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| Posting: Mountain Dairy milk Poster: William Brainard Date: 20 March 2007 12:55 AM | Posting 1 |
| They serve it at Windham Hospital; Haven Health doesn't do Mountain Dairy. They have Guida which is always kind of lukewarm and a horror if you have skim milk. I tolerate skim milk if and only if it's ice cold. It was so at Windham Hospital Big Y is the only big box supermarket in the area to sell Mountain Dairy. Highland Park and Ted's do and we get Mt. Dairy milk delivered to our apt. complex Tuesday and I buy off the truck when I'm short. | |
| Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk Poster: Ada Kerachsky Albright Date: 20 March 2007 4:21 PM | Posting 2 |
| I am amazed and pleased to hear that there is still milk delivery. In South Windham we had milk delivered by Butler Dairy for many years. It was taken over (bought out?) by Mountain Dairy, which was still delivering when my Dad died in 1986. | |
| Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk Poster: William Brainard Date: 20 March 2007 10:43 PM | Posting 3 |
| Butler Dairy bought out Melody Farms Dairy from my grandmother's estate in 1955. She had milk contracts for Columbia and Andover schools as well as the Coventry School System. The bottling plant was in our stone garage and she had just taken delivery on a brand new milk van from Capitol Motors when she died very suddenly of a stroke at age 60. My folks and aunts and uncles had their own lives to lead and were raising babies and working at the Aircraft so after a month or so the dairy was sold. My mother continued on running Melody Farm the next 20 years. We shipped milk to CMPA and had 40 Holsteins in "comfort" stalls. The barn was designed by Uconn and built by Ansaldo Bros. (they built Shady Glen) and is cinder block and glass block windows. Grandmother had started over with her dairy herd among other things after a 1951 fire when she constructed the new barn in 1952 with a 40X20 Harder cement stave silo which held enough feed to feed the cattle twice daily for 180 days. My mom was driven to finish what her mother started and didn't want her siblings to develop the property which would have been done if she hadn't stepped up to the plate. It meant leaving the home on Ripley Hill and starting life again on South Street in Coventry. It is the old Welles homestead, Melody Farm. My dad worked as training director for Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford. | |
| Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk Poster: Dick Donovan Date: 21 March 2007 9:12 AM | Posting 4 |
| My parents had Mountain Dairy delivered from the time we lived on Oak St in early 40's-50's and moved to North St. In the 40's the milk bottle had a long neck that was filled with rich cream. One time I shook it to mix with the milk and my father was beside himself because he looked forward to putting the rich cream in his coffee. He died in 1992 and I believe he was still getting milk delivered then--at least 50 years!! | |
| The other delivery service we looked forward to was "Viking Bakery" that had a great selection of pastries, etc. | |
| Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk Poster: William Brainard Date: 21 March 2007 10:36 PM | Posting 5 |
| We used to have Bond bread delivered; my aunt would get it too but her kids had a strict diet of whole wheat bread. Mother hated to cook but she loved baking and doing things like roasts. Living on a farm there was always plenty to eat because we burned it off in the barn and fields. Many a morning for breakfast would be left-over pizza from Pizza House or Mom's mac and cheese she made in bulk and froze. Dad loved to cook and when they left for Fla. he would leave us his famous meat loaf and ministrone in freezer size portions to microwave. They are both gone now but Mother's bread baking still is in my memory bank; the tarts she made with left-over pie crust. Yum! Cinnamon and sugar dotted with butter or sometimes she would fill 'em with breakfast sauceage. | |
| Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk Poster: John Boudreau Date: 21 March 2007 11:22 PM | Posting 6 |
| My grandfather used to deliver Bond bread in the Willi area before opening Boudreau's Market down in Sodom . | |
| I know that after work he used to take the old but still good bread and pastries and give them to the less fortunate around town . Who would bother to do that these days ? | |
| Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk Poster: Ada Kerachsky Albright Date: 22 March 2007 2:56 PM | Posting 7 |

Actually, here in Ithaca I see a van for what I think is a church affiliated organization that comes to at least one supermarket which saves day-old bread for them to take and distribute to needy people.

Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk
 Poster: Ernie Gesner
 Date: 22 March 2007 4:18 PM

Posting 8

William there were at least 2 other dairy's in Willimantic in the 40's and 50's One I believe was Cramers on Pleasant St (?) near Doc Blake's home. The other one was Rosebrooks Dairy on South St. I lived and worked at Rosebrooks farm while attending Windham High 1950 to 1952. They were the only dairy that were able to sell raw milk in the State of Connecticut. They milked mostly Jersey and Guernsey's with high amounts of cream. That was before we worried about Cholesterol. They only had one route in Willimantic using a pickup truck to go to homes and businesses. They didn't have a tractor on the farm as they used a team of horses to pull the farm implements At harvest time they contracted with the Storrs family to help with some of the hay and corn harvest. They were great hard working down to earth people and they are missed..

Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk
 Poster: William Brainard
 Date: 22 March 2007 6:19 PM

Posting 9

The nuns in Ashford have been selling baked goods and monastery bread to local big box grocery stores for 20 years now in the Willimantic area. I think they give the old perfectly good stuff to the Soup Kitchen on Valley St.

Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk
 Poster: William Brainard
 Date: 22 March 2007 6:31 PM

Posting 10

Yeah, I know where that is. Doc Blake lived there? I didn't know. I had his wife Ruthie for English at Coventry High School in the early '70s. She leased a new car every month or so from Wile's. Her plate was "RETB". She was heavily and still is into Max Factor cosmetics and saw her a couple years ago at the Bank of America branch (old Willi Trust branch) in the Wmtc. Plaza. She's got to be in her early 90s but was still driving a sharp new Lincoln sedan. This was as of 2003, mind you. She had not changed one iota since I last saw her in 1972. Still a fashion plate but I understand her buddy Lottie Manning Roy now has Alzheimers. I also had Mrs. Roy for high school english. She swam 100 laps at the "Y" every day of her life before school. She had a daughter at age 49, Cindy, who has to be in her late 40s now. I know her nephew Walt Wanagel. He's a developer/builder and airplane pilot. He once owned a late 1930s Lockheed Electra 10-E similar to the one Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan were flying in the round the world trip in 1937 which ended tragically near Howland Island in the Pacific ocean. Our Melody Farm is on South Street in South Coventry. Next door to Tom Crossen's arabian farm. He bought from Kay Yeske when she sold out in 2001. Her hubby Bob Yeske was a prince and heck of a nice guy passing way before his time at age 69 in 1990. He lived for his dairy cows and keeping the land green and open. Crossen has dumped \$10 million into the place. Makes Coventry a world-class destination now! Talk about Fred Roger's Neighborhood!!!

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 Date: 22 March 2007 6:31 PM

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 Poster: Ernie Gesner
 Date: 22 March 2007 10:18 PM

Posting 12

William I became friends with Doc Blake in those days. I washed many of his new expensive cars, and he had many. Over the years whenever I came back to Connecticut I would find him at the Plainfield Dog Track. We talked about Harness race horses as I own, breed, and race Harness and Thoroughbred race horses as a hobby. He said that he went to Vet school in Montreal, Canada and spent a lot of time at the Harness Race Track there as part of his studies. I'm sure that there was a lot of sorrow in the Willimantic area when he passed away..

Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk
 Poster: William Brainard
 Date: 25 March 2007 7:19 PM

Posting 13

Ernie, you should see our neighborhood on South Street in Coventry now. Tom Crossen and his wife Sue have spent millions of dollars on Bob and Kay Yeske's "Longvue Farm" on the corner of South St. and Bunker Hill Rd. Tom has 14 Arabians and plans to open a riding school. It's to the west of our Melody Farm. My dad used to say that the table hill where our place is in Coventry was one of the best in the world for ham radio. We can see the tv towers in Farmington from our place.

Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk

Posting 14

Poster: William Brainard
Date: 29 March 2007 11:11 PM

Guida had some bad chocolate milk which was recalled; seems they didn't completely clean out the sanitizer in the gizmos they use to process milk. I swear the Guida milk I had at Haven Health Center tasted like it had chlorine in it. Being a former dairyman I knew exactly what was what and that's sloppy quality control. No need for it!

Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk Posting 15
Poster: Kate Fortier
Date: 2 April 2007 10:33 PM

I used to live right behind the nuns in Ashford ... Loved hearing their bells at 6:15 every morning. Nuns are cool ... especially nuns that bake awesome bread and cookies. ;)

Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk Posting 16
Poster: William Brainard
Date: 3 April 2007 12:06 AM

Are their baked goods still available in local stores?

Posting: Re: Mountain Dairy milk Posting 17
Poster: Kate Fortier
Date: 3 April 2007 1:17 PM

Yes, you can still get Monestary Bread breads and baked goods at Big Y in Mansfield. The raisin bread is the bomb. ;)