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The CKCS goal

CKCS was born in 1984 with the goal of demystifying technology for its members.

A lot has changed in 37 years, but the goal remains the same.

CKCS is a member of APCUG — The Association of Personal Computer User Groups.

President's Comments

I'm NOT Mailing You a Gift Card



Brooke Thomas
president@ckcs.org

Editor's Note: Even the president of CKCS is not immune to scams. It would appear a low-life, yes that's the correct description, stole her email address while she was on a trip to the northeast U.S. That scam artist then used her email account to send out bogus messages pleading for money in the form of gift cards. These scam artists, which I refer to as cockroaches on society, continue operating without any interference. They steal, threaten, and will do anything to get your money. Since no one stops them, it's up to you to protect yourself. You can do nothing. Or you can use a VPN (virtual private network) and take other steps while using the Internet at home and away. Read Brooke's column and take heed. Don't become the next victim of Internet fraud.

Beware: Several weeks ago, I did *not* send an email pleading you to buy expensive gift cards to help veterans. Someone hacked my email account. They had absolutely no interest in helping veterans. They were trying to steal cash.

Just as some shysters use cute photos of kittens and puppies, this scammer was using vets as the means to their end: Money. And they were determined to get away with the heist. Bonnie and Clyde would be proud. Notorious bank robber John Dillinger would be smiling from ear-to-ear. Pretty-boy Floyd would be delighted.

Two quick lessons from this:

- Ignore and delete any emails pleading with you to buy expensive gift cards for a needy cause. It's a scam. Period.
- Become much more savvy about public Wi-Fi networks.

On that recent trip, I warned my brother against connecting to the hotel WiFi service. We were in a location where I could get no cellular service. So, I decided to connect to the hotel's Wi-Fi.

A few days later, Joe Dietz, CKCS board member, received an urgent email plea that appeared to be from me but was sent by the scam artist:

Hello, Are you free to assist? I'm not-available for now but I've got credence in you to take care of this for me, Central Kentucky Computer Society need some gift cards for donations to Veterans at Hospice and Palliative care units for preventive items from Corona Disease (COVID-19) due to their Vulnerability, I will be responsible for the reimbursement.

In how many languages do I need to write the word, "BOGUS?"

But you'd be surprised how legitimate the email appears. It mentions CKCS. It was sent to Joe Dietz. It tugs at your emotions as it mentions a respected group: veterans.

If you respond, then the would-be thief sends this reply:

All you need to do when you have the cards, scratch the back of each vouchers, take a snapshot of each card back PIN and email them to (a legitimate looking email address) today. Just for the gift cards to be readable for them, I'll be grateful if you can.

I share my experience so you won't make the same mistake. This is my attempt to keep you safe.

Learn from my mistake and use a Virtual Private Network (VPN) on your phone, iPad, laptop, desktop, and anything else connecting to the Internet.

I'm not the only target. This email appears to be sent from a number of hacked organizations. The email is not from them. Scammers are trying to steal your wallet. So be wary.

During Tech Night in September, CKCS member, Kurt Jefferson did a session on the need for using a Virtual Private Network (VPN) while using public wireless networks. We had 30 participants and he received a lot of follow up questions.

You will find more information about VPNs in this edition of the newsletter and he will be offering workshops in the spring.

It's a no-brainer. If you use a public Wi-Fi connection in a restaurant, motel, library, supermarket, school, car dealer, cell phone store, relative's house, pet supply store, etc. USE A VPN.

Ironically, October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month. It was launched by the National Cyber Security Alliance & the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in October 2004. The theme for 2021 is 'Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart', helping to empower individuals and organizations to do their part.

The [National Cyber Security Alliance](#) even provides tip sheets to help you stay safe.

Topics include:

- Stay Safe Online During Tax Time 2021
- Tips for Safe Online Holiday Shopping
- Online Safety Tips for Seniors
- To Click or Not to Click: That is the Question
- CyberTrip Advisor: Vacation Travel Security Tips

The next time you connect your device to public Wi-Fi, remember what happened to me. Switch on your VPN and make sure you're connected to it. Protect yourself. Sign up for a VPN workshop this winter.

Stay safe. Stay informed. Be aware of the bad guys and how they're using public Wi-Fi connections throughout the world.





New Memberships & Renewals

CKCS Memberships

From Aug. 22 to Sept. 22

Submitted by CKCS Board Member **Ben Rice**

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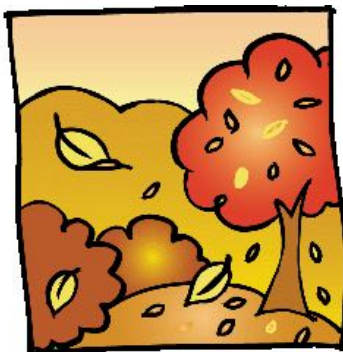
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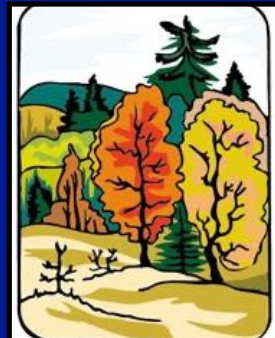
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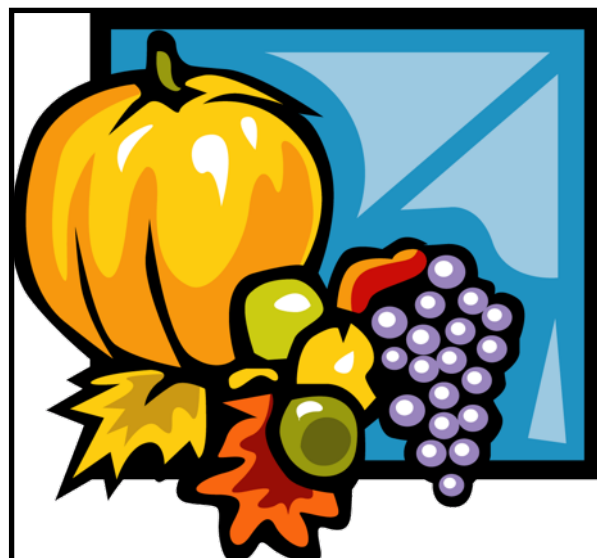
Jim Hughes



Your support and membership are the engine that keeps CKCS going.

Fall Classes & Workshops

Class	Description	Date & Time
Organizing Your Computer Files For Windows 10 (Class) Cost: \$45/\$36	Have you ever created a file, saved it, only to find you cannot locate it later? We will look at several strategies that can be used to organize your files, making them easier to find. We will spend time learning techniques for moving files and folders on your computer and external storage devices.	Tuesdays Oct. 26 Nov. 2, 9 10 A.M. – Noon
Intro To Astrophotography (Class) Cost: \$45/\$36	It takes special know-how and equipment to get great photographs of the sky at night. This class will teach you the tricks and tips to do that. The course will begin with a lecture session discussing the equipment needed to bring to the night session. The next class will be an evening of photographing with the instructors at McConnell Springs. The final class will be a review and discussion of how to post-process your photos.	Mondays Nov. 8,15 1– 3 P.M. and One evening to be announced
Post-Processing Your Photos Using NIK Software (Class) Cost: \$45/\$36	Students will need to bring their laptops. Learn how to use many of the features of the NIK Collection. This software boasts “with a range of stunning visual effects and some brilliant new editing tools, Nik Collection gives you total creative control over your photos.” Using your own photos, you will learn how use the visual effects and editing tools to transform your pictures. For students who don’t have this program, the instructor will provide instructions a week before class on how to download the 30-day free version.	Mondays Nov. 29 Dec. 6 & 13 1 – 3 P.M.
Intro to Digital Scrapbooking (Workshop) Cost: \$30/\$24	You may want to bring your laptop or tablet to class. You’ll learn how to create digital scrapbook pages using both Adobe Photoshop Elements as well as the PicCollage app. The workshop will include choosing the page size, adding photos, backgrounds, text, and other elements of interest. Other apps to create digital scrapbook pages will also be mentioned. You’ll learn about a list of vendors that will print your scrapbook pages. Handouts will be emailed to the students.	Monday Nov.15 10 A.M. – Noon
Making Personal Note Cards and Greeting Cards Using Microsoft Word for Windows (Workshop) Cost: \$30/\$24	Learn to save money by making your own original and personalized note and greeting cards using Microsoft Word! You will be taught to set up a note card page, to add graphics from the Internet and/or your own photos, to set up templates, to make sets of note cards or individual cards, and to file them for future use. This is an opportunity to engage your imagination and creativity and to have fun. Card stock and a starter-kit folder of graphics for note cards will be provided. Each student should bring a thumb/flash drive loaded with photos to be used to create her/his personal note cards.	Thursday Dec. 2 10 A.M. – Noon



Fall Classes & Workshops

Class	Description	Date & Time
Getting the Most Out of Your iPhone (Class) Cost: \$60/\$48	Required: iPhone – any version Learn important (and hidden) functions of your iPhone. Learn how to download apps, move them, nest them and delete them. You'll learn how to take photos with your phone, organize your photos, and send them in text messages and emails. Text messaging and using Siri will also be covered. Participants should bring their (fully charged) iPhone and know (or bring) their passcode, Apple ID and password.	Tuesdays Sept. 21 & 28 Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 1 – 3 P.M.
Adventures In Photography (Class) Cost: \$55/\$44	Students should have a basic knowledge of their camera. You need to have your camera charged with a full battery, an empty memory card, the camera manual and a note pad. You will learn about white balance, depth of field, aperture, and shutter speeds to blur and stop motion. Find out how to photograph close up with the lens you already have. Teachers will demonstrate close-up and micro photography techniques with other lenses. You will learn how to use common filters correctly. The instructors will also introduce infrared photography using filters provided by the instructors. This five-week course will spend alternating weeks in class and in the field shooting photos.	Mondays Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 Nov. 1 1 – 3 P.M.
Digital Imaging Using Corel PaintShop Pro for Windows PC (Class) Cost: \$60/\$48	You'll learn how to enhance your photos with PaintShop Pro. Instruction will include how to crop, brighten, lighten, and generally clean up your pictures for better presentation. You'll also learn how to properly scan old photographs and slides so they can be enhanced. You'll also learn about using text with images, layers, straightening photos, and using scripts to create a variety of different presentations, such as color sketch or charcoal sketch. You will work on restoring old pictures, learn how to edit someone out of a photo and insert them into another photo. Instruction also includes creating a collage with several of your photos.	Mondays Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 Nov. 1 10 A.M. – Noon
Getting the Most Out of Your iPad (Class) Cost: \$60/\$48	Participants should bring their fully charged iPad updated with the latest operating system and know (or bring) their Apple ID and password. Learn how to use the built-in Apple apps on your iPad. Personalize and organize your apps, take better photos and organize them. Acquire information about settings, learn the secrets of the keyboard, emailing, and texting with animation. Get tips on using the Calendar, Notes, Reminders, and Books. FaceTime will be included, if time permits.	Wednesdays Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov. 3, 10 1 – 3 P.M.
Computer Basics for Windows 10 (Class) Cost: \$60/\$48	You will learn fundamentals of using a Windows 10 computer. Learn to use various aspects of Microsoft Word including manipulating text and inserting graphics into a document. Basic filing and basic file management are introduced. The final class will include email basics and use of the Internet.	Thursdays Oct. 14, 21, 28 Nov. 4, 11, 18 10 A.M. – Noon



CKCS Classes & Workshops: Register by phone, online or in-person

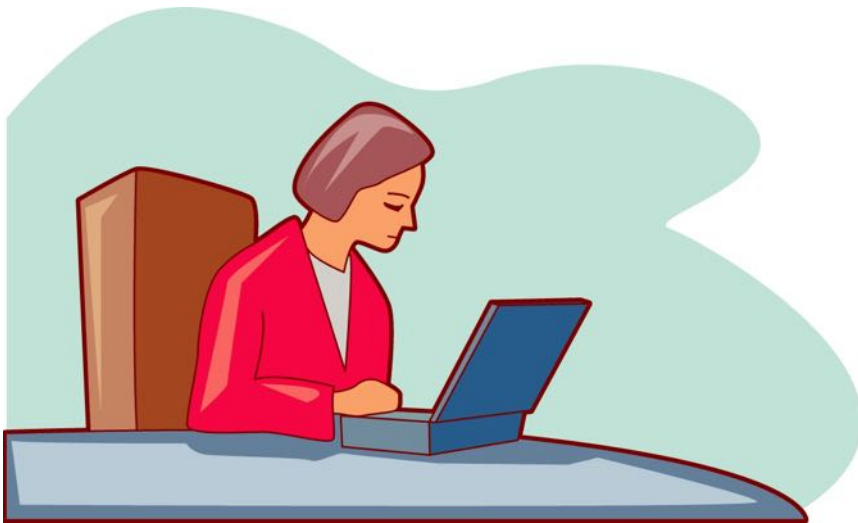
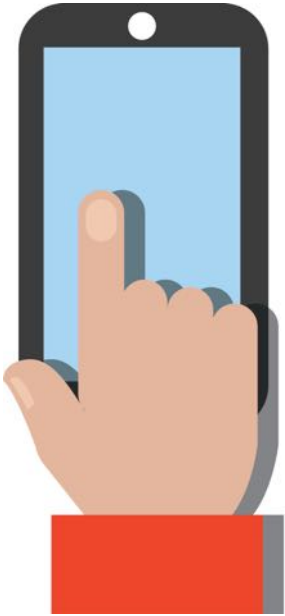
• Registration Procedures •

Students are enrolled on a first-come, first-pay basis. Beat the rush! Enroll early.

- Register by Phone: Call 859-373-1000 to register via credit card only.
Phone: Mon. – Thurs. 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.
Do not leave credit card details on voice mail.

- Register online: Visit www.ckcs.org/store and click on either Classes or Workshops on the blue menu at the top of the page. Choose the workshop or class you want. Register and pay by credit card. Before registering, please visit the CKCS home page and read the Store Registration Guide first.

- Register in-person: 160 Moore Drive, Lexington
Visit CKCS: Mon. – Thurs. 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.



Class/Workshop Pricing

Unless indicated otherwise, classes cost \$48 for CKCS members, \$60 for non-members. Pricing for individual classes is shown on the schedule in this newsletter.

Workshops cost \$24 for CKCS members, \$30 for non-members.

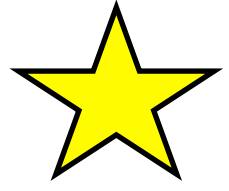
CKCS members receive a 20% discount on all class and workshop fees.



CKCS has been helping folks with tech issues since the fall of 1984. That mission holds true today.



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Tech Night October 11 7 P.M. Zoom Only

Troubleshooting Your Windows PC

By Brooke Thomas

Have you ever gone to your Windows computer, and it just won't turn on? Or it is on, but the mouse or keyboard is just not responding? Maybe your PC is running unusually slow, or the printer won't print.



Judy Taylour, president, editor and webmaster for the Santa Clarita (CA) Valley Computer Club.

Judy Taylour will walk us through some steps and provide tips and tricks to figure out what is wrong and how to go about fixing it.

Judy Taylour says, "Many computer problems appear more serious than they

really are." She adds that "hard drives do fail, but not very often."

Judy Taylour is a 34-year member of the Santa Clarita (CA) Valley Computer Club, where she serves as president, editor, and webmaster.

Judy taught adult education tech classes for more than two decades through her local high school district.

The APCUG Speaker's Bureau is her brainchild. Judy is a firm believer in life-long learning and enjoys giving presentations via APCUG's Speaker's Bureau.

Be sure to join us for some very practical ways to solve many problems you may encounter with your Windows PC and learn tips how to do some simple maintenance to keep it in good working order.

This is a must-see presentation for Windows PC owners that will save you from panicking and help you solve or even troubleshoot many problems with your computer.

Judy's Tips

- Don't Panic
- Do not get frustrated and buy a new PC
- Relax and take a breath
- Pour yourself a glass or cup of your favorite beverage

Tech Issues Getting You Down?

CKCS volunteers are ready to help on **Sat., Oct 2 10 A.M. – Noon**
160 Moore Drive, Lexington

- **Dr. Fixit** tackles Windows 10 & Android issues
- **iHelp** tackles Apple devices, including iPads, iPhones & Macintosh computers



A BROKEN SUPPLY CHAIN, NEARLY EMPTY STORE SHELVES, LOST PACKAGES THAT NEVER ARRIVE, AND A GROWING FRUSTRATION

By Kurt Jefferson

Back in July, another teacher and I stopped for lunch at a national restaurant chain in Elizabethtown. We were making our way to Bowling Green for aviation camp, and E-town is a good place to stop.

Rocking chairs greet you as you enter the restaurant and the inside is filled with candy, music on CDs for sale, and a huge assortment of everything from orange soda to peanut brittle.

The waitress approached our table for our orders. I am trying to eat more veggies and much less meat. So, I decided on lunch consisting of several delicious vegetables.

When asked what I wanted, I replied, "Broccoli." "We're out of that," came the reply. I glanced at the waitress and quickly asserted, "Green beans." The waitress looked at me and remarked, "We're out of that." I looked back at her and smiled, "Cole slaw." The waitress scratched her face and snorted, "We're out of that." I said, "vegetable soup." She replied, "We're out of that." That brief interaction is a snapshot in living color of what is now going on in the U.S. and around the world. (I finally settled on a salad—which was actually available.)

Restaurants cannot get products. Store shelves for certain items are nearly empty because they cannot get suitable inventories.

In August, I spoke to a friend who works at a company producing toilet paper in central Kentucky. A motor used in production died. The company could not get an exact replacement motor because of supply chain issues.

Two-day delivery for Amazon Prime customers is often delayed two-day delivery. This has been going on for some time. Ever read, "Your package is on the way but is running late. We're sorry for the delay?"

A *Washington Post* story from May 2020 wrote, "Frustrated you haven't received that package from Amazon yet? You're not alone. The crush of coronavirus-fueled demand for online shipping clogged Amazon's operations, flooding it with orders from homebound customers that it was ill-prepared to handle. That led Amazon to prioritize sales of essential items, and left many third-party merchants on the site to take on shopping that the e-commerce giant had previously managed for them."

A Lexington compounding pharmacy which for years has produced medicine for my cat in treat form cannot get the material to make the treats. There's at least a five to six week delay just to get the necessary ingredients from the supplier, if they can get it at all. My cat *needs* this medicine twice daily. The heck with a supply chain that's badly broken.

I contacted my vet. She ordered similar handmade treats containing the same medicine from an online pet compounding pharmacy in New Jersey. The pharmacy shipped the medicine. Tracking showed it being processed and processed and processed in Lexington. Days later, it had never arrived. No show. That batch never arrived. A national delivery service with brown trucks and aircraft reports that shipment is "lost." That company said it was conducting an "investigation." I don't think I'll tell that to my cat.

Despite ongoing supply chain problems, I had ordered a liquid version of this medicine and picked it up along with a small syringe at the local compounding pharmacy in July.



A sign at a Lexington supermarket chain in the cat food aisle tells the story. Because of ongoing supply chain problems, the store cannot get adequate inventory. Soon as the product is displayed, shoppers buy what's available and nearly empty the shelves.

Photo: Kurt Jefferson

This cat is an awesome pet. He's 15. And I'm doing my darnedest to keep him alive as long as I can. *He deserves nothing less.* Heck with the supply chain problems.

But this same cat won't tolerate liquid in a syringe squeezed into his throat twice a day. I do it because I love him. I have the scars to prove it.

I don't know when the supply chain issues will be fixed. I don't know if problems of disappearing medicine for an older cat will ever be fixed. I don't know when the upheaval in the entire retail/supply/delivery system will be fixed. But I'm ready for my frustration to end and to get on with life as it used to be before this tragic pandemic.

And most of all, we need to remember: ***This pandemic has cost us more than we ever could imagine. We will never get back the lives of lost loved ones. We will never really know how much this pandemic has impacted us, sickened loved ones who survived, and touched our cherished pets. The price tag is so high it can never be accurately calculated.***

Adiós, Dashlane. Hello Keeper!

Dashlane No Longer Supports Desktop App

By Kurt Jefferson

After using Dashlane for many years, I stopped using the popular password manager in early summer. Why? The company decided to no longer support its desktop app on either Mac or Windows.

Let me be clear. I wish Dashlane well.

But because Dashlane was one of the most expensive, secure, well-designed password managers, I would expect the company to continue providing both a desktop app that sits on the Dock of my Mac along with a web extension for Safari, Firefox, Brave, Chrome, and other popular browsers.

Dashlane developers have decided to only provide a [web browser extension](#) on Mac and Windows machines.

This means there will no longer be any updates for the desktop app. Password manager apps are one of the most important apps on your computer – and they need to be updated to keep your data secure.

I rely on both tools – a desktop app that I can open at any time by simply clicking on the Dock icon, and a browser extension I can use when using Firefox or Safari (my two most-used browsers.)

A January 2021 Dashlane blog [announced](#) the news: “Today, we’re sharing an update that we plan to discontinue support for the Mac and Windows apps. We estimate we’ll be sunseting the app at the end of 2021, and in the meantime, you can continue to use the desktop apps; however, we’ll no longer be updating their design, features, or functionality.”

Why the change? Dashlane writes in its blog, “We made this decision because we believe it’s the highest quality and most secure experience we can deliver to our customers, putting us closer in line with our principles. In addition to details in this post about this new web experience, we’ll provide frequent updates between now and when we stop supporting the desktop apps—so there’ll be no surprises.”

Surprises? Dashlane might be surprised to discover that a number of long-time users may well abandon ship.

It seems to be a strange time for a major password manager developer to alienate its user base. With the Delta variant and other strains of Covid still raging in Kentucky, the U.S., and the world, a supply chain that is

broken beyond belief, and entire industries pleading for workers to apply for jobs, is now the right time to kill a major part of your software package?

Anyway, since I had used other leading password managers in the past, including LastPass and 1Password, I opted for another top-tier product: Keeper.

In its 2021 review, [PCMag.com](#) rates Keeper, “Outstanding.” (The Only one of the bunch to receive the outstanding rating.)

Dashlane, LastPass, Bitwarden, LogMeOnce, and Password Boss all received the “Excellent” rating.

PCMag rates 1Password, NordPass, RoboForm, Sticky Password, McAfee True Key and Zoho “Good.”

PCMag writes, “Keeper Password Manager & Digital Vault delivers an excellent experience across a ton of platforms and browsers. It also offers top-notch features such as robust two-factor authentication support, good sharing capabilities, and full password histories. Keeper is an Editors’ Choice password manager.”

It adds, “Keeper offers apps for Windows, macOS, Android, iOS, Kindle, Windows Phone, and Linux, as well as browser extensions for Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Internet Explorer, Opera, and Safari. Keeper also maintains a Microsoft Store version.”

As soon as I began using Keeper, I felt right at home. It works well. If I want to check a password, look up a secure note, or retrieve a credit card number, I can easily open the Mac app on my Dock without opening a web browser. Isn’t that how password managers should work?



Long For The Days Before the World Could View Your Home? Blur Your Home On Google Maps, Apple Maps & Bing Maps

By Kurt Jefferson

Remember the old days when almost no one knew your home's appearance except you, your neighbors, the property tax assessor, your letter carrier and friends?

Sure, your cousins in Somerset had visited so they knew you lived in a ranch house built in the 70s. And your uncle and aunt from Utica had seen snapshots you mailed them. And, of course, the milkman, UPS and FedEx drivers, as well as men and women driving other delivery and repair vans had been to your home. (There was no Amazon in those days.)

Leap forward to today and anyone can get a glimpse of your home thanks to Google Maps, Apple Maps, and Bing Maps.

As Liferhacker writes, "With the rise of increasingly convenient features such as street-level 360° photos available on Google Maps and other competing mapping services, there's always a risk your personal data will be captured in a publicly available photo in a way you'd rather avoid—whether that means the outside of your house or the location where you park your car."

Google Maps

To blur your home's image, Liferhacker provides these steps:

Open Google Maps and search for your address or a landmark that is nearby. You should see a left pane window. Click on the StreetView tab and choose an image where your home is shown. On the upper left-hand corner of image, you should see an icon showing three dots. Click on those and select Report a problem.

Liferhacker writes, "This will show you a page where you can select the area to be blurred. Click and drag on the image to point the red square towards your house (you can also shift it to focus on a car or anything else visible in the photo). Then, under Request blurring, select My home. After that, share your email address, check the captcha box, and click Submit."

Liferhacker says Google will review your request and blur your home on the map.

Remember, your home may stand out even more if your neighbors' homes are not blurred.

Apple Maps

Apple offers a similar feature called Look Around. It looks a lot like Google Street view.

If you locate your home and want it removed, Liferhacker suggests you send an email to: mapsimagecollection@apple.com

Describe your issue in detail and request that your home is blurred. Liferhacker says Apple will review your request and hide your home – normally within a week.

Again, if you hide your house and your neighbors don't, your location will stand out even more.

Bing Maps

StreetSide is what Microsoft calls its service that's similar to both Google Maps and Apple Maps. If you locate your home in StreetSide, you can ask Microsoft to hide it there also. Liferhacker

says Microsoft reviews these requests and will remove data within 30 to 60 days.

To make a request, open Bing Maps. Then navigate to your home address.

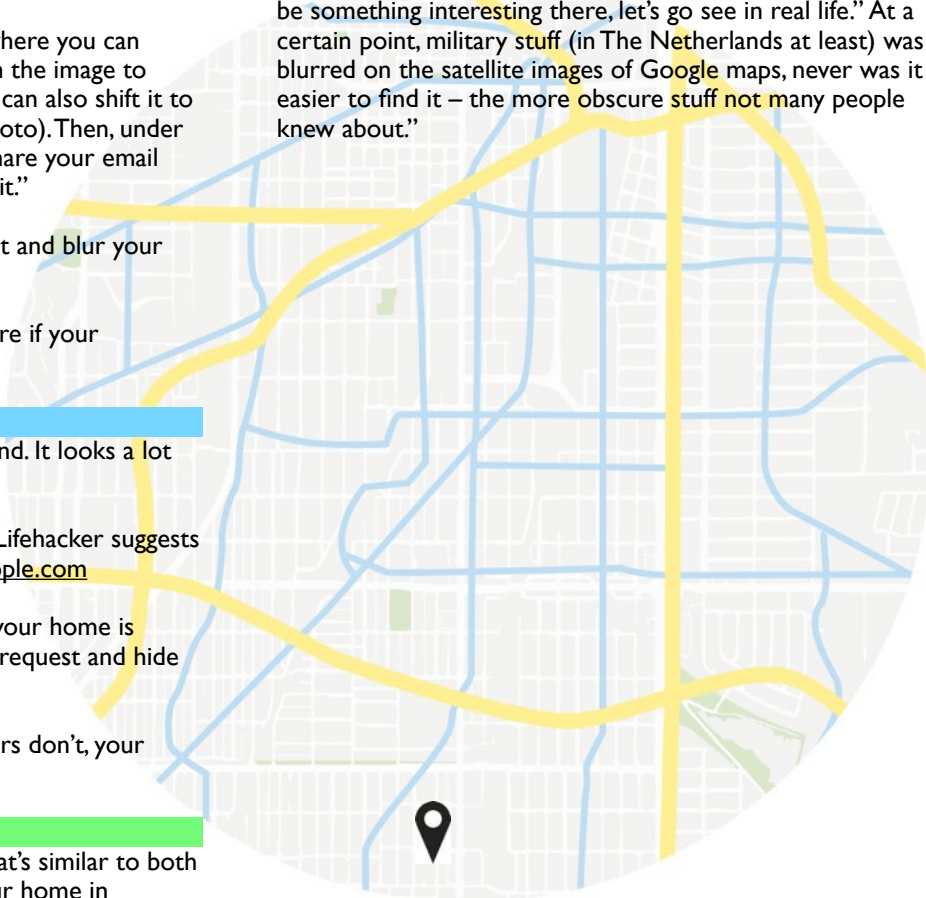
In the left panel, scroll down and click any image with the StreetSide label. You should see a 360° view of the entire area. To make a report, click Report a privacy concern with this image in the bottom left-hand corner.

A page should open where you can choose House next to the question, "What kind of a concern do you have?"

Liferhacker urges you to click on the portion of the image containing your home. You should see a red dot on the image that will label this part. Click submit to send the image to Microsoft.

An individual identifying himself (or herself) as kikurimu comments on the Liferhacker article. He mentions that once you complete this process for Google Maps, they will not UNDO it. Ever. Period. "Whoever lives there after you will never be able to get it undone. Many people have tried. Google can/will not undo it," writes the individual.

Another commentator on Liferhacker writes, "be aware: nothing draws attention like something blurred out. "There must be something interesting there, let's go see in real life." At a certain point, military stuff (in The Netherlands at least) was blurred on the satellite images of Google maps, never was it easier to find it – the more obscure stuff not many people knew about."





WHO'S WATCHING YOU?



By Kurt Jefferson

More Internet users are relying on VPNs – apps called **Virtual Private Networks** – that keep

your Internet activity from prying eyes – than ever before. As more of us pay our credit card bills online, buy tickets from online travel agencies, and read our email, it's clear online privacy is getting much more attention.

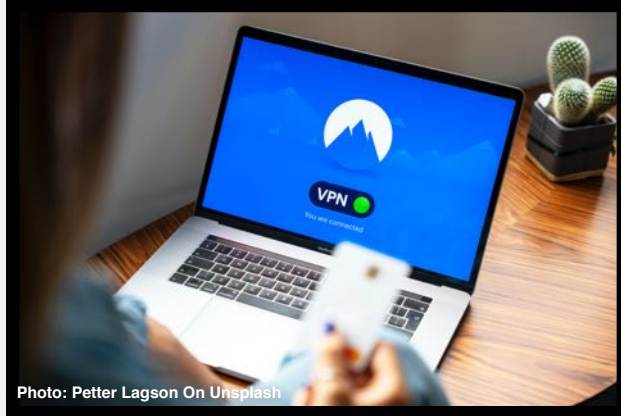


Photo: Petter Lagson On Unsplash

Most Americans are unaware that in 2017, Congress passed, and the president signed a bill trashing an F.C.C. rule.

That rule would have required Internet providers to get permission from customers before selling their web browsing history and other private information to advertisers, ad agencies and others.

Instead, Internet providers are free to sell your personal data, despite your objections. *Isn't this backwards? Shouldn't you be able to decide who sees your browsing habits, your email, the banks with whom you do business, and your Social Security number?*

Personal information such as which illnesses you've searched in a web browser, where you bank, where you shop, and potentially even where your child or grandchild goes to school can now be accessed by the company you pay for Internet service.

To prevent this, more and more of us are paying for VPNs to keep prying eyes away.

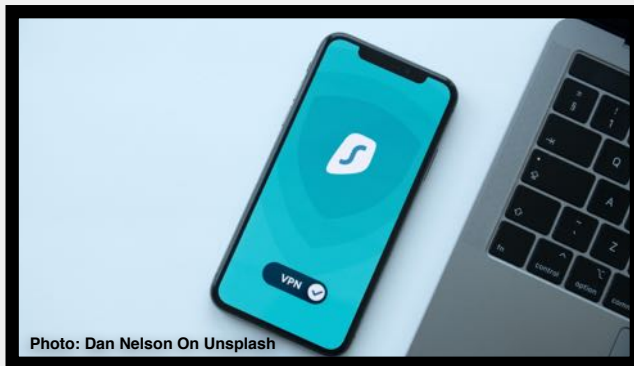


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The COVID-19 pandemic is having a major impact on VPN use.

“When the pandemic hit in 2020, VPN demand skyrocketed, driven by the increased use of internet-

based services at home, and the evolution of remote work. During the first two weeks between March 8th and March 22nd alone, VPN usage in the USA increased a massive 124%,” reports Findstack.

A blog called *The Cornwall Seeker* writes, “A decade ago, Only a third of Americans and 20% of the people in the U.K. knew what a VPN was. Now, 68% of all adults in the U.S. use a VPN according to security.org.”

A just-released poll by Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and Meritalk reveals that most Americans believe their personal online information is not at all secure.

Most polled believe social media activity such as Facebook, Twitter or Instagram is not very or not at all secure. 50% say private text conversations lack privacy.

In addition, many are not satisfied with the federal government's total lack of action. Nearly 75% of those polled support establishing national standards for how companies can collect, process and share personal data.

VPN

The Associated Press quotes Sarah Blick, a professor of medieval art history at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, northeast of Columbus as saying, “I feel there is little to no security whatsoever.”

Earlier this year, the college's human resources department told Blick that someone fraudulently applied for unemployment insurance benefits in her name.

As we spoke about during the September Tech Night Zoom session, VPNs can keep your online activity secure – but only if you use them on all of your Internet devices.

If you missed Tech Night, check out [A Beginner's Guide to Understanding VPNs.](#)

If you're ready to choose a VPN, see what [Top10VPN](#) considers its best VPN services.

Tom's Guide lists its top choices in [the best VPNs.](#)

CHOOSING A VPN

Because so many Americans (and Internet users all over the world) are currently considering a VPN, it's a very competitive market.

As I mentioned during Tech Night if you can afford it, you can get better pricing if, rather than buying a VPN for six months or one year, you pay for a two or three year period.

What To Look For In a VPN

Security & Privacy: As one website says, "A VPN is only as good as its ability to keep you and your data safe."

Speed: Since a VPN is rerouting your Internet connection through its own private servers, if there aren't enough servers your speed can suffer. The best VPNs have vast networks all over the world. If you cannot connect to one server because too many people are connected at the same time, you simply choose another server.

Ease of Use & Customer Support: It should be as simple as moving a slider button on your phone or double-clicking a tab on your Mac or PC to activate a VPN. If you have trouble with a VPN – or questions – the company needs to provide customer support. Period.

Performance & Server Locations: The more servers there are, the better chances you have to connect to your VPN if there's congestion. If you cannot connect to a server closest to you, then there should be one fairly close by. (Connecting to a VPN server in St. Louis or Virginia rather than St. Croix or Germany or Australia will typically give you faster Internet speed from your computer, phone, or iPad in Kentucky.)

Price: Find a VPN that you can afford. Avoid free VPNs. Many of them generate revenue by displaying plenty of ads. So as you're trying to use the Internet, you're constantly disrupted by ads. Free VPNs often have few servers and it might be a challenge to find one located near you. What you might not know is that many free VPNs use your computer's processing power when it's not in use. In addition, your activity might be tracked, your browsing details may be sold, and your Internet connection is often slow. Also, it's been discovered that China owns a number of free VPNs. Do you really want your personal Internet data going to Chinese authorities?

No Logging: The best VPNs will not track your web browser visits, your email, your social media usage, or other Internet activity. VPNs that do track your activity usually have one goal in mind: Making money. They want to sell your personal data.

"One quarter of all Internet users have accessed a VPN in the last month," wrote Rob Mardisalu on the thebestvpn.com website in January 2020.

Here's a breakdown by device:

Desktop: 17% (had used a VPN in the last month as of Jan. 2020.)

Mobile: 15%

Tablet: 7%

For some, using a VPN was as common as washing their hands. bestvpn.com reports in early 2020, 35% of desktop computer users and 42% of mobile users (phones, laptops, iPads) had used a VPN every day.

VPN Users by Age (source: thebestvpn.com)

55-64 years old: 4%

45-54: 9%

35-44: 19%

25-34: 33%

16-24: 35%

The Asia-Pacific region has the highest number of VPN users (30%), while North America and Europe lag with far fewer VPN users (17%).

It turns out retaining anonymity (and keeping personal data private) is the strongest motivator to use a VPN in: the USA, Sweden, Canada, France, Japan, Germany, and South Africa. In other countries, folks use VPNs to stream TV shows and movies that have not yet been released or are off-limits in those regions. In China and Russia, reporters use VPNs to get around repressive, dictatorial Internet restrictions.

CKCS VPN Workshops

Note from the Editor: *I'll be holding several workshops about VPNs via Zoom for both Mac and iPad next March. Check out later editions of this newsletter for dates and times in case you'd like to register for a specific workshop. Hope to see you there. You will learn plenty.*

Need more details? There are a number of websites that describe VPNs in simple English so that all of us can decide what's best for us individually.

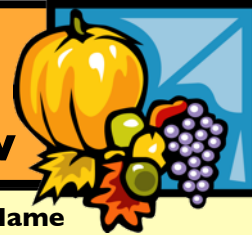
Here are some links providing details, descriptions, and informations about VPNs that are easy to digest:

[How-To-Geek](#) [Tricky Enough](#) [Forbes Advisor](#)

Stay safe. Stay informed. Please support CKCS.

Fast Autumn Facts

Fall Tidbits You May Not Know



As we enter the fall season, days are getting shorter and the nights are getting longer. Here are some fast facts:

Good In School

Humans born in autumn (Sept. through Dec.) are more likely to excel in school according to a National Bureau of Economic Research [report](#).

Collecting Seeds

Chickadees get smarter in the fall. [BestLife reports](#) the part of the bird's brain that handles spatial organization and memory swells about 30 percent during the fall. Some believe this helps the tiny bird collect and hide massive amounts of seeds.

Tree Factoids

Even though some look ancient, trees have only been around for

the last ten percent of earth's entire history.

Trees warn other trees about incoming threats like insects.

Trees release chemicals that can make humans happier. There are currently 422 times as many trees on earth as humans.

Source: OVO Energy

Food Allergies

People born in the fall were 30

to 90 percent more likely to develop [food allergies](#) than those born in other seasons according to research by Johns Hopkins University.

Handgrip

A study in the *International Journal of Sports Medicine* discovered school-age boys born in November scored higher on tests of handgrip strength, cardiorespiratory fitness, and lower body strength compared to those born in other times of the year.

Autumn's Earlier Name

Up until about the year 1500, autumn had a different name: "harvest." Before lights lit up the night, the bright harvest moon was essential for farmers harvesting their late-year crops.

Drink Up!

Autumn is when we savor special drinks, including Pumpkin milk shakes, Pumpkin Pie Latte, Hot Buttered Cider Mix, and more!

Those Green Lights

If you've ever seen the aurora borealis, you'd remember the beautiful green lights in the night sky. Also called the "Northern Lights," this phenomenon is more likely to occur in the fall.

Vitamin D & Weight Gain

Researchers think lower levels of vitamin D (because of shorter days and longer nights) are partially responsible for winter weight gain which begins in the fall. A lack of vitamin D from the sun is thought to reduce fat breakdown and trigger fat storage.

DST

On the Monday following the end of Daylight Saving Time in November fewer heart attacks occur in America. Doctors across the country have confirmed it.

No Oscars

No movie with the word "autumn" in the title has ever won an Oscar.

Jack-o-Lanterns

Pumpkins are grown on six out of seven continents (except Antarctica.) And this is the only time of year when you're likely to see a jack-o-lantern. Get carving!

Longer Lives?

Babies born between September and November are more likely to live to 100 than kids born in other months of the year. The month in which you were born may influence the environment in which you develop. [New Scientist reports](#) on two researchers at the University of Chicago: "The pair found that more centenarians were born in the autumn than in the spring. They also analysed all births in the US over a year within this period to rule out the possibility that this was because more people were born at this time of year. There was no significant fluctuation during autumn. Most centenarians were born between September and November, and the fewest

number were born in March, May and July. The results were more pronounced for babies born between 1880 and 1889 than those born between 1889 and 1895."

Active Kids

A very large [study](#) by Bristol University of more than 14,000 children born in the 1990s revealed kids delivered in the fall and winter months were nine percent more active than average.

Enjoy That Cobbler!

Cobbler, anyone? Autumn is the season when more and more of us enjoy eating cobbler – especially to warm up. Of course, a dab of ice cream on the top makes it even better.



Photo: Kurt Jefferson

By Kurt Jefferson

If you want to get the jump on the next operating system for Apple's iPhones and iPads, here's a great opportunity.

MacRumors is offering an incredibly detailed, organized and well-rounded list of iOS 15 features.

I challenge you to find at least five new features coming in the new iOS version that you weren't anticipating.

Maybe one new feature that will make you smile is the ability to download and install Safari web browser extensions that don't come from Apple.

I use web extensions on the Mac versions of Safari and Firefox every day. They have finally come to the iPad and iPhone. Web extensions are incredibly useful. Read more below:

√ **Non-Apple Safari Extensions**

A few examples: When I open Firefox (or Safari) on the Mac, it connects to a distant computer to serve up web pages. Is that server in the U.S.? The **Flagfox** add-on (Firefox calls extensions add-ons) displays a flag showing the location of the current computer server providing the website. This can be quite useful. Maybe a bogus, non-U.S. website is trying to serve up a dummy page that isn't the real McCoy?

√ **Focus**

Do you sometimes feel as if you suffer from pandemic attention deficit disorder? Apple is introducing Focus, which is sort of like "Do Not Disturb" on steroids. As MacRumors writes, "With Focus, you set an activity that you're doing, such as working, exercising, reading, or spending time with family, and block out the notifications that are unrelated to those tasks. It's basically Do Not Disturb but with more options for refining what you see and what you don't see."

√ **'Hide My Email' Private Address**

Want to keep your personal email account private? iOS 15 introduces a feature that lets you do just that. 'Hide My Email' allows iPad and iPhone users to create unique, random email addresses. As MacRumors indicates, this is quite useful when you think a website or a business shares your email address with others such as ad agencies or third parties for marketing purposes. In other words, if I decide to buy an air purifier from company A, who's to say that company

won't share my personal email address with company B, C, and D? Then I get more junk email when I'm already saddled with an overflowing junk folder containing Canadian drug and Viagra garbage.

If you use 'Hide My Email,' it's a dummy email address. When the air purifier company shares it with company B, and company B tries to contact you, the message never arrives. That's because you can delete the dummy address any time you like. Unwanted garbage emails never arrive.

√ **Siri**

Sharing a website, photo, song or other items can now be accomplished using Siri. Ask Siri to share the item with a friend or family member and Siri will follow your command.

Another new Siri feature is on-device speech processing. So when you ask Siri questions, most of that processing is done on your iPhone or iPad rather than sent to Apple's servers for processing. MacRumors notes that on-device processing is available on iPhones and iPads that use Apple's A12 Bionic chip or later.

In addition, Siri now understands if your iPhone or iPad displays a contact on the screen, that's the individual you want to speak to. MacRumors writes, "So if you have the contacts app open to a specific person, are chatting with someone in Messages, get a Message notification, or miss a call, you can say something like "Message them I'm on my way" and Siri will know to send it to the relevant contact that you've just interacted with or have open."

√ **Weather App**

Is it going to rain in the next hour? AccuWeather and other apps have provided this information for some time. Now, Apple's improved weather app allows you to sign-up to receive next hour precipitation notifications so you can finish washing the car or raking the leaves before rain or snow begins falling.

Apple's built-in weather app is now a much better weather resource after Apple purchased the popular weather app, Dark Sky. The app design has been overhauled, maps show temperature, air quality and precipitation in full-screen mode.

Those are my five favorite new features in iOS 15. Have you picked yours yet?

I Gave Up My Mouse Long Ago and I'm Happy I Did

If You Hate Your Mouse, Try a Trackball Instead

By Kurt Jefferson



While standing up will help your health, more ergonomic input devices can protect you from an RSI, or repetitive strain injury.

These injuries are caused by repeatedly straining your body in the same way, over and over again. These injuries can cause numbness, tingling, and pain, and they won't go away until you stop the stressor.

Trackball mice can be a blessing for workers suffering from a wrist-based RSI or carpal tunnel. The benefit comes from the trackball's stable position. While you move your wrist and arm to manipulate a traditional mouse, you only need to move your fingers to use a trackball. If you use a wrist rest with your trackball, your wrist will be at a healthier angle. This frees it from the strain associated with sliding your mouse around. Because your hand stays in one place, your arm and wrist won't be strained by the constant back and forth movement of a mouse.

As *Popular Mechanics* wrote in June, "A trackball mouse is a great way to make endless mouse movement less strenuous." It's proven that trackballs reduce wrist stress and grip fatigue.

The article in Gizmodo doesn't mince words with the headline:

Why the Hell Would Anyone Use a Trackball Mouse?

"With its big rolypoly ball and huge hand rest, the venerable trackball mouse looks like a holdover from 1996. Or maybe 1946 – that's the first time a trackball was used as an input device in a computer," writes Alex Cranz in his 2017 article.

He asserts the waning popularity of the lowly trackball after more of us began using the mouse and then the trackpad. Cranz adds, "But here's the thing: The trackball is still good. Not just good—the trackball is great. So great that Logitech is introducing its first trackball in many years is a cause for celebration—even if I have some issues with my new favorite input device."

So in 2017, Switzerland-based Logitech introduced its first new trackball in years. Guess what? The MX Ergo was a major hit. And sales are still climbing. Last fall, Logitech reported a 26% increase in mice and trackball sales. (Logitech sells plenty of mice – but it's also discovering many people insist on trackballs instead.)

Then, last October, Logitech introduced yet another trackball: the Ergo M575. The user can connect to a desktop or laptop Mac or PC via USB interface with a small transceiver or using Bluetooth. It will also connect to an iPad using the Bluetooth option.

As more of us began working and teaching school from home in 2020 because of the pandemic, more of us are actively ditching our mice. (Plenty of us are still working and teaching from home via Zoom and other software.)

Make Tech Easier [explains](#) why trackballs are better for you:

"More workers are aware of the health risks and problems associated with long periods of sitting daily. It's supremely unhealthy, and many companies have made a serious effort to help modern office workers reduce the risks of desk-bound work."

While the best-selling Logitech trackballs are thumb-operated, Kensington, which might be called the "king of trackballs" [sells at least seven trackballs](#) on its website, on Amazon, Newegg and other online sellers.

Because of growing demand, Kensington has released several new trackballs in recent years including the:

- Expert Mouse Wireless Trackball
- Pro Fit® Ergo Vertical Wireless Trackball (White & Black)
- Orbit® Fusion Wireless Trackball
- Wired Orbit® Trackball with Scroll Ring
- Orbit® Optical Trackball.

The popular Expert Mouse Wireless Trackball often tops the ratings when reviewers put trackballs through their paces. [The Wirecutter](#) (a review website purchased by *The New York Times*), [trackballmouse.org](#), [gadgetreviews.com](#), and [iMore](#) all praise that finger-operated device.

A Japanese trackball maker, Elecom, has also earned a steady but growing market share in the States. Elecom currently makes the only trackball especially designed for left-handed users. It's the Elecom M-XT4DRBK model. (Read about it here at [amazon.com](#)).

Popular Mechanic's [website](#) tells what to look for as you decide whether or not to opt for the benefits of a trackball.



Photo: Kensington

An Assortment of News You Can Use

Tell Spectrum: No More Of Your Mail

If you get a pile of promotions from Spectrum and are ready to stop the onslaught, you can tell the company you want it to stop.

The Verge provides a [website](#) telling you exactly how to do this.

I have not had cable or satellite TV for many years. I don't want it. I am not a Spectrum subscriber.

Yet, the poor letter carrier still must deliver the unwanted mail from Spectrum that I immediately toss in my garbage bin. I haven't opened one of these envelopes in many years.

Those envelopes often contain plastic inserts that cannot be recycled. So into the garbage they go. If you want to stop receiving this stuff, follow the instruction's on The Verge website.

Ten-Digit Dialing Begins Oct. 24 in 859 Area Code

This might well be one of the best kept secrets around.

Plenty of folks aren't aware that you *must dial 859 plus the seven-digit phone number* starting October 24 even if you're calling another person in the 859 area code.

We wrote about this several months ago in the CKCS newsletter.

A brochure from AT&T provides these details: *"To complete all local calls, you will now need to dial area code + telephone number. This applies to all calls within your area code that are currently dialed with seven digits."*

In addition, "On and after this date (Oct. 24), local calls dialed with only seven digits may not be completed, and a recording will instruct you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. You must hang up and dial again using the area code and the seven-digit number."

Some phone providers, such as Ooma (which provides landline service via the Internet), may require you to also dial a "one" before you dial the area code even when you're dialing someone in the 859 area code.

Make yourself a mental note and alert family and friends to the change in the way those of us living in the 859 area code (and plenty of others throughout the U.S.) will have to change our dialing habits.

The change has not been especially well promoted so many folks are not aware they'll need to change their dialing habits.

Trivia To Prepare You For Jeopardy!

Invented in 1965, the first VCR was the size of a piano.

The English word for red panda is "Firefox."

One out of eight married couples met each other on the Internet.

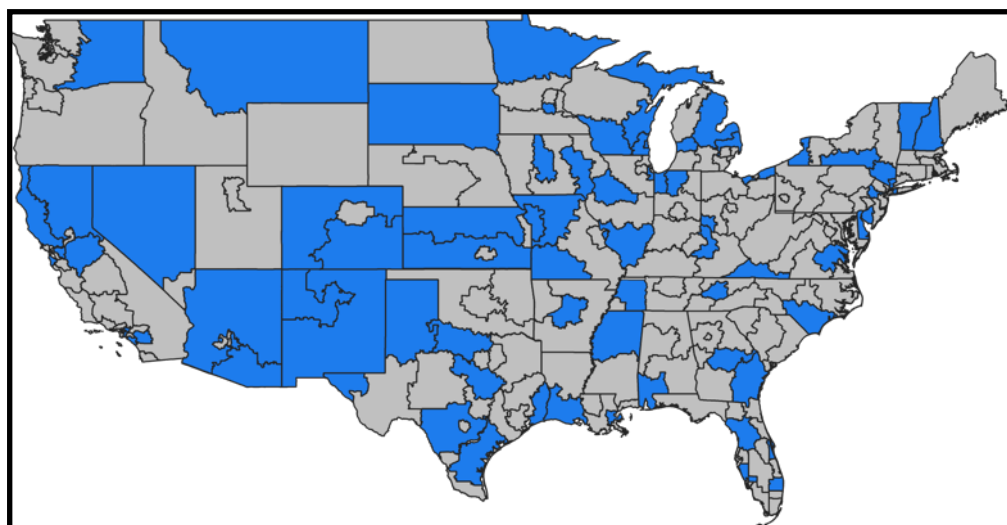
In Japan, 90% of mobile phones are waterproof since users often bathe with them.

A nun earned one of the first computer science Phd degrees.

91% of adults have their mobile phone within arm's reach every hour of the day.

Bill Gate's house was designed on a Macintosh.

Source: oscarmini.com



Area codes highlighted in blue will have to change their phone dialing habits starting Oct. 24. You'll have to dial 859 plus the seven-digit phone number, even if you're calling someone else who lives in 859 territory. The change comes as the F.C.C. prepares to introduce a new three-digit number for the nationwide National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline starting July 16, 2022. To reach that lifeline, you'll need to dial 988 after that date. In order for 988 to work in the 859 area code and others highlighted in blue, the F.C.C. had to implement a ten-digit local dialing system.

An Unwanted Invasion Takes Its Toll on Central Kentucky Lawns

By Kurt Jefferson

An outbreak of a grass-eating pest the likes of which central Kentucky hasn't seen in decades has struck lawns throughout central Kentucky.



The white speck moth produces eggs which eventually become adult armyworm caterpillars. The armyworms are so named because the caterpillars travel in lines similar to an army. They destroy nearly all grasses and crops in their path. Enemies of the adult armyworm include more than 60 types of wasps, flies, chickens, crows, starlings, and bobolinks, and a small blackbird.

Source: wikipedia.org

The armyworm, labeled "a major pest throughout the world" by wikipedia.org, is the larvae of a moth that feasts on green grass, wheat, rice, farm crops and even some trees.

Carrie Spry, the horticulture technician at the U.K. Fayette County Extension Service, says the armyworm can devour an entire lawn in only 24 hours.

"We're seeing numbers (in central Kentucky) we haven't seen since the 1970s," says Spry.

She says the larvae are a year-round pest in the far southern states such as Alabama, Georgia and Florida, but it's unusual to see such large numbers of what is often called the common armyworm, true armyworm moth, white speck moth, or rice armyworm in central Kentucky.

And it's not just here at home. BestLife quotes Gus Lorenz, a University of Arkansas entomologist, as saying: "This is the biggest outbreak of a fall armyworm situation that I've ever seen in my career...they're in pastures, rice, soybeans, grain sorghum. It's epic."

The pest was first described back in 1809 and is so named because "the caterpillars move in lines as a massive group, like an army, from field to field, damaging crops," reports wikipedia.org.

These small larvae have the potential to be quite destructive. In 1969, wikipedia.org reports one type of armyworm wiped out 20% of the entire Malaysian rice crop.

The Scotts Lawn Care website says, "This army could destroy your lawn." It adds, "Largely found in the South, especially on bermuda grass, armyworms can infest lawns and cause severe damage. The first sign of trouble is small patches of brown grass with the edges of the blades chewed. Some blades may be completely eaten."

Spry says the pests love lush green grass that has been cared for by homeowners. "The more fertilized the grass, the tastier it is to them."

Spry says the armyworms have devoured entire patches of green lawn at her home in Clark County. She says moths have been spotted laying eggs on furniture sitting on backyard decks and automobiles.

The Scotts website says "the most severe damage occurs when armyworms attack in hot, dry weather." Spry says there isn't a known connection between the well above normal rainfall in August and the armyworm outbreak.

How do you get rid of these pests? Spry says one option is an insecticide/pesticide called Spinosad, which is available in various forms on Amazon.com. In addition, she says farm supply stores carry it.

One user on The Lawn Forum website writes, "I honestly didn't expect Spinosad to do that much, given how gentle it is on other creatures. But on the advice of an entomologist I tried it, and it seems to have actually worked!!!! I'm not even seeing the big fellas today, which theoretically are not easy to kill with anything." A number of websites urge you to avoid using harmful pesticides that might destroy beneficial insects which could be your first line of defense. The Scotts website says its own product, GrubEx, will also kill armyworms.

Chickens also work. The gardening yardener website writes, "Chickens, if you have them or can borrow them, will clean out an armyworm infestation in a matter of days. Once they've finished the job, dethatch and water the lawn thoroughly. It should recover in a week or two."

Spry can attest to that. She has chickens and says they are making a meal of the armyworms at her home.

The ultimate solution, according to Spry, is the first fall frost. This, she says, will kill the pests. So once cold weather arrives in the form of frost – to thousands of homeowners' relief in central Kentucky, that should end the lives of the dreaded armyworms.

Armyworms will defoliate entire fields and lawns in a few days. They devour these crops and more:	Lettuce Carrots Artichoke Sorghum Rye Cabbage Barley Onion Corn Celery Sweet Potatoes Fescue grasses
Alfalfa Beans Oats Rice Wheat	

October 2021 CKCS Special Interest Group (SIG) Schedule

Larry Trivette prepared this SIG calendar. Print this page for your refrigerator or bulletin board.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Sep	28 Sep	29 Sep	30 Sep	1 Oct	2 Oct
	7 p.m. Digital Photography JOE DIETZ In-Person Only		10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom Only		10 a.m. Dr. Fix-It In-Person Only iHelp Bring your Mac, iPad, or iPhone problems or questions and we'll try to help In-Person Only
4 Oct	5 Oct	6 Oct	7 Oct	8 Oct	9 Oct
			10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom Only 7 p.m. Board of Directors In-Person Only		
11 Oct	12 Oct	13 Oct	14 Oct	15 Oct	16 Oct
7 p.m. Tech Night Judy Taylour – Troubleshooting Your Computer via Zoom Only	7 p.m. Windows 10 MIKE SEILER via Zoom Only		10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom Only 7 p.m. Mac & iPad KURT JEFFERSON via Zoom Only		
18 Oct	19 Oct	20 Oct	21 Oct	22 Oct	23 Oct
	7 p.m. Word Processing JERRY HEATON via Zoom Only		10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom Only		
25 Oct	26 Oct	27 Oct	28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct
	7 p.m. Digital Photography JOE DIETZ via Zoom Only		10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom Only		



Update: This SIG meeting has changed. There will be no in-person meeting, Zoom only.



CKCS Meetings & Zoom Links: Mark Your Calendars Now

Dr. Fixit & iHelp Troubleshooting
In-Person Only
Wear Your Mask
Saturday, Oct. 2 @ 10 A.M.

Zoom Links

Amateur Photographer's Club
Zoom Only
Thursday, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 10 A.M.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89234995079>

CKCS Board of Directors Meeting
In-Person Only
Wear Your Mask
Thursday, Oct. 7 @ 7 P.M.

Tech Night
Zoom Only
Monday, Oct. 11 @ 7 P.M.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82109235232>

Windows 10 SIG
Zoom Only
Tuesday, Oct. 12 @ 7 P.M.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82811157647>

Mac & iPad SIG
Zoom Only
Thursday, Oct. 14 @ 7 P.M.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89152197881>

Word Processing SIG
Zoom Only
Tuesday, Oct. 19 @ 7 P.M.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83030906264>

Digital Photography SIG
Update: No In-person meeting, Zoom only.
Tuesday, Oct. 26 @ 7 P.M.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82232057510>





**JOIN US!
EVERY THURSDAY MORNING
AT 10 ON ZOOM.**



Zoom address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89234995079>



Windows Special Interest Group

Tuesday, October 12

7:00 pm

Mike Seiler
Windows SIG Leader

How to Grab Text Out of an Image

and

**Why You Should “Clean” Your Computer
Before You Get Rid of It.**

THIS MEETING WILL BE ONLINE ONLY!

The Zoom link for this meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82811157647>

A link for the handout used in this meeting will be sent to everyone on the Windows 10 Special Interest Group mailing list two days before the meeting. To be placed on this list, send an email to w10sig.ckcs@gmail.com. In the email, state your name, your email address, and the purpose of the email.

Apple Mac & iPad SIG

Zoom Only/Oct. 14 @ 7 P.M.

Zoom here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89152197881>

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WORD PROCESSING SIG

LET'S USE ZOOM FOR THE WORD PROCESSING SIG THIS MONTH (no hybrid session)

This October, I plan to review many of the tools I use in working with MICROSOFT WORD. Some are old, some are new. I will spend this session creating projects you might try which best demonstrates each tool and how to best use it.

Please join me online on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 7 p.m.

Use this link to sign on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83030906264>

The zoom door will open about 10 minutes early.



Jerry Heaton



**Digital Photography Special Interest Group
Tuesday, October 26
7 P.M.**

Update: There will be no in-person meeting
on Oct. 26. Zoom only!



Joe Dietz
Digital Photography
SIG Leader

What's New with Corel PaintShop Pro 2022



Most of you know that I like Corel PaintShop Pro. This is a great program for fixing up your pictures and lots more such as making flyers, booklets, and note cards. Well, Corel recently came out with a new version – 2022 - and donated copies for our use here at CKCS. At this SIG, I will demonstrate some of the things that the new program will do:

- New Frame tool
- Instant Background Replacement
- AI Portrait Mode
- And more!

Included with the Corel Ultimate program are several additional programs to enhance your digital imaging experience. You may recognize some of these programs: Highlight Reel, MultiCam Capture Lite, Painter Essentials 8, Sea-to-Sky Workspace, Photo Mirage Express, and Corel AfterShot 3. I won't be demonstrating these but will give a brief overview of them.

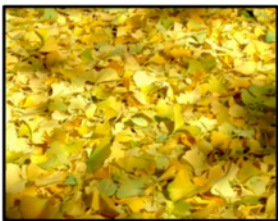


Photo contest – **Leaves** – This picture is ginkgo leaves on Catalpa Street after a first winter freeze. This is the time of years to get great shots of leaves as they change color and fall into the landscape, on beds of water or floating in the air. Take some new shots or search your archives to find some great shots! Send your photo to joedietz@aol.com no later than October 25, 2021.

**Tuesday, October 26
Invite a friend!**

2021 Digital Photography SIG Photo Contests

Photos must be emailed to joedietz@aol.com at least One day prior to the mOnthly meeting.

Remaining 2021 Monthly Photo Topics

- **October** - Leaves
- **November** – Rock Groupings
- **December** – No contest. Happy Holidays!

Digital Photography SIG (special interest group) meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

Photo: Kelly Sikkema On Unsplash





Tie: First Place

Edith Conyers & Bruce Klobecke



Photo: Edith Conyers

Asked about her photo, Edith emailed us: "It was taken outside Nellysford, Va on the eastern edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains, October 2019. I was visiting friends and got up very early to go riding. I was sitting in my truck and looked up and said wow, grabbed my iPhone XS Max and took two pictures before heading off to my ride with my horse. Just happened to be at the right place at the right time. The predawn light, the mist, and the horses grazing all just sort of caught me in the moment."



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Photo: Bruce Klobecke

Bruce failed to respond to our email asking about his photo.



Three-Way Tie

**Carolyn Nichols, Janet Cartmell,
& Kevin MacNaughton**

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Photo: Carolyn Nichols

Carolyn responded to our email asking about her photo:

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“My clock photo is made at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

The clock tower was very eye catching and was representative of the campus historical architecture.

It was May 2016, on a trip with the Lexington Seniors. It was the first stop on our tour of the “Islands of New England”. Camera used was the iPhone 6+.”

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When asked about her photo, Janet responded by mentioning that it was taken in England:

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“I took the photo of my clock in May, 2013 in the York Minster in York, England. It is a 400-year-old mechanical clock with works replaced by Henry Hindley over 270 years ago. It roughly says Praise the Lord from sunrise to sunset in Latin and has the Greek IHS Christogram. It caught my attention with its color, designs and shape. I used my Nikon D50 to take the photo.”



Photo: Janet Cartmell

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Kevin describes his photo taken in Pennsylvania.

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“The photo is BIG BEN. It was the Gathering Area in the 2013 Philadelphia Flower Show.

It was taken with Nikon D 7000 SLR. 1/25 sec, Iso 800, F/ 5, with 45mm focal length.

The Flower Show (is a) premier event in the USA and in 2013 featured scenes from Great Britain.”

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Songs You Forgot: *Woman In Love*

By Kurt Jefferson

On a recent Sunday morning, I was driving in south Lexington on Man o' War towards Richmond Road when the countdown continued on *American Top 40*. The late Casey Kasem was counting down the hits from 1980.

For a few moments, time stood still as a song filled the car speakers. Then, I was thrust back into time – back to a period when I had just graduated from college and I was working my first real job.

Barbara Streisand was performing *Woman In Love*, a song that eventually became popular not only in America – but all over the world.



The record jacket from the 1980 hit single, *Woman In Love* by Barbara Streisand. It became an international hit.

Source: wikipedia.org

No. 1 in the U.K., No. 1 in Ireland, No. 1 in Australia, No. 1 in Spain, No. 1 in France, No. 1 in Germany, No. 1 in Canada...

Streisand, wikipedia.org reports, asked Barry Gibb (of Bee Gee's fame) to write an album for her. That album eventually became *Guilty*. And *Woman In Love* became the lead single released to radio stations for airplay in August 1980. It would become Streisand's last hit single, replacing Queen's

No. 1 hit *Another One Bites the Dust*.

Visit YouTube.com to give the song a listen and you'll remember that it's got the Bee Gee's sound written all over it.

The Bee Gees, as you recall, had just completed a decade of record sales that nearly mirrored The Beatles. Their *Saturday Night Fever* soundtrack was so popular in the 1970s that record stores had trouble keeping it in stock. The RSO label kept printing more and more copies. Customers kept buying more and more copies.

The Bee Gees scored nine *Billboard* Hot 100 No. 1 singles – more than any group – except for the Beatles (20 No. 1 hits) and the Supremes (12 No. 1 hits.)

So the group known for *How Deep Is Your Love*, *Stayin' Alive*, *Night Fever*, *How Can You Mend a Broken Heart*, and even the 1967 hit *New York Mining Disaster 1941*, ranks third in music history for record sales. And Barbara Streisand benefited from her collaboration with Gibb.

Notable October Dates In History

- **Oct. 9, 1855:** Inventor Isaac Singer patents his sewing machine.
- **Oct. 9, 1876:** The first two-way phone conversation occurs when Alexander Graham Bell speaks over the outdoor telegraph lines between Boston and East Cambridge, Mass. That single event marked the end of the telegraph and birth of the telephone for long-distance communication.
- **Oct. 16, 1900:** Frank Sprague obtains a patent for an electric train multi-control device.
- **Oct. 10, 1911:** Henry Ford receives a patent for an auto transmission device.
- **Oct. 1925:** Johnny Carson is born in Corning, Iowa.
- **Oct. 18, 1931:** Famous inventor Thomas Alva Edison dies in West Orange, N.J. He was 84.
- **Oct. 3, 1950:** Shockley, Bardeen, and Brattain obtain a patent for inventing the transistor.
- **Oct. 7, 1951:** Singer John Cougar Mellencamp is born in Seymour, Indiana.
- **Oct. 7, 1955:** Yo-Yo Ma, American cellist, is born in France.
- **Oct. 6, 1956:** Dr. Albert Sabin announces his polio vaccine is ready for mass testing. Dr. Jonas Salk had earlier developed an injectable vaccine. But the Sabin vaccine was delivered orally and didn't require a booster shot. Millions of Americans alive today remember lining up in school in the late 1950s and early 60s to receive the polio vaccine on a sugar cube.
- **Oct. 4, 1957:** Russia launches Sputnik, the first man-made satellite shot into space. That one event ignited the space race between the U.S and U.S.S.R.
- **Oct. 1, 1958:** Stung by being caught off guard off the launch of Sputnik, the U.S. forms NASA—the government body in charge of coordinating missions to space.
- **Oct. 8, 1958:** Dr. Ake Senning implants the first internal pacemaker into Arne Larsson, a Swede suffering from cardiac arrhythmia.

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Fall: Curl Up With a Good Read

Check Out a Book Or Two Or Three



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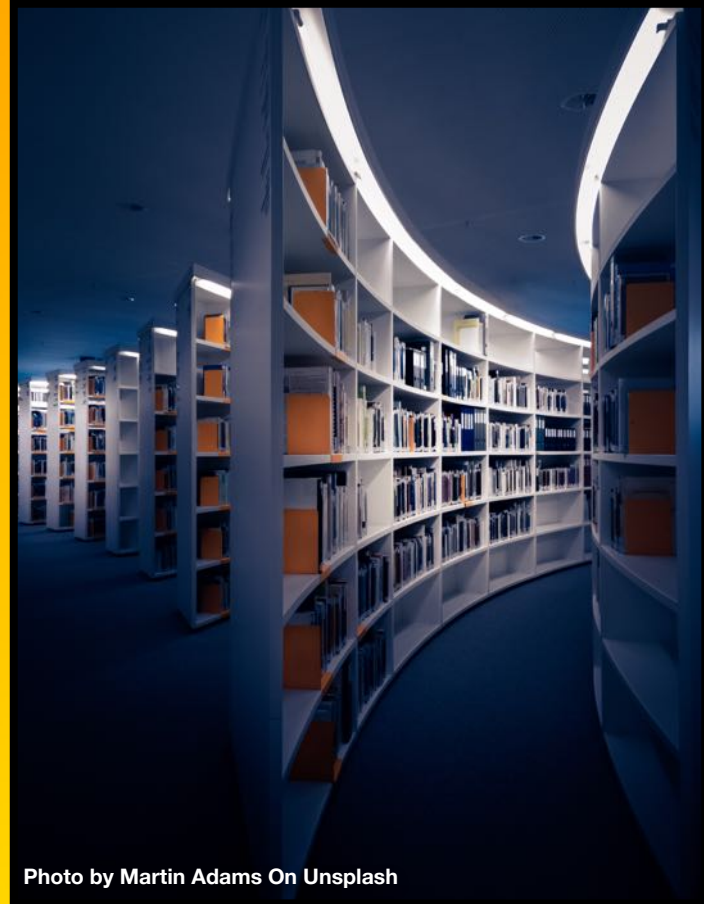
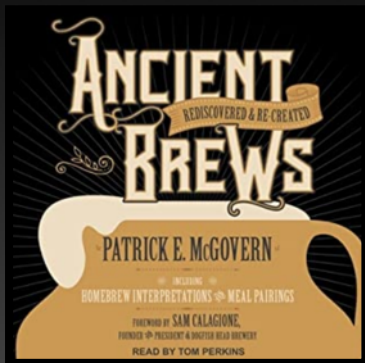


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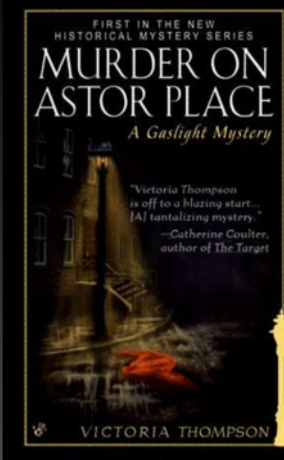


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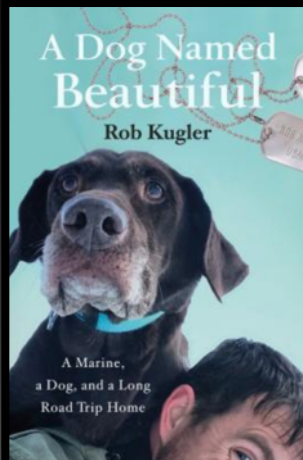
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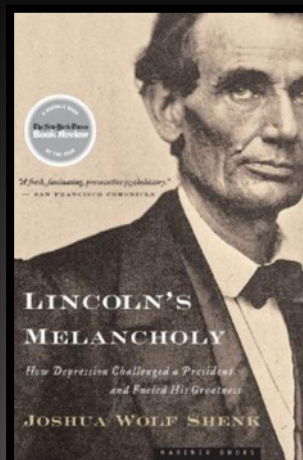
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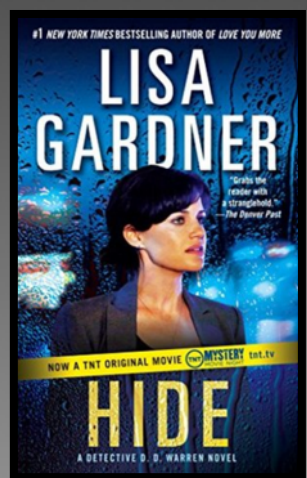
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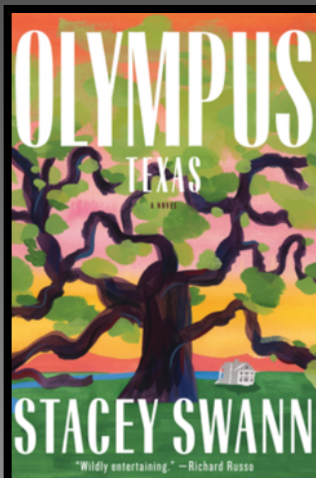
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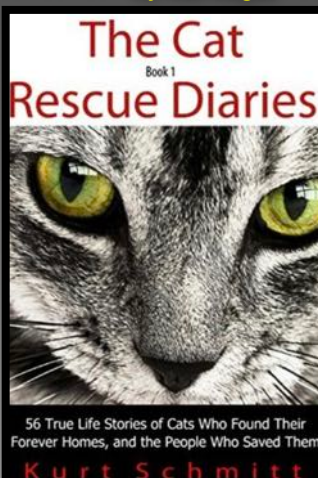
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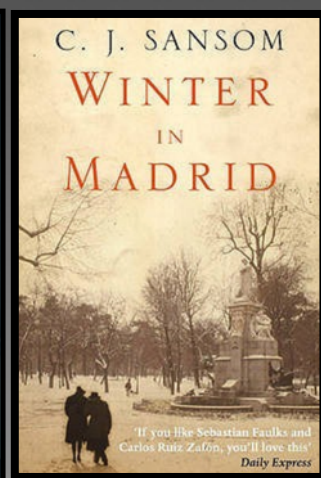
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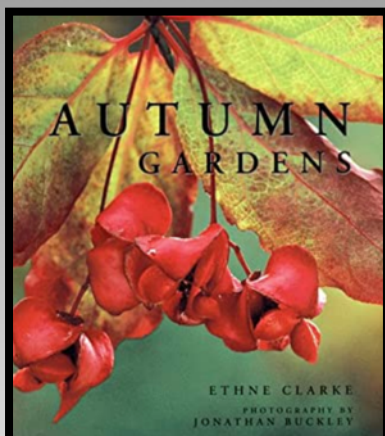
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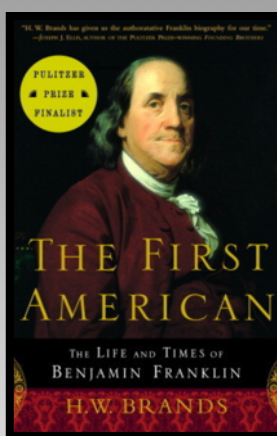
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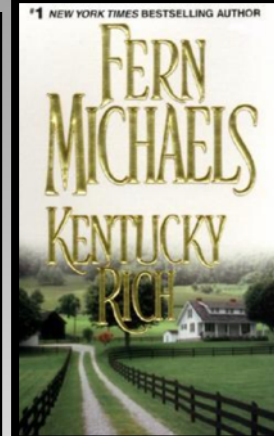
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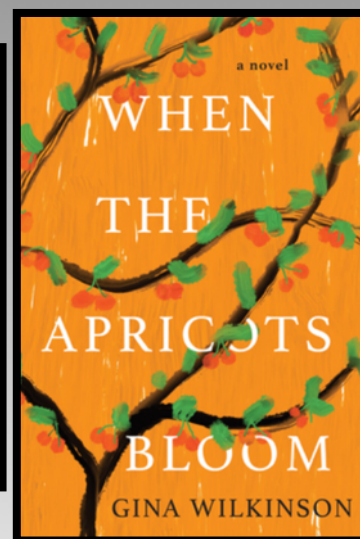
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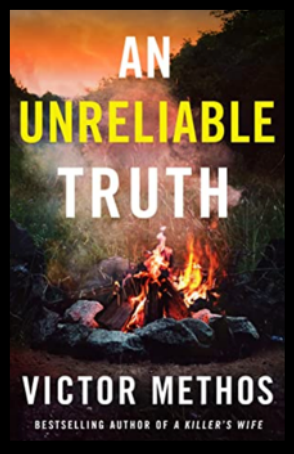
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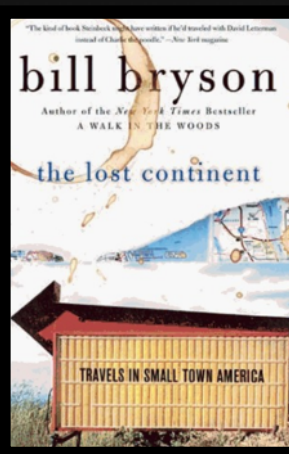
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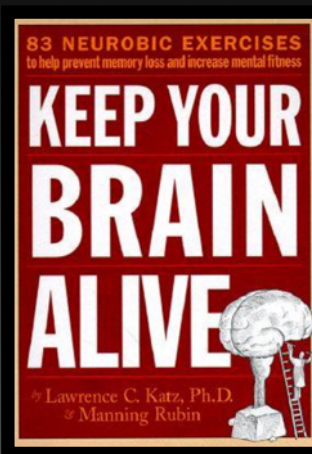
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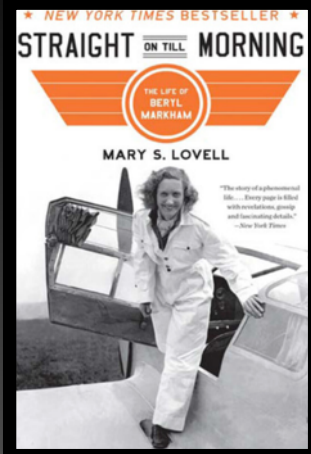
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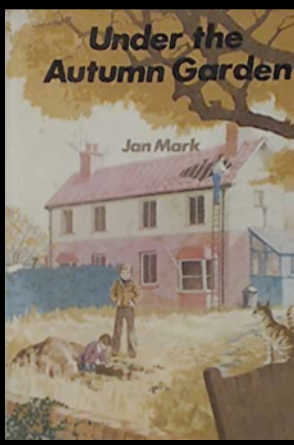
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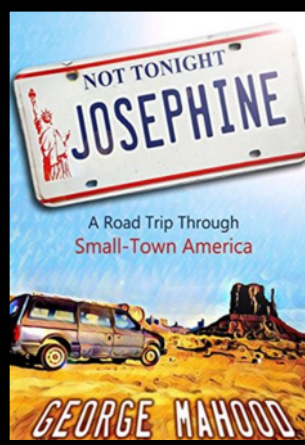
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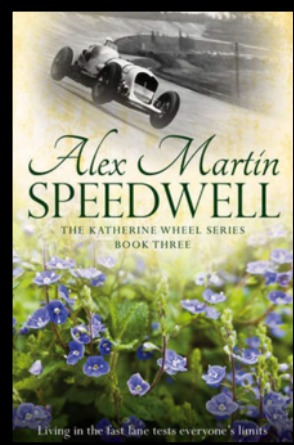
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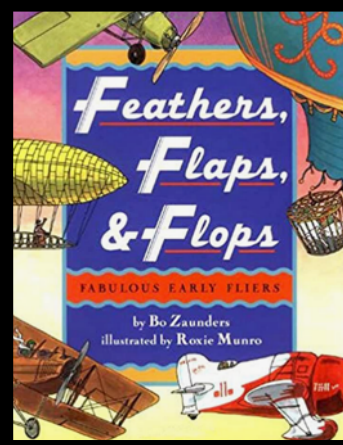
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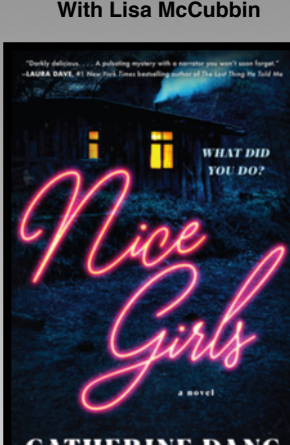
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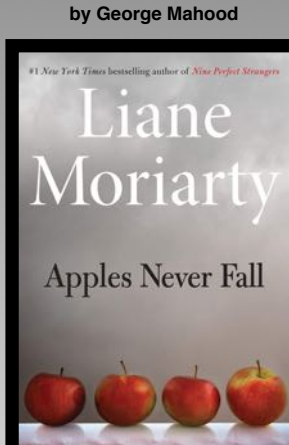
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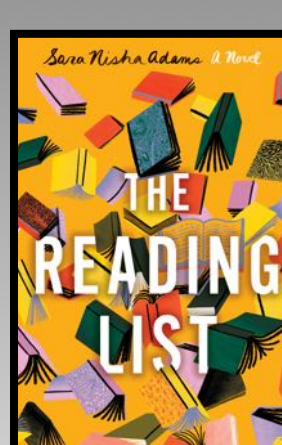
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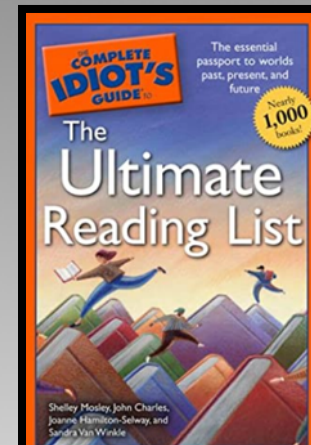
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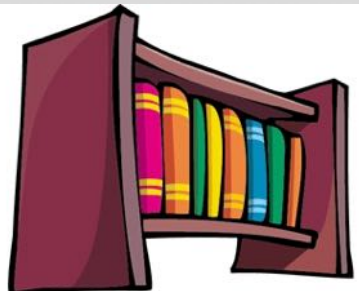
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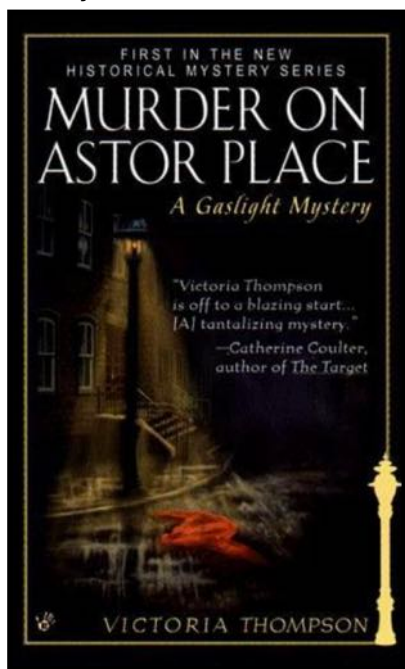
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Book of the Month: Murder On Astor Place

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By Kurt Jefferson



Published in 1999, *Murder On Astor Place* is the first of 25 books in the Gaslight Series. Here are the other books in the series, according to orderofbooks.com:

- *Murder On St. Mark's Place*
- *Murder On Gramercy Park*
- *Murder On Washington Square*
- *Murder On Mulberry Bend*
- *Murder On Marble Row*
- *Murder On Lenox Hill*
- *Murder in Little Italy*
- *Murder in Chinatown*
- *Murder On Bank Street*
- *Murder On Waverly Place*
- *Murder On Lexington Avenue*
- *Murder On Sisters' Row*
- *Murder On Fifth Avenue*
- *Murder in Chelsea*
- *Murder in Murray Hill*
- *Murder On Amsterdam Avenue*
- *Murder On St. Nicholas Avenue*
- *Murder in Morningside Heights*
- *Murder in the Bowery*
- *Murder On Union Square*
- *Murder On Trinity Place*
- *Murder On Pleasant Avenue*
- *Murder On Wall Street*

Travel back to the 1890s when class and privilege mattered more than just about anything else in the world. It mattered even more than family. You'll quickly discover that, when you read *Murder On Astor Place*, the first in a series of 25 Gaslight Mystery books written by Victoria Thompson.

The period depicted in *Murder On Astor Place* portrays the so-called Gilded Age. Tammany Hall in New York City, a major police political organization and political machine, "served as an engine for graft and political corruption, perhaps most infamously under William M. "Boss" Tweed in mid-19th century," writes Wikipedia.org. Historians will tell you that many cops in New York City were extremely corrupt.

This was the era of the Astor's, Vanderbilt's, Rockefeller's, and Doheny's. These were the wealthiest, most powerful men in the world. Being a woman meant you couldn't vote, couldn't help steer the city's future, or often, couldn't even decide whom you married. (Your wealthy father selected a suitable husband for you whether you liked him or not.)

In the book, widow Sarah Brandt is a midwife in 1896 New York City. Brandt is unusual for her time because she was born into wealth but is estranged from her extremely wealthy father and mother.

Not to give too much away, but a teenaged girl is murdered. Her family brushes it under the rug and has very little interest in pursuing her killer. This would ruin their class standing and destroy their precious reputation.

Brandt refuses to back down and is determined to finger the killer. You will be pulled into the hunt as family members refuse to act as they should to

reel in the killer. Many readers on goodreads.com are fans as confirmed by their comments:

"I loved it! It is a historical mystery and it's a page turner." – Mary Beth

"I love reading about the Victorian times to learn more about the period, and this was a very well-researched book. The reveal was kind of disturbing but I have to admit, I didn't see it coming." – Melisa

"I've been needing another historical mystery series to add to my bag, and I believe I've found one in the Gaslight Mysteries. *Murder On Astor Place* is a solid start to a series set in early 20th Century New York. As usual with this type of mystery, getting to know - and liking - the sleuth and their world is the most important part. Here, the amateur sleuth is a midwife, but we discover that Sarah's social background is not cut-and-dry, and the reasons why she became a midwife add a lot of depth..." – Allison

"I really enjoyed this. It was an audiobook though and that isn't my favourite way to access novels. I prefer to read my books. That being said, I found the story compelling enough that I got through it and I've downloaded the next to my phone." – Tracy

Editor's Note: I listened to the audiobook version checked out from the Lexington Public Library. Thompson does a great job reminding us just how corrupt the late 1890s were in New York City and other large cities in the land.

I liked *Murder On Astor Place* so much that I've already checked out its successor, *Murder On St. Mark's Place*.

Give 'Astor Place' a read. You may hunger as I did for the next book in the Gaslight Mystery series.



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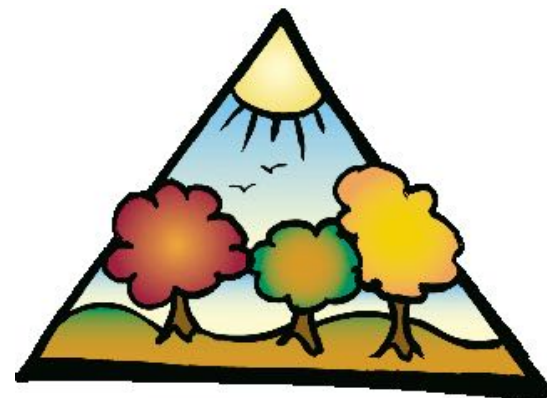
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Start a New Habit This Fall – Back Up!

By Kurt Jefferson

As we start a new season, it's a great time to start a new habit – back up the data on your PC or Mac. In fact, it's easier than ever.

The review site, [The Wirecutter](#), has just updated its “How to Back Up Your Computer” website for both macOS Monterey (the new Mac operating system to be released soon) and Windows 11 (the new Microsoft operating system to replace Windows 10).

You should know that both computer operating systems provide free built-in back up services. You supply the external hard drive and your PC or Mac does the rest of the work.

The Wirecutter writes, “Windows includes a free back up utility called File History, which stores versions of your files on an external drive. So, on top of backing up files, you can also roll back to earlier versions. Backups happen automatically once File History is set up.”

For many years, Apple has provided a similar automatic back-up system for Macs called Time Machine. Wirecutter adds, “Like Windows File History, Time Machine takes snapshots of files and stores them on your external hard drive.”

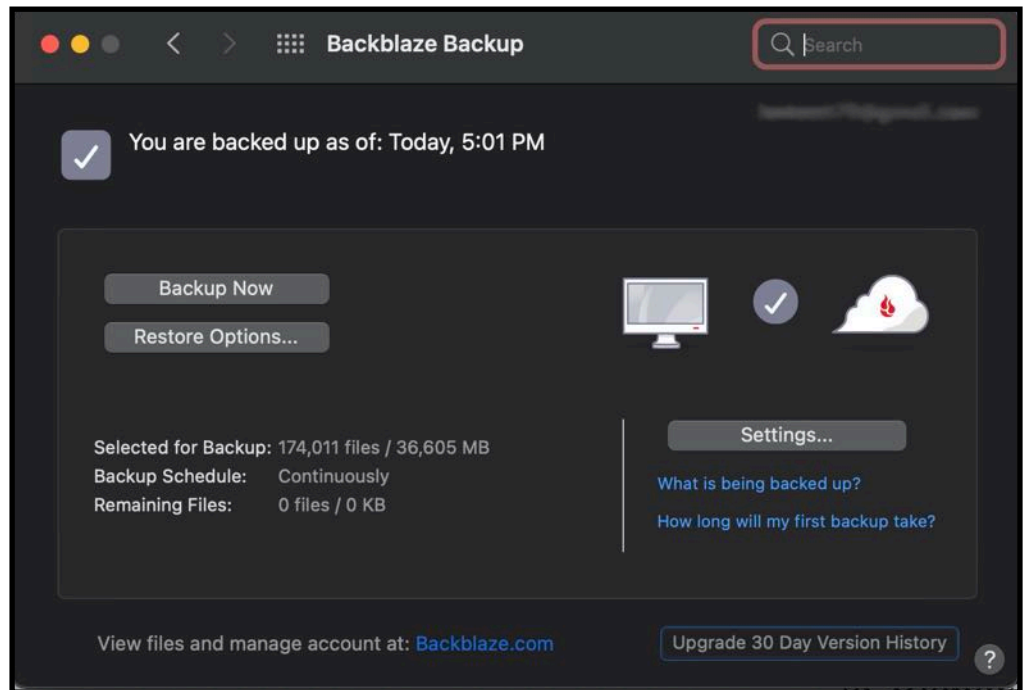
If you've never used either File History or Time Machine, check out the [updated Wirecutter website](#) which offers step-by-step instructions on backing up your data using both systems.

Many computer users want to go further than backing up their data on an external hard drive. They want to back up to the cloud in case the external hard drive dies or turns up missing.

The Wirecutter has chosen the cloud backup system, Backblaze, as its preferred company. Part of the reason: It's very simple to use.

“By default, Backblaze automatically backs up almost everything on your computer, including common folders like the Documents folder, your user folder, and the Photos folders. The only folders Backblaze doesn't back up are “operating system,

application files, empty folders/directories or temporary internet files.” (Backblaze will also back up external drives connected to your computer, but we recommend doing this only for stored files, not Time Machine or File History backups.)” adds The Wirecutter.



I've used Backblaze for awhile to back up data on two Macs.

If you don't want to use Backblaze, there are plenty of alternatives including:

- iDrive
- SpiderOak ONE
- Acronis Cyber Protect Home Office
- Zoolz Home Cloud Backup
- Duplicacy
- Restic
- [sync.com](#)
- CrashPlan
- Back4Sure

The point?

If your hard drive or solid state drive crashes, if you suffer big-time software corruption, or other troubling issues strike, you can rest easy. That's why backing up is a no brainer.