



From the left, Donna Dinelle of Ludlow shows Norah Kazin of Wilbraham her stained glass piece..

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experience of beginning to work with stained glass after her husband bought her a stained-glass class.

“I started out with the real stained glass, but that was too perfect for me....I like to do what I want to do. I don’t want to have to shave pieces and make them fit, it was just too much. So, I decided I would try mosaics and I like the glass on glass mosaics the best,” O’Toole said.

Attendees were provided with a black arched frame that O’Toole had prepared for the event as well as green and blue stained glass that she said she had hand-cut into tiny pieces and put in a rock tumbler for two days “so that you won’t cut your fingers when you’re dealing with the glass.”

Beads of various colors and the clear silicon glue to stick all the individual pieces to the glass backing of the frame were also provided. In addition, O’Toole gave helpful tips during the event to anyone who needed it.

In the window of the room for the workshop were two examples of finished mosaic stained-glass windows, along with a third piece which presented a stunningly beautiful tree using tiny pieces of stained glass for the leaves.

When attendees were asked later if they had an idea in advance of what they wanted their stained-glass window to look like, some responded that they just let their creative juices flow.

“I just decided to sit and let the teacher teach me and listen to everyone around and play with the colors. So, it was a very creative process, which is nice,” Diane Carignan from Wilbraham said.

Was she pleased with the result?
“It came out kinda nice



Maria Cacela of Wilbraham and Ann O’Toole of East Longmeadow showing off the piece after the white sealer.

for a novice,” Carignan said.

Joanne Bergeron of Easthampton, who attended this workshop with her sisters Karen Knowles of Ludlow and Jill Appleby from Springfield, all of whom have worked with stained glass before, had some thoughts of what design she would do.

“I’m thinking maybe Christmas colors,” Bergeron said.

Asked if it would maybe be a gift, she quickly responded, “No, I’m not giving it away....Keeping it for myself,” she added with a laugh.

When finished with their window, each senior brought their work to O’Toole who applied the finishing touch by brushing on Mod Podge, a white all-in-one glue, sealer, and finish, to the piece “so that it’s nice and firm in the back.”

Attendees were told that this product would dry clear and their design would then be ready to proudly display in their homes.

“It’ll dry in a couple hours after you make it, if that,” O’Toole said.

Most seniors, when asked, had some idea of what they were going to do with

their stained-glass piece such as placing it in a window location in their home.

O’Toole said she puts her finished pieces above her kitchen sink, “‘cuz the sun shines in all afternoon, so It’s bright and cheery.”

Pat Ryan from Dedham MA, when asked if she was happy with her results, exclaimed, “Yes! It’s amazing....It doesn’t look like much while you’re working on it and then, boom!, at the end, it comes in and it’s beautiful.”

Norah Kazin of Wilbraham was also pleased with her finished piece.

“I used colors that I like to use and it really turned out well,” Kazin said.

By the conclusion of the event, a number of people were already wondering if there would be more of these workshops.

“I might see if there are any other classes around....I might get more involved in it because of this (workshop),” Carignan said.

Ryan agreed.
“Oh yes, it was wonderful. I would do it again,” Ryan said.

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abundant forest birds of North America. They come to feeders and like many sparrows feed on the ground to glean seeds dropped there by other birds.

They prefer open, partially wooded areas with understory for cover. They also have a twittering call or trilling song. If flushed from the ground, they appear gray or dark brown overall with visible white outer tail feathers.

The dark-eyed Junco is one of the most common birds in North America and can be found across the continent from Alaska to Mexico, from California to New York. A recent estimate set the junco’s total population

at approximately 630 million individuals.

The oldest recorded dark-eyed Junco, originally banded in 1991, was at least 11 years, 4 months old when it was recaptured and rereleased during banding operations in the same state of West Virginia in 2001.

Large flock of sparrows

Recently, while driving to the bus stop to pick up my grandson, I flushed a large flock of sparrows along the side of the road. A large number of them flew across the road in front of the car. It happened quickly so I was not able to identify them. They were not juncos as they did not have white tail feathers

New bird feeder

A man, who attends meals at the Oakham Senior Center, built a feeder from tubing someone gave him.

He filled it with seed and put it outside. It took a few days for the birds to arrive, but he has a lot of birds coming to it now.

eBird sightings

Recent eBird sightings included a Cape May warbler on Oct. 6 in Belchertown and an American redstart and a black-bellied plover, both spotted in the northeast Quabbin area on Oct. 6.

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

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ment plan to go with Medicare Part B if/when you enroll.

I hope this answers your question, but please don’t hesitate to contact us again if needed. And, importantly, thank you for your service to our country.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Hampden Zoning Board of Appeals Notice of Public Hearing

The Hampden Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6 PM** in the Town Hall, 85 Wilbraham Road, Hampden, MA, for those interested in the petition of owner Sarah Dudley for a Special Permit or Variance for the side setback under Section 7.2.4 of the Zoning Bylaw for the construction of a home to be located on Parcel #28-029-000 Burleigh Road. The petition and related materials are on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and may be viewed during normal business hours.

For the Board,
L. Jed Berliner, Chair
10/08, 10/15/2026

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div. Probate & Family Court Dept. HD26E0041PP

To Steven Thomas of Wilbraham, Hampden County; and all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Rosemarie Thomas, of East Longmeadow, Hampden County, representing that they hold as joint tenants in an undivided part or share of land lying in Wilbraham, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Five Hundred Sixteen Thousand and Eight Hundred Dollars (\$516,800.00), and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto,

you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the **tenth day of November 2026**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 10th day of September 2026.

Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register
10/01, 10/08, 10/15/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD26P2129EA Estate of: Andrew Zorin Date of Death: 03/24/2026 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Vera Coupal of Springfield, MA.

Vera Coupal of Springfield, 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.
10/15/2026

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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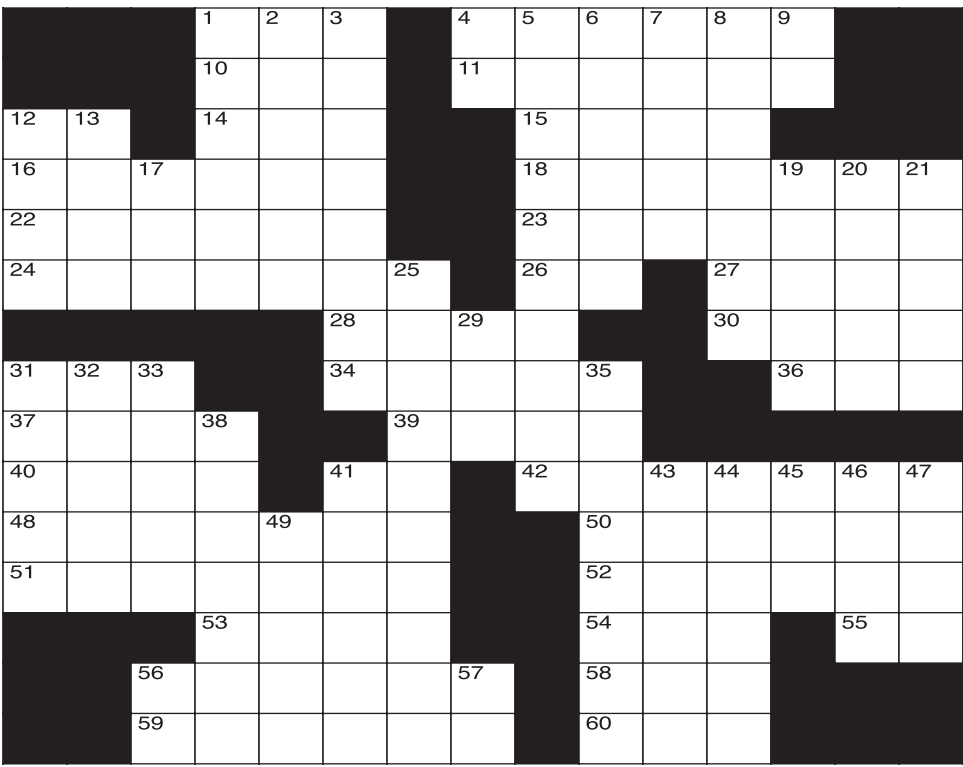
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small Eurasian deer
- 4. Province in Northern Ireland
- 10. A major division of geological time
- 11. Broadway actor Lane
- 12. Canadian province (abbr.)
- 14. Human gene
- 15. Two
- 16. A notable one was “blue”
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Ring-shaped objects
- 23. Sullies
- 24. Occurs
- 26. Commercial
- 27. Near
- 28. Tools you may need
- 30. A pledge
- 31. They start the alphabet

CLUES DOWN

- 34. Silk garments
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Longtime mayor of Rio
- 39. Hot meal
- 40. A type of gin
- 41. Atomic #84
- 42. \$10 bill
- 48. About ground
- 50. Medicine man
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. National capital of Albania
- 53. Appendage
- 54. OJ trial judge
- 55. European government entity (abbr.)
- 56. Bike parts
- 58. Friend to “Barbie”
- 59. Stretched to see or hear
- 60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make up for
- 2. Baltimore ballplayer
- 3. Wages
- 4. International organization of countries
- 5. Engravers of gems
- 6. Declared as fact
- 7. One who steals
- 8. Jewelry
- 9. Hospital worker
- 12. Nonsense (slang)
- 13. Town in Galilee
- 17. Value
- 19. Alternative identity
- 20. Sheep in their second year
- 21. Town in Surrey, England
- 25. Appropriate to a time of year

- 29. Creative work
- 31. Recesses
- 32. Largely forested municipality in Germany
- 33. Rider of Rohan
- 35. Ancient symbol co-opted by Nazis
- 38. Pioneer
- 41. Scribe
- 43. Painted a bright color
- 44. Member of British nobility
- 45. “Pulp Fiction” actress Thurman
- 46. Helps people walk
- 47. Crest of a hill
- 49. People of southeastern Alaska
- 56. One’s own device
- 57. The Mount Rushmore State