed in the next decade.

Those interested in attending can RSVP to Karen Durkin at kdurkin@scrantonchamber.com.

Takeout breakfast

The Women's Society of St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church, North St. Frances Cabrini Avenue, West Scranton, is sponsoring its annual takeout St. Joseph Day Breakfast, on Sunday, March 20.

The abundant meal includes eggs, scratch pancakes, home fries, olives, honey-baked ham and breads. Hours are 9 am-1 pm. Tickets for adults are \$10 and children ages 6-10 are \$6. Fragrant St. Joseph Bread will be available in two loaf packages for \$5 until sold out. Tickets are available at the door.

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On Feb. 23, 2022, I celebrated my dog's 11th birthday. Celebrations included extra attention and a bowl full of pulled pork, a drastic deviation from the daily double dose of kibble.

Killian, my English Springer Spaniel, is the first dog I ever owned. Against the advice of several friends and attorneys alike, I brought Killian home from a horse farm after completing my first year of law school.

The naysayers were suggesting that I wouldn't have the time to care for a dog while studying law. Truthfully, you have more time for a dog than you'd think. During law school there is a lot of work, but when you're not in a classroom, you're typically home reading.

And nothing helps get through the monotony of studying than to peer over a page of case law to see

your furry companion just staring at you in adoration, wondering when you will say the magic word "OUTSIDE."

Killian helped my three years at law school fly by, but the time he was most beneficial was during the grueling 10-week preparation for the bar exam.

Right after graduating, you immediately start studying for the bar exam. And the level of attention and the demanding schedule is nothing like studying for a typical law school course.

During the 10-week bar preparation program, the only time I had to myself was when making dinner and taking Killian outside to play fetch. He loved retrieving a tennis ball no matter how many times I would throw it. And while he enjoyed it immensely, it helped me even more. It was the only shred of normalcy I

experienced during those 10 weeks.

Over a decade later, I can consider myself a seasoned dog owner and I understand what that title means. Particularly now, after experiencing an overall change in society and how we conduct business due to the pandemic, owning a dog has also transformed.

While it's no secret that the landscape of work has drastically changed due to the pandemic, wherein people are leaving traditional jobs, leaving brick and mortar establishments, and working remotely, the reasons against returning to the old ways of work now include a new sense of dog attachment for many.

As mentioned above, I was fortunate in that I was able to spend a lot of time with Killian during law school. But before the pandemic, many people were unable to expe-

rience that level of companionship because at some point in the day they had to leave home for work. That changed. During the pandemic, dog owners were able to spend more time with their pups, and the resultant effects are starting to show.

Separation anxiety is a common occurrence for dogs when their owners leave the house, and we all know how that can end up—chewed furniture, torn drapes, and any other type of mischief and destruction you can imagine.

But a recent trend shows a form of separation anxiety from the dog-owner's standpoint. People don't want to leave their dogs alone.

75% of U.S.-based remote workers surveyed in July by Digital.com (an independent reviews website that aids small businesses online presence) said they wanted to stay remote so they could take care of their pets.

And to entice people to leave their homes and come back to a traditional workplace, there's been a shift in the U.S. with many companies, even public sector work, allowing employees to bring their dogs to work with them.

According to aboutamazon.com, the retail magnet's headquarters welcomed as many as 7,000 dogs on any given day, before the pandemic. Due to the apparent influx in pet ownership for younger generations, more and more employers are creating pet friendly policies at the workplace.

So where does this leave us? With our pets having a larger role in our lives, both at home and at work, there's the inevitable inclination to provide more for them besides a bowl of pulled pork.

With many progressive employers creating pet policies, they're offering benefits as well. Some businesses are providing discounted pet insurance, pet care stipends, paid time off for bereavement, etc.

These are all nice incentives and may help someone in choosing their next line of work. But it begs the question of when might we be doing too much for our furry friends?

Leona Helmsley, a New York Hotel heiress, left the bulk of her estate to her white Maltese dog named Trouble.

Specifically, Leona left \$12 million to the Trustees of the Leona Helmsley July 2005 Trust, which was created for the sole benefit of Trouble.

Her will further instructed that upon Trouble's passing, her remains were to be buried next to Leona's remains in her mausoleum.

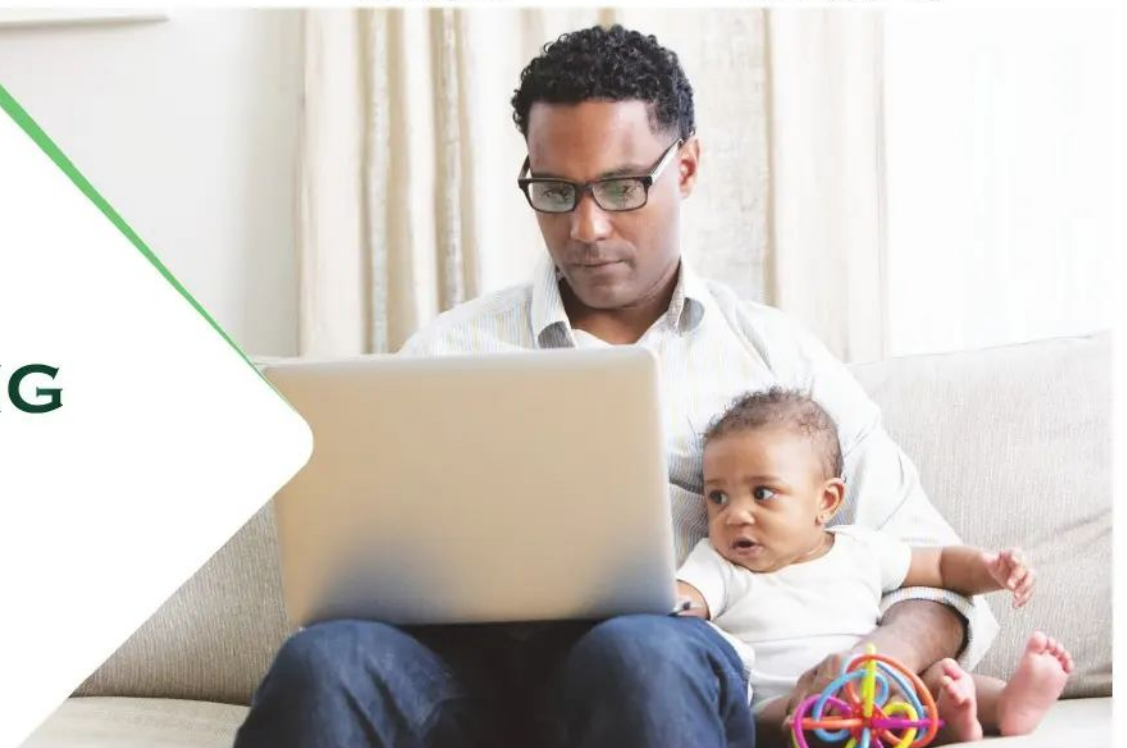
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Try these delicious recipes for Lenten meals

Winter holidays are gone, and in the blink of an eye, it's Lent. Many people, including myself and my husband, still adhere to "meatless" Fridays during the weeks prior to Easter. I'm always looking for new recipes as the "same old, same old" dishes can become boring. What's on your menu for these Fridays? Pizza?

Pasta? Potato pancakes? Fish? Shellfish? Grilled cheese?

Growing up when the Catholic Church didn't allow meat on any Fridays all year, our mother fixed tuna salad. To this day, I strongly dislike tuna salad.

So here are some easy, special dishes to add to your "meatless Friday" repertoire:

SHRIMP SENSATION

4 lbs. jumbo (16-20), shelled
4 oz. butter, melted
1 cup fresh bread crumbs

Split shrimp down middle, and arrange on a baking tray. Brush with butter and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Broil 5 minutes or until done. Arrange on a platter and pour sauce over.

Sauce:
4 scallions
2 cloves garlic
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup lemon juice
Salt, to taste
3/4 cup cream sherry
2 sticks butter
3/4 cup Dijon mustard

Chop scallions finely and press garlic. Add Worcestershire, lemon juice, salt and sherry. Mix butter with mustard until soft and smooth. Add to rest of sauce. Boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Serves 8.

CRAB MELT

1 lb. crabmeat
1/4 cup diced celery
1/4 cup diced red onion
4 hard-boiled eggs, diced
1/2 tsp. Old Bay Seasoning
1/4 tsp. dill weed
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup sour cream
4 English muffins
8 slices tomato
8 slices Cheddar cheese

Combine first 8 ingredients in a medium bowl. Separate muffins. Top each muffin half with 1 slice of tomato, crab mixture, and 1 slice of Cheddar. Broil in oven just until cheese melts. Serves 4.

Cheryl's Cuisine



By Cheryl Radkiewicz

SCRUMPTIOUS BAY SCALLOPS

3/4 bread crumbs
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
4 Tbsp. butter
2 Tbsp. oil
2 stalks celery, sliced
1 1/2 medium onions, chopped
6 Tbsp. flour
1 cup milk
1/2 cup white wine
4 oz. Cheddar cheese, sliced
1 lb. bay scallops

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare topping by combining bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese in a small bowl. Melt butter and oil in medium saucepan. Sauté celery and onions. Blend in flour to make a paste; cook one full minute over medium heat. Gradually add milk, stirring after each addition. Stir wine into sauce. Add cheese

and let it melt into sauce, stirring frequently. Fold in scallops. Pour into greased 2-quart casserole dish. Sprinkle on topping. Bake for 20-30 minutes until bubbly. Serve over noodles or rice. Serves 5.

DIJON FISH FILLET

8 oz. fresh fish fillet such as flounder or cod
2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup sour cream
Cracked pepper

Rinse fish and pat dry. Coat baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Put fish in pan. Mix lemon juice, mustard and Worcestershire and spread on fish. Cover with sour cream. Sprinkle

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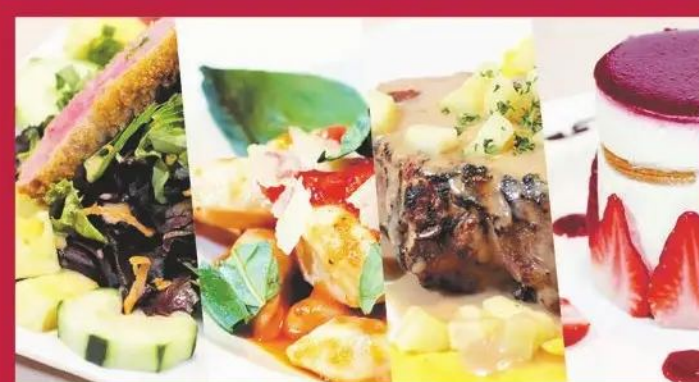
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with cracked pepper. Bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Serve immediately. Serves 2.

PASTA WITH TOMATO-ARTICHOKE SAUCE

1/3 cup olive oil
1 small red onion, chopped
2-6 oz. jars marinated artichoke hearts, drained
1-28 oz. can Italian plum tomatoes
1 Tbsp. capers, chopped
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
12 oz. angel hair pasta, cooked
1/2 cup Parmesan, freshly grated

Heat olive oil in large pan over medium heat. Add onion and saute' 5 minutes or until softened. Add artichokes to onions and cook 3 minutes. Add tomatoes and crush

in pan so they are chunked. Add capers and season with salt and pepper. Cook briskly over medium heat about 10 minutes. Toss with pasta and add cheese. Serves 4-6.

MUSHROOMS OVER PUFF PASTRY SHELLS

2 lbs. assorted mushrooms
2 Tbsp. butter
2 Tbsp. olive oil
2 cloves garlic
1 red pepper chopped finely
1 small onion, diced
3-4 scallions, thinly sliced
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp. dried oregano
1/2 tsp. dried thyme
1/2 cup amaretto
1 pkg. frozen puff pastry shells, baked according to package directions

Saute' onions, pepper and garlic until translucent. Add mushrooms, sliced, and continue to saute'. Add Worcestershire sauce, oregano, thyme and continue cooking for 2 more minutes. Next, add amaretto and simmer for 5 minutes. Salt and pepper, to taste. Serve over baked puff pastry shells.



The Double "R" Twirlettes will hold their annual twirl-a-thon to benefit St. Joseph's Center on Saturday, April 2. Group members will perform from noon to 2 p.m. at the Viewmont Mall. The event is free and open to the public and donations for St. Joseph's Center will be accepted. For more information, please call 570-489-1935 or visit www.doublertwirl.com. Shown from left: Morgan Tullio, Sara Swavola, Sadie Solensky, Jordan Gioupis, and Madison Doyle.

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Committee Members planning Keystone UNICO's Pig Roast/Tenth Anniversary planned to benefit ClothesLine For Men include, front row, from left: Michele McDade, Bob and Sylvia Tagert, anniversary co-chairs; Meghan Loftus, CEO and president, Friends of the Poor; Bonnie Haluska, volunteer program manager for ClothesLine for Men, and Mary Ann Coviello, Keystone UNICO president. standing from left: Nanine Gramigna, Bob and Sandy Collins, Mark McDade, Frank Coviello, Diane Beckage, MaryLou Karliak, Tom Carlucci, Cathy Gerard, Cesira Berardelli, Gloria Rizzo, Toni DiVizio, Nancy Malone, Val Riggi, Louise Ligi, Ann Summa, and Jim Mack.

Keystone UNICO to mark 10th anniversary

Dunmore's Keystone Chapter UNICO has begun the planning of its Tenth Anniversary to be held on Saturday, April 23, at Fiorelli's Catering & Banquet Hall, Peckville.

Keystone UNICO was char-

tered in Dunmore on Saturday, April 14, 2012. At the time, no one could recall a larger UNICO National Chapter being chartered, nor has there been one since.

For close to 10 years, it has held the distinction of being the second

largest chapter in UNICO National and has been recognized by National for its accomplishments yearly.

An average of three scholarships are awarded per year and charitable donations are awarded monthly. The Anniversary Committee has been hard at work to make this 10th Anniversary a special evening. "ClothesLine For Men," a sub-division of the "Friends of the Poor," will be the primary beneficiary for this event. The event will have a Black and White Theme and formal attire will be welcomed but not required.

There will be entertainment for listening and dancing pleasure by 'Frank and Toby,' along with a surprise or two.

On hand will be the following raffles: The Italian Money Umbrella; Wilbur the Classic Italian Maiale, with his belly filled with cash, and the ever-popular Italian Basket Raffle.

Nick Toma, WYOU/WBRE TV Newscaster, will be announcing the raffle winners. All guests will receive a souvenir photo taken that evening by Richard Banick.

The dinner will be Fiorelli's Famous UNICO Pig Roast buffet. Sponsorship opportunities and program book ads are available by calling Mark McDade at 570-343-7009.

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CORRECTION

In an obituary published in February for Mary Angela "Cheech" Celano, 88, of Dunmore, who passed away on Dec. 4, 2021, there were two errors:

Mary was educated in Dunmore schools and was a 1951 graduate of Dunmore High School.

A surviving sister, Carmella Hair, resides in Greenville, SC.

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Dishin' the Dirt

With Steve Svetovich



Congratulations to Dunmore senior guard **Moriah Murray** for scoring 1,500th career point in Lady Bucks 69-9 win over Nanticoke in district semifinal contest... Murray and **Ciera Toomey** both scored 14 points in win... **Mia Blume** scored 11 points and **Sophia Talutto** added 10 for Dunmore... Congratulations to Holy Cross guard **Kaci Kranson**, school's all time leading scorer with over 1,800 career points... Congratulations to Riverside senior **Kylie Lavelle** for scoring 1,800th career point... Dunmore's **Moriah Murray** looking forward to playing with Riverside's **Kylie Lavelle** at Drexel University next season...

Congratulations to Pittston Area sixth grade elementary student **Joseph Cianfichi** who earned rookie first place award in wrestling tournament... Congratulations to Scranton Knights senior swimmer **Alex Albrecht**, an honor student and Eagle Scout, for outstanding season and swimming career... **Mia Blume** and **Moriah Murray** led Dunmore Lady Bucks with 12 points each in team's district quarterfinal win over Berwick... **Ciera Toomey** scored 10 points and **Sophia Talutto** added

nine points for Dunmore... How about **Derek Jeter** leaving Miami Marlins as CEO and part owner?... **Brett Gardner**, 14-year Yankees veteran, says he wants to play at 38 this season... Gardy wants to preferably come back with Yankees, but won't rule out other options... Could a reunion with **Joe Girardi** in Philadelphia be a possibility?... LA Lakers becoming hard to watch... Will **Lebron** be looking to move on soon?... New York Knicks big disappointment this year, but **R.J. Barrett** remains rising star... How about **Harden** and **Embiid** in Philly?... Will **Ben Simmons** ever suit up to play in Brooklyn?...

Congratulations to West Scranton swimmer **Victoria Watkins** for winning third diving title at **Les Richards** championship... Will there be any Major League Baseball anytime soon?... Does **Rob Manfred** really know anything about baseball?... **Manu Ginobili**, **Tim Hardaway**, **Michael Cooper** and **Marques Johnson** are among Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame finalists...

Dunmore graduate **Alyssa Bielinski**, who played four years of softball and was senior captain

for Lady Bucks, served as special events director for annual THON event at State College last month helping to raise \$13.7-million for children's cancer...

Holy Cross senior basketball player **Kaci Kranson** is aspiring physical therapist and granddaughter of late local boxing legend **Jerry Foley**... Do you remember **Taryn Mellody** scoring 30 points for Bishop O'Hara in 69-59 win over Bishop Hannan 20 years ago?... Blakely's **Larry Spegar** has attended last 25 Super Bowls... Former Holy Cross and University of Scranton baseball standout **Anthony Duchnowski** gearing up to play baseball this summer in Wyoming Valley Summer Baseball League which has expanded to at least nine teams...

Scranton Knights star basketball player **Jason Shields** scored 11 of his 22 points in final four minutes of team's 51-49 win over Scranton Prep to secure Lackawanna League Division I title... **Gabe Tanner** scored 22 points in Mid Valley's 43-35 win over Holy Cross in Lackawanna League Division III championship game... **Logan Tierney** led Holy Cross with 10 points... Do you remember **Tara Macciocco** scoring 30 points in Dunmore Lady Bucks 68-32 win over Bishop O'Hara in Lackawanna Southern Division second half opener in January 1992?...

Congratulations to Scranton Prep swimmer **Nicole Iriza** for winning and setting record in 50 freestyle... **Adriel DeNaples** averaging 15.7 points per game for Dunmore... **Gabe Gonzales** averaging 13.1 points per game for Holy Cross... **Kaedan Carr** scored 26 points in Holy Cross 71-52 win over Blue Ridge... **Hayden Hosie** added 10 points for Holy Cross... **Kaci Kranson** scored 19 points, all in first quarter, in Holy Cross 68-21 win over Blue Ridge in district semifinal... **Julie Goetz** added 10 points for Lady Crusaders...

Condolences to family of West Scranton's beloved **Gary Bolus**, avid swimmer at Dunmore YMCA, who died last month at 64... NBA all-star game was one of best ever, but dunk contest was one of worst... How about **Steph Curry** scoring 50 points and sinking 16 easy 3-pointers and **Lebron** making winning shot at Cleveland in

all-star game?... And how about NBA's greatest 75 being honored at halftime, including bad boy **Dennis Rodman** and **Michael Jordan** who received biggest ovations... Whatever became of **Mark Cor-**

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Co-Athlete of Month Moriah Murray scores 1,500th career point for DHS

By Steve Svetovich

Dunmore senior Moriah Murray scored 14 points including the 1,500th of her career, in the Lady Bucks District 2 Class 4A semi-final win over Nanticoke, 69-9, Saturday, Feb. 26, at Dunmore.

The 1,500th career point came with 58.3 seconds left in the first quarter.

Standout center Ciera Toomey scored 14 points for Dunmore. Senior guard Mia Bume scored 11 points. Sophia Talutto added 10 points.

Moriah hit on two 3-point shots in the dominant win.

Dunmore defeated Berwick, 53-16, in the Class 4A quarterfinal. Daughter of Joseph Murray and Lynn Plotkin, Moriah is averaging 14.5 points per game for the Lady Bucks this season.

"The 1,500th career point felt great," she said. "But I wasn't really focusing on it. I don't really think about points when I am playing. I just think about winning the game."

The senior point guard talked about why the Lady Bucks were so successful against Nanticoke.

"Overall, we played one of our best defensive games of the season. Our season ended last year when Nanticoke didn't want to play us due to COVID.

"It cost us a chance at a championship. So we really wanted to beat them. And now we can go on to the district title game. We want the district title."

Moriah talked about what it takes to excel at the point guard position in high school basketball.

"It takes a lot of practice and you need to know a lot of plays. You need to know your team on the floor. You need to control your team on offense."

Moriah, a four-year starter on the Lady Bucks basketball team, is a member of TACT, SADD and the French Club. She played on the Dunmore softball team last year.

The talented senior will play basketball next season at Drexel University in Philadelphia. She is currently undecided about a major.

She will play basketball with her good friend Kylie Lavelle who recently scored her 1,800th



career point for Riverside. "We are real close," Moriah said. "We played on travel teams together. I am really excited about playing with her next year."

"Playing college basketball has always been one of my major goals. I am just so excited about the opportunity."

Confident and hard working, Moriah said her immediate goal is to help Dunmore win the district title and then go after a state championship this season.

Moriah was selected Lackawanna League first team all-star, All Region and All State three years in a row leading into her senior season. She was Lackawanna League Player of the Year and All Region Player of the Year as a freshman.

Moriah said her parents taught her to "never give up."

She said Dunmore veteran basketball coach Ben O'Brien taught her a lot. "He taught me so many things about the game of basketball. The most important thing he taught me was that hard work pays off."

Moriah said she loves to listen to music in her spare time and would like to see Roddy Rich, Rhianna, and Travis Scott in concert.

She has thoroughly enjoyed her Dunmore experience as the final months of her senior year approach.



"There is nowhere better than Dunmore," she said. "Nothing could compare."

"It is a very close knit community. Dunmore is one big family, especially our basketball team. Our team is so close. We have been together since biddy basketball. We would not win without our great team chemistry. We are all best friends, both on and off the court."

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Holy Cross senior guard Kaci Kranson leads Lady Crusaders into District finals

By Steve Svetovich

Holy Cross senior guard Kaci Kranson in her final home game scored 19 points to help the Lady Crusaders defeat Blue Ridge, 68-21, in the District 2 Class 2A semifinal Saturday, Feb. 26.

Kaci scored all of her 19 points in the first quarter before injuring her lower left leg after taking an outlet pass in the second quarter from Julia Getz. She took a jump step to avoid a Blue Ridge defender and hit the floor.

"The trainer said it is just a bruise and I will be fine," the senior stalwart said.

Kaci said she will be more than ready to play in the District 2 Class 2A title game against Elk Lake at Mohegan Sun Arena on Friday, March 4.

Holy Cross had a commanding 51-11 halftime lead in the win over Blue Ridge.

Getz added 10 points in the win.

Daughter of Jill and Ryan Kranson, Kaci scored her 1,500th career point early last month against Riverside at home.

"It was special because it came on a night Kylie Lavelle scored her 1,500th point for Riverside. She and I go way back playing in different travel leagues together. So that was kinda nice."

Both Kaci and Kylie have added to their career totals and both now have over 1,800 career points.

Kaci earlier this season broke the all-time Holy Cross career scoring record.

Well-spoken and articulate, Kaci has a 3.9 academic average at Holy Cross. She was president of her junior class last year.

A four-year starter on the basketball team, she played tennis two years and will play softball for a fourth season at Holy Cross. She is a centerfielder.

The senior student-athlete is a member of the National Honor Society.

Kaci was a Lackawanna League first-team all-star three years for basketball entering her senior season. She was also first-team All Regional and first team All-State for basketball as a junior.

She was named Athlete of the Year for 2020-21 as a junior.

The hard working and driven senior talked about what it takes to excel as a guard in high school basketball.

"You need to be able to look up the floor and know who to pass to," she said. "You need to see the floor well."

Kaci said she was not surprised



with her team's success over Blue Ridge.

"The team just came out strong playing great offense and defense. We played our best basketball in the first quarter. It was the best quarter we ever had as a team."

Kaci has been accepted to 16 colleges but has not made a decision on where she will attend next year. Her plan is to major in physical therapy. "That's been my long standing plan," she said. "I want to become a physical therapist."

Polite and humble, Kaci said she learned a lot from her parents. "They tell me to work hard in life and have confidence. Nothing is ever handed to you."

She said Holy Cross veteran basketball coach Barry Fitzgerald has

been a strong influence.

"He taught me a lot about the game. He taught me to believe in myself and showed confidence in me."

Kaci enjoys listening to music and would like to see Sean Mendez in concert.

She and her teammates have strong expectations. "We will go game by game and go after another district title. Then we will take a run at the state title."

As she enters her final months at Holy Cross, she will savor the moments. "It is going to be so sad to leave," she said. "These were the four best years of my life. I love my classmates, teachers, the coaches and the principal and staff. I love the school."



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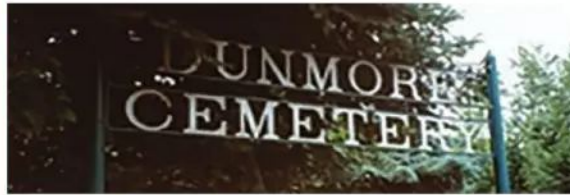
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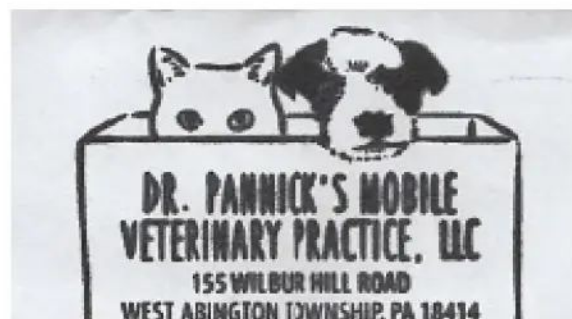


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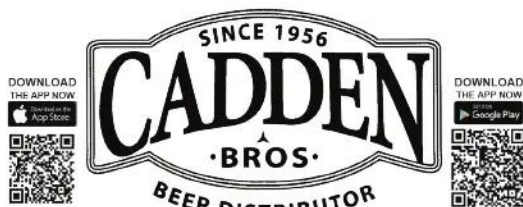
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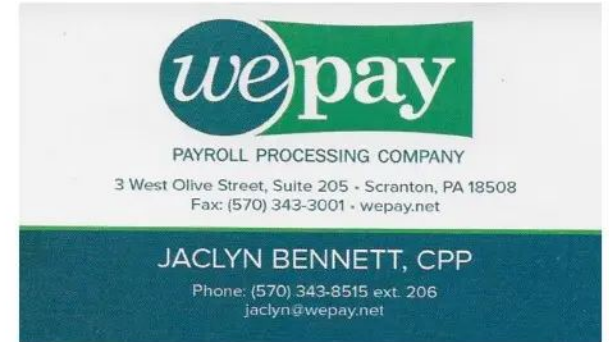
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