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Marlborough Food Bank. Sawyer, 4, is in preschool at MCNS and Reese, 6, is in kindergarten at Marlborough Elementary School. They are the daughters of Kendra and Brendon Montstream.

Benevolent Birthday... Marlborough residents Sawyer and Reese Montstream recently chose to have their birthday parties for a cause. They raised $300 for Relay For Life in Glastonbury this weekend. They also collected items for the Marlborough Food Bank.

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Haitian children. Shown here, at left, are Saunders and Father Michael Smith. At right, are just a few of the many individuals that came to help; Saunders said the number was kind of at a really bad time,” Saunders ex-
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after she came down with mononucleosis.

“I had mono a little while ago so I was out of
school for about a month and a half, and it
was kind of at a really bad time,” Saunders ex-
plained. “It was when we were getting [the
event] together and trying to get the word out.
We didn’t want to do it too early and have
people forget or do it too late. So that put a
danger on getting the word out there.”

But Saunders had plenty of support to get
her through.

“Through that whole time I had my family,
my friends and my faith to just reassure me
that in the end it was going to be ok,” she
stated.

And in the end, those concerns proved un-
warranted. Enough money was raised, and
Saunders said, “Our original goal was for at
least 70 people but we had so many more.”

“We had more than enough volunteers,”
Smith added. “It was excellent. There was such
amazing energy and good spirit amongst the
people, and I was just thinking, ‘We have to do
this more often, have people come together
to work for the good of the community and other
people in need.’”

“Seeing it all come together on that day and
seeing volunteers just flow in for a good 20
minutes – it was kind of overwhelming,”
Saunders said. “You saw people from age 5 to
85, all packaging meals for the greater good
and for kids in Haiti.”

Saunders said one of her favorite sights dur-
ing the event was when she saw a little girl
who couldn’t reach the table sitting on a high
barstool, right next to her mom and an elderly
woman,” she stated. “The entire community
was able to come together to do this.”

Smith concluded, “I was impressed with the
passion and the willingness of people to par-
ticipate.”

The meals that were packaged as a result of
Saunders initiative and the work of Church of the
Holy Family and the Hebron community
will be combined with other meals gathered at
FCE events. The aim is to fill a cargo box –
that’s about 250,000 meals – to be sent to Haiti
in September. Saunders said the meals will
mainly be distributed to schools and orphan-
ages.
Hebron Resident Writes About Revolutionary Spies

by Geeta Schrayter

Most Nutmeggers are familiar with the name Nathan Hale. Hale was a Connecticut resident who ventured behind enemy lines during the Revolutionary War to spy on the British. He was captured before he could make a safe return, and is famously attributed with saying "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country," before being executed for espionage.

But what many may not be aware of is that Nathan Hale was far from the only spy to call Connecticut "home" during the American Revolution, as Hebron author Mark Baker discusses in his latest book, Spies of Revolutionary Connecticut.

"It's everywhere," Baker stated. "I thought spying and camp life were isolated, I didn't realize how much there really was." Baker explained the proliferation of spies in Connecticut — it was incredible.

Baker explained his interest in spies from the Connecticut State was sparked after he kept hearing about covert intelligence and spies like Hale and Silas Deane at Hebron and Haddam at historical events and lectures.

"I kept saying 'What is going on with all this spy activity?" so I dug a little deeper and I was surprised at what I found — I'm sure I'm not the first one — but I really wanted to put it all together," he said.

And that's exactly what he did in his book, which includes stories of Hale, Deane, Ethan Allen, Thomas Knowlton, the Culper Spy Ring and many others, as Baker navigates the intrigues, dangers and double crosses of Connecticut's most legendary Revolutionary spies, according to the book.

After visiting various sites around the state where some of these spies had occurred, Baker said he'd think to himself, "If there was a book on this that I'd buy it right now.

Spies of Revolutionary Connecticut is available for purchase at most independent bookstores as well as chains such as Barnes and Noble. It is also available online.

Baker's next scheduled appearance is for June 28 at Byrd's Books in Bethel.

Portland Woman Starts Youth Summer Camp

by Elizabeth Bowland

A new adventure for summer camp sounds like every kid's — and, quite honestly, grown-up's — dream. A week in the fresh air, without any responsibilities to "bring culture" to the campers, she said.

The brand new summer camp was created by Portland's own Melissa Luke, a resident for the past eight years in Portland and Luke has leased the property for two weeks, and the resort can accommodate up to about 70.

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Massage Business Comes to Marlborough

by Melissa Roberto

Massaged therapist Alexandra Smith has opened her first independent office in the heart of Marlborough called CenterPeace Therapeutic Massage – and it’s a business venture Smith said she’s looking forward to sharing with a community that is new to her.

Smith, a Hebron resident, comes to town af-

ter having worked for a total of five years in Colorado. After receiving her national certifi-
cation in massage therapy from the Connecti-
cut Center of Massage Therapy in Newington in 2008, Smith worked for three years in con-
junction with Colchester chiropractor Dr. Aaron Casey. Smith then worked for a couple of years at Family Physical Therapy in Colchester, where she said she had the opportunity of work-
ing with clients with a range of physical ailments, from disk issues, Lyme disease, mul-
tiple sclerosis and Parkinson’s disease, to oth-
ers recovering from surgery.

While Smith explained massage therapy might not necessarily fix her clients’ ailments, she said her goal is to simply “help them feel a little better.”

And while the responsibility of any massage therapist is to assure the client is satisfied, Smith shared what the career does for her in return.

“I’ve always been interested in the body and how it works,” she said of her interest in the field. “It’s gratifying in that you’re making people feel better.”

Smith pointed out that each massage ther-
apist has his or her own style. Her style is a heavily-dependent on making sure her clients are comfortable.

“It depends on what they want, of course,” Smith said, adding, “I typically find it the most effective if they can feel it. I don’t want pain and I don’t want tears, but I want them to feel it.”

Although Smith confirmed massage can be used as a method of relaxation, she said her career has a much broader scope.

“I’ll treat anybody but I like to treat people who are in pain or who have a certain issue,” the massage therapist explained, adding that she also has received a certification in orthopedic massage.

Inside her new space in Marlborough – which exists in a private room within the same space as A Therapeutic Touch – Smith said her goal was to provide an environment that is both “quiet and serene.”

Additionally, ensuring that clients are com-
fortable is also a part of her plan.

“I want a place where people feel comfort-
able because I really feel like when you can let go that’s when the healing starts,” she said.

Smith provides a variety of massage services within her new space, including Swedish, deep tissue, sports and prenatal massage, to seated chair massage and what she feels is her most “unique” offering, Thai.

“Thai massage is a different style of body work,” Smith said. “You receive it on the mat, you’re fully clothed. It’s a lot of stretching similar to putting people into yoga poses.”

Smith is also in the process of bringing an-
other offering to the business: what she said she’s thinking of calling “workplace serenity.”

“I see a lot of people with workplace issues sitting at their desk, using their neck and shoul-
ders and their forearms,” said Smith.

Although, no matter which style of massage a client is looking for, Smith shared, “I can handle just about anything.

In terms of what brought Smith to Marlborough, she said it was due to the town’s “fantastic location” off of Route 2. Better yet, her business is tucked right in the center of town, surrounded by other businesses like Reale Hair, ReVive Cycling and the offices of Attorney Joe

Marlborough Budget Passes on First Try

by Melissa Roberto

It was a calm evening in Marlborough Mon-
day, as a majority of the 50 voters in attendance at the annual town meeting passed all four votes, which included the approval of the recom-
mended $22.23 million budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Forty-five taxpayers voted in favor of the coming year’s spending package while four voted against it. The 2014-15 budget totals $22,230,125, which reflects an overall increase of 2.86 percent over the current fiscal year, or an increase of $618,893.

The spending package is made up of Marlborough’s portion of the RHAM Board of Education budget, of $7,793,370, which passed at referendum Tuesday, May 6, in addition to the local Board of Education budget at $7,271,585, town operations at $4,612,856, contingency at $20,000 and town debt, at $2,532,314.

A Board of Finance meeting directly follow-
ing the town meeting resulted in the setting of the mill rate for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The mill rate will climb 69 mills, from 30.76 to 31.45. This means that, for a home assessed at $200,000, the taxes on it would be $6,290, up from the current year’s $6,152.

Marlborough voters also approved three other questions that went before them. By a vote of 46-4, voters approved $485,750 to be trans-
f erred from the general fund undesignated fund balance to the reserve for capital and non-re-
curring fund for the purchase of capital requests. The capital requests are to be paid for in the com-
ing year include: $45,000 to go into the future capital expenditure reserve, $40,000 for the upcoming 2015-16 revaluation, $136,500 to wards the engineering costs of rebuilding Fawn Brook Bridge, $35,000 to go towards the de-
sign and engineering costs of Williamsburg and South roads, $30,000 for a fuel oil tank at Fire Hall 2, $4,200 to purchase a mounted radio in a police car, $1,500 for three police por-
table radios, $60,000 to go towards a fuel mas-
ter system for the Public Works Department, $73,550 to go towards the purchase of a back-
hoe/loader, also for Public Works, and lastly, $50,000 for road improvements.

Additionally, by a vote of 47-3, leftover funds, totaling $8,634.62 from completed capi-
tal projects, was approved to transfer into the capital and non-recurring fund, $410.62 was leftover from the purchase of a Public Works Ford 4X4, and the remaining $8,224 was left-
erover money from the roof project at Richmond Memorial Library.

The final vote, which was approved 47-2, allows the town to enter into a five-year lease/ purchase agreement for the purchasing of 20 air packs for the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department, at a cost that is not to exceed $180,000. The air packs are used by fire fight-
ers and will replace the current 1998 packs, which were to set to expire later this year.

Shortly after the approvals, First Selectwoman Cathy Gaudinski thanked attend-
ees.

“I want to thank all the board members/com-
mision members who are here this evening and the residents for coming out,” said Gaudinski.

“I just want to let you all know we worked very hard to come in with a reasonable budget that we hope you find reasonable as well.”

By Board of Finance Vice Chairman Cliff Denniss, who was acting as the board’s chair-

person in Evelyn Godbout’s absence, com-
mented positively on the outcome, but also ref-
ereed the low attendance. The 50 people at Monday’s meeting represented a slight 1.26 percent turnout of the total number of regis-
ted voters in town.

“I’m disappointed with the low number of people that came to the meeting but I am glad it passed,” said Denniss. “I think it’s a good budget, and we’ll just go on now and start work-

ing on next year!”

The 2014-15 fiscal year will begin July 1.
Andover School Board Learns About Technology Use

by Geeta Schrayter

The Board of Education Wednesday learned about the various ways technology is used at Andover Elementary School.

During the presentation, various teachers shared examples of technology use, beginning by Geeta Schrayter.

Principal David Griffin then talked about the way technology was used for the Smarter Balanced Assessment which he explained the school had signed on to do a field test this year, and setting up the software.

"They're great. They've really improved access by Geeta Schrayter

"As always, the well-being and safety of students for the school's Smartboards as well as for non-elected employees, while the budget stays relatively the same with a few decreases in response to declining enrollment; a $5,433 decrease in capital expenditures, and $6,154.32 for the Town Office Building for Andover Elementary School and $4,269,044 for Andover Central School. That number includes a $5,433 decrease in capital expenditures, and $6,154.32 for the Town Office Building for Andover Elementary School and $4,269,044 for Andover Central School.

On the town side, Board of Finance Chair Melissa Roberto.

The letter explains approximately $38,374 decrease in the insurance account, and $6,154.32 for the Town Office Building.

By Melissa Roberto

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The budget referendum will take place Tues- day, May 20, from 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. at the Old Town Hall.

Fire at Chevy Dealership in Colchester

by Melissa Roberto

Chevrolet Police and the Colchester Hay- ward Fire Department responded to the scene of a structure fire Monday afternoon that may have been set by a group of juveniles.

According to a press release at Troop K, the local fire and police departments were notified by 12:10 South Main St., the old Chevy Dealership, for a fire that had been set in the

Old Town Hall.

The budget also includes a 3 percent wage increase for non-elected employees, while unionized employees will receive a 2 percent raise. Elected personnel will also receive a 3 percent wage, an amount that was voted on and approved at the May 7 Town Meeting.

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by Elizabeth Bowling

Four days after the last minute’s rejection of the proposed $40.87 million 2014-15 budget, the Board of Finance and Town Council brought out their scissors, cutting a total of $322,355 from the spending package and sending it to another referendum early next month.

The finance board did the lion’s share of the trimming – $292,482 worth – at its meeting last Wednesday, May 22. The 2013-14 budget, which included $142,407 in this year’s budget plus $107,700, which represents: custodial floor cleaning, $10,300; bathroom upgrades, $18,000; interior finishes, $10,000; classroom furniture, $29,000; media center, $10,000; phone system, $16,000; middle school sidewalk extension, $14,400. And cuts to the operating budget, as determined by a May 13 meeting, were $119,100.

The slight reduction caused the mill rate in- crease to a 2.67 percent increase from the current year’s budget of $142,407. It would be on contract and not a member of the union.

The “new positions” to which she referred were the police captain’s position and the facility and grounds foreman position. (Though Town Council Chairwoman Barbara Moore insisted Tuesday that the former position is not new; her explanation can be found in the story on the council meeting.)

Wilcox was, however, in favor of a new part-time position at the senior center, to help with additional programming. The new full-time position cut made by the board Monday will not affect the part-time senior center position, nor the police captain and the facilities and grounds foreman positions.

The finance board approved the police captain’s position to begin Oct. 1. The police and grounds manager’s position, however, was approved for the full year.

East Hampton’s Chief of Police Sean Cox said that last Thursday’s Board of Finance meeting he thought the budgetary request from the police department was “very reasonable.” He explained in 2010, the department had one chief, five sergeants, 10 patrolmen and one fully-funded open patrolman’s position. But, in the current year, he said the department was re- duced by one chief and one active patrolman, and funding was ended for the open patrolman position.

Since then, he said, the only position to be reinstated was the chief. According to Cox, the department presently has one chief, three sergeants, nine patrolmen and two open patrolmen positions.

“Of course, we have to work our way up,” he said. “I don’t want you to think that we’re sneaking things in [the budget] that you’re not fully aware of,” she said to the audience. “But I want you to be aware of what’s not in the budget.”

Additionaly, she said there is only one new position on the budget, that’s the police captain. Moore affirmed that the police captain would be on contract and not a member of the union.

Regarding the facilities and grounds foreman position, Moore said. “The facilities person is not a new position. It’s something smaller than what we had in the past. It’s a lessor position.”

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Next Generation Takes on Semkow Farms in Colchester

by Melissa Roberto

Semkow Farms on Parnam Road in Colchester endeavored for nearly 100 years by Frank Semkow Jr. before his death three years ago, followed by his wife, Semkow Farms’ into the Facebook search engine. Facebook page, accessible by typing ‘Semkow Farms’ into the Facebook search engine.

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Lighter Budget Heads to Town Meeting in Colchester

by Geeta Schrayer

On Wednesday, a proposed 2014-15 budget that’s over $30,000 lighter than the number that failed at referendum earlier this month was forwarded to a town meeting.

The cut brought the combined budget down to $53,372,877 from $53,658,889 and includes $13,439,082 for the school, the spending pack-

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Frank Semkow Jr., the longtime owner of Semkow Farms, passed away last July. Now, in an effort to keep the farm and its nursery alive, Robia Semkow, Frank Semkow Jr.’s niece, has taken ownership and reopened the nursery.

"It is my goal to do right by the customers, by my uncle and my family,” she said. “This is being rebuilt for me, it’s being rebuilt for the almost daily." And opening weekend proved that the community hasn’t forgotten about Semkow Farms. "Overall the tremendous support and encour-
gaement was so overwhelming,” Robia said. “I got to hear wonderful things and stories about my uncle.”

Although the damage has made it tough to get Semkow Farms back to what it used to be, Robia said that her vision. She’s also seek-
ing input from customers.

"I want to be what you’re used to, custom-
ized by your requests,” she said. And in the meantime, the motivated new owner said she’s enjoying her new adventure on the "Eastern seaboard.”

"The whole reason of moving here is to get my hands dirty and watch my plants grow," adding she has one more responsibility, which also happened to be the last bit of advice her uncle shared with the family. "Have fun.”

To find out more about Semkow Farms, read-
ers can call the farm at 860-537-2670 or visit it at 489 Parrum Rd. The farm is open for opera-

The second-largest cut amounted to $14,329 and went from grounds maintenance. Tarlov explained spending had been increased to take care of the recreational fields “and we pulled that back out.”

Another cut Tarlov said would be impor-
tant to the public to be aware of was a $9,948 re-
duction from the library. This, he said, would result in fewer hours.

Tarlov also said the town would be receiving more revenue from the state than originally anticipated. Of the additional revenue, which totaled $60,057, about half was transferred to the capital fund to pay for an architect for pre-design work for the school project.

The remaining $30,057 was used to help re-

duce the mill rate.

Tarlov said the cuts the board approved weren’t all of the suggested cuts provided by the first selectman; he explained the finance board chose not to cut road maintenance or the substance abuse counselor at the youth center.

Following Wednesday’s finance board meet-
ing, the Board of Selectmen scheduled a town meeting on the new number for next Wednes-

day, May 29, at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall.

"If the town votes to move [the budgets] to referendum, the referendum is scheduled for Thursday, May 29,” Tarlov explained.

He added the board felt they were now a number most of the voters would be accept-
able with and concluded, ‘hopefully we’ll get a lot more people voting than last time.”
by Mike Thompson

A few weeks back, reporter Geeta Schaefer wrote a nice story profiling Hebron’s Christopher Larkin, who had landed a role on the CW’s upcoming series The 100. Well, last week news began trickling out about which shows the networks are canceling and which ones they’re renewing for the fall — and I’m pleased to say The 100 is sticking around for another season.

Congratulations, Christopher, and continued good luck.

Unfortunately, the TV news wasn’t quite as good for Glastonbury’s Eli Baker. The 12-year-old last year landed a starring role in the NBC sitcom Growing Up Fisher. The Riverviewer’s sister paper, the Glastonbury Citizen, had quite understandably, written a lot about the series, which debuted in February. I admit to never having seen it, but I was hoping, for Eli’s sake, it would succeed — much as I was excited to see The 100 picked up, even though I have also not seen that show. I like local success stories — and landing a regular role on a hit television series is a pretty great achievement.

However, NBC canceled Growing Up Fisher last week. I’m sure, judging from what the Citizen and other area papers wrote about him, Eli will continue auditioning for shows, and I wish him the best of luck.

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Speaking of TV cancellations, a few came down the pike last week.

For instance, Suburgatory showed the door. Now in its third season, the show is a delightful comedy about a suburbiaput in the late ’70s and early ’80s. Now, the three-camera format limits you a bit in terms of locations. It’s a good way to let him be who he needed to be — very much like the show in front of a studio audience — a format Williams thrived in for four seasons on Mork & Mindy in the late ’70s and early ’80s. Now, the three-camera format limits you a bit in terms of location shooting, shooting on different sets, etc., but, for reasons I wouldn’t be surprised were financial (as I’m guessing the salaries for names like Williams and Gellar, not to mention the show’s creator, David E. Kelley, were pretty high), the show didn’t seem to stay from its main office setting very often.

Basically, while the show had flaws, it had a lot of potential too, and I think CBS would have been wise to bring it back — and to make it a three-camera show as well.

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See you next week.

From the Editor’s Desk

Observations & Ruminations

East Hampton Police News

4/25: Keith Height, 41, of 49 Neptune Ave., Moodus, was issued a summons for traveling too fast and having insufficient insurance. East Hampton Police said.

4/29: Jason Carterberry, 31, of 5 Bellevue St, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operating an unregistered motor vehicle, police said.

5/1: Kimberly A. Crumb, 38, of 38 Targaron Dr., was arrested for DUI, failure to drive right and risk of injury to a minor, police said.

5/4: Kyle Rutkowski, 20, of 127 Pearl St., Enfield, was issued a summons after he was involved in a motor vehicle accident involving a parked vehicle at 15 East High St. and left the scene, police said. Police said Rutkowski was charged with evading and operating with a suspended license, police said.

5/9: Shylian Lamar Young, 26, of 116 Middletown Ave., was arrested for third-degree assault, second-degree threatening and disorderly conduct, police said.

Colchester Police News

5/6: At 3:39 p.m. Colchester Police responded to a one-car crash on Windham Ave. The vehicle, driven by Judith L. Porter, 65, of 177 Martin Rd., Hebron, struck a utility pole located off the roadway. The Hebron Fire Department transported Porter and her passenger, Bridget Walsh, 3, of 56 Oakleaf Dr., to Marlborough Clinic by the Hebron Fire Department for evaluation.

5/7: Colchester Police conducted a traffic stop on Bull Hill Road and Arthur C. Fleijzar, 20, of 30 Stands Rd., was found to be in possession of narcotics. Fleijzar was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle, insurance coverage fails to meet minimum requirements, narcotics kept only in an original container, illegal sale of drugs, possession of narcotics and possession of a controlled substance.

5/7: State Police said Christopher D. Palamar, 42, of 268 Westchester Rd., turned himself in on an active PRAWN warrant for second-degree failure to appear.

5/7: State Police said Aimee Soucy, 25, of 1529 Portland Colburn Rd., was arrested on two counts of first-degree failure to appear, failure to respond to a payable violation, and three counts of second-degree failure to appear.

5/8: State Police said Paul Ferreiro, 21, of 108 Sheepsink Hollow Rd., East Haddam, was charged with disorderly conduct and interfering with an emergency call.

5/8: Colchester Police said they are investigating the report of a stolen debit card that was fraudulently used at Stop & Shop in Colchester.


5/10: State Police said Elton J. Knowles, 52, of 105 Harbor Rd., was charged with disorderly conduct and interfering with an officer.

5/11: Colchester Police said Lorriane Oakley-Collin, 50, of 361 Linwood Cemetery Rd., was charged with disobeying an officer, DUI interfering with an officer, failure to submit to fingerprint and breath of peace.


5/13: State Police said a vehicle driven by Adam Casale, 18, whose address was not listed, collided into a utility pole at the intersection of Main Street and Dr. Fotte Drive at 12:50 a.m. Police said Casale was transported to the Marlborough Clinic by the Colchester Hayward Fire Department for complaint of back pain.

5/13: Colchester Police said Peter Kevorkian, 29, of 44 Brainard Rd., was charged with driving while under the influence of a suspended license and illegal possession of marijuana.
Glastonbury
Rose Venti
Rose (Zorick) Venti, the loving widow of Andrew Venti, died Monday, May 11, at home with her family at her side. It is the belief of her family that she died on Mother’s Day, as her family was first in her life, her mother. Her funeral service will be held today at noon at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Kellogg Road, Colchester. Her interment will be at the convenience of the family at the Farms Cemetery, Groton. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her name to the American Heart Association.

Colchester
Robert G. George
Robert “Bob” G. George, of Enfield, formerly of Colchester, entered into eternal rest at the age of 79 on Sunday, May 1, at Mercy Medical Center, Springfield, Mass.

Toni resided in Hartford, Wethersfield, Lake Hayward, Boynton Beach, Fla., and most recently Newington for the last 10 years. She was married to Bob and they traveled and saw many places in their lifetime. They made a yearly trek to Arizona to spend quality time and maintain a close and loving relationship with their children. She was always willing to volunteer her time and whenever and wherever they were needed for support, friendship and love. She will be missed dearly in our lives.

Toni was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and dear friend to all who knew her. She will be dearly missed by all, but also loved to help those in need, especially those in need of a job. She was famously known as “Toni from Mueh” and spent many years with that organization working for her great friend and mentor, the late Helen Gay of Colchester. Many of you reading this obituary can thank our mom for finding your career path after she retired.

Toni was very proud of her Italian heritage; she came from humble beginnings on Marsh Court in Hartford, and spoke fondly of the “Old Front Street” belonged to the Young Italians organization. Toni always had a smile on her face and was a true friend to all. She was still a true friend in her life. She had a great talent for cooking and loved to cook for others. She would bake meals or cookies and always love to share a meal with her friends and family. She was a beautiful person, inside and out, and will be truly missed by many.

Rest in peace, our wonderful mother, and big hugs to those who have passed before you.

Calling hours are today, May 16, from 8-9 p.m., at D’Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, May 17, at 10 a.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. 260 Brook St., Rocky Hill. Everyone is invited to go directly to the church. Burial will follow in St. Benedict Cemetery, Rocky Hill.

For online expressions of sympathy, visit desopo.com.