

Your Views

Southington says

How did you deal with all of the recent rain that we received?



"I am fortunate that I did not get flooded out. You just have to deal with it and go with the flow."

Photos by Tammi Knapik

Jim Pepe Southington



"I try to stay as dry as possible."

Joe Innis Southington



"I don't mind the rain. It helps me to get caught up on housecleaning."

Dori Samulenas Southington



"I went swimming in the rain with my cousins."

Lucas Leone Southington



"I hate it! I just hang out mostly and maybe catch a movie."

Taylor Brown Southington

Letters

A teacher and a friend

To the Editor,

In September 1972, my little girl Donna started the first grade. She was so little and she would be in school all day.

I brought her to school and found her teacher Miss Morytko. She was pleasant and young.

But I was leaving my little girl. Donna did well.

Over the weekend we were looking at her school book "We Feed a Deer." She started to read-really read the book. She's only five. She's a genius. And Mrs. Morytko is a miracle worker.

Fast forward two years and I'm leaving my little buddy Scott with Mrs. Morytko. Lo and behold,

Scott reads "We Feed a Deer" in two days.

I am amazed. What a wonderful teacher.

She opened my children's world and gave them the tools they needed to become the successful adults they are today. Imagine how many other children have benefitted from her teaching. As parents we are all extremely grateful.

You have shaped the lives of many. What a wonderful legacy.

Years have gone by so quickly. Mrs. Morytko has become Barbara, my friend. She is the most giving, loyal, upbeat person I know.

She has wiped tears of

both students and parents. Always giving more of herself than should be expected. She has fought through the most adverse condition and always put the children first.

Mrs. Morytko, Barabar, the community of Southington has been honored to have you teach our children. Your shoes will never be filled and you will be missed greatly.

Take this time for you. I know you will still put all other first, but be kind to yourself. You've earned it and you deserve it.

Here's to a happy, healthy next chapter.

The MacDowell family Southington

Looking back past 10 months

To the Editor,

As another school year comes to a close I have time to reflect on the past 10 months. This time of year is filled with celebrations and rites of passage. This week we celebrated the high school graduation of 3 students from our Saint Paul's youth group, my son Luke just had his Rite 13 ceremony at Saint Paul's Church, which is the journey from childhood to young adult and Jacob completed his freshman year at Southington High School.

These are such important miles stones in our children's lives and my sons have been blessed with an

extended family at Saint Paul's Church in Southington.

Eleven years ago I attended a Sunday service there and never have I felt so welcomed in a church. At the time, we did not intend to stay in Southington but finding this church was one of the major factors that contributed to our decision to stay in this town.

The youth group has provided our children with so many opportunities to not only learn about their faith but also practice it in many small and not so small ways. The sense of family, learning and support the children receive from one another and their

teachers has contributed to who our children are today.

One of the graduating seniors, Emily, spoke about how the youth group, teachers and parishioners at Saint Paul's have helped her understand and know God in a very special way and has shaped who she is today. What more can a parent want for their child.

I am thankful for many things in my life but I am especially thankful for what Saint Paul's and the many wonderful teachers and parishioners have given to my children and will continue to give.

We are truly blessed.

Carolyn Davis Milldale



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Members of the Sons of the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the American Legion held their Father's Day breakfast the past Sunday with much success. A raffle was held at the end of the steak breakfast with the prize being a Dell computer.

All money made from the breakfast will benefit the Sons of the American Legion Southington High School scholarship.



TAMMI KNAPIK

The Connecticut "Full Throttle" Break Out Party was held at Cadillac Ranch recently. The event was a benefit for Iron Maidens. Above, from left, are Slider, a retired Philadelphia firefighter, Dianne Mathews and lawyer John Haymond.

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