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Witches (Beware)

With Halloween around the corner, witches become more active and are more scary. Back in the years between 1300-1600, many people were falsely accused of being witches and subsequently were jailed or even put to death by burning at the stake. But none were put to death by this method in the USA, contrary to popular belief or history books.

The same cannot be said in Europe where thousands were accused of witchcraft and burned at the stake. It was a period of mysterious suspicion. If you acted differently or in an unorthodox way, you would have many accusers and your life may be on the line.

In those days, the power of witches were not taken for granted and were known to cast spells, take on the shape of creatures, brew magical potions and even capable of raising the dead.

Thank God we live in a more civilized world, but we must have mercy on the many thousands of people who were falsely accused of witchcraft and put to death. Happy Halloween!

Ron Johnson, Hamden

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Sen. Cabrera Welcomes State Grants to Help Reduce Student Absenteeism

Hamden: State Senator Jorge Cabrera (D-Hamden) welcomed $517,179 in state grants to improve student attendance in Hamden, Naugatuck and Derby. Hamden and Naugatuck will each receive $200,000, and Derby $117,179.

"There's a lot of reasons why kids don't make it to school – it could be a family issue, or transportation, maybe there's a physical handicap, an illness, or a language barrier. LEAP addresses all of that and has made huge strides in the past few years to bring more kids back to school and keep them there," Sen. Cabrera said. " I'm really happy to have this funding for Hamden, Naugatuck and Derby."

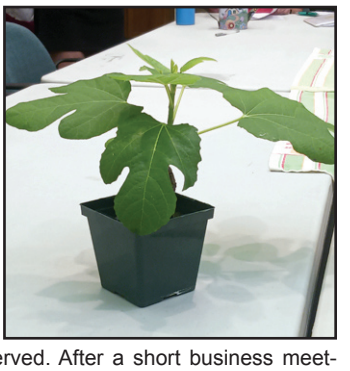
The grants are being made through Connecticut's Learner Engagement and Attendance Program, or LEAP. Since the Lamont administration established LEAP in 2021, chronic absenteeism has declined for four consecutive years, from 23.7% in 2021-2022 to 16.4% in 2025-2026, meaning nearly 35,000 more students are attending school regularly compared with 2021-2022.

FOR SALE: Black & Decker Workmate foldable portable bench $75; (203) 234-7255 •

FOR SALE: Golf clubs, Tommy Armour irons, cart, bag, balls $40; (203) 265-2750 •

FOR SALE: Pampered Chef Stoneware oblong pans for oven, microwave, dishwasher safe, 10x15" and 8x11" orig. $55 ea. Selling both $55; (203) 865-2795

Spring Glen Garden Club Upcoming Tag Sale



Pictured: A fig tree that was propagated by a club member from a tree a family member brought from Italy. Dawn gave a very informative presentation on the history of her tree and how she went about propagating it from the original.

Hamden: The Spring Glen Garden Club will be holding its Oct. meeting, Monday Oct. 19th at the Lockwood Cottage, 890 Evergreen Ave. The meeting will begin at 1130 am, with a light lunch. Bring a sandwich and a beverage and dessert will be served. After a short business meeting the presentation will be held at 1 pm. The Speaker is Jim Sirch and his subject is "Rain Gardens". Mr. Sirch was involved in the rain garden at Hamden Center Park. Please join Club members in what promises to be a very interesting presentation. Donation $5.

The Spring Glen Garden Club will have tables at the tag sale hosted by The Mount Carmel Congregation Church, 3284 Whitney Ave., Hamden. The sale will take place on Sat. Oct. 26, from 9am-2pm. Please stop by and see what items we have available,

The Club will be having a bake sale on Election Day, Tues. Nov. 3rd in the hallway in front of the Thornton Wilder Auditorium at the Miller Library. Stop by and see what goodies we can tempt you with. Pick up goodies to freeze for the Holidays.

The Club has been a fixture in the Hamden community since 1925, a chartered member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., since 1929.

The Garden Club ongoing projects include gardens and planters in Spring Glen, Poppy's Garden on the Farmington Canal Trail and the Historical Herb Garden at The Jonathan Dickerman House.

Other projects of the Club are a Rhododendron Garden at the entry to Lockwood Cottage and the Red Oak tree (Quercus rubra) affectionately known as "Annie Oakley" planted in the Eli Whitney Park.

The Spring Glen Garden Club is looking for new members, who are not only interested in horticultural pursuits but civic beautification and preservation of our natural resources. There are no residency requirements to belong, our members are as local as Hamden, North Haven, Branford, or as far flung as Goshen. For further membership information, please call Dorothy at 475. 434.8017.

WANTED: Collector buying old photographs from the 1800's on glass, tin or paper, of people, places or things; (203) 915-7662 •

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