

PROULX from page 1 internship.

In stories, we often meet characters who embark on journeys for some broad reason, later learning that there is a much deeper lesson to that journey beyond a character's initial motivation. That was the Wilbraham - Hampden Times for me.

I've always known I wanted to pursue a career in the writing field, but I also wanted my work to have an impact.

In the beginning of my junior year, I attended a meeting for Minnechaug Juniors who would be interested in working with the Wilbraham - Hampden Times writers. There I met Kristin, whom I had been in correspondence with previously about my interests in the

role as a journalist. Kristin is one of the most kind-hearted individuals I have ever met and takes the time out of her day to make you feel seen in every interaction. She has genuinely taught me so much and I've been proud to have her as my mentor over the last year. I have only been writing for the Times for about 9 months, but I owe it all to her.

One of my favorite pieces I've ever covered, one that influenced a bit of my college decision, was a piece about Minnechaug's own librarian, Dr. Georgina Trebbe, going to the Boston State House to testify. The process of getting to go to the State House—during a school day—getting to speak to those who testified, interviewing Senator Jacob Oliveira one-on-one about the bill

itself, that was what solidified everything for me. I got to see a glimpse of my future in Boston as well as the power of the people and our stories.

Writing for the Times has given me so much more confidence in my capabilities to get out of my comfort zone and talk to people. I never knew how much actually went on around me in Wilbraham until I took a closer look. Whenever you attend an event, generally you have a good idea of what's going on, but never exactly how it will go. I think that unpredictability has directed my path in such a special way.

I always like to include a larger message in my articles to make it more than just an event that has passed in history. In doing that, I highlighted a lot about what people think

a certain event's impact has on the greater whole of the community, along with any messages that they would like to share, especially around holiday seasons.

But you don't need a special occasion to share your message with the world. The greatest piece of wisdom that I've acquired, something that anyone who knows me will hear me say almost daily, is that everything happens for a reason. I think it's very human to try and control the trajectory of our lives, planning what we want to do and who we want to be down to a tee. But sometimes things don't work out the way that we plan and maybe that's just a bigger part of the plan. I've seen this proven too many times to count both in my life and in this job alone.

I have a couple more articles coming out over the next few weeks and I plan to write a little over school breaks but as I am graduating and heading off to college in the fall, I would like to thank everyone who has supported my journey, Editor Kristin Rivers, Turley Publications and all the readers for having me and allowing me to flourish at the Wilbraham - Hampden Times.

As I step back from this role, I would like to take the time to highlight three new writers stepping into this correspondence role, a sort of passing of the torch: Reese Magee, Selena Nguyen and Riddhi Patel, all Minnechaug juniors stepping into their senior years like I was. I can't wait to see you all evolve as I have.

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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. HD26P1046EA Estate of: Thomas Franco Date of Death: 04/07/2026 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Eric T Franco 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 Eric T Franco of Wilbraham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without 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 06/10/2026. 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 affi-

davit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T.

Studemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 13, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
05/21/2026

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(Posted 5/11/2026)
The Wilbraham Select Board, serving as the Board of Health, will hold a hearing at Wilbraham Town Hall, 240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham, MA in the

Select Board Meeting Room on **Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:05 p.m.** to hear a Title 5 variance request from Zachery & Jessica Carr regarding their property at 6 Hitching Post Lane. The hearing will consider allowing a variance from the requirements of section 310 CMR 15.223 to permit the use of a single-compartment tank for a multifamily facility. All those wishing to comment will be heard. This hearing will be conducted in person and virtually (virtual meeting access info. available on Select Board's meeting agenda).

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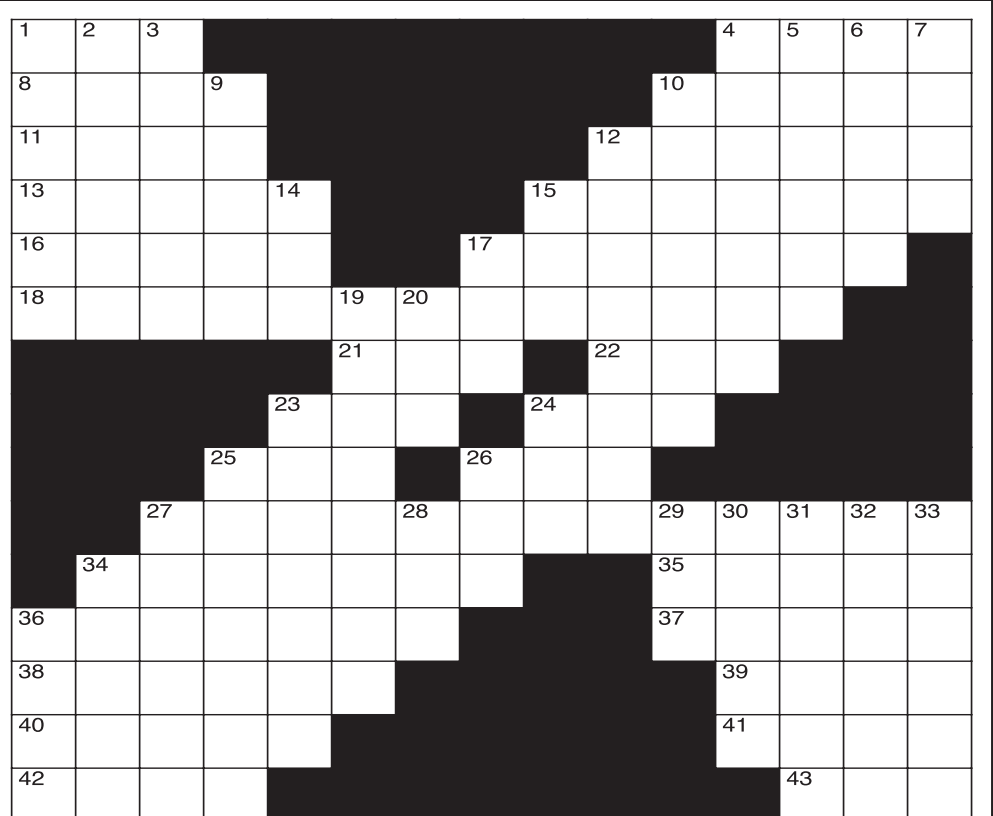
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- 1. Government lawyers
 - 4. The back of a person's neck
 - 8. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
 - 10. In a less flashy way
 - 11. Living room piece
 - 12. Shepherd dog
 - 13. A citizen of Iran
 - 15. Moved slowly
 - 16. Small finch
 - 17. Previously
 - 18. What a kid does on Halloween
 - 21. Monetary unit
 - 22. Using dry humor
 - 23. Ocean
 - 24. Greek goddess of the dawn
 - 25. Not close
 - 26. NHL legend Bobby
 - 27. A ballplayer would love to do this
 - 34. Charity
 - 35. City in Finland
 - 36. Loomed over
 - 37. Vaccine developer
 - 38. Avoids capture
 - 39. We all need it
 - 40. Openwork fabrics
 - 41. Get away
 - 42. Something you might hit
 - 43. Soviet Socialist Republic
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Abstain from
 - 2. Admirer
 - 3. Expedition to observe animals
 - 4. Act that is legally void
 - 5. WW2 combatants
 - 6. A tool
 - 7. Looked at
 - 9. Showing wild excitement
 - 10. Banknotes
 - 12. Tired
 - 14. Printers need it
 - 15. Women's patriotic group
 - 17. When you anticipate getting somewhere
 - 19. Functions
 - 20. Breed of sheep
 - 23. Mocking pieces
 - 24. A major division of geological time
 - 25. Andiron
 - 26. Many not ands
 - 27. Cuban city
 - 28. He voiced "Olaf"
 - 29. Criticize
 - 30. "Thundercats" character
 - 31. Markings
 - 32. Gets up
 - 33. MLB lefty reliever A.J.
 - 34. An assembly of witches
 - 36. High energy lasers (abbr.)