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March 19 which will cover Artificial Intelligence (AI) and American National Security and will wrap up on March 26, which will cover "American Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead."

The group has been meeting on Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Attendees were encouraged to read the briefing book ahead of time that provides ample background information of each of the subjects that were discussed and that will be talked about. Assistant Adult Services Librarian Emilie Lang spoke about the importance of having an open space for discussion groups and what happens at an event like this.

"The FPA has groups all across the country, so anyone can start their own group, whether it's at a library or an individual wants to start their own. They're welcome to do so! Other local libraries offer this program similar to ours; it's a way for people who are interested in discussing current events and important topics in politics to get together and discuss in a friendly, open-minded format," Lang

said. "Everyone in the group is very respectful, which is why I think it is successful. Most people don't share the same opinion but are open-minded and willing to hear all sides of the discussion, which is important in making something like this work."

Lang added the group has been growing as well.

"There are around 30 to 35 people in this group, it's been growing every year. Ken First and Bob Kirkwood are the two primary facilitators, but every week there's a different topic leader," Lang said.

Assistant Reference Librarian Carolyn Welch was also thrilled with the library having this discussion group.

"It's a good group, some of these people have been doing the group for a while, it has the support in terms of people coming back," Welch said. "It's a good way to just be aware of what's going on, in terms of what's pressing for the U.S. and world foreign policies. This group is very informative, it does give you a different perspective."

When asked why people should consider joining the next FPA meeting, Lang commented on a growing conversation of overconsumption of

information and why trusting your source of information is critical.

"It is an uncertain time for a lot of people, with a lot of information, it can be difficult to tell what information is reliable or reputable. Being in an environment where open conversation is encouraged, I think is reassuring to a lot of people because you can hear different perspectives. People can refute or affirm perspectives, but can come together as a group to have a discussion at the library," Lang said.

Welch ended by saying this.

"Thank you for your support of the library!" Welch said.

Coming up next at the library will be a Boston Marathon History & Stories event with bestselling author Paul Clerici on April 7 at 6 p.m.

Also coming up, the Friends of the Wilbraham Public Library will be hosting their Annual Book Sale on May 7 to 10, with the library accepting donations starting May 2. The sale will take place in the Brooks Room.

To learn more about upcoming events at the library, visit [wilbrahamlibrary.org](http://wilbrahamlibrary.org).

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hour, flipping occasionally. Some ketchup as a dip may help reluctant kids to give the "funny orange French fries" a try.

My dad is probably looking down and wishing I did an article on good, old fashioned russets. Sorry, Dad, but Happy St. Patrick's Day anyway!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

**Wilb. nomination papers available updated**

WILBRAHAM - Wilbraham Town Clerk's Office is announcing that nomination papers are now available for placement of your name as a candidate on the Saturday, May 17, 2025 Annual Town Election ballot.

The last day to obtain nomination papers is Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

The positions being voted that day are:

- **Select Board** member for 3-year term
- **Assessor** for 3-year term
- **Regional School Committee member** for 3-year term
- **Cemetery Commissioner** for 3-year term
- **Cemetery Commissioner** for 1 year term
- **Water Commissioner** for 3-year term
- **Water Commissioner** for 1 year term

- 1 year term
- **Two Library Trustees** for 3-year terms each
- **Library Trustee** for 1 year term
- **Planning Board Member** for 5-year term
- **Wilbraham Housing Authority member** for 5-year term

The deadline for submission to the Registrars for certification is Friday, March 28, 2025 at 5 p.m. and 50 signatures from registered Wilbraham voters are required to have a name listed on the ballot as a candidate. We suggest calling our office to set up an appointment to pick up the papers. Contact the Town Clerk's Office at 596-2800, ext. 200 if you have any questions. Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Polish Junior League awarding scholarships**

REGION - The Polish Junior League of Massachusetts has announced that it will be awarding scholarships again this year for college students of Polish Heritage.

Scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate

students, and one scholarship will be granted to a graduate or returning student. Application information and forms may be obtained at [www.polishjuniorleaguema.org/applications](http://www.polishjuniorleaguema.org/applications).

Deadline for receipt of ap-

plication materials is May 1, 2025.

Selection is based upon financial need and academic achievement.

Applications are available online at [www.polishjuniorleaguema.org/applications](http://www.polishjuniorleaguema.org/applications).

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD25P0506EA  
Estate of:  
Carla Ann Boutin  
Date of Death: 04/13/2024  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Daniel R Boutin of Wilbraham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Daniel R Boutin of Wilbraham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety

on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/09/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administra-

tion is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 11, 2025  
Rosemary A Saccamoni,  
Register of Probate  
03/20/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD99P1912CV1  
In the matter of:  
Hilary P Diebold

Of: Wilbraham, MA  
Protected Person/  
Disabled Person/Respondent  
CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF  
CONSERVATOR'S  
ACCOUNT

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the first to the third account(s) of Stanley Light of Springfield, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

**You have the right to object to the account(s).** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/28/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this mat-

ter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named

person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 21, 2025  
Rosemary A. Saccamoni  
Register of Probate  
03/20/2025

**SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE**

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of March 28, 2025 the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:  
Vehicle : 2009 Nissan Frontier  
VIN#: 1N6AA07C29N317650  
COLOR: Gray  
LKO: Jarrett Kirsche  
52 Hilltop Dr  
Manchester CT 06043

R & S Assoc. Inc  
PO Box 543  
Wilbraham MA 01095  
413-596-4374

03/13, 03/20, 03/27/2025

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