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President's Comments: Masks Are Now Optional

By Brooke Thomas



Masks or no masks? You decide. The Covid threat level in Fayette County has now fallen to yellow, which is the medium category. Visit [here](#) to read entire article.

Registration Starts

Registration starts April 11 for the summer class and workshop session at CKCS. Visit pages 5 and 6 for a sneak peak of class and workshop descriptions.



You can register and pay online, by phone, or in person at the CKCS Resource Center, located at 160 Moore Drive in Lexington. See page four for registration details.

Typical April LEX Weather

Average High: 67°
Average Low: 45°
Average precip: 3.6 inches
Daylight: 13.2 hours
What to wear? Sweater
Daily chance of precip: 40%
Wettest month: May
Driest month: September

April: Moderately chilly with a gentle breeze.

Source: [Wanderlog](#)



Tech Night



Have you ever driven toward Winchester on I-64 and spotted rows and rows of solar panels and wondered what are they, how long have they been there, and how are they utilized? Join us on April 11 at 7 P.M. to learn all about the world of solar panels in Kentucky.

Visit [here](#) to read entire article.



Monthly SIG Calendar

SIG stands for special interest group, and they've been around since the early days of CKCS in 1984. Some folks are surprised to learn that SIG leaders, teachers, board officers, other officers, and folks manning the front desk get no pay. They are volunteers. And CKCS is a non-profit organization. You'll find the Zoom links for SIG sessions on page 22.

SIG	Meets When?
Amateur Photographers Club	Thu., Apr 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 10 A.M. via Zoom (until further notice)
Windows 10	Tues., Apr 12 @ 7 P.M. via Zoom (until further notice)
Mac/iPad	Thu., Apr 14 @ 7 P.M. via Zoom (until further notice)
Word Processing	Tues., Apr 19 @ 7 P.M. via Zoom (until further notice)
Digital Photography	Tues., Apr 26 @ 7 P.M. In Person Only. Masks are optional.

Notable Days In April: Some Wacky, Some Not.

- **April Fool's Day** is the first day of the month.
- **April 5** is Deep Dish Pizza Day.
- **April 6** is Siamese Cat Day.
- **April 7** is World Health Day.
- **April 9** is Winston Churchill Day.
- **April 13** is Thomas Jefferson's birthday.
- **April 17** is Easter.
- **April 18** is Tax Deadline Day.
- **April 19** is Wear Pajamas To Work Day.
- **April 22** is Earth Day.
- **April 10-16:** Animal Care & Control Appreciation Week.
- **April 19-23:** Every Kid Healthy Week.

Mask Up Or Not?

By Kurt Jefferson

Now that masks are optional at CKCS, it needs to be said that some of us will continue to mask up. I have allergies and asthma. When the lawn-care crew recently shoveled mulch in front of my home, my nose ran like Hoover Dam. My eyes ran like a river all day. I finally got an allergy shot the next day. Whether or not you wear a mask is your own decision. But the CDC says if you're at high risk for severe illness, chat with your doctor about whether you need to wear a mask, or take other precautions. This is a no-brainer, but if you have symptoms, get tested. As for me, I'm keeping my masks at the ready.



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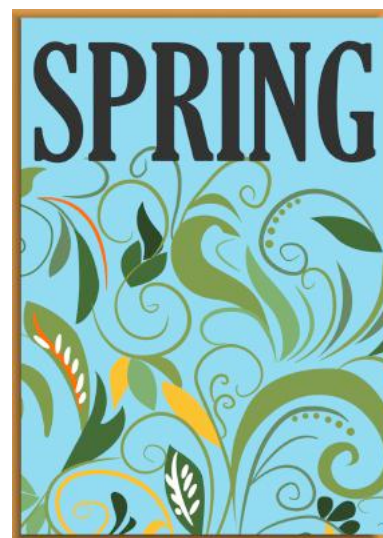
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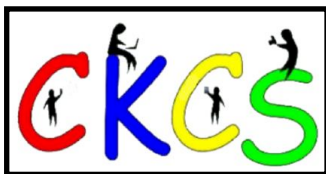


Remember: Click or tap on a topic to go to that page. Items shown in the Table of Contents are links – this should make it much easier for you to access a page. Thanks for taking the time to read the CKCS Newsletter!

If you need a Zoom link for a SIG or meeting, visit page 22. It contains many links for various CKCS Zoom sessions. Zoom links for classes and workshops will be mailed to students before their session starts.

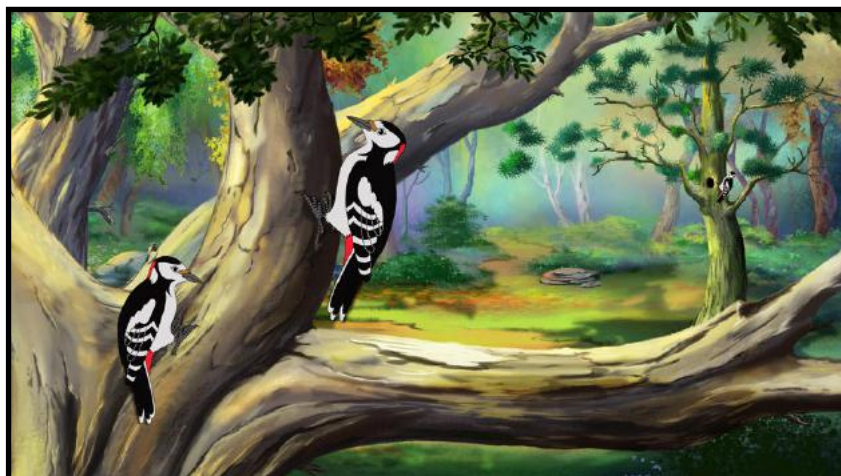
– Editor, Kurt Jefferson





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CKCS New Members and Renewals

From Feb. 22 to March 21, 2022

Submitted by CKCS
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Registration Starts April 11



Class/Workshop Pricing

Unless indicated otherwise, classes cost \$48 for CKCS members, \$60 for non-members.

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

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



Registration Steps

Students are enrolled on a first-come, first-pay basis.

- **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. (The link is below the store link.)

- **Register in Person:** 160 Moore Drive, Suite 107, Lexington
Visit CKCS: Mon. – Thurs. 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.



What's the difference between classes and workshops? Classes normally last two days or more. Workshops last only one day.

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CKCS Summer **Class** Schedule

Class	Description	Date & Time
Organizing Your Computer Files For Windows PC Cost: \$36 for CKCS members \$45 for non-members	Have you ever created a file and 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: June 7, 14, 21 10 A.M. – Noon Instructor: Mike Seiler



CKCS Summer **Workshop** Schedule

Workshop	Description	Date & Time
Using the Control Center on Your iPad Cost: \$24 for CKCS members \$30 for non-members	Learn how to find the hidden Control Center on your iPad and how to customize it to make it useful to you. Most of the workshop will be spent on explaining how to use the 26+ controls in the Control Center. There are many features that you are not aware of and that you will find extremely useful.	Wednesday June 1 1 – 3 P.M. Instructor: Brooke Thomas
Making a Photo Book Using Shutterfly Cost: \$24 for CKCS members \$30 for non-members	Learn how to prepare pictures for a Photo Book, how to transfer pictures to the Shutterfly workspace, and then how to organize the pictures from the front to the last page of the book. Finally, we will go through the steps to order the book and to apply coupons to reduce the price. We will be using a program called Shutterfly.	Tuesday June 14 1 – 4 P.M. Instructor: Joe Dietz
Digital Imaging Using FastStone Image Viewer for Windows PC Cost: \$24 for CKCS members \$30 for non-members	Want to fix up and work on your pictures without paying a lot of \$ on a digital imaging program? Well, take a look at FastStone. FastStone is a fairly extensive digital imaging program that is free and does a wide variety of things. In this workshop, you will learn how to dress up your pictures, crop, brighten or darken, create contact sheets, create a slide show that can include music and lots more. We will show you how to download the program, along with a great syllabus.	Wednesday June 22 1 – 4 P.M. Instructor: Joe Dietz
Setting Up Windows 11 Cost: \$24 for CKCS members \$30 for non-members	We'll look at what's new in Windows 11 , what has changed, and how to set it up to make it more user-friendly. If you are thinking about installing Windows 11 on your PC, this workshop might help you decide whether or not to install it. On the other hand, if you have already installed it, this workshop might help you set up Microsoft's new PC operating system. We will also look at how you can determine whether your PC can run Windows 11. Students are encouraged to bring their laptop computers, if they have Windows 11 already installed. Make sure it is fully charged before you bring it to class.	Tuesday June 28 10 A.M. – Noon Instructor: Mike Seiler

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CKCS Summer Workshop Schedule

Workshop	Description	Date & Time
Using the Control Center on Your iPhone Cost: \$24 for CKCS members \$30 for non-members	Learn how to find the hidden Control Center on your iPhone, how to customize it and make it more useful. Most of our time will be spent showing how to use the many controls in the Control Center. There are many extremely useful features – yet many iPhone users don't know they exist. We'll show you on July 11.	Monday July 11 1 – 3 P.M. Instructor: Joe Dietz
Using Your iPhone Camera to the Max Cost: \$24 for CKCS members \$30 for non-members	You will learn techniques using apps already on your iPhone to take better photos. Learn how to crop, lighten, darken, and add filters to your photos. Learn how to take videos – both time-lapse and panoramas. Also, learn how to create albums and share your photos with others using several different techniques.	Wednesday July 20 1 – 4 P.M. Instructor: Joe Dietz

Is Your Life Boring? Spice it Up By Becoming a Victim of Scammers and Thieves!

By Kurt Jefferson

If you're bored to tears, why not put more excitement into your life by becoming a victim?

Follow the tips below, and you're sure to find yourself quite busy as you try and dig yourself out of trouble. At least you won't be bored!

Write your PIN number on the back of your ATM and credit card! How else are you supposed to remember that vital number to tap into your finances?

Why waste time by shredding documents? Hey, just toss those financial statements, online credit card notices you printed, and your retirement account papers directly into the green bin. I mean, it's filled with cat litter, coffee grounds, and tea bags. Who would dig into your garbage to retrieve a few slimy documents?

When someone using an unrecognizable phone number gives you a call and asks for a donation, hey don't be stingy! Make sure you open your heart by making sure the person on the other end has correctly typed your credit card number. It's a good cause, and you're helping out in a big way. I mean, doesn't it feel good to share your credit card number with the \$20,000 account limit to a charity you've never heard of before? Sure! You're a big sweetheart.

Why in the world would you waste your time by bothering to monitor your banking account online? Jeeze. The sun is shining. Go outside and have fun! No need to bother yourself with numbers on a website or an app. Even though there might be a few purchases you can't identify - heck - it's no big deal! No reason to

contact the bank and speak to that helpful customer service rep that you cannot understand, anyway.

Sarcasm is a powerful tool to get across a message. We've been using it throughout this article to get your attention. Now that you're reading this –

What's currently the leading cause of financial loss by fraud? Romance scams. There's big money being lost here by thieves targeting the lonely.

In 2020, more Americans of all ages lost more money through romance scams than by any other means. Wow. That is an eye-opener!

Talk about *the* way to rob someone in the 21st century.

In 2020, victims of romance scams lost \$304 million – and people 70 and older had more money stolen that way – on average, \$9,475 – than any other age group. Whew!

Here's how it's done. The scammer creates a fake profile on social media or dating sites and tries to start a relationship through texting or chatting.

Romance scammers usually make one excuse after another why they cannot meet their victim, um, "loved one" in person. Romance scammers often ask their "loved ones" for money by requesting gift cards. They never share their real photos – instead, opting for faked head shots cropped from Instagram, Facebook, or even models displayed on websites.

Don't be gullible. Don't become a victim.
 Be smart. Be aware. Be vigilant.

And the Scams Keep Coming...and Coming...

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Note from CKCS newsletter editor: David's article discusses why you should not allow a "nice, polite" man or woman on the phone to take control of your Windows PC. We need to add – the same applies to Macs. These sleazy folks have one goal: To get into your wallet. I have never given permission for anyone to take control of my Macs over the Internet, and I never will. Period. No. Way. Hang up on these jokers. Tell them to go someplace far south of the border. In the words of Nancy Reagan many years ago: **Just Say No.**

If you're on the phone with some nice, polite person who asks you to download some software onto your computer that will allow them to remotely fix something that has been a problem, *please think twice about it. Then do not do it.*

The chances are high that you are dealing with a scammer trying to get financial and personal data about you.

It is generally a very bad idea to give a stranger access to your computer. Yes, there are exceptions; I have allowed a Microsoft Tech to access my computer remotely to fix an Operating System installation problem.

But anything short of that, such as reactivating a permanent version of Microsoft Office after a hard drive failure, did not require me to relinquish control of my computer to a stranger.

Therefore, it is extremely unlikely that any issue you might be having would require you to give a stranger remote access to your computer.

My Experience

I was having problems installing AOL Gold on a client's new computer. A Google search led me to what appeared to be a legitimate AOL site, or at least, it fooled me.

I called the number and spoke to a nice, polite young lady, who might have been on the other side of the world. She explained that to fix the problem preventing AOL Gold from loading, I would have to give her access to my computer.

She asked me to download and install a program that would allow her to access my computer, which I foolishly did. She then sent me a code by text or email, which I had to enter to activate a remote session.

Then for the first time, I wondered, why does she need to do that? I told her I was a computer tech who could probably follow her instructions, and she gave me an unsatisfactory answer.

So, I terminated the call and uninstalled the remote access software.

Remote access programs such as TeamViewer, AnyDesk, LogMeIn, and dozens of others are legitimate programs, but they can be used for nefarious purposes

Scammers expertly reproduce the logos of legitimate software providers, such as AOL and McAfee. They can even spoof their email address, so an email appears to be coming from a legitimate company.

Scammers might come at you via your email. For example, one message I have seen purports to be from McAfee or Norton, stating that your credit card will be charged for another year's subscription unless you contact them via a phone number or hotlink in the email.

This message sounds authentic to many users, who might have had McAfee or Norton in the past, or who got a free trial that comes with many new computers.

When contacted, the scammer will state that for you to avoid additional charges, the scammer must remotely access your system.

They will try to get you to download remote access software to give the scammer access to your computer. Just say no. There is no legitimate reason someone needs to access your computer to remove a program.

The bottom line? **Don't let your guard down.**



Fast April Facts

Tidbits You May Not Know



Welcome, April!

April is the first of four months to have 30 days. It's associated with spring in the Northern Hemisphere and fall in the Southern Hemisphere.

April begins the most dangerous three months for tornadoes in the U.S.

April's birth stone is the diamond.

April Fool's Day is April 1. Hoaxes thrive on that day. In 1996, an email, supposedly from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, alerted readers that the Internet would be shut down for a day – for spring cleaning. It didn't occur.

Noah Webster copyrighted the first edition of his famous dictionary in April.

William Shakespeare, Leonardo da Vinci, and Adolf Hitler were all born in – that's right – April.

Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak established Apple Computer Company (now called Apple Inc.) in April 1976.

Notable April Events You May Not Know

1513: Spanish explorer Ponce De Leon spots Florida and claims it for the Spanish crown after landing at present-day St. Augustine, now the oldest city in the continental U.S.

1770: British explorer, navigator, cartographer, and captain in the British Royal Navy James Cook records the first European contact with the east coast of Australia and the Hawaiian islands. He also is the first to circumnavigate New Zealand.

1775: American Revolutionary War (known as "the shot heard around the world") erupts in Lexington, Massachusetts. Significant impacts of the war include American independence and the end of British taxation and direct rule over the thirteen original colonies.

1817: Thomas Gallaudet and Laurent Clerc begin operating the first school for the deaf in America. It's located in Hartford, Connecticut.

1826: Samuel Morey is issued a patent for an internal-combustion engine. He calls it the "Gas or Vapour Engine."



1853: Cincinnati becomes the first U.S. city to employ full-time professional firefighters.

1860: In the U.S. West, Pony Express service begins as the first rider departs St. Joseph, Mo. For \$5 an ounce, within ten days, letters are delivered 2,000 miles to California.

1865: President Lincoln is assassinated while watching a performance of *Our American Cousin* at Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C. He is rushed to a nearby house and dies the next morning at 7:22 A.M.

1887: The first woman mayor elected in the U.S. is Susanna M. Salter of Argonia, Kansas.

1889: Movie star, Charlie Chaplin (Sir Charles Spencer Chaplin Jr.) is born in London.

1911: George Bernard Shaw's play, *Fanny's First Play* premieres in London.

1912: The luxury British liner, Titanic, traveling in bone-chilling waters, 300 miles southeast of Newfoundland, strikes an iceberg shortly before midnight. Capt. Edward Smith is commanding the ship's maiden voyage from Southampton, United Kingdom, to New York City. The disaster claimed the lives of more than 1,500 of the 2,200 aboard.

1919: Leslie Irvin, of Los Angeles, makes the world's first free-fall descent using a parachute with a ripcord. Irvin had an intense interest in parachutes and jump safety. He created his own parachute company, also in 1919, which eventually grew to six factories by 1939. **Solomon Lee Van Meter, of Lexington**, is credited with inventing the backpack parachute and receiving a patent on the device.

1924: 50,000-watt clear-channel AM radio station WLS from Chicago, begins airing the National Barn Dance the first Saturday night after the station signs on. The first WLS station manager is quoted as saying, "We had so much highbrow music the first week that we thought it would be a good idea to get on some of the old time music." WLS eventually went on to become one of the most-listened-to Top 40 rock stations in America.

1927: Actress Mae West ("Come up and see me sometime") is found guilty of "obscenity and corrupting the morals of youth" in a New York stage play called *Sex*. Her sentence is ten days in prison and a \$500 fine. Historians say this one event helped jump-start her Hollywood career.

1933: President Franklin D. Roosevelt announces the U.S. will leave the gold standard.

1934: Actress Shirley Temple appears in her first feature length movie, *Stand Up & Cheer*.

1948: ABC-TV, the American Broadcasting Company television network, debuts. Its first affiliate is WFIL-TV in Philadelphia. The first show airing on the network is *On the Corner*, with host Henry Morgan. That is also the name of his radio show on ABC's Blue network.

1960: American baseball uniforms begin displaying players' names on the back.

1965: First all-news radio station in the country, WINS 1010 AM, in New York, owned by Westinghouse Broadcasting, signs on the air. It becomes the oldest continuously operating all-news station in the U.S.

1971: Charles Manson is sentenced to life in prison for the murder of actress Sharon Tate. The American criminal and cult leader dies in 2017 at the age of 83.

1978: Sally Ride joins NASA and becomes the first American woman and third woman in space after two Russian female cosmonauts.



President's Comments: Mask or No Mask?

By Brooke Thomas
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Mask or no mask, the choice is yours. The threat level in Fayette Co has been reduced to yellow.

During this pandemic, the CKCS Board of Directors has monitored the CDC's COVID-19's advice. We had decided during our March board meeting to drop the mask mandate when Fayette county reached the yellow category.

According to the CDC, "COVID-19 Community Levels are new tools to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and determined by looking at the hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in the area."



Visit the CDC website [here](#) to choose Kentucky and the county where you live to see the current level of Covid infection.

I am explaining this process because last year during the summer I remember looking at my stash of masks and contemplating what I was going to do with them. I thought we had the worse behind us. Little did I know that we would continue using masks and going back to some Zoom sessions.

With that in mind we will be monitoring the conditions and going back to masks if the need arises. I am not yet planning on trashing my masks.

Let's look forward. Spring has sprung and summer is on the horizon. We have a few more classes and workshops scheduled for the rest of this spring session in April and May. Summer is around the corner, and we will have six workshops, one 3-session class and one 6-session class. The summer schedule of workshops is outlined in this newsletter.

We will open registration on April 11. The Summer session is held during the months of June and July. You'll notice that we mainly have workshops during the summer months. Workshops and short classes work well as students and instructors are traveling more and don't want to be tied down to multiple sessions.

So be sure to check out the schedule, and don't forget the SIGs. The classes are going to all be in-person, but pay attention to whether the SIGs are being held in-person or on Zoom.

Tech Night: April 11

By Brooke Thomas
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Have you driven toward Winchester on I-64 and spotted rows and rows of solar panels and wondered what are they, how long have they been there, and how are they utilized?

These questions and more will be answered at Tech Night on April 11 at 7:00.

A representative from East Kentucky Power Cooperative will join

Farm One featured 32,300 solar panels capable of producing up to 8.5 megawatts of electricity, enough to provide all the power needs for approximately 1,000 typical homes.

"This is truly a milestone for our electric cooperatives," said Anthony "Tony" Campbell, President & CEO of EKPC. "This is the beginning of a new era. We are making and delivering energy from the sun."



us to talk about solar energy and the Cooperative Solar Farm. It was back in 2017 that EKPC dedicated the Cooperative Solar Farm One, a 60-acre solar energy facility located in Clark County.

Members of the 16 electric cooperatives that make up Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives participate by licensing solar panels.

According to a news release at that time, Cooperative Solar

Come find out more about this new era at Tech Night.

We will still be using Zoom instead of an in person meeting this month. Feel free to share this link with friends and family.

Join the Zoom meeting [here](#).

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TIME MACHINE

By Kurt Jefferson

GOING BACK IN TIME TO REMEMBER THE PAST

Photos really are snapshots in time, and images really can stay alive forever for future generations to consider. Browse this month's selection of the Queen of England and Eleanor Roosevelt meeting one another as they motor to the White House; the Capitol Theatre in Kentucky's capital city, where the Sunday matinee costs 19¢; and a group of men and women climbing Paradise Glacier.



Photo taken in 1939. Queen Elizabeth Angela Marguerite Bowes-Lyon (1900–2002), holding the umbrella, and American First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt (1884–1962). Bowes-Lyon was Queen of the United Kingdom and Dominions of the British Commonwealth.

The pair were heading in a motorcar to the White House for a visit. Photo is part of the *New York World-Telegram* and the *Sun Newspaper* photo collection provided to the Library of Congress. Photo taken by an employee of Acme News Pictures, Inc.

From a gelatin siver print.

A front-seat-only Nash Metropolitan convertible, circa 1958. This Nash is parked at the harbor in Dubuque, Iowa.

A digital-format photo taken in August 2016 by Carol M. Highsmith.

wikipedia.org notes that Nash
Metropolitans were assembled in England and sold between 1953 and 1961. Workers in Kenosha, Wisconsin, designed the car.

The Metropolitan was also sold as a Hudson when Nash and Hudson merged in 1954 to form the American Motors Corporation (AMC).



A car with New Jersey license plates is stuck in a ditch on a road in New York State. Photo was taken in 1909. This photo is part of the George Grantham Bain Collection.



From 1909: A man is fixing a tire on a Buick roadster outside of Liberty, on a trip through upstate New York. Photo is from a black-and- white negative and is part of the George Grantham Bain Photo Collection.



From Dec. 1957: Althea Gibson, U.S. and Wimbledon tennis champion, gives pointers on the game to a group of young women attending a tennis clinic.

Some 500 students attended the clinic held at Midwood High School in New York.

The school's varsity tennis coach, Murry Eisenstadt, directed the clinic.

Photographer is Ed Ford.

Photo is a print from the *New York World-Telegram* and *Sun Newspaper* Photo Collection.



Photo taken between 1911 and 1920: A group of men and women climbs Paradise Glacier in Mount Rainier National Park, in Washington State. Photographer is Curtis & Miller. Photo is a print stored in the mountaineering and glaciers categories of the National Photo Company Collection.



Photo taken between 1910 and 1917. American race car driver Joan Newton Cuneo (1876-1934), shown seated in a racing car. [wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joan_Newton_Cuneo) notes that Cuneo was quite successful in auto races against both men and women until the racing associations restricted racing only to men.

Between 1905 and 1912, Cuneo gained national celebrity as a daring racer, willing to compete against anyone who would race her. She set numerous speed records after restrictions forced women out of the sport.

She was a strong advocate for women drivers and a major supporter of the Good Roads Movement in the U.S. The Good Roads Movement's goal was to improve state and federal funding to improve rural roads. [wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Good_Roads_Movement) notes that "Outside cities, roads were dirt or gravel; mud in the winter and dust in the summer. Travel was slow and expensive." Early organizers of the movement used Europe as an example, where national and local governments supported road construction and regular maintenance.

Photographer is Harris & Ewing Company. Photo is from a glass negative.



Photo taken Oct. 1935. Smithland, Ky. Photo taken in front of the Smithland Grocery Co. Photographer: Ben Shahn (1898-1969). Photo is from nitrate negative.

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From Sept. 1940. The post office located in Botto, Ky., in Clay County. Photographer is Marion Post Wolcott (1910-1990).

The Smithsonian American Art Museum [website](#) describes Wolcott as a "feisty photographer who began freelancing for the Associated Press in 1935. In 1941, with husband Lee Wolcott, she moved to a farm in Virginia. For the next three decades she raised a family, taught school, and traveled with her husband, who joined the Foreign Service after a farming accident. In 1975, she returned to photography, this time specializing in color. She and her husband settled in San Francisco in 1978."

In case you're wondering, Botto is 77 miles from Lexington, according to Apple Maps. The former Botto Post Office photo is from a safety film negative.

From Nov. 1940. The Capitol Theatre in Frankfort. Photographer is John Vachon (1914-1975).

Print is from safety film negative.

The marquee movie is *Hit Parade of 1941*.

The Internet Movie Database writes, "*Hit Parade of 1941* stars the beautiful and utterly charming Frances Langford and the smooth voiced Kenny Baker as the girl and boy who find love. Film veterans Hugh Herbert, Mary Boland, Phil Silvers, Patsy Kelly, Donald MacBride, Sterling Holloway and Ann Miller in her first film add their support and strength to make this a real ensemble piece."

Note that "Bargain Hour" is every Sunday from 1-2 P.M. where movies cost 19¢.





From Oct. 1935
 A bustling street scene in Middlesboro, Ky.
 Photographer is Ben Shahn (1898-1969). Photo is from a nitrate negative.



From Oct. 1916
 The Woodburn
 (Consolidated) School
 in Warren County.

Photographer is
 Lewis Wickes
 Hine (1874-1940).

Britannica Online
 writes that Hine was
 an American
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 "used his art to bring
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 attention." It notes that
 Hine was a trained
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From 1919.

Sheet Music for the song "Kentucky, I'm Coming Home," sung by Miss Cissie Sullivan. The song was part of the 1919 Victory Revue performed at Winter Gardens in the seaside resort city of Blackpool, Lancashire, England. Written and composed by Everett Lynton, the sheet music notes the song was "sung with tremendous success" by Miss Sullivan to celebrate the end of World War 1.

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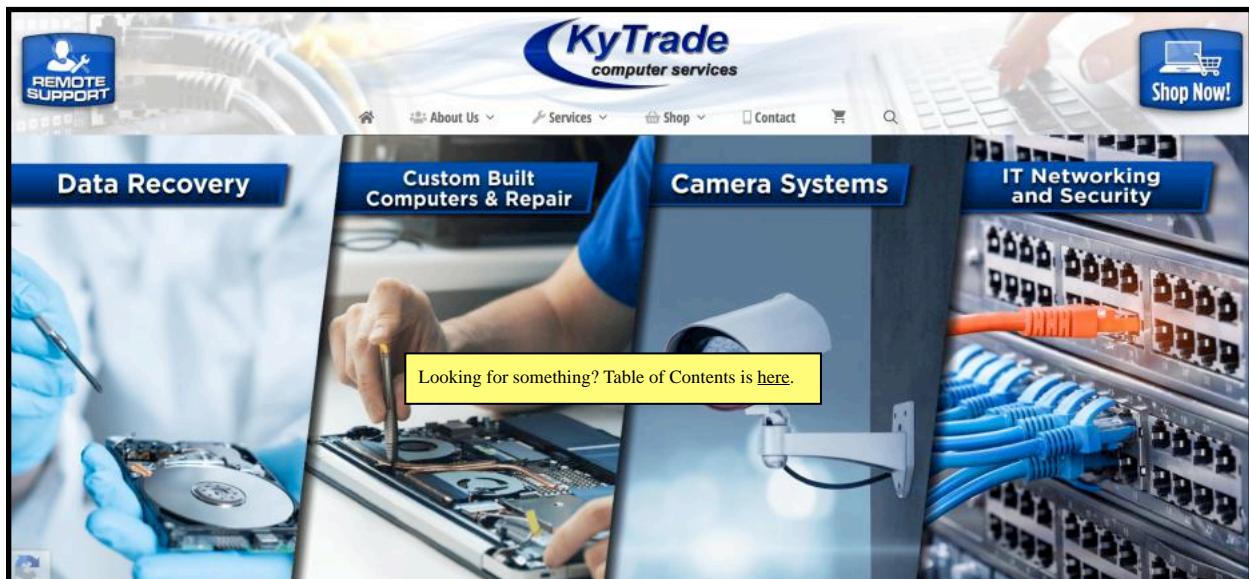


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April 2022 CKCS Special Interest Group (SIG) Schedule

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Mar	29 Mar	30 Mar	31 Mar	1 Apr	2 Apr
					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 Apr	5 Apr	6 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr	9 Apr
			10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom Only		
			7 p.m. Board of Directors In-Person Only		
11 Apr	12 Apr	13 Apr	14 Apr	15 Apr	16 Apr
7 p.m. Tech Night EKP Co-op – Solar Energy – Beginning of a New Era 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 Apr	19 Apr	20 Apr	21 Apr	22 Apr	23 Apr
	7 p.m. Word Processing JERRY HEATON via Zoom Only		10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom Only		
25 Apr	26 Apr	27 Apr	28 Apr	29 Apr	30 Apr
	7 p.m. Digital Photography JOE DIETZ In-Person Only		10 a.m. Photography Club via Zoom Only		



2022 Photo Contest Topics

Digital Photography SIG



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Month	Photo Topic
April	Music Instruments
May	Transportation
June	Food
July	(1) Cemeteries
July	(2) Interesting Faces
July	(3) Farm Machinery
August	Butterflies/Moths
September	Celebrations
October	Bourbon
November	Three of Something
December	No Contest (Happy Holidays!)



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Important:

- **July** contains three topics. You may submit photos for all three. •

- **July** photos **must** be submitted as hard copy at CKCS. •
No digital photos can be accepted in July.

For all other months, email your photos to **joedietz@aol.com** one day prior to the Digital Photography meeting.

Thanks to all who submitted ideas for the 2022 contests.

CKCS Meetings & Zoom Links: Mark Your Calendars

Dr. Fixit & iHelp Troubleshooting
In-Person Only
Masks Are Optional
Saturday, April 2 @ 10 A.M.

ZOOM Links

Amateur Photographers Club
Zoom Only (Until Further Notice)
Thursday, April 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 10 A.M.

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

CKCS Board of Directors Meeting
In-Person Only
Thursday, April 7 @ 7 P.M.

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

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Windows 10 SIG
Zoom Only (Until Further Notice)
Tuesday, April 12 @ 7 P.M.

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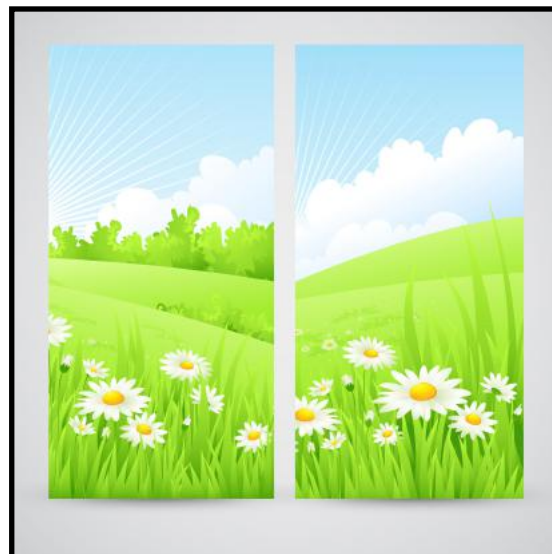
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Thursday, April 14 @ 7 P.M.

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Word Processing SIG
Zoom Only (Until Further Notice)
Tuesday, April 19 @ 7 P.M.

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

Digital Photography SIG
In-Person Only
Masks Are Optional
Tuesday, April 26 @ 7 P.M.



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JOIN US IN APRIL!
THURSDAY MORNINGS
AT 10 ON ZOOM



• The meeting **Zoom** address is [here](#): •

CKCS SIG Meetings

Windows SIG

Windows Special Interest Group

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

7:00 pm

Mike Seiler
Windows SIG Leader



Join us in April to find out how to make your Windows PC more secure.

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.



Mac/iPad SIG

Zoom address is [here](#).



CKCS SIG Meetings

Word Processing SIG



**You Are Invited:
Tues., April 19 at 7 P.M. via Zoom**



WORD PROCESSING
SIG

"I learn something every time I attend one of [the CKCS] word classes.

"I enjoy these sessions."

"Why not ask each person to tell what word feature they use the most and tell how they use it."

These were some comments I heard at the March SIG.

In March, some attendees saw some features of which WORD is capable for the first time. There are many that are seldom used.

For the April 19 Word Processing SIG, we will continue to work our way through part of the word processing ribbon bar with discussions and demonstrations.

Some of the presentation will be a refresher and certainly will enlighten all beginning users of Microsoft Word.

Members and guests will be invited to contribute to the class, and ask questions which likely will spark group discussions.

This session will only be on ZOOM and will start promptly at 7 PM.

Here is the ZOOM LINK to join this session:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83030906264>

**I will open the zoom door about 10 minutes early.
Please sign in – in advance so we can start on time.**



Jerry Heaton



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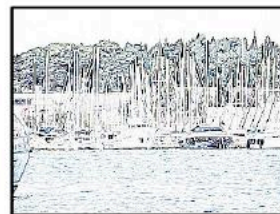
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Digital Photography Special Interest Group
7 PM, Tuesday, April 26, 2022



Create Wonderful Pieces of Art with your Photos

Take one of your favorite photos and turn it into a piece of art. For example:



Using Corel PaintShop Pro's
scripts, effects, photo effects, borders, picture frames
you can turn your pictures in to pieces of art.

ALSO – stay tuned for **Adobe Lightroom**. We have tentative plans for a **Lightroom** presentation by Carol Peachee. Carol has done presentations at CKCS on her books about Bourbon, Barns, and Shakertown. She uses **Lightroom** to enhance her photos. Many of you have an interest in learning more about **Lightroom** and this will be a great opportunity.

This month's photo contest topic is "**Music Instruments**".
Check through your photos or head out and get some new shots! Send your photo to joedietz@aol.com no later than Monday, April 25, 2022.

Join us at 7 PM, Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at CKCS. Invite a friend.



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• **March Digital Photography SIG Photo Contest** •
First Place Winner: Ward Ransdell
Topic: Player Isolation



We asked Ward about his award-winning photo: “The image was taken in the afternoon on October 11, 2003 at Centre College.

At that time, I was doing a great deal of soccer photography (even got credentialed to shoot the Women's World Cup Victory Tour games after their World Cup win). One of the Centre players was a high school classmate of my son and played for Centre.

I went to one of his games just to shoot some action shots of him for his parents when I got this shot of the opposing goalie. It is still one of my favorite soccer shots. At the time I was using a Canon 10D.

The lens was a 400/f2.8 and shot at 1/1600 sec., at f/4, ISO 400. I have no idea who the player is, nor do I remember what team they were playing.

Having done so much soccer shooting, I knew this goalie was worth watching and fortunately was ready when he made this save. When the March topic was announced this shot immediately came to mind.”





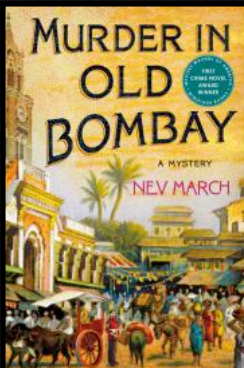
• **March Digital Photography SIG Photo Contest** •
Second Place Winner: Mary Anne Szeluga
Topic: Player Isolation



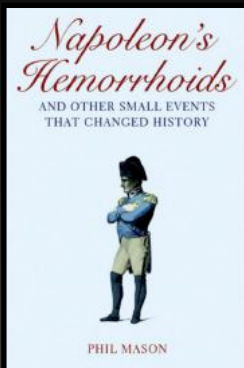
We asked Mary Anne about his award-winning photo, and she replied:

“**This is a photo of Alex**, my granddaughter, who lives in Ohio and played for the Team Storm, a traveling women's softball team. This was her first season playing with that team, as she had also been playing on her local county team. The photo was taken with my Sony A6000 set to Sports Mode that takes 11 pictures/second. It was on June 19, 2021, near Cincinnati but I don't use GPS tracking on my camera so not sure of exactly what town nor what field. She was 13 years old at the time and in 7th grade. She pitched one game last year that she had 16 strikeouts and only let in 1 run. Another game she hit a Grand Slam Home Run. Of course, we were NOT at either game! She has signed again this year to play on the Storm Team but their games won't start until school is out. Her other position is Short Stop! I took some great shots of her defending second base. We are so proud of her!! My F stop was 6.3 and the ISO was 640 and the Focal Length was 200mm.”

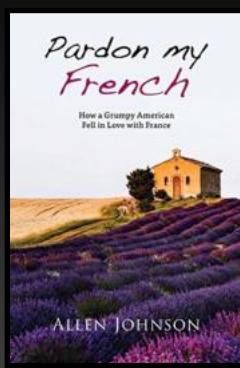




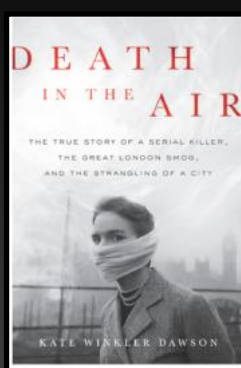
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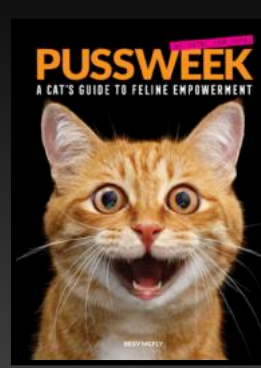
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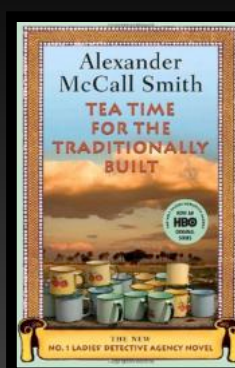
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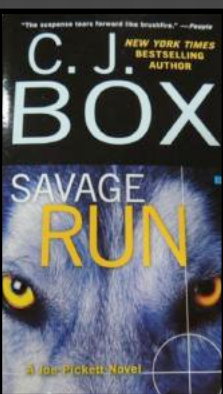
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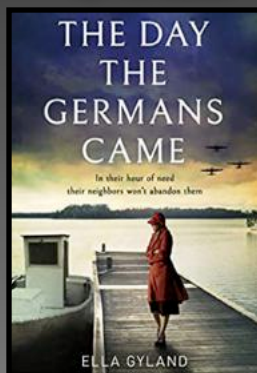
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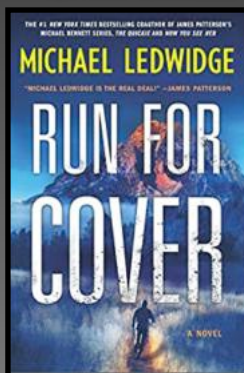
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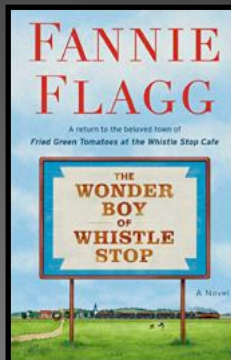
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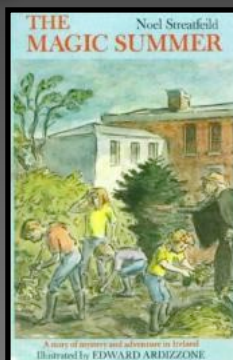
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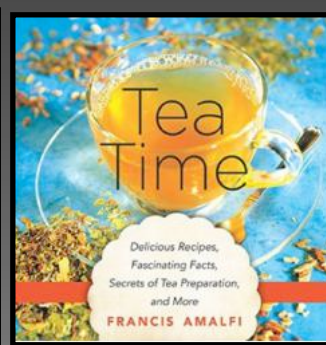
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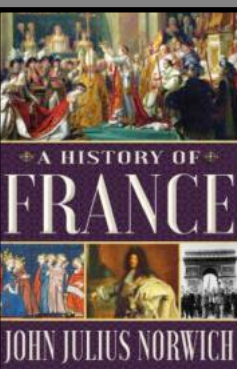
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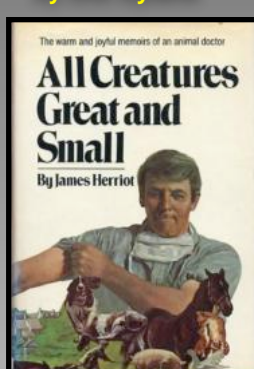
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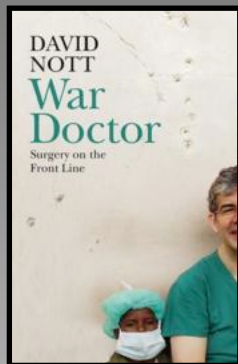
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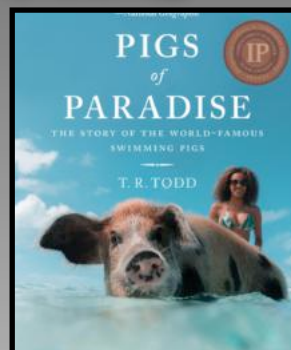
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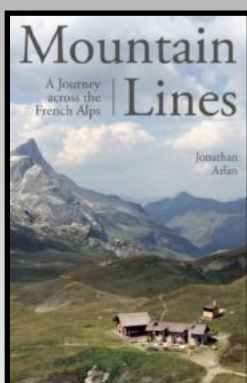
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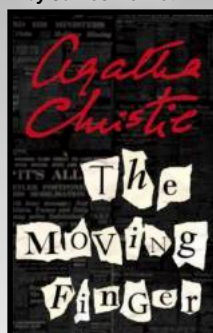
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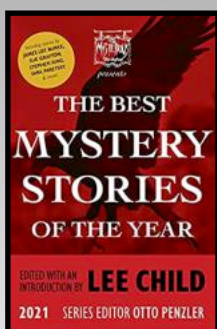
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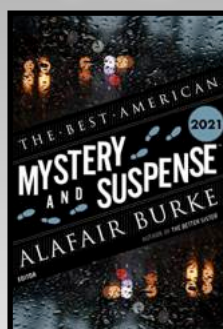
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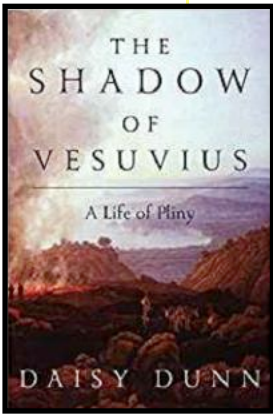
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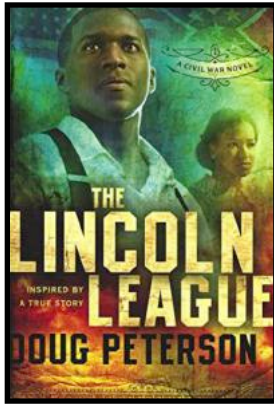
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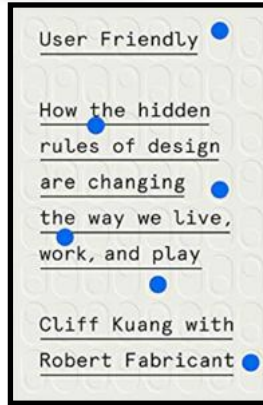
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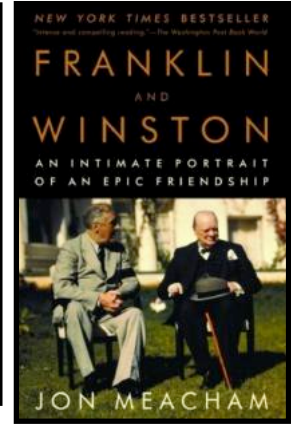
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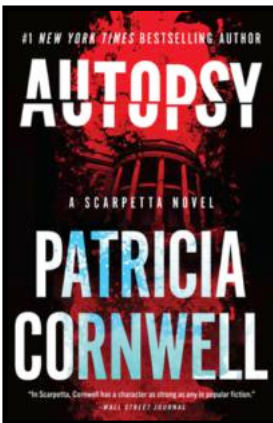
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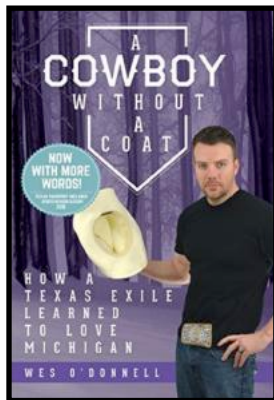
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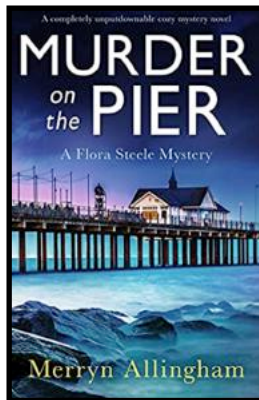
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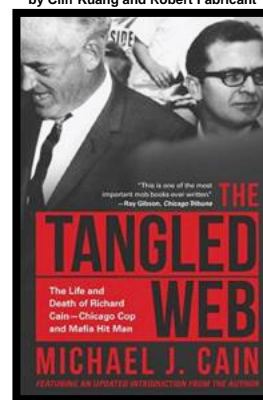
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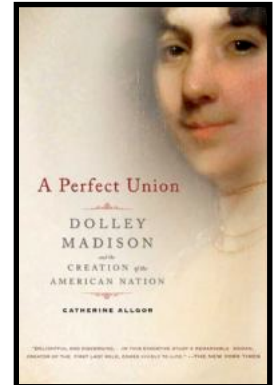
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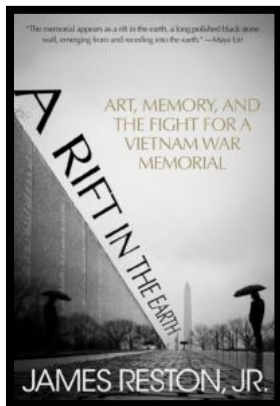
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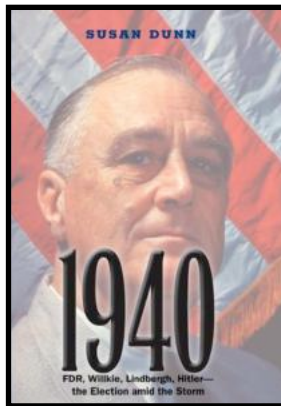
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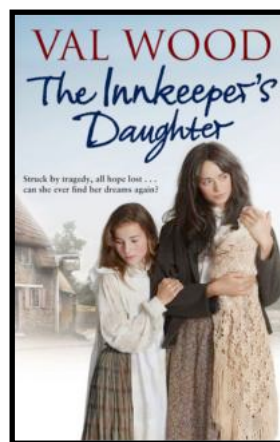
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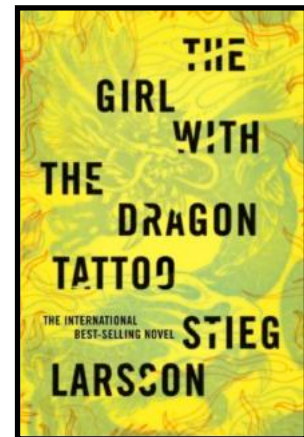
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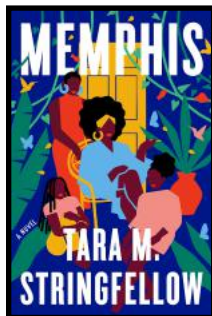
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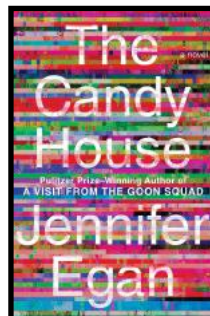
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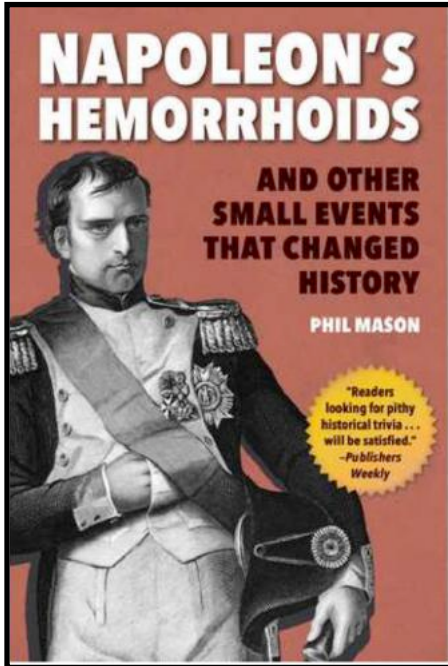


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What Are You Reading?

The book *Napoleon's Hemorrhoids and Other Small Events That Changed History* by Phil Mason



Some readers hate this book. Others love it.

You be the judge. Back when Skyhorse Publishing released this book, it hit *The New York Time's* bestseller list. The strange title obviously helped sales.

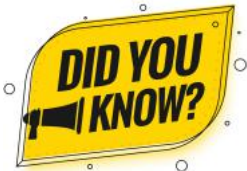
But there are plenty of trivia lovers out there – and those folks love nothing better than a good tale – especially if it's a tiny slice of history that impacted world events.

Skyhorse first published the book in January 2008. It was reissued in August 2019.

Simon and Schuster, the book's distributor, provides an overview on its website:

A compendium about tiny ripples that created big waves in history. What was Hitler's real name? Which famous artist was mistakenly thought to be stillborn, until his uncle revived him by blowing cigar smoke in his face? And what were Albert Einstein's last words?

Here, you'll learn that Communist jets were two minutes away from opening fire on American planes during the Cuban missile crisis, when they had to turn back as they were running out of fuel. You'll discover that before the Battle of Waterloo, Napoleon's painful hemorrhoids prevented him from mounting his horse to survey the battlefield.



Readers are divided.

If you check out reviews on Goodreads, you'll spot plenty of opinions – like these:

A lively collection of various things that went wrong, and the results they produced. It seemed to be decently researched. – **Victor Sonkin**

Fun, albeit pseudo-intellectual, account of chance events that changed the course of history. Not really a book but more a collection of anecdotes useful as conversational zingers. – **Geoffrey Lawson**

This was a lot of wild and random facts. I would've enjoyed a hard copy to highlight and use later on in my classes but it felt all over the place as an audio. 7/10. – **Tory Lanman**

Not exactly what I thought it was going to be—more an almanac of little stories than an in-depth treatise of some of history's close calls. I liked it for what it was, though. My chief complaint is that it is NOT well-referenced. –**Christian Eggers**

Phil Mason introduces readers to some interesting tales in this collection of 'what ifs' and 'did you know' trivia in history. As the title of the book suggests, some things are quite random, but there is seemingly a great deal of curiosity surrounding these feats, accidents, and anomalies in history. – **Matt**

The biggest problem with the book is that it is boring. Written in a deadpan style, there is no humor or excitement in the facts related even though there is a lot that is humorous and exciting. – **Matthew**

This is what I would call a waiting-room book, something to read in brief snatches of time while waiting for something else. Composed of short articles that take little time to read, it is the perfect book to read while sitting in the waiting room before you get called in to see the doctor. It is a book that you can dip into at any point or read sequentially. – **The Rev. M.M. Walters**



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Fiber Optic Internet Provider Serving Lexington Gets National Attention

c|net Spotlights Metronet; Now Serving 13 States, From Kentucky to Florida to Minnesota

By Kurt Jefferson

In late 2017, former Lexington Mayor Jim Gray's dream finally came true. He announced an agreement with Indiana-based Metronet, to build the first fiber optic network in Lexington.

Gray, and plenty of residents, had become frustrated because of the lack of Internet service provider options in the city.

Metronet agreed, at a cost of \$70-million, to begin wiring the city. Five years later, thousands of Lexington customers get their Internet service, TV, and landline phone through those tiny, hi-tech fiber-optic cables.

Metronet has expanded in central Kentucky – to serve customers living in Versailles, Nicholasville, Midway, Wilmore, Berea, and Richmond.

Metronet's service territory now includes cities in 13 states: Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Michigan, North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Wisconsin, and Texas.

The tech website, c|net, [reports](#) in a just-published piece, that Metronet "is the country's largest, independently-owned fiber-optic ISP (Internet Service Provider)."

The report adds that, "in late January, Metronet announced a merger with Venus Fiber, a Texas-based internet service provider, that will ultimately expand the provider's coverage base to 15 states and over 150 communities."

c|net reports Metronet is now the "fastest ISP for the metro area of Lexington, Kentucky."

While Metronet's installation fees are lower than most, according to c|net, the company does charge a \$10 per month fee on top of the regular bill.

This is called a technology service fee. c|net notes the \$10 is sort of insurance "that covers the

customer for any issues that might arise." On its website, Metronet says the fee covers service calls, visits by technicians, equipment repair, and more.

Writer Trey Paul adds, "That's fine and all - **but it adds an additional \$120 a year to your internet bill.** That's not insignificant. Sure, I see the value of not having to worry about the additional costs of any needed house calls or equipment fixes. But as an internet technology, fiber is the sturdiest and least finicky broadband connection out there, so (fingers crossed) you shouldn't need to constantly worry about your internet. **I would prefer to see that be an optional cost for the consumer."**

Paul says the price for Metronet's gigabit plan is "quite good," but "with maximum upload and download speeds of 100Mbps, Metronet's starting tier – its Standard Internet plan – **is slower than**

many other providers' opening offering."

The company does offer unlimited data, so you don't get charged for using too much and exceeding a limit that some internet providers impose.

So what's the bottom line, according to c|net? Paul says you really cannot go wrong with a FTTH (jargon for *fiber to*

the home) Internet.

He admires Metronet's commitment to building a 100% fiber-optic network. But, he adds, **its pricing isn't remarkable – "but it's fair** especially considering its coverage map plays in areas where cable and satellite service have previously reigned."

Paul is not all that pleased by the technology fee, but he praises Metronet for not adding other fees onto the bill – a very common practice among Internet providers.

To conclude – the c|net writer sums up, "If you fall under the Metronet coverage map, it should be near the top of your list."



The Web Browser Version 100 Bug Update

By Kurt Jefferson

If you're using Google's popular Chrome browser to visit websites this spring, and you find your temper rising because a website fails to load or display properly, don't blame Google or the folks who make Chrome. If you're a fan of Firefox (like me) and you want to stick pins into a voodoo doll of Mitchell Baker (she heads up the non-profit Mozilla Foundation, which produces Firefox), don't do it.



Firefox and Chrome are *not* the reason websites might break and fail to work

properly. *Those websites are responsible.* (You may remember – we last wrote about this in the March newsletter.)

Some websites are using old code, probably dating back to the Reagan Administration – and back when Margaret Thatcher made headlines across the Atlantic. No one knows how many websites are running this ancient computer code.

That old code means some websites won't properly detect you're using version 100 of Firefox or Chrome. So they might prevent the page from loading—it will block it. Or, the page might not display properly once it loads. Or, some parts of the page won't work properly. A website checks out the version of your web browser for security reasons. Let's say you're using an ancient Firefox browser. A website may block you because it thinks your browser might have been breached by hackers.

Browser producers continually roll out new versions to keep you safe. There are bad guys and gals (thieves, hackers, and cybercriminals) racing down the road in a fast car, trying to break through roadblocks. New browser versions create speed bumps, roadblocks and tire spikes to help prevent these speeders from hacking into your credit card accounts, your medical history, and your other private matters.

Back to 2022. As you read this, Google Chrome is now rolling out version 100 of its browser. (The next time you update Chrome on your Windows PC, Mac, Linux machine, iPad, iPhone, Android tablet, or other device, it will probably hit version 100.)

On March 29, PCMag [wrote](#), “Google says that Chrome version 100 “will roll out over the coming days/weeks” on Windows, Mac, and Linux. So if a bunch of websites seem to break in the next month, well, that's why.”

Firefox is expected to release the finalized version 100 of its browser around May 3. And a third browser, Microsoft Edge, is also approaching the three digit version of its product.

Okay. Put on your geek hat. This gets deep. Remember we mentioned that websites check which browser version you are using?

Browsers send out what's called an agent string to let websites know you're using Chrome version 99 on a

Windows 10 PC. Or you're running Firefox 98.02 on a Mac mini running macOS Monterey. (Or you're running iPadOS 15.3 on your tablet or iOS 15.3 on a iPhone.) You get the picture.

That's the reason websites display differently on various browsers. And the mobile browser on your iPhone displays an entirely different website from the browser displayed on your Windows 10 machine. Sounds complicated. Since Chrome is first out of the gate with version 100, it is tricking websites into thinking it's running version 99 by making part of the agent string read 99 (When in reality, the browser version is 100.)

Google is hoping websites will move into the fast lane and update their websites so it's not a major hassle for most of us. Chrome version 100 – with an agent string reading 100 will eventually be released.

By the time Firefox 100 is released in May (and Microsoft Edge 100 is released), the major browser developers are hoping websites have updated their code for the 21st century. If you use Safari on a Mac, iPad, or iPhone – you're safe. Apple's default browser is at version 15.4 as I write this, so there's no problem here.

But even Safari users need to have a second web browser installed on their Macs and mobile devices, just in case Safari encounters problems with websites.

It's always good to have options. Whether you use a Windows 10 (or 11) PC, Macintosh, or Linux machine, I would investigate these backup browsers:

- Brave (based on the Chrome engine)
- Epic (based on the Chrome engine)
- Vivaldi (based on the Chrome engine)
- Sea Monkey (technically, not based on the Firefox engine, but a cousin of that popular browser)
- Waterfox (based on the Firefox engine)
- Pale Moon (based on the Firefox engine)

Weeks ago, I was trying to use a state health insurance website and was about ready to gnash my teeth. Okay. I exaggerate. But it was quite frustrating. The web page would not display all of the required fields. The page was incomplete – replacing some sections with white space. I finally called Frankfort for help. (After years of using phone tech support, as I helped folks with computer issues, I rarely use the phone if I can help it.) In other words, I don't sit in the phone queue with a smile on my face as I hear a recorded voice repeating, “Your call is important to us.”)

Anyway, I described my problem to the kind woman who came on the phone. I told her I was on a Mac running Firefox. “Oh, the site doesn't work with Firefox,” she replied. So after an hour of wasted time, I opened Safari, filled in the form and left the computer in ten minutes.

The point? You *need* more than one browser installed. And be prepared for the version 100 browser bug.