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Posting: Who Remembers Butler's Dairy Bar...	Posting 1
Poster: Jim Barrett	
Date: 24 September 2008 5:25 PM	
<p>This is a valued memory for me...I worked for Don Butler for a few months before I left for California to go to school..Great ice cream and burgers...it was always busy with the Uconn students and their visiting families....most of us were just teenagers who worked there in the early/mid 60's...we worked weekends and a few nights during the week...I formed friendships that I still maintain and value to this day...Dan Meade was my partner in crime..we did some crazy things in those day..just good pure fun...great weekends and fishing trips to Maine...Dan and I still keep in touch.....I think back on all those great down to earth people that worked at the BDB ...Pattie...Shirley...Lorraine...and again I wonder where they all are today...Jim Barrett</p>	
Posting: Re: Who Remembers Butler's Dairy Bar...	Posting 2
Poster: John Tormey	
Date: 25 September 2008 4:08 PM	
<p>Butler's Dairy was a short bike ride from our house in Conantville. We used to stop there for an ice cream after swimming at Gil Flynn's.</p> <p>About five years after they went out of business I bought one of their empty glass milk bottles at a street fair on Third Avenue here in Manhattan. I paid two bucks for it. When the guy heard that I was familiar with the place he said "I shoulda charged you ten."</p> <p>I keep all my marbles in it (those few that I haven't lost). Bottle reads "Butler's Dairy Willimantic, CT." I always thought that Butler's was over Mansfield's town line. There used to be a sign right below Park Spring that marked line.</p> <p>jt</p>	
Posting: Re: Who Remembers Butler's Dairy Bar...	Posting 3
Poster: John Boudreau	
Date: 25 September 2008 7:04 PM	
<p>John t ,</p> <p>There is a Butler's Dairy milk bottle on Ebay right now and the starting bid is \$ 20 !</p>	
Posting: Re: Who Remembers Butler's Dairy Bar...	Posting 4
Poster: Dick Donovan	
Date: 26 September 2008 7:56 AM	
<p>Hey Jim! I remember Butler's and Gil Flynn because they were two things that went together in the summer. Butlers had a side window where kids from Gils could walk up to and get an ice cream or soda. Gil Flynn's was a great swimming area. It was upriver from Lauter Park the current local swimming area. You mentioned that a lot of the UConn students and parents use to visit into the early 60's. Lindy's was another restaurant that attracted much of the UConn crowd especially on weekends with parents in town visiting. Its unfortunate that Willimantic has FAILED to do anything to attract UConn students and parents after the downtown destruction of businesses in early 70's. The City cannot even attract the local students at Eastern State,</p>	
Posting: Re: Who Remembers Butler's Dairy Bar...	Posting 5
Poster: Skipper Barrett	
Date: 30 September 2008 12:50 AM	
<p>JT:</p> <p>Well...I also got the same bottle and bought it ten years ago for \$5 in Pasadena, CA It up inside the cupboard at my place in Palm Springs</p> <p>Zowie</p>	
Posting: Re: Who Remembers Butler's Dairy Bar...	Posting 6
Poster: John Tormey	
Date: 30 September 2008 12:19 AM	
<p>Pow! And just think Skipper, for about 50 bucks then I probably could have cornered the market!</p> <p>jt</p>	