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Employers Beware

Misclassification of Employees as Independent Contractors

US Dept. of Labor

The U.S. Department of Labor published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to revise the Department's guidance on how to determine who is an employee or independent contractor under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The Department believes that its proposed rule would reduce the risk that employees are misclassified as independent contractors, while providing added certainty for businesses that engage (or wish to engage) with individuals who are in business for themselves.

The new rule would provide guidance on classifying workers and seeks to combat employee misclassification. Misclassification is a serious issue that denies workers' rights and protections under federal labor standards, promotes wage theft, allows certain employers to gain an unfair advantage over law-abiding businesses, and hurts the economy at-large.

The NPRM proposes a framework more consistent with longstanding judicial precedent on which employers have relied to classify workers as employees or independent contractors under the FLSA. The department believes the new rule would preserve essential worker rights and provide consistency for regulated entities.

"While independent contractors have an important role in our economy, we have seen in many cases that employers misclassify their employees as independent contractors, particularly among our nation's most vulnerable workers," said Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh. "Misclassification deprives workers of their federal labor protections, including their right to be paid their full, legally earned wages. The Department of Labor remains committed to addressing the issue of misclassification."

Specifically, the proposed rule would do the following:

- Align the department's approach with courts' FLSA interpretation and the economic reality test.
- Restore the multifactor, totality-of-the-circumstances analysis to determine whether a worker is an employee or an independent contractor under the FLSA.
- Ensure that all factors are analyzed without as-



signing a predetermined weight to a particular factor or set of factors.

- Revert to the longstanding interpretation of the economic reality factors. These factors include the investment, control and opportunity for profit or loss factors. The integral factor, which considers whether the work is integral to the employer's business, is also included.
- Assist with the proper classification of employees and independent contractors under the FLSA.
- Rescind the 2021 Independent Contractor Rule.

The department is responsible for ensuring that employers do not misclassify FLSA-covered workers as independent contractors and deprive them of their legal wage and hour protections. Misclassification denies basic worker protections such as minimum wage and overtime pay and affects a wide range of workers in the home care, janitorial services, trucking, delivery, construction, personal services, and hospitality and restaurant industries, among others.

All too often employers have hired one or many individuals and classified them as independent contractors in order to save paying social security, payroll taxes, workman's compensation, and provide other normal benefits. In other words, the rules are being abused. One clarification to be watched is whether or not your contractor is an integral part of your business and works regularly, even weekly. If so, they should be classified as an employee and receive a W-2 and not the independent contractor form 1099. The new rules will be published in 2024. Employers should take note.

Plowing Into Winter

Watch the Progress of the Plows

VDOT requests that before a storm, residents put all cars in their driveway, leaving the street clear for plowing, especially on cul-de-sacs. **If that is not possible, park on the odd number side of the street.**

VDOT's winter resources: Status of plowing in NOVA neighborhoods: www.vdotplows.org

Visit www.virginiadot.org/novaemergency to access all of VDOT's online information, including important messages and updates, news releases, and links to the customer service center or see www.511virginia.org for road conditions or my.vdot@virginia.gov or (1-800-367-7623) to report issues.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- For weather and road conditions: call 511; visit www.511virginia.org; follow @511northernva on Twitter; mobile.weather.gov for smart phones; visit www.VirginiaDOT.org.
- Public Safety Non-Emergency: 703-691-2131
- Fairfax County Emergency Information Line: 703-817-7771
- Dominion Virginia Power: 1-866-366-4357
- Washington Gas: 1-800-752-7520
- Fairfax Water: 703-698-5800
- Verizon Customer Service: 1-800-837-4966
- Cox Customer Service: 703-378-8422
- Fairfax County Stormwater Mgt. 703-877-2800
- Fairfax County Wastewater Collection -Trouble Response Center: 703-323-1211
- See www.weather.gov for more information

Also remember to have your cellular phones and portable electronics fully charged.

Get your emergency supply kit in order. FEMA recommends a three-day supply of food, water, warm clothes and blankets. They also recommend a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, flashlights and extra batteries. In 2010, many Northern Virginia households were stranded for 8 to 10 days, so you might want to increase your ready supplies to cover at least that period of time.

Additional supplies suggested by our readers.

- Firewood & matches if you have a fireplace & a clean chimney
- Full propane tank for the grill (hot food!)
- Lanterns with extra batteries...one per person
- 10 day supply of all prescription medicines
- Tylenol and over-the-counter cold medicines and Ben Gay to ease sore muscles from shoveling snow
- Reading materials, ample DVD selection & board games
- Ingredients to bake cookies
- Pet food if you have pets
- Extra toilet tissue and Kleenex



- Gasoline powered snow plow / Ergonomic snow shovel
- Salt/Sand mix
- Well stocked First Aid Kit
- Foot and hand warmers
- Hotline to VDOT Plowing Central: 800-367-7623
- Another local VDOT number: 703-383-8368
- Maintenance requests, such as snow removal or pothole repair via e-mail at novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov
- **Note:** if your road is not plowed, & you have an emergency, VDOT will coordinate with emergency personnel.
- One way tickets to Tahiti

Citrus Sale

The Annandale Lions offer only the Best



The Annandale Lions Club will host their 6, 2023 beginning at 8:15 AM until sold out, weather permitting. Visit them at the Annandale Swim and Tennis Club, 7530 Little River Turnpike next door to Wendy's.

They even offer **drive-through service so you can stay in the warmth of your car and Covid free.** They will be following appropriate safety precautions. Proceeds are used for the Lions sight and hearing projects in our community.

Ever since 1925 when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become the, "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness," they have been passionately dedicated to the effort.

Old School Methods Still Have Their Uses

Why You Should Have a Paper Map for Emergencies

During an emergency situation like a natural disaster or power outage, your phone or GPS may not work. Cell towers and internet access can go down, leaving you without digital maps or navigation. That's why it's wise to keep a paper map on hand for backup during emergencies.

Here are some key reasons why a paper map is an essential part of emergency preparedness.

Reliable Backup Navigation

If the power goes out or cell towers are down, most smartphones and GPS units will be rendered useless. But a paper map does not depend on electricity or internet connectivity. Unfolding a paper map provides you with a trusty backup way to navigate and find alternate routes if needed. Knowing how to read a map is an invaluable skill when technology fails.

Works Offline

Paper maps give you full functionality without requiring wifi, cell service or satellite connections. You can view and navigate the map anytime, anywhere without worrying about getting a signal. This makes paper maps ideal for situations like camping in remote areas or disaster-related blackouts where you may lack digital connectivity.

Doesn't Run Out of Batteries

Phones and GPS units rely on batteries that need periodic charging. But paper maps don't need any power source – they are ready to use anytime! You don't have to worry about conserving juice or carrying chargers with a paper map. This makes them extremely dependable in prolonged emergency situations or off-grid environments.

Easy to Replace if Damaged

If your phone or GPS unit gets lost, broken, or water-damaged during an emergency, it can be difficult and costly to replace quickly. But paper maps are very inexpensive and can be easily purchased at convenience stores, gas stations or map retailers. Damaged or forgotten maps can be conveniently replaced on the go.

Packable and Portable

Phones and GPS units may run out of space to store offline maps and navigation data. But paper maps can be easily folded up into a compact form factor. You can pack maps in your glove box, bug out bag or emergency kit without taking up

much space. Their portable nature also allows you to take them on hikes or outdoor trips where you may need backup navigation.



Having an old-fashioned paper map on hand can provide peace of mind and backup navigation when technology fails during an emergency. Be prepared by keeping local maps with alternate routes in your home, vehicle and emergency kit. The reliability of paper maps makes them a vital component of emergency readiness.

There need not be a debate regarding the value of digital maps v. print maps. Both offer great value depending on your circumstance. Digital maps can provide a general surface understanding of direction. Print maps offer a profounder knowledge of the cartography of the region being explored keeping you oriented to North. Being able to visualize at least 3 geographical points around you provides a mental map where direction of your movement becomes instantly clear.

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The Golden Years

The Best Types of Exercise Classes for Older Adults

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Let's start the New Year off right! Get your body moving!

To stay active, older adults can find exercise classes or activities that they can perform and actually enjoy! Here are some lower or moderate-impact activities that seniors can build into their daily lives.

WALKING-Always an excellent workout for everyone, particularly older adults. It's a workout you can do outdoors, indoors or with various walk-at-home videos. Try to aim for 10,000 steps a day but getting in as many steps as comfortably possible will extend your life years beyond those who are inactive.

TAI CHI-Is a Chinese martial art and a popular activity for seniors. It centers on breathing, meditation and repetitive, deliberate movements. This exercise is low-impact but helps to improve balance, increase flexibility and strengthen muscles.

SWIMMING & WATER AEROBICS- Helps a senior's cardiovascular health and is easier on their joints, especially helpful for those who have arthritis or other aches. Aqua jogging, leg lifts, and flutter kicking are some low-impact exercises that can be done in the water.

YOGA-A low-impact exercise that helps build muscle strength and core stability. It also focuses on breathing and meditation, which can help to relieve stress. Often, chairs are available to ease standing.

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(In the Annandale Shopping Center
at Gallows Road)



Winter Fun for Man's Best Friend

The ultimate indoor dog adventure awaits at Frying Pan Farm Park, where tail-wagging excitement knows no bounds! Rain or shine, your furry companions can roam freely in the 110-by-215-foot fenced indoor arena. This is an ideal space for dogs to run, frolic and revel in off-leash delight. Reservations are available for \$15.

Each reservation includes a private 30-minute session at the indoor arena for dog owners and their dogs. Owners may also bring a certified dog trainer if desired. This service is not contracted through the Park Authority. All dogs must have valid licenses and up-to-date vaccinations. All participants must adhere to the Fairfax County Park Authority rules for dog parks found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parkrules/dogpark.htm

For additional details and to make a reservation, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park

The Frying Pan Farm Park Indoor Arena is located at 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Call 703-437-9101 or email FCPAFryingPanPark@fairfaxcounty.gov for more information.



ULTIMATE INDOOR DOG FUN!

FRYING PAN FARM PARK

You pick the date and time!
\$15 per 30-minute time slot

Bring your dog to enjoy some off-leash
run and play in the fenced 110' x 215' arena

Avoid the weather woes and
enjoy playtime indoors.

Reserve your off-leash time slot at
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/



- Each time slot is limited to owner(s) and their household dogs.
- Dog trainers allowed.
- All dogs must be legally licensed and vaccinated.
- Dogs must wear proof of license, and vaccination documents must be available upon request.
- Dogs must be able to work off leash and exhibit appropriate behavior.
- All owners and dogs must follow FCPA Dog Park Rules.
- Owners are REQUIRED to clean up after their dogs and dispose of waste in designated areas.



Frying Pan Farm Park

2709 West Ox Road, Herndon

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Annandale REAL ESTATE

Current News and Tips

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It's time to talk about the end of year market and expectations for early 2024. Home values are expected to continue to increase due to historic low housing inventories. Such a situation has existed for several years now and is not getting any better. This is now combined with potential further decreases in mortgage interest rates. My recent buyer just locked in a rate of 6.5% on a 3% down loan, which made him very happy. He also achieved a very good price when the appraisal came in lower than the contract price. During the pandemic, the move to work-from-home rather than commuting five days a week, encouraged intraregional migration patterns to expand into more distant suburbs. This has actually helped to boost prices in the outer suburbs. The prognosticators expect the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates four times in 2024 while hybrid work is being normalized, which means that the effective geographic scope of the Northern Virginia labor/housing market is getting larger.

Intraregional migration patterns show that Northern Virginia attracts regional workers. Overall, housing in Virginia appreciated 42% according to a recent National Association of Realtors (NAR) report. The NAR report further concluded that while the economy is attracting regional workers, and creating jobs, there are a few indicators of a downturn. The economic outlook calls for increasing levels of weakness and uncertainty, and overall sales activity is expected to decline in 2024. This dovetails with NAR's citing that monthly job gains are softening nationwide.

Additional economic factors that might negatively affect the region's housing market include: Rising consumer debt, Declining retailer market outlooks, and an Increasing number of companies are announcing hiring freezes or layoffs. I just read that a major bank is closing 2 of our local offices. I expect to see this happening in not only banks but other sectors of the retail market. More and more people, including myself, are banking and shopping online! How about you?

Finally, there is also the issue of increasing homelessness. One fine organization locally which you can help is Homestretch: <https://www.homestretchva.org/about>. Another one is Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA)—they are always in need of food donations. Here's their site: <https://accacares.org/contact-us/>. Please consider these opportunities to help if you have spare time.

HOUSE MAINTENANCE TIPS: A recent home inspection for my buyer turned up major deficiencies as a result of non-licensed work for a new roof, etc. resulting in an attic space with no ventilation! Long story short, the Seller did not have a contingency on a home inspection when buying two years ago in competition with many offers. I think such situations will, in the future, come back to bite other future sellers. The Home Inspection is one of the most important aspects of a transaction. I always say it keeps everybody honest.

Another tip: do not, I mean DO NOT throw these so called "flushable wipes, down your bathroom commodes! A Renter in one of my property managements had to pay hundreds of dollars to have the main trunk line cleared. The local plumbing company

person told me that such jobs are a big part of their current calls.

How about your roof health and gutters? Now that all or most of the leaves have fallen make sure you keep the gutters and downspouts unclogged through the Winter. I just set up an appointment with my go to company for this job. Winter and early Spring are good times to get a good price for roof replacement. A client just asked me for the contact info for a roofer who I had introduced to them 3-4 years ago and they are just now reconsidering a new roof on a house with a roof easily 30 years old. I hope there's no moisture in their attic! The air temperature does need to be above 50 degrees for the shingles to adhere properly. Hopefully, we will have a spell of such days going forward for roofing jobs now.

Do you keep an eye on the drainage around your foundation when we have heavy rains? Make sure the downspouts are extended to take water away from the house. When Spring comes be sure to check that caulking around windows and doors, lines which exit the house, etc. don't need redoing. Also, a good idea to have a professional check that the piers for your deck are still sturdy and not rotting at the base. I am very conscientious about keeping my deck boards treated but never considered the underpinnings until someone just advised me to check since my deck is aged about 30 years!

Best Wishes for a favorable 2024 and please think of me when you have questions about home maintenance, suggestions for contractors, suggestions for companies to help you eliminate some of your possessions (I know of several such vendors) and/or ideas for renovations when thinking of selling in the future. I'm always available to listen and make suggestions based on my many years of real estate experience.

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TAX TALK

IRS Provides Penalty Relief for 2020 and 2021 Tax Returns



Taxpayers who had a balance due for tax years 2020 and/or 2021 and did not receive balance due reminder notices due to the pandemic-related pause, may be eligible for automatic penalty relief.

What this means

The Internal Revenue Service will automatically waive failure to pay penalties on assessed taxes less than \$100,000 for tax years 2020 or 2021.

Individual, business, estate, trust or tax-exempt taxpayers are eligible for automatic failure to pay penalty relief if they: filed a Form 1040, 1041, 1120 series or Form 990-T tax return for years 2020 and/or 2021, were assessed taxes of less than \$100,000, and received an initial balance due notice, typically the CP14 or CP161, between Feb. 5, 2022, and Dec. 7, 2023. They do not have to take any additional actions to receive this relief:

- If they made payments on their account or their balance is paid in full, they are eligible for automatic failure to pay penalty relief on assessed taxes less than \$100K per year.
- A credit will automatically be applied to any other tax year with a balance due, otherwise they will receive a refund.
- If their address has changed, they'll need to update their account to make sure they receive any IRS refunds or notices.

Taxpayers with assessed taxes of \$100,000 or more are not eligible for automatic relief and can apply for penalty relief under the reasonable cause criteria or the First-Time Abate program. Visit [IRS.gov/penalty](https://www.irs.gov/penalty) for details.

Taxpayers can find details about their penalty relief by viewing their transcript. Taxpayers with questions on penalty relief can contact the IRS after March 31, 2024.

Taxpayers who can't full pay their taxes

Notices and letters provide taxpayers with information about the actions they need to take. Many notices have QR codes that help direct taxpayers to their online tax accounts. In addition, these letters inform the taxpayer of the status of their unpaid balance or unfiled return, options for resolution and their rights in the collection process.

The IRS also urges people not to wait to respond to a notice.

Tax bills quickly get worse with time as fees, penalties and interest accumulate. In addition, if a taxpayer doesn't respond, it can lead to more serious IRS collection activity such as liens or levies.

The IRS encourages taxpayers who owe taxes or have an over-due unfiled tax return to review IRS payment options and file all outstanding tax returns. The IRS website has online resources with helpful information, including details on making payments and payment programs as well as unfiled returns.

For taxpayers who can't pay their tax bill, the IRS offers several options to help them meet their obligations. Taxpayers struggling to meet their tax obligation may consider these options.

Options for those who can't pay in full

Payment plans – Taxpayers who owe but cannot pay in full when filing don't have to wait for a tax bill to set up a payment plan. They can apply for a payment plan [at IRS.gov/paymentplan](https://www.irs.gov/paymentplan). Most taxpayers who owe can set up a payment plan through the Online Payment Agreement tool as well as by using the IRS text/voice bots. There's no paperwork and no need to call, write or visit the IRS. Setup fees may apply for some types of plans.

Offer in Compromise – An Offer in Compromise allows qualifying taxpayers to settle their tax liabilities for less than the total amount they owe. To help determine eligibility, taxpayers can use the Offer in Compromise Pre-Qualifier tool. To help them prepare their own valid Offers in Compromise, the IRS created an OIC video playlist – also available in Spanish and Simplified Chinese – that walks them through the necessary paperwork.

Temporarily delaying collection – Taxpayers can contact the IRS to request a temporary delay of the collection process. If the IRS determines a taxpayer is unable to pay, it may delay collection until the taxpayer's financial condition improves. Penalties and interest continue to accrue until the taxpayer pays the full amount.

What happens if taxpayers don't make arrangements to pay their taxes?

It's important to contact the IRS and make arrangements to voluntarily pay the tax due. If taxpayers don't contact the IRS, the IRS may take one or more of the following actions to collect the taxes.

Federal tax lien

A federal tax lien is the government's legal claim against a taxpayer's property when they neglect or fail to pay a tax debt. The lien protects the government's interest in all taxpayer's property, including real estate, personal property and financial assets.

A federal tax lien occurs after the IRS: Assesses their tax liability; Sends them a bill that explains how much they owe and the taxpayer neglects or refuses to fully pay the debt in time.

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Rules of the Road

for School Buses, School Zones and Crossing Guards



- Stop for school buses with flashing red lights on.
- Slow down in school zones when lights are flashing; know about the speed camera pilot program.

With more than a million residents, our roads are normally busy, but school buses add an extra layer of vehicles. While it may be tempting if you're in a hurry, it is never OK to pass a school bus, speed through a school zone or ignore a crossing guard's direction.

Driving Rules Near School Buses

Fairfax County Public Schools runs more than 1,600 buses daily. If you drive, there's no doubt you will encounter FCPS and private school buses. The rules are pretty simple if you encounter a school bus with **flashing red lights**.

Drivers must stop in both directions, unless separated from the bus by a median. Please remember, it is considered reckless driving - a criminal offense - if you pass a stopped school bus unloading children. It is not worth getting to your destination a few seconds faster when you are risking the safety and lives of others.

Pay attention to school zones, especially where they start and end. Those slower school zone speed limits are there for a reason. Follow the speed limit when the lights are flashing.

It's important to add more time into your commuting schedule so you're not in a rush and perhaps decide to pass a school bus or speed through a school zone.

This year, speed cameras were installed in eight school zones to improve pedestrian and road safety. Studies show that speed camera enforcement reduces traffic related injuries and accidents and ultimately save lives.

The cameras are only active when the school zone is in effect. Drivers who exceed the speed limit by 10 mph or more will be fined based on an escalating fine structure that maxes out at \$100.
School Zone Speed Cameras:

- **Chesterbrook Elementary School:** Kirby Road near the school (Dranesville District)
- **Irving Middle School:** Old Keene Mill Road near the school (Braddock District)

- **Key Middle School:** Franconia Road- near the school (Franconia District)
- **London Towne Elementary School:** Stone Road near the school (Sully District)
- **Sleepy Hollow Elementary School:** Sleepy Hollow Road near the school (Mason District)
- **South County Middle School:** Silverbrook Road near the school (Mt. Vernon District)
- **Terraset Elementary School:** Soapstone Drive near the school (Hunter Mill District)
- **West Springfield High School:** Rolling Road near the school (Springfield District)

An additional school zone speed camera near Oakton High School (Blake Lane near Sutton Road) and a work zone speed camera at Route 28 (near Old Mill Road) are soon to be installed.

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Notice of Federal Tax Lien

The IRS files a public document, the Notice of Federal Tax Lien, to alert creditors that the government has a legal right to a taxpayer's property.

Levy

A levy is a legal seizure of property, or rights to property, to satisfy a tax debt. When property is levied, it will be sold to help pay the taxpayers tax debt. If wages or bank accounts are seized, the money will be applied to the taxpayer's tax debt.

Notice of Intent to Levy and Notice of Right to a Hearing

This notice is typically one of the [actions the IRS must take before a levy can be issued](#).

Generally, before property is seized, the IRS will send a taxpayer this type of notice. If they don't pay their overdue taxes, make other arrangements to satisfy the tax debt or request a hearing within 30 days of the date of this notice, the IRS may seize the taxpayer's property.

Summons

A summons legally compels a taxpayer or a third party, to meet with the IRS and provide information, documents or testimony for an IRS investigation.

Passport actions

The Department of State will not issue or renew a passport to anyone who has been certified by the IRS as having a seriously delinquent tax debt. Seriously delinquent tax debts are legally enforceable, unpaid federal tax debt (including assessed penalties and interest) totaling more than \$59,000 (adjusted yearly for inflation). They may also revoke a passport previously issued to these taxpayers. For information on passports, refer to [Revocation or Denial of Passport in Cases of Certain Unpaid Taxes](#).

The Police Beat

Thwarting Auto Thefts Farewell to K9 Browser and

Fairfax County Police Department



K9 Browser and his handler, Detective McCoy

At the forefront of tackling auto theft crimes across Fairfax County is FCPD's Auto Crimes Enforcement (ACE) Unit, specializing in investigating and thwarting auto theft organizations, street level auto thefts, and other vehicle-related crimes.

Who is the "ACE" Unit?

Staffed by two supervisors and six detectives, the ACE Unit is dedicated to addressing criminal activities linked to vehicles. The unit's primary focus is on incidents involving stolen cars, as these often correlate with serious crimes. FCPD proactively established the ACE Unit to bolster efforts against this criminal element, aiming to enhance community safety and curb the rising instances of vehicle-related offenses. Since its inception in April 2022, the ACE Unit has been instrumental in investigating, preventing, and combatting various aspects of criminality associated with automobiles, contributing significantly to the overall proactive, and data-informed strategy of FCPD.

How Does ACE Operate?

As a team of proactive and dynamic officers, ACE detectives spring into action in response to stolen vehicle reports, and they are on the scene when a suspect is apprehended. With tenacity and a commitment to justice, these detectives not only conduct thorough interviews with suspects but also employ cutting-edge investigative techniques. They navigate the twists and turns of criminal investigations, chasing down leads with determination. Collaborating seamlessly with other law enforcement agencies, ACE detectives leverage the latest technology and innovative methods to turn the tide against car-related crimes.

Resources and Technology at Work:

ACE utilizes an array of cutting-edge technologies to adeptly track and recover stolen vehicles. This arsenal includes state-of-the-art [License Plate Readers](#), and strong partnerships with local car dealerships. When suspected fraudulent activity arises, these robust relationships with car dealerships take center stage, with dealerships directly contacting ACE detectives. This preemptive and technology-driven strategy highlights ACE's dedication to staying ahead in combating vehicle-related crimes while emphasizing invaluable community connections.

Recently, the Fairfax County Police Department expressed their deepest gratitude to K9 Browser, the pioneer to FCPD's Electronic Detection Program, as he officially enters a well-deserved retirement after an exemplary career.

Since 2019, K9 Browser and his handler, Detective McCoy, have accumulated over 1,200 hours of rigorous training. From large computers to small micro-SD cards, Browser's skillset and training had him focused on finding electronics, assisting detectives during searches.

Over the course of Browser's distinguished service, he participated in 153 deployments, contributing significantly to 24 successful operations where devices crucial to investigations were located and seized. His unwavering commitment and exceptional skills were pivotal in executing 151 search warrants, encompassing field searches, vehicle searches, and other operations.

Detective McCoy and Browser's dedication and proficiency have been fundamental to their team's success. His ability to adapt and excel has significantly elevated FCPD's operational efficiency overall.

As we bid farewell to Browser, we are eager to welcome our new electronics detection K9, Delaware, to the Fairfax County Police Department family.



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Keeping Your Kids Safe: Detectives Behind the Internet



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Our CEXU detectives work closely with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which generates CyberTips. According to NCMEC, in 2022, over 31.9 million CyberTips were submitted to NCMEC regarding suspected Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) nationwide. Online service providers and members of the public can submit tips to the NCMEC.

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Our CEXU detectives work closely with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which generates CyberTips. According to NCMEC, in 2022, over 31.9 million CyberTips were submitted to NCMEC regarding suspected Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) nationwide. Online service providers and members of the public can submit tips to the NCMEC.

How can I protect my child from becoming a victim?

- ◆ **Open Communication:** Establish open and honest communication with your children about their online activities. Encourage them to share their experiences and report any uncomfortable or inappropriate interactions.
- ◆ **Set Boundaries:** Establish clear rules and guidelines for internet use. Monitor the websites and apps your children use and set age-appropriate restrictions using available security settings on your devices.
- ◆ **Educate Yourself:** Stay informed about popular social media platforms, gaming apps, and other online spaces where children interact. Understanding the digital landscape is crucial to identifying potential risks.
- ◆ **Privacy Settings:** Ensure that privacy settings are activated on social media profiles and gaming accounts. Limit the personal information shared online to reduce the risk of exploitation.
- ◆ **Monitoring Devices:** Regularly check your child's devices for any inappropriate content or communications. Install parental control software to manage and monitor online activities.

Meet the Artisan: Shelia Lynch

The Remarkable Journey of a Polynath Artist: Exploring the Vast Talents of a Modern Renaissance Woman



In a world where specialization often reigns supreme, there are individuals who defy conventional boundaries and embrace a multitude of talents. Meet Sheila Lynch, a polymath artist whose diverse range of skills and expertise spans across various fields of science, humanities, and the arts.

With a passion for exploration and a relentless pursuit of knowledge, Lynch has mastered an astonishing array of disciplines. Playing and teaching 11 musical instruments showcases a remarkable musical talent that knows no boundaries. From delicate strokes of a paintbrush to the intricate art of glass fusing and mosaic creation, Lynch's artistic prowess knows no limits.

But it doesn't stop there. Sheila Lynch is also a skilled silver-smith, crafting exquisite jewelry pieces that reflect her unique artistic vision. Sculpture becomes a medium for her to breathe life into her imagination, while calligraphy allows her to express her creativity through the written word.

The term "polymath artist" is not one to be taken lightly. It harkens back to the days of Leonardo DaVinci, the true Renaissance genius who excelled in painting, architecture, invention and scientific exploration. In a similar vein, Sheila Lynch em-

bodies the spirit of a modern day polymath artist.

Lynch explained her creative journeys:

"An idea will pop into my head randomly at any given time. I will see an actual picture in my mind's eye. I then draw the picture, using diagrams and explanations of how it will work. I analyze the inner workings of the piece to visualize how I want to create what I see. I often draw 10 versions of the piece in order to find the one I am most excited about creating. At this time, I start thinking about what materials I want to use to accomplish my vision. Then, I start to draw, in reverse, the steps I will need to take to complete the project. I work out any foreseen problems I may have along the way and remedy them before I begin. I plan every step of the way. Gathering up my materials, I begin the journey to creating my vision."

As we celebrate remarkable achievements we are reminded of the power of interdisciplinary exploration. Lynch's abilities seamlessly blend science, humanities and the arts to serve as an inspiration to us all, encouraging us to embrace our own diverse interests and pursue knowledge across a wide range of subjects.

"Having the skills to engage in most mediums, and the ability and willingness to learn, open new creative doors for me to express myself in any and all ways that move me," Lynch explains.

As a society that often compartmentalizes talent, the polymath artist reminds us that true creativity knows no boundaries. Lynch's journey serves as a testament to the limitless possibilities that lie within each of us, urging us to embrace our own multidimensional potential and explore the vast depths of our passions.

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warding when a creation has lived up to what I have envisioned.”

In a world hungry for innovation and fresh perspectives, the polymath artist shines as a guiding light, reminding us that true genius lies in the ability to transcend limitations and embrace the beauty of a multidisciplinary approach.

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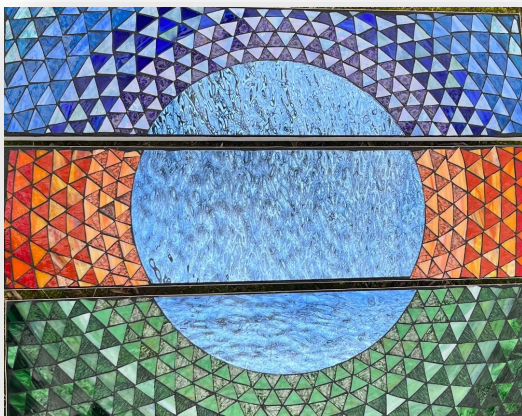
Some of Lynch’s art is being represented at the Artisans United Gallery at the Annandale Community Park, 4033-C Hummer Road. Her collection there includes pastel paintings with the theme of “Musical Interpretation” through color, texture, symbols, stroke and pressure. Each art piece is labeled with the music being interpreted so the buyer can also listen and see the artist’s inspiration. Additionally, there is a diverse collection of prints of Lynch’s paintings of “Exotic Cars in Interesting Places” to view and purchase.

Lynch has a log cabin studio in the woods of Great Falls, VA where her work is on display and for sale. She has a room for each of her disciplines and a gallery to showcase



what she creates. Her work can be viewed on Instagram @Sheila.La.Studios.

Lynch also displays and sells her work at Annandale’s Artisan United Gallery. Stop in soon to explore the work of more than a score of artists who work in multiple medias. Need a gift for any occasion, try this Gallery. They offer artisan gifts for men, women, children, and infants, housewarming and weddings.



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Blue Moon Estate Sales

Helping Families. Selling Treasures. Having Fun.

By: Joe Rotondo



Blue Moon Estate Sales began over 10 years ago as one family's mission to help others sell belongings during life transitions. As the need for home and business liquidation is never-ending, Blue Moon Estate Sales franchise locations have continued to open around the nation to service additional communities. Since opening last year, our team at Blue Moon Estate Sales of NE Fairfax County has proudly offered professional, modern estate sale services in our local area. Blue Moon prides itself on their mission, values, experience and results.

Items accumulated over the years can become overwhelming when families or individuals are ready to make a change. Blue Moon streamlines possessions as people adjust to life as empty nesters, move to a new destination, relocate for a job or family responsibilities, sell a rental property, close a business or office, relocate for care, or sell an estate after the loss of a loved one.

No matter the stage of life that sellers are in, estate sales serve as a turnkey solution to avoid the time-consuming, costly, and stressful process of dealing with personal property. Their professionally-trained estate liquidators speed up and simplify downsizing. Unlike garage sales, estate sales sell as much as possible, typically with the goal of clearing the entire contents of a residential or commercial space. Estate sales encourage sustainability through resale; allowing belongings to serve a new purpose.

Throughout the process, properties remain clean, organized and protected. Estate sales enable belongings to be staged in situ rather than moving everything to an auction house or out into a yard. This speeds up the selling process and keeps items safe. Sales are typically conducted on-site or online over a few days, unless more time is preferred. Blue Moon Estate Sales events also receive a high number of shoppers as they are professionally pro-

moted to their network of over 150,000 customers.

At Blue Moon Estate Sales of NE Fairfax County, a free consultation is offered to agree on the details of the sale preparation period, requirements of the process, and specific dates for the event. The process then includes expert pricing and analysis, promotion and preparation, and a compressed sale timeline.

After a sale, the client receives a check and inventory breakdown within one week. By hiring an estate sale company, families and individuals see a large influx of commission without having to exhaust time and efforts. Families who choose to sell possessions themselves risk losing a lot of value.

Estate sale professionals have the experience to stage a house or business for good customer traffic flow while showcase items, creating just the right atmosphere for a successful sale. They will price and sell merchandise in a professional manner, obtaining fair market value. Having an estate sale can help alleviate the stress and complexities associated with clearing a home or business. Blue Moon Estate Sales operates under the high standards of conduct and best practices of the American Society of Estate Liquidators. If you are looking for a rewarding, hassle-free estate sale experience, reach out to our NE Fairfax team today at www.BlueMoonEstateSales.com/NE-Fairfax.

While their sales offer a huge opportunity for families to benefit from selling goods they no longer need, they also provide shoppers with an opportunity to scour a wide variety of items all in one place. Not only are Blue Moon Estate Sales events sustainable, but they support local business and local families. If you are looking for a unique shopping experience, choose one that will allow you to save money while hunting for one-of-a-kind home goods, furniture, decor, and collectibles. Be sure to join our rewards program and subscribe to our weekly newsletter at www.BlueMoonEstateSales.com/find-an-estate-sale/shopper-rewards.html to catch local sales. With our loyalty program, you will earn one point for every \$1 spent so that you can save on future purchases.

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been, on display at the Smithsonian, generously donated by a faithful collector. Lambros continues to maintain a strong clientele and continues to make custom-made designs for clients with special requests.

In the past 30 years, Lambros has expanded his collection of fine artistry to encompass the needs of any jewelry lover. Expanding from this family operated Annandale store, he today proudly serves new and returning clients in all of his family owned locations in Alaska, Hawaii, Virginia and Washington D.C. Lambros invites you to come and visit, and to own your very own distinctive Lambros



VIEW ON NATURE

One with Nature

By: Stephen L. Wendt



"The Coronation of Powhatan," by the American artist John Cadsby Chapman, oil on canvas. Courtesy of the Greenville Museum of Art, Greenville, South Carolina⁽¹⁾

ings known as yehakins were made of flexible saplings lashed together into tall arches covered with bark or woven marsh reeds. The replica in Jamestown is 40 by 20 by 15 feet high with one entry / exit and two campfire ceiling vents. The inhabitants slept, cooked and stored their foods and belongings on triple bunk beds. Even in freezing weather, they comfortably went shirtless.

In 1607, Wahunsunacock, or more popularly Chief Powhatan, was the paramount chief of the over 30 tribes comprising the master Powhatan tribe of ~20,000 members. One of his many daughters was the acclaimed Pocahontas.

Appearance-wise, Capt. John Smith wrote they were "...tall and straight" which jibes with archaeological analyses showing the six-foot tall Natives towered over the 5-foot 5-inch Englishmen. Powhatan Indians had light complexions and decorated their bodies with paints rendered from oils, charcoal, roots, barks, flowers, and berries. Body paint was power – psychological and spiritual– a prayer to Nature, the creator, or others re: color-specific strengths, hopes, visions, milestones, and messages. Crushed "fool's gold" was added to some paints as glitter.

They thrived here for at least 12,000 years. Their lifestyle centered around Nature – planting, fishing, hunting, gathering -- in recurrent seasonal rhythm.

They flourished in a land of plenty between the coastal James and Potomac Rivers. Maize (corn) introduced ~200 AD comprised 50% of their diet by 1100 AD. Beans and squash were staples by the 14th century. Their ingenious symbiotic planting of corn, beans and squash created a bountiful Garden of Eden -- the beans grew up the cornstalks for sunlight while fertilizing the soil with nitrogen, and the fast-growing squash outcompeted all weeds.

Life was very good for the indigenous Algonquin-speaking people with their close relationships with Nature. Their corn-centric diet was supplemented with seasonal fishing and hunting. Oysters grew to one foot diameter, clams and mussels were aplenty, and fish were easily trapped, speared, and even lassoed (giant sturgeons up to 800 pounds!).

Fresh meat, primarily from deer, turkey, bear and rabbit, boosted with raccoon, opossum, squirrel and waterfowl, supplemented their protein intake. Deer also provided the all-important tanned hides, with every tribal member owning a winter deerskin robe and leggings.

Their exceptional spacious, energy efficient lodg-

Native men shaved one side of their head corresponding to which hand they drew their bowstring. Women wore their hair both long or short, loose, or braided, and commonly sported decorative animal



Replica of Jamestown Settlement, Powhatan Village

⁽¹⁾ This is a faithful photographic reproduction of a two-dimensional, public domain work of art. The work of art itself is in the public domain for the following reason: This work is in the public domain in its country of origin and other countries and areas where the copyright term is the author's life plus

and floral tattoos.

The people wore minimal garments. In warmer months, men wore belted deerskin breechcloths and women waist-down woven grass garments. Observers were amazed at the men's ability to go shirtless in cool months. In winter, the garments of choice were soft, tailored, pliable fur-lined buckskin robes, leggings, and moccasins. Women donned knee-length, fitted deerskin tunics strapped at the shoulder. Depending on the occasion, members dressed up with jewelry, pearl necklaces, and unique looks such as live green snakes tethered in their hair, trophy bear heads, swan wings, animal pelts, and elaborate turkey feather cloaks.

The Powhatans were one with Nature for 120 centuries... until 144 invasive humans from England affected their life forever! The invaders' inability to feed themselves, unwillingness to understand indigenous cultural practices, and diseases they brought led to violent conflicts ending in 1646 with the Powhatan Indians largely subject to English rule within 39 short destructive years!



Engraving by William Hole

"Powhatan held this state & fashion when Capt. Smith was delivered to him prisoner 1607." Cropped part of John Smith's Map of Virginia used in various publications, first in 1612.

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What a Difference a Century Makes: 1924

US Population: 114,109,000

By: M. Callahan

President: Calvin Coolidge

Vice President: Charles G. Dawes

Virginia Governor: Elbert Lee Trinkle

Chief Justice Supreme Court: William Howard Taft

Speaker of the House: Frederick H. Gillett (R-Massachusetts)

Senate Majority Leader: Charles Curtis (R-Kansas)

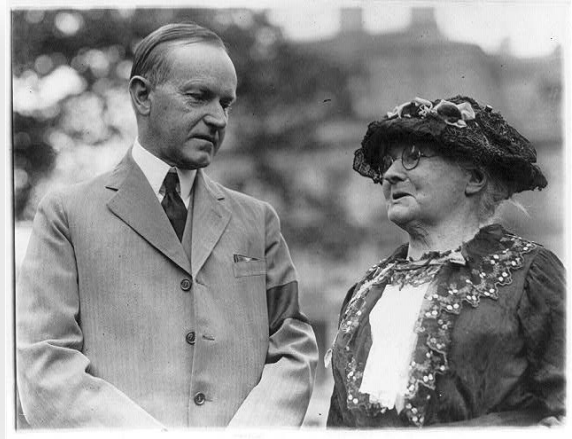
VA Senators: Claude A. Swanson & Carter Glass

BORN: Marlon Brando, Tom Landry, Gloria Vanderbilt, James Baldwin, George H.W. Bush, Robert Mugabe, Henry Mancini

DIED: Woodrow Wilson, Henry Bacon, Isabella Stewart Gardner, Louis Sullivan

HISTORICAL EVENTS

- Mahatma Gandhi is released from jail early because of ill health. He served less than two years of a six year sentence. Gandhi decides to write about improvements for India instead of taking part in political action.
- In Munich, the trial against Hitler for treason in the Beer Hall Putsch begins. He is found guilty, sentenced to 5 years of hard labor but only serves 9 months. During his imprisonment, he writes *Mein Kampf* (My Struggle). It was part political treatise and part autobiography. The book lays out Hitler's his ever increasing antisemitic and militaristic views.
- An immigration law is signed by Pres. Calvin Coolidge restricting immigration to the USA U.S. Part of the law is the Asian Exclusion Act which banned the entry of Asians to the US from a variety of countries.
- The Indian Citizenship Act was signed into law by President Calvin Coolidge declaring all Native Americans to be U.S. citizens.
- J. Edgar Hoover is appointed head of the FBI.
- The Statue of Liberty is Declared a National Monument
- Nellie Tayloe Ross is elected as the first U.S. female governor (Wyoming) much to the surprise of her male colleagues.
- Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, two wealthy students from the University of Chicago, kidnapped and killed 14 year old Bobby Franks to demonstrate their supposed intellectual superiority by committing a "perfect crime" without consequences. They were each sentenced to life imprisonment for murder and 99 years for kidnapping. The trial of Leopold and Loeb at Chicago's Cook County Criminal Court became a media spectacle and the third – after those of Harry Thaw and Sacco and Vanzetti – to be labeled "the trial of the century." The Leopold and Loeb families hired the renowned criminal defense attorney Clarence Darrow to lead the defense team. Darrow took the case because he was a staunch opponent of capital punishment. Both Leopold and Loeb were found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder, and an additional 99 years for the kidnapping. They were sent to Northern Illinois Penitentiary near Joliet. In January 1936, Loeb was razor-slashed and killed by a fellow inmate, toward whom Loeb allegedly had made sadistic homosexual advances.
- Coal Mining, a dangerous occupation, suffers two horrendous accidents. A coal mine explosion occurs Near Castle Gate, Utah, killing all 171 miners. The explosion was so powerful that the steel gates of the mine were ripped from their concrete foundations. 19 people die in another coal mine disaster in Benwood, West Virginia. The majority of miners killed were recent immigrants from Europe.
- The caliphate, which had ruled the Ottoman Empire for more than 400 years was abolished by the Turkish National Assembly bringing the Ottoman Empire to an end. All authority of rule and property of the caliphate were transferred to Turkey's National Grand Assembly.
- Germany's Reichstag approves the Dawes Plan, named for then US Vice-President Charles Dawes who shared the Nobel Peace Prize the next year. The Dawes Plan called for France to end its occupation of Germany's Ruhr regions and established a war reparation plan for Germany. Many in France believed this plan was too lenient on Germany. Others believed this plan was largely responsible for the rise of the Nazi Party as Germany could not afford the repayment.



President Coolidge with his Mother, Mrs. Jones in the White House Garden

- Two U.S. Army planes complete an around-the-world flight, from Seattle to Seattle with 57 stops.
- Daimler-Motoren-Gesellschaft and Benz & Cie begin their first joint venture, later merging into Mercedes Benz.
- Putsch in Munich begins.
- The Computing-Tabulating-Recording Corp becomes IBM.
- The first crossword puzzle is published by Simon & Schuster.
- The *Little Orphan Annie* comic strip by Harold Gray is first published in the New York Daily News.
- The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is held in New York City.
- The first photo facsimile is transmitted across the Atlantic by radio from London to New York City.
- The first diesel electric locomotive enters service in the Bronx, New York City.
- The last Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost is sold in London, England. This model cost between \$3 and 10K in 1924 depending on the accessories. Today it is valued at \$610,775.
- George Mallory disappears just short of reaching the summit of Mt. Everest.
- St Petersburg, Russia is renamed Leningrad.
- Millions mourn and pay tribute at the mausoleum of Lenin in Red Square, Moscow.



Sen. George Pepper (PA) playing Baseball with Congressional Pages.

What a Difference a Century Makes: 1924

Phenomenal economic growth rate during the wars led by the automobile industry. The number of cars on the road almost tripled between 1920 and 1929 with the need for better and safer roads across the country.

1924 Trends

Playing the game mah-jongg was the craze.

All things Chinese became the rage in fashion, art, and décor.

Because so many more Americans owned cars, auto travel to the country, especially to Health Spas became a trend especially those with *Healing Hot Springs*.

Most Popular Songs

- George Gershwin, *Rhapsody in Blue*
- Ishan Jones, *It Had to Be You*
- Al Jolson, *California, Here I Come*
- Arthur Gills + his Gang, *Charleston*
- Ernest Hall + Billy Jonas, *Hinky Dinky Parley Voo*
- Clarence Williams, *T'aint No Business if I Do*.

Popular Books

- *A Passage to India*, EM Forster
- *The Magic Mountain*, Thomas Mann
- *Poirot Investigates*, Agatha Christie
- *When We were Very Young*, AA Milne
- *Billy Budd*—Herman Melville
- *A Hunger Artist*, Franz Kafka
- *The Most Dangerous Game*, Richard Connell

Popular Movies

Greed, ZaSu Piyts
The Sea Hawk, Douglas Fairbanks
The Last Laugh, Emil Jennings
The Iron Horse, George O'Brien
Sherlock, JR, Buster Keaton



Rolls Royce Silver Ghost

WORLD LEADERS:

Australia: Prime Minister Billy Hughes until February 9th, then Stanley Bruce

Brazil: President Arthur Bernardes

Canada: Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King

Egypt: Sultan Faud I

France: Gaston Doumergue

Germany: Chancellor Wilhelm Marx

Italy: Prime Minister Benito Mussolini

Japan: Prime Minister Kato Takaaki Kenseikai under a coalition government

Mexico: President Plutarco Elias Calles

Russia / Soviet Union: Joseph Stalin

South Africa: Gov. Gen: The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Athlone

United States: President Calvin Coolidge

United Kingdom: Ramsey MacDonald



The Human Fly, John Reynolds, on roof of Times Herald Building, Wash. DC

1924 Names and Inventions

Top Ten Girl Names of 1924:

Mary, Dorothy, Helen, Betty, Margaret, Ruth, Virginia, Mildred

Top Ten Boy Names of 1924:

Robert, John, William, James, Charles, George, Joseph, Richard, Edward, Donald

McDonald's introduces the Cheeseburger.

Chester Rice and Edward Kellogg, invented the modern loudspeaker system.

Johnson & Johnson produced Band-Aids on a massive scale and made Earle Dickson the Vice-President of the company.

Frosted incandescent lightbulb are invented by Pipkin.

Bromine from seawater discovered by Edgar Kramer.

Disposable paper tissues made by Kleenex will replace cotton handkerchiefs as far more hygienic, but not for decades. In the mean time, they are available and growing in popularity.

Astronomer Edwin Hubble publishes that Andromeda is actually another galaxy, and that the Milky Way is only one of many such galaxies in the universe.

John Logie Baird (Scotland) sends rudimentary television pictures over a short distance.

Václav Holec designs the ZB vz. 26 light machine gun for Zbrojovka Brno.

The earth inductor compass is developed by Morris Titterton at the Pioneer Instrument Company in Brooklyn, New York.



Mahatma Ghandi



George Mallory

1924 Washington

Population DC: 1,467,000

By: M. Callahan

SPORTS

World Series: Washington Senators defeated the NY Giants in seven games to win their first championship in club history. The Giants became the first team to play in four consecutive World Series, winning in 1921–1922 and losing in 1923–1924.

Stanley Cup: Montreal Canadians over the Calgary Tigers 2-0

World Heavyweight Boxing: Jack Dempsey

USPGA Championship: Walter Hagen

British Open: Walter Hagen

US Open: Cyril Walker

Tour de France: Ottavio Bottecch

Horseshoeing-Triple Crown:
Kentucky Derby – Black Gold
Preakness Stakes – Nellie Morse
Belmont Stakes – Mad Play
Grand National: Master Robert

Wimbledon Men's Singles
Jean Borotra (France)

Wimbledon Women's Singles:
Kitty McKane Godfree (Great Britain)

US National (Tennis) Champion-
ship: Bill Tilden and Helen Wills
Moody

Rose Bowl: Navy Midshipmen v
Washington Huskies 14-14 tie

NOBEL & PULITZER AWARDS
Peace: Not awarded

Literature: "The Peasants" by
Wladyslaw Stanislaw

Physics: Karl Manne Georg Sieg-
bahn for his discoveries and research
in the field of X-ray spectroscopy".

Medicine: Dutchman Willem Eintho-
ven "for his discovery of the mecha-
nism of the electrocardiogram".

Pulitzer-Drama: *Hell-Bent Fer*
Heaven by Hatcher Hughes

Pulitzer-Fiction: *The Able*
McLaughlins by Margaret Wilson

Pulitzer Biography: "From Immi-
grant to Inventor" by Michael I. Pupi
and Letters of Walter H. Page"

Pulitzer History: *The American*
Revolution—A Constitutional Inter-
pretation by Charles Howard McIlwain

Pulitzer Journalism Reporting:
Magner White, *San Diego Sun*, for his
story of the eclipse of the sun.

Editorial Writing: Frank Buxton of
the Boston Herald, for an editorial
entitled "Who Made Coolidge?"

Pulitzer Poetry: New Hampshire: A
Poem with Notes and Grace Notes by
Robert Frost.



Francis Scott Key lived in this House located at what is now the foot of Key Bridge.

March 29, 1924 C&O Canal ceases to operate after yet another flood causes excessive damage. Owned by the B&O Railroad, they kept title to the property until 1938 when the 185 mile canal was sold to the US Park Service for \$2,000,000.

The Key Bridge replaced the Aqueduct Bridge, built in 1830 to carry the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal across the Potomac to connect with the Alexandria Canal on the Virginia shore. The bridge was converted into a roadway during the American Civil War. In 1866, the canal was restored and a new wooden roadway built over it atop trestles. The bridge was demolished down to its stone piers in 1884. A second Aqueduct bridge, erected on the old piers, opened in 1889. Within a dozen years, proposals were being made to replace it. On June 1, 1916, the Army Corps of Engineers named the new bridge "Francis Scott Key Bridge," in honor of the man who had written the lyrics to the *Star Spangled Banner* and whose home was just a few blocks from the bridge's abutment. The federal government turned title to the new bridge over to the District of Columbia on November 15, 1924. The Washington and Old Dominion Railway, which had operated streetcars across the Aqueduct Bridge, declined to operate on the new bridge. ⁽¹⁾

The Virginia Sterilization Act of 1924 was a U.S. state law in Virginia for the sterilization of institutionalized persons "afflicted with hereditary forms of insanity that are recurrent, idiocy, imbecility, feeble-mindedness or epilepsy". It greatly influenced the development of eugenics in the twentieth century. The act was based on model legislation written by Harry H. Laughlin and challenged by a case that led to the United States Supreme Court decision of *Buck v. Bell*. The Supreme Court upheld the law as constitutional and it became a model law for sterilization laws in other states. Justice Holmes wrote that a patient may be sterilized on *complying with the very careful provisions by which the act protects the patients from possible abuse*. Between 1924 and 1979, Virginia sterilized over 7,000 individuals under the act. The act was never declared unconstitutional; however, in 2001, the Virginia General Assembly passed a joint resolution apologizing for the misuse of "a respectable, 'scientific' veneer to cover activities of those who held blatantly racist views." ⁽²⁾

By 1924, 15 states had enacted similar legislation; however, unlike Virginia, many or most or all of those states failed to rigidly enforce their laws requiring specific qualities in all persons seeking to marry. Forced sterilization, however, was much more common. ⁽³⁾

In 1924, the Virginia General Assembly enacted the Racial Integrity Act. The act reinforced racial segregation by prohibiting interracial marriage and classifying as "white" a person "who has no trace whatsoever of any blood other than Caucasian". The act, an outgrowth of eugenicist and scientific racist propaganda, was pushed by Walter Plecker, a white supremacist and eugenicist who held the post of registrar of Virginia Bureau of Vital Statistics. ⁽³⁾

The Racial Integrity Act required that all birth certificates and marriage certificates in Virginia to include the person's race as either "white" or "colored". The Act classified all non-whites, including Native Americans, as "colored". The act was part of a series of "racial integrity laws" enacted in Virginia to reinforce racial hierarchies and prohibit the mixing of races; other statutes included the Public Assemblages Act of 1926 (which required the racial segregation of all public meeting areas) and a 1930 act that defined any person with even a trace of sub-Saharan African ancestry as black, thus codifying the so-called *one-drop rule*. ⁽⁴⁾ Not until 1967 did both the Racial Integrity Act and the Virginia Sterilization Act of 1924 were officially overturned by the United States Supreme Court in their ruling *Loving v. Virginia*.

COST OF COMMON CONSUMER GOODS

Housing, fuel and miscellaneous items have remained stable while food, clothing, and furniture have declined in price. Only small fluctuations are seen between 1923 and 1929. Unemployment rate drops to 7.9%. Most laborers worked five days a week for eight hours and a half day on Saturday and earned \$49.50 a week.

Consumer Price Index: 17.1%
Unemployment: 12.0%

Ave Net Income: \$3,481.00

Hudson Super Six Coach, 1,500.00

Essex Six Coach, 975.00

Morristown, 2 family, 2 car garage,

7,500.00

Cedar Knolls, 6 rooms, 2,400.00

Men's coat, Hart, Schaffner & Marks,

35.00-75.00

Men's suits, 4 piece, 24.00-28.50

Men's shirts, Oxford, 1.59

Women's skirt, 4.95-10.95

Women's dress, silk, 15.00

Housedress, .95

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Chicken, frying, .39/lb

Cocoa, Hooton's, .13/half pound can

Coffee, Rex Blend, .41/lb

Cranberry sauce, .24/no.2 can

Duck, Long Island, .29/lb

Eggs, .32/dozen

Fish, cod steak, fresh .18/lb

Ham, Swift's Premium, .25/lb

Ketchup, Sundale, .19/large bottle

Lemons, .25/dozen

Lettuce, head, .15/lb

Onions, .05/bunch

Oranges, .25/13

Peaches, Del Monte, sliced, .15

Pineapples, Regina, .29 large can

Potatoes, .89/half bushel

Soda, Cliquot Ginger Ale, .25 for 2

Spaghetti, Franco American, .10/can

Tea, Orange Pekoe, .29/quarter pound

Baby crib and mattress, 15.25/set

Bed, metal, 16.50-30.00/each

Lamps, table, vase pottery, 10.75/each

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Cleanser, Old Dutch, .07/container

Curtains, 1.00-2.00/pair

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Dishes, dinner plates, .10/each

Disinfectant, Lysol, .69/pint

Laundry soap, Borax, .13/lb

Paint, Benjamin Moore, 2.49/gallon

Range, Public Service Gas, 97.00

Sheets, 1.24/each

Toilet bowl cleaner, Saniflush, .19/can

Aspirin, Bayer's, .79/100 count bottle

Bell-Ans, indigestion pills, .50/pkg.

Face cream, White Youth Clay, .50/jar

Hot water bottle, rubber, .79/each

Milk of Magnesia, .25/pint

Razor blades, Gillette, .50/dozen

Talcum powder, .15/lb

Toilet paper, 2.25/12 rolls



Washington manager Bucky Harris presents U.S. President Calvin Coolidge the baseball used to open the 1924 World Series

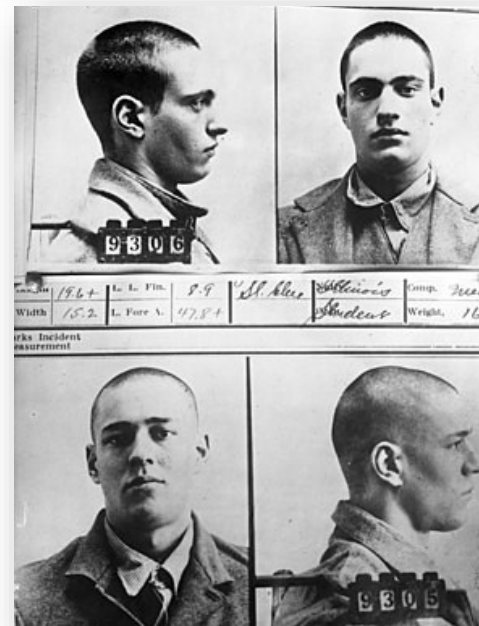


Pres. Calvin Coolidge enacts the Indian Citizenship Act

The **1924 World Series** was the championship series of the 1924 Major League Baseball season. A best-of-seven playoff, the series was played between the American League (AL) pennant winner Washington Senators and the National League (NL) pennant winner New York Giants. The Senators defeated the Giants in seven games to win their first championship in club history. The Giants became the first team to play in four consecutive World Series, winning in 1921–1922 and losing in 1923–1924. Their long-time manager, John McGraw, made his ninth and final World Series appearance in 1924. The contest concluded with the second World Series-deciding game which ran to extra innings.

In Game 7, with the Senators behind 3–1 in the eighth, Bucky Harris hit a routine ground ball to third which hit a pebble and took a bad hop over Giants third baseman Freddie Lindstrom. Two runners scored on the play, tying the score at three. Walter Johnson then came in to pitch the ninth, and held the Giants scoreless into extra innings. With the score still 3–3, Washington came up in the 12th. With one out, and runners on first and second, Earl McNeely hit another grounder at Lindstrom, and again the ball took a bad hop, scoring Muddy Ruel with the Series-winning run.

In the bottom of the 12th inning, Giants catcher Hank Gowdy stepped on his own discarded mask while trying to catch a Muddy Ruel foul pop-up, and dropped the ball for an error. Given a second chance in the at-bat, Ruel doubled. Johnson reached first on another error, and with Ruel on second and Johnson on first, Earl McNeely hit a "bad hop" ground ball to Lindstrom that was almost identical to Harris' eighth inning hit. Lindstrom again failed to catch the ball as it bounced over him into left field, and Ruel scored the series-winning run.



Leopold (top) and Loeb (bottom), 1924



Giants pitcher Art Nehf sliding is safely at home during game one of the '24 World Series.



Three Models from Washington's Spring Fashion Show at the Tidal Basin.

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The Clarke House

Family Homestead & 400 Acre Dairy Farm, Now a Events Venue



The Clarke House

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The Clark House was built in 1902 by William Lee Clark and served as the family homestead, of this 400 acre dairy farm, for over 50 years. The builder, Henry Manchester, was a long time local resident. His remuneration came in the form of dinner plus two dollars a day. One of the first telephones in the area was installed here in 1918 and electricity was added around 1935. The family consisted of William, his wife Minnie Howdershell Clark and their children, Wilbur, Lillian and Madeline.

In 1953, Wilbur Burnley Clark (son of William) retired from farming and sold all his land except the house and 6.1 acres. Here he established W.B. Clark and Sons Inc. which sold top soil, sawdust, gravel, wood mulch, fertilizer, firewood, and railroad ties. His sons Larry and Wayne ran the business, in an office next to the kitchen and employed over 20 people.

Progress was not to favor the Clark family. In 1972 Fairfax County went in search of a building site for the Mason District Government Center and the Clark property became a prime contender. Unfortunately, Wilbur Clark had no desire to sell. By this time four Clark generations had lived on the homestead, built decades of memories and a thriving business. The issue was resolved when another site was deemed more appropriate, but that was not the end of Wilbur's problems. The Fairfax County Park Authority was in need of 8.1 acres in Mason District to meet the 8.5 acres of community parkland for every 1,000 people goal. A long fight ensued, and the Clarks were ultimately forced to sell the house and remaining land to the Park Authority in 1986. The house was moved down the road in 1990 (originally located at 6337 Columbia Pike); townhouses built around it; and, a saddened Mr. Clark died two years later at age 92.

The house features a spacious six bay wrap around veranda, center hall entrance, prominent dormer windows and even a crow's nest with views of the Washington Monument. The four square architecture, common in farmhouses of that era, featured four public

rooms on the first floor with bed chambers upstairs. The Park Authority has added air conditioning, carpeting, and a spacious modern kitchen in order to rent the home for private and corporate events.

In the Museum Collection of the Fairfax County Park Authority, the wedding invitation of William and Minnie Clarke can be viewed.

William and Minnie were married on July 2, 1902, at Minnie's parents' home in a ceremony officiated by Pastor A.W. Graves of the Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church. This marriage certificate marks the beginning of their life together. The body of the text reads:

"THIS CERTIFIES THAT W.L. Clark of Fairfax Co., Virginia and M.M. Howdershell of Fairfax Co., Virginia WERE BY ME UNITED IN MARRIAGE According to the Ordinance of God and the Laws of the State of Virginia at Residence of the Bride on the 2nd day of July, 1902."

Marriage certificates, unlike applications and licenses, offer documentary evidence that a couple actually married. While civil records are held by county clerks, this type of decorative copy was often saved to commemorate the event and passed down to future generations as a family keepsake.

This certificate is adorned with many scriptures relating to marriage, and at the bottom of the certificate there is an image of a couple being pulled in a boat by a cluster of swans. Swan imagery in relation to love and marriage was highly popular at the turn of the century. Because of the lore that swans mate for life, their image became synonymous with ideas of fidelity and purity in marriage.



Top Circulating Titles for 2023

The Library Offers Wide Ranging Reading Material and a “Library of Things” to Explore

Fairfax County Public Library System

Although our libraries find that their main attraction is reading material and can be borrowed in physical copy form, the electronic form borrowed from the comfort of your home is growing in popularity.

Top 5 Print Adult:

World of Curiosities by Louise Penny
Desert Star by Michael Connelly
Boys from Biloxi by John Grisham
Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
Long Shadows by David Baldacci

Top 5 Print Childrens/Young Adult:

Thank You Book by Mo Willems
Dog Man: Fetch by Dav Pilkey
Dog Man: Mothering Heights by Dav Pilkey
I Really Like Slop by Mo Willems
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley’s Journal by Jeff Kinney

The library offers much more than just books! It now features a *Library of Things* which is a collection of items for loan that expands the boundaries of traditionally defined library materials. The items include:

- Artwork
- Binoculars
- Board Games
- Book Discussion Kits
- Connect Kits (Chromebooks)
- Conserve Kits (Energy Conservation)
- Hands-On History Kits
- Nature Backpacks
- Thermal Cameras

The collection is growing and evolving to meet resident needs. For instance, the Conserve Kits were added this year to expand environmental literacy by helping residents understand how energy is used and some basic issues that can be easily fixed within homes. Plus, the summer saw the expansion of Chromebook lending with the launch of Connect Kits, which include Chromebooks and hotspots. Board games were also added to circulation at select libraries.

FCPL said that for the seventh year in a row, the library system ranked among a handful of public libraries in the U.S. with more than 2 million digital checkouts for the year.

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The Garden Path

Blending Custom Structures with Expert Landscaping Services

By: Miles Campbell



Garden Gazebo surrounded by Lush Landscaping



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Did you know you can add a custom structure to a patio and have a defined space? Arbors, gazebos, and pergolas provide the backbone that brings an outdoor space together.

In this blog, you'll learn how to enhance your outdoor living areas with custom structures and sheds, how our patio builders make your outdoor space a reality, and how landscaping services bring together a pleasing design that includes these structures.

Enhancing Outdoor Spaces with Custom Structures

When you hire our patio builders to create your dream of an outdoor room, they'll design a complete and defined space using patio pavers and other natural stones, adding custom structures and outdoor lighting for you to enjoy almost year-round.

Custom structures aren't limited to pergolas. Gazebos, arbors, and pavilions can also serve as the cover for your outdoor room. Add walkways that take your guests from the driveway and lead them to your backyard room to complete the look.

What happens if you have a small backyard—can you still incorporate a pergola or an arbor for a designated outdoor room? Absolutely.

Since your custom structure will be tailor-made to fit your outdoor room, you can add a perfectly sized pergola or arbor to your backyard, bringing beauty and charm.

Carve Out Space for You with Custom Sheds

On the other hand, custom sheds are no longer limited to containing your lawn mower and old patio furniture. Instead, you can build a she-shed, a mancave, an office, an art room, a workout studio, or a meditation space with a custom shed. We have the specialists with the experience required to bring your space to life.

How a Custom Structure Is More Than a Patio Covering

A custom structure, such as an arbor, gazebo, or pergola, does more than add shelter to your patio. These structures also can become focal points for your outdoor destination.

According to ArborsDirect.com, pergolas visually impact your landscape, creating a space where people are amazed and want to explore the outdoor room. You create that visual interest when you work with your landscape designer on the pergola, gazebo, or another custom structure you wish to add to your patio or outdoor living area.

So, you have an idea. Now, you need to think about the details of your new outdoor room. You start with a building element, such as patio pavers that form the base of your patio and walkways. From there, add landscape lighting to create a nighttime ambiance and provide safety.

Next, consider a fire pit incorporating warmth and light if you want a wow factor included with your landscape design. Then, you choose which custom structure reflects your style and your home's architecture.

The final touches include adding comfort and coziness with outdoor furniture that pairs with your style and completes your outdoor room.

Add outdoor tables and chairs or a patio set. Conversely, you can put outdoor sofas, lounge chairs, and coffee tables, depending on how you plan to use the space.

Also, add decorative pillows, outdoor rugs, and throws to add a homey feel to your outdoor destination.

Arbors serve as gates to a garden space, to your front yard, or to walk into your backyard. Arbors welcome visitors and provide visual interest when viney plants grow up and over the structure.

Arbors, gazebos, and pergolas provide the backbone that brings an outdoor space together.



Covered Patio



Gate and Trellis leading into the patio area.

Gazebos serve as an enclosed space built as tailor-made rooms. Gazebos can be oval, octagonal, or rectangular, depending on your preference.

Add plants, furniture, and LED lighting to enjoy this room throughout fall, spring, and summer. You can use hanging plants to add more greenery to your outdoor destination. If you want a rectangular gazebo with four open walls, place a fire pit in the center or to one end of the gazebo as the focal point, complete with seatwalls.

Alternatively, you can build a fire pit outside your custom structure as an additional landscape enhancement.

The Role of Our Patio Builders in Custom Structure Design

If you want your outdoor space to complement your home's architecture and style, you need skilled patio builders who will transform your ideas into an outdoor room you're proud to invite people to enjoy.

You want to make a lasting impression with your family and friends who visit your outdoor destination. The way to achieve that is by utilizing craftsmen with decades of experience to install your new outdoor space professionally with a customized structure.

How to Create an Outdoor Room

Since your landscape is an extension of your home, our landscape designers and team at Campbell & Ferrara will oversee your custom structure design from beginning to end using our combined lifetime experience and knowledge. You'll be happy with the results as we convert your backyard from hum-drum to an outdoor space you're proud to have friends and family come to enjoy

Custom Structures Boost the Beauty of Your Backyard

Adding custom structures to a new patio or putting a tailor-made shed or gazebo in your landscape adds to your enjoyment of the outdoors. When you include outdoor lighting, plants, comfortable furniture, and a fire pit, you make your backyard an outdoor destination you'll use for most of the year.

We would love to design and build your custom shed or gazebo structure. You can always buy a kit; however, designing a custom shed or gazebo structure tailored to precisely what you want to use the space for acts as an incredible addition to your landscape, a private place to unwind, explore your hobbies, or entertain.

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Call us at 703-775-4331 or complete our website contact form to start your customized structure patio project today.

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Insurance Insights

Why are Home Insurance Rates Rising in Virginia?

By: Virginia Kinneman
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Owning a home is a part of the American dream. However, over recent years, maintenance costs, taxes, and the overall risks to owning a home have all been increasing. Insurance is no different, and with increased risks and aging homes, the insurance companies have been increasing the premiums to help mitigate losses.

One major factor is the increasing cost of labor and materials to build homes. In Northern Virginia, we have some of the highest labor and material costs in the country. This means that insurance companies need to charge higher premiums to cover the increased cost of repairs or replacements.

The real estate market has been booming in recent years causing home values to skyrocket. Higher home values mean that insurers may need to pay out more in the event of a total loss, leading to higher premiums for homeowners.

Many homes in Alexandria, Annandale, McLean, and D.C. are aging, and as they get older, they become more prone to issues like plumbing leaks, electrical problems, and roof damage. Insurance companies take the age and condition of a home into

account when determining premiums, and older homes often result in higher insurance costs.

One of the primary drivers of rising homeowners' insurance premiums is the increase in extreme weather events. Climate change has led to more frequent and severe hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and storms. Insurers are now faced with higher payouts for property damage and losses, which in turn leads to increased premiums for homeowners.

While rising homeowners' insurance premiums may be a cause for concern, homeowners can take steps to mitigate the impact. Shopping around for insurance quotes, bundling policies, increasing deductibles, and investing in home security systems are all strategies that can help reduce insurance costs.

In conclusion, the increase in homeowners' insurance premiums can be attributed to a combination of factors. Homeowners should stay informed about these factors and explore ways to secure the best insurance coverage at the most reasonable rates. After all, protecting your home and assets is an part of homeownership.



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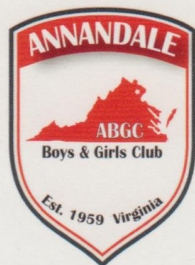
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