

PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Blandford Conservation Commission Public Notice
On **Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM** at the Blandford Town Hall, 1 Russell Stage Road, the Blandford Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing in accordance with an Order of Conditions issued in September 2024 to consider a project list submitted by the Blandford Highway Department. The project list includes various maintenance and im-

provements to Town roads and related infrastructure. Additional information is available in the Office of the Conservation Commission.
Richard Gates, Chair
Town of Blandford Conservation Commission
02/05/2026

Chester Water Commission Notice of Public Hearing FY27 Water Rate
The Chester Water Commis-

sion will hold a public hearing on **March 11, 2026** at Chester Town Hall, 15 Middlefield Road, Chester at **6 p.m.** for an operational update & discussion of FY '27 Water Rate.
02/05/2026

SOUTHERN HILLTOWNS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS
The Town of Chester, as lead community for the FY 2026

Southern Hilltowns Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application, is seeking proposals from qualified social service organizations and agencies to include in the application. Activities eligible for funding include a range of social services that meet the needs of low and moderate-income residents in the Towns of Chester, Huntington, Middlefield, and Russell. Agencies providing the following services are encouraged to submit proposals; adult education/GED preparation, literacy programs, job training, domestic violence prevention, services for seniors, emergency food, family/youth activities and other social service programs.
The Town of Chester may choose to fund all, any or none of the proposals submitted. Agencies or organizations identified for inclusion in the Town's grant proposal will be required to submit additional information as part of the full CDBG application to be submitted to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC). Programs funded by EOHLC will begin in the Fall of 2026. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC)

is assisting the Towns in the coordination and administration of its community development programs. Please contact Joe Hagogian to receive a request form or with any questions regarding this program at (413) 781-6045 or jhagogian@pvpc.org.
All proposals must be submitted by mail, fax or e-mail to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street – 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104, fax 413-732-2593, or jhagogian@pvpc.org by **2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 19, 2026.**
02/05/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Division Docket No. HS25P0815EA Estate of: Mary Spaulding Date of Death: May 08, 2025 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of
Petitioner **Lucy M. Cawthron of Peru, MA**

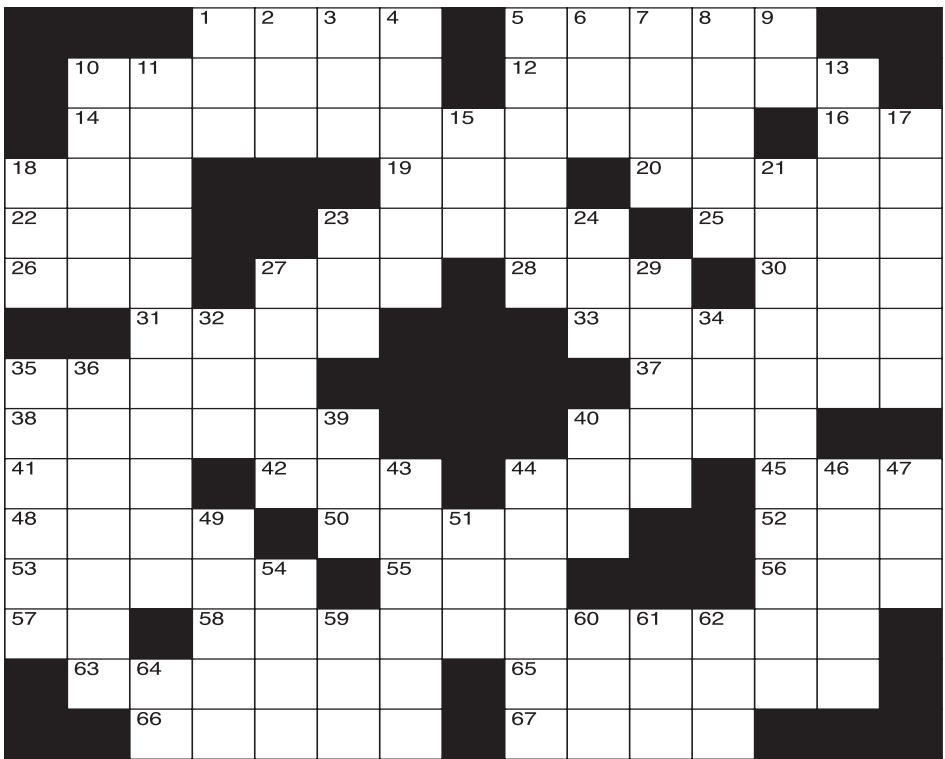
Petitioner **Patrick J.R. Spaulding of Huntington, MA. Lucy M. Cawthron of Peru, MA**
Patrick J.R. Spaulding of Huntington, MA
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
02/05/2026



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Native American group of N. California
- 5. Geological times (Brit. sp.)
- 10. Tool to remove
- 12. Rods
- 14. One who renews
- 16. They precede C
- 18. Chatter incessantly
- 19. ___ King Cole, musician
- 20. Insect parts
- 22. One from Utah
- 23. The world of the dead
- 25. Singer Redding
- 26. NBA legend Nelson
- 27. Indicates wrongly
- 28. Unhappy
- 30. Anger
- 31. Dark brown
- 33. Some are in kitchens
- 35. Made a mistake

CLUES DOWN

- 37. Damp
- 38. Type of fuel
- 40. Actor Damon
- 41. What thespians do
- 42. One's mother
- 44. Disallow
- 45. Swiss river
- 48. A banana has one
- 50. Philippines lake and volcano are two
- 52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 53. Agave
- 55. Journalist Tarbell
- 56. One-time tech giant
- 57. Indicates upon
- 58. Intestinal bacteria
- 63. Loose sheaths around the spinal cord
- 65. It goes with nook
- 66. A fashion
- 67. Very eager to hear or see

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Witch
- 2. Utilize
- 3. Writing utensil
- 4. Where rockers go to work
- 5. Subsidies
- 6. Consume
- 7. Greek mythological figures
- 8. California mountain town
- 9. Tin
- 10. Muse of lyric and love poetry
- 11. Animates anew
- 13. Humorous criticisms
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Worst
- 18. Wet dirt
- 21. Designed to be useful
- 23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
- 24. High schoolers' test

- 27. Computer device
- 29. Indian territory ___ and Diu
- 32. A place to sleep
- 34. AI tool
- 35. Pass or go by
- 36. Indicates a purchase
- 39. A digital tape recording of sound
- 40. More (Spanish)
- 43. Disfigured
- 44. White (Spanish)
- 46. Church building
- 47. Georgia rockers
- 49. Type of surgery
- 51. Much ___ about nothing
- 54. Make by braiding
- 59. Local area network
- 60. Unit of work or energy
- 61. Member of indigenous people of Thailand
- 62. Liquefied natural gas
- 64. Distance to top

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPES

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

This week brings a refreshing burst of motivation, Aries. You'll feel clarity around something that's been lingering on your mind. Small victories stack quickly — celebrate them.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Warmth surrounds you, Cancer. Emotional clarity and a renewed sense of balance help you move forward with plans. Home-related tasks go smoothly.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Harmony and connection take center stage this week, Libra. Expect positive interactions, pleasant exchanges and a sense of mutual understanding.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, steady progress and thoughtful planning bring satisfying results. You're setting foundations that support long-term success. Expect a moment of validation.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Comfort and progress go hand-in-hand. You're finding your rhythm and it shows. A financial or practical matter becomes easier than expected.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Your charm is magnetic right now. This week favors communication, leadership, and bold self-expression, Leo. You may receive recognition for something you've been quietly working on.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Momentum builds, Scorpio. You're stepping into your power with calm confidence. A project or plan gains traction, and your intuition is especially sharp. Trust your instincts.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Fresh ideas flow effortlessly, Aquarius. This is a strong week for innovation, problem-solving and collaboration. A new perspective may lead to a resolution.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, your natural curiosity lights up your week. Inspiration flows easily, especially through conversations or creative brainstorming. Seek inspiration through collaboration.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, your practical brilliance shines. You'll make great progress on tasks that once felt overwhelming. Health and self-care rituals feel especially rewarding.

SAGITTARIUS

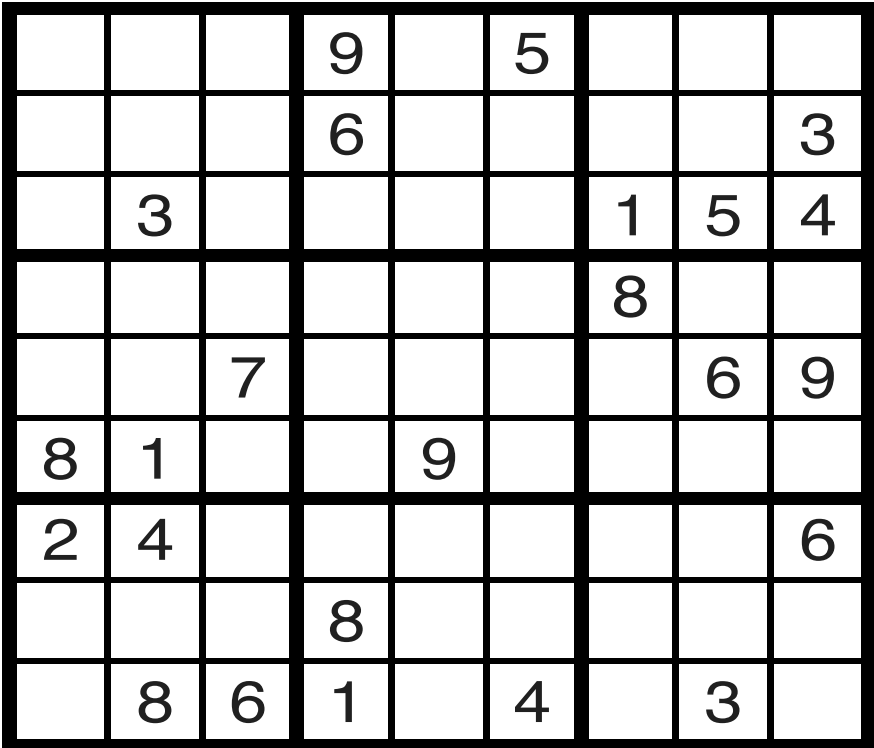
Nov 23/Dec 21

Adventure — big or small — calls your name, Sagittarius. You may feel a spark of optimism that carries you through the week. Opportunities abound to learn, explore or connect.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Gentle energy lifts your spirits this week, Pisces. Creativity, intuition and emotional ease all run strong. This is an excellent week for dreams or creative pursuits.



SUDOKU

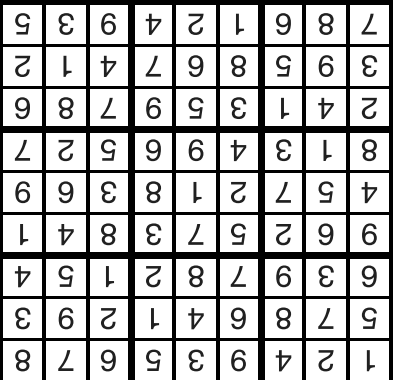
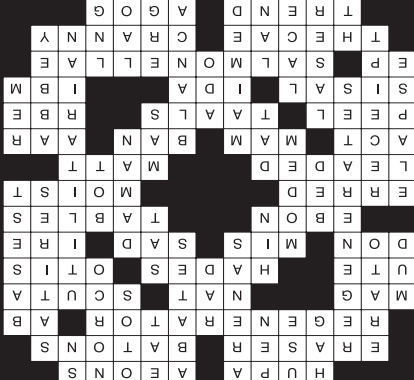
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Fun By The Numbers

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