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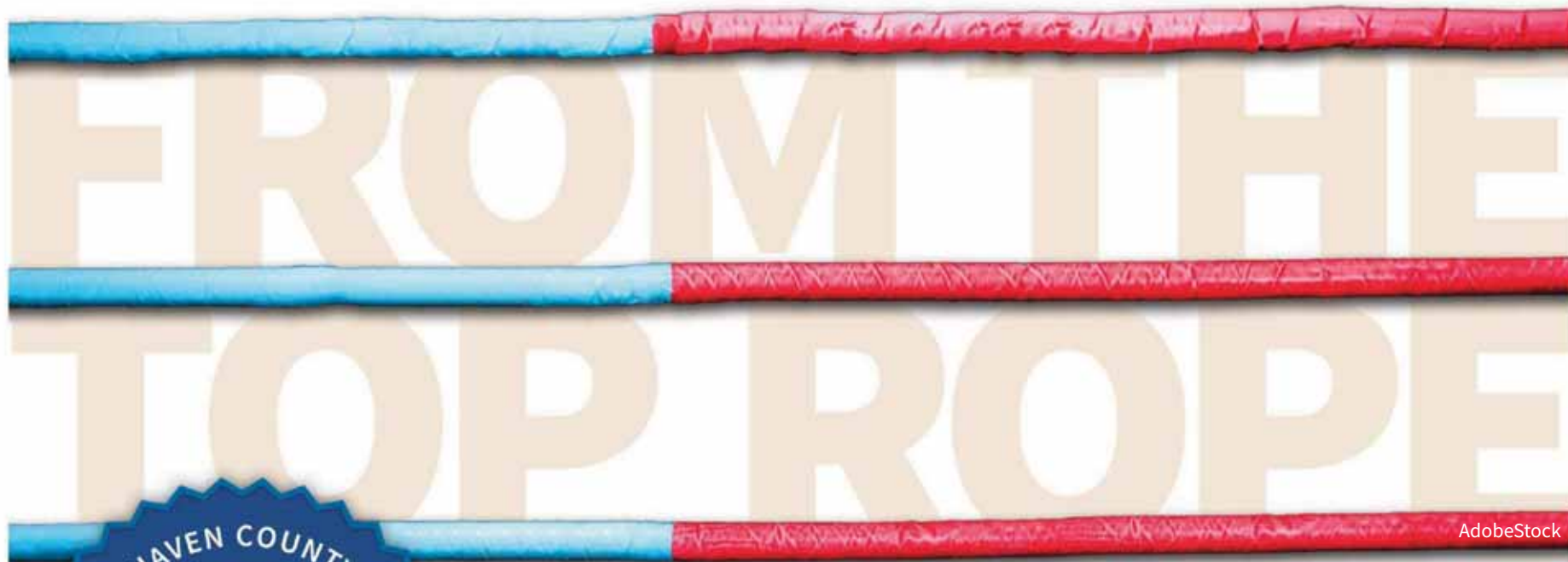
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Read through to find out who you chose as the Best of New Haven County!

BY SUSAN SHULTZ

The loyal readers of the New Haven Register have cast their votes once again in the “Best of New Haven County” contest, and the results are in. Varying from local favorites to nationally-known fare, this section showcases the “who’s who” in local business.

At the heart of it are seven categories that encompass all the industries that help New Haven thrive: **ACTIVITIES, ARTS & CULTURE, FOOD & DRINK, HEALTH & BEAUTY, HOME & GARDEN, OVERNIGHTS,** and **SHOPPING.**

The businesses, venues, spaces, and places recognized in this year’s readers’ choice poll reflect the county’s eclectic staying power, as well as its status as a summer staycation destination. Each winner can’t wait to welcome the influx of tourists that will inundate New Haven this season, but it’s just as fun to enjoy if you call it home year-round.

Plan an excursion to a local museum or live performance venue to add some culture to your summer bucket list; feast on all the fresh seafood the region has to offer; and then work it off with some of the county’s top fitness trainers.

Summer is the perfect time to treat your home oasis to some TLC with the help of professional gardeners and landscapers; shop till you drop at local businesses offering the latest styles and trends at summer sales; or spend your vacation as many people like to do — relaxing by the pool or on a beach with a good book.

However you plan to spend your summer, we recommend visiting one of the hundreds of winners in the 2026 “Best of New Haven County” reader’s choice poll. Read on to see how to make the most of the next few months right in your own backyard.



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County Finalists
CitySeed, New Haven
Farmers Market at the
Guilford Fairgrounds
Rose Orchards



BEST INDOOR FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT **Kinship Glassworks**

County Runner-Up
The Legacy Theatre

County Finalists
Cabaret on Main Theater
On Track Karting's GO TIME
Goldfish Swim School, Hamden



BEST MINI GOLF **Olde Sawmill Miniature Golf Course**

BEST PICK YOUR OWN FARM **Bishop's Orchards Pick Your Own**

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Rose Orchards

County Finalist
Hidden Gem Orchard



BEST PUBLIC GOLF COURSE **Grassy Hill Country Club**

County Runner-Up
The VUE CT

County Finalists
Alling Memorial Golf Club
Hunter Memorial Golf Course



BEST STATE PARK **Hammonasset Beach State Park**

County Runner-Up
Silver Sands State Park

County Finalists
Sleeping Giant State Park
Kettletown State Park



BEST WEDDING VENUE **The Reign**

County Runner-Up
Anthony's Ocean View

County Finalists
Tyde at Walnut Beach
Grassy Hill Country Club
Cascade Fine Catering



ARTS & CULTURE



BEST ART GALLERY
Yale University Art Gallery

County Runner-Up
 Yale Center for British Art

County Finalists
 Mattatuck Museum
 Nelson 'Carty' Ford Memorial Art Gallery



BEST FAMILY CULTURAL ATTRACTION
Peabody Museum of Natural History

County Runner-Up
 The Legacy Theatre

County Finalists
 Cabaret on Main Theater
 Mattatuck Museum



BEST INDEPENDENT MOVIE THEATER
Madison Cinemas

County Runner-Up
 Holiday Cinemas Stadium 14

County Finalist
 Strand Theater



BEST MUSEUM
Peabody Museum of Natural History

County Runner-Up
 Yale University Art Gallery

County Finalists
 Yale Center for British Art
 Mattatuck Museum



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County Runner-Up
The Well for Women

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County Finalists
Modern Beauty Wellness & Aesthetics
The Collins Center of Aesthetic Medicine
Vanity Medical Spa

BEST NAIL SALON
Tiara Nails & Spa

County Runner-Up
Branford River Resort & Spa

County Finalists
Indulge Day Spa & Boutique
Aura Day Spa
Lavender Nails

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County Runner-Up
Lucky Soul Tattoo

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The Flower Nook
The Green Petal



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County Runner-Up
Madison Earth Care

County Finalist
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Design by The Jonathans

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 Miss Dallas' Shop

County Finalist
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County Finalists
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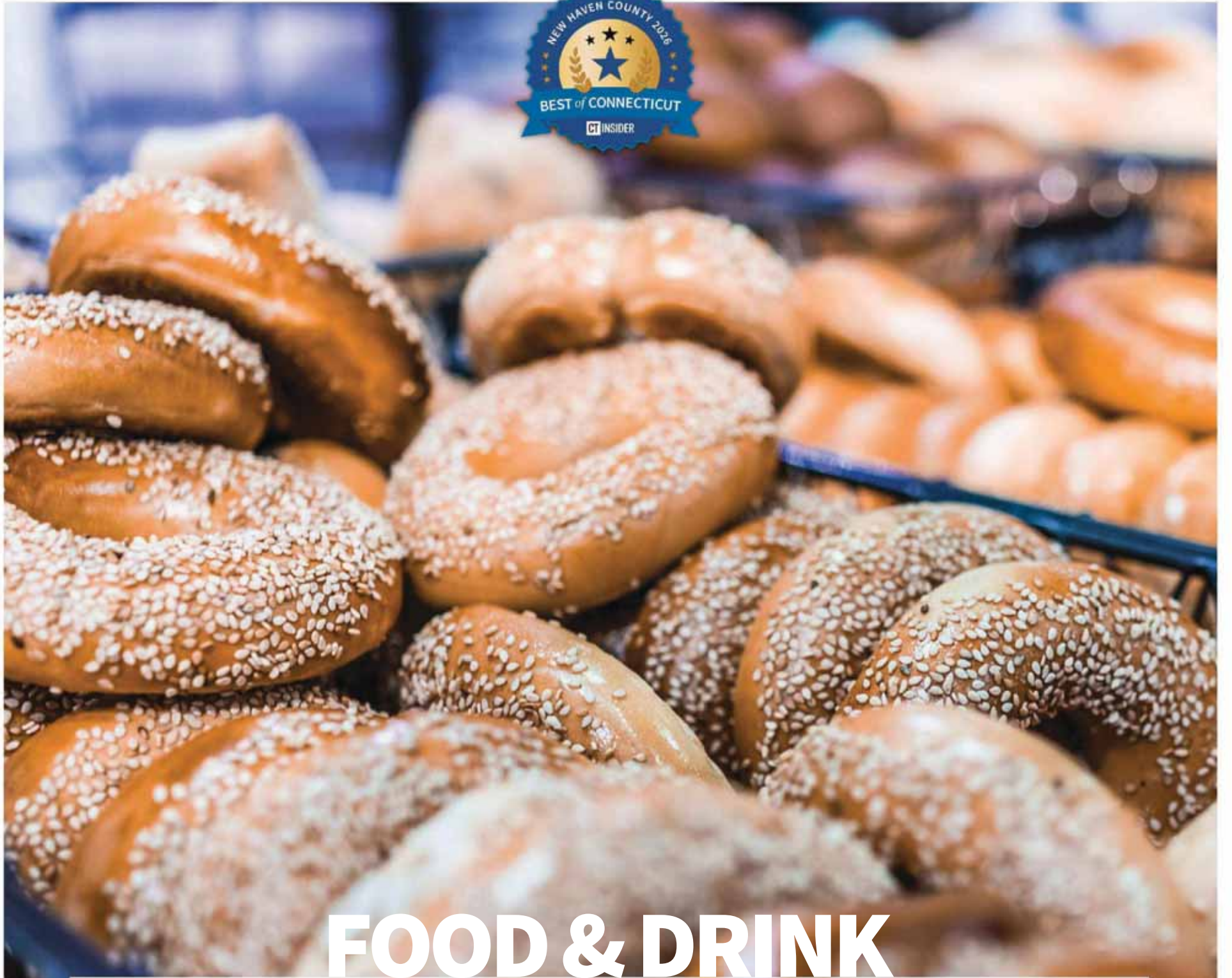
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 The Trinity Bar & Restaurant

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The Study at Yale



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