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Central Kentucky Computer Society

Tech Night to feature Microsoft's Surface Pro 3 and OneNote.

On January 12 at 7 p.m., Kenneth Tubaugh, assistant store manager of the Microsoft Store at Fayette Mall, will be demonstrating the Microsoft Surface Pro 3 and OneNote.   He has more than 25 years of experience in the tech world. For the last six years he was the business specialist at the Apple Store.

About four months ago, he became the assistant manager at the Microsoft Store. Needless to say he has extensive knowledge and experience with Microsoft and Apple, as well as Linux. Kenneth was a member of the Computer Society in Columbus, Ohio, for many years. He became a member of CKCS in October when he attended Joe Isaacs' Windows SIG.

During January's Tech Night, Kenneth will be demonstrating the Surface Pro 3, a tablet that has the power and performance of a laptop. It runs Windows, Office, desktop apps, and browsers. It includes the "amazing pen" which allows you to mark up documents and take notes in your own handwriting. Kenneth will show all of its features and will answer your questions. He will also explain OneNote and will show what it can do. Although he could use the whole time explaining what OneNote does, he will give us the highlights in the time we have.

The evening promises to be very enlightening, so be sure to attend and invite a neighbor or friend to come with you.

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President's Comments

By Brooke Thomas
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CKCS ends the year on an up note

The last few months of 2014 The President's Comments has focused on the Good Giving Guide Challenge. When the board decided to join the Challenge we were a little skeptical. I'm pleased to announce that it was a successful adventure. We had $4,015 in donations and 27 donors. This total includes Freddy Peralta's KyTrade's match donation. Part of the incentive to join this effort was to take advantage of the match challenges. We were successful in the timing of several donations to make an additional $2,061 in match funds and prizes.

Along the way there were some glitches. One was with Blue Grass Community Foundation's server. When everyone tried to contribute at the same time it couldn't handle the onslaught and it left many of our donors frustrated. We also irritated some of our members with our weekly emails asking for donations. Unfortunately, it was one of the requirements of the Challenge, as were the weekly tweets and postings on Face Book.

But the Challenge also had some fun times. Some of the members of *The Photo Coffee* got together to answer the Good Foods Coop Challenge to submit a photo taken at their store. They took several photos throughout the store and chose this one in the nut aisle to post on our Facebook page and submit for the contest.

Live Photographer's Exhibit at the Good Food's Co-op – from left to right: Becky Brothers, James Osborne, Larry Johnson, Lloyd Keyser and Brooke Thomas.   **Photo by Boone Baldwin**

Raising Canes Good Giving Day Challenge

Joe Dietz's *Independent and Advanced Digital Photography Class* took on the Raising Cain's Giving Day Challenge and posed for a photo at the Cain's restaurant across the street from the office. Jan Landers-Lyman just happened to have a collection of canes available for the props.

This group was so enthusiastic that they were "photobombed" by two college kids who were on the way to the restaurant and wanted to get in on the fun.

The enthusiasm must have been contagious because the photo won **first prize** in the contest! CKCS received the top prize of $750.

So all in all, CKCS received a grand total of $6,098.38 as a result of our involvement in the Good Giving Guide Challenge.

This photo won first prize in the Raising Cain's Giving Day Challenge Front row from left: Patty Witt, Martha Johnson, Joe Dietz, Nancy Lawrence, Pennie Redman, and Jan Landers-Lyman. Back row: Damian Dishman and Ra'saun Gill. The first prize award was $750.

Photo by Brooke Thomas

Tech Night PowerPoint presentation is available

Several members asked for a copy of the PowerPoint presentation use on the Anti Virus Tech night program on December 8. Here is the link: http://www.ckcs.org/newsletter/CKCS Tech Night Virus 2.pdf **CKCS**

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TECH TALK

By Joe Isaac
Windows SIG Leader

Something I use all the time

I created a document called NOTES. I recommend that you consider doing this, too.

This may sound like a lot to do, but after a few times it is second nature. Please call me at 299 6464 if you need help.

NOTES:

1. Open WORD press Control S on the keyboard for Save, Name it Notes, click OK.

2. Right click the WORD icon on the Taskbar, put your cursor on Notes click on the pin to the Right of it. Now it is pinned and you are done with this part.

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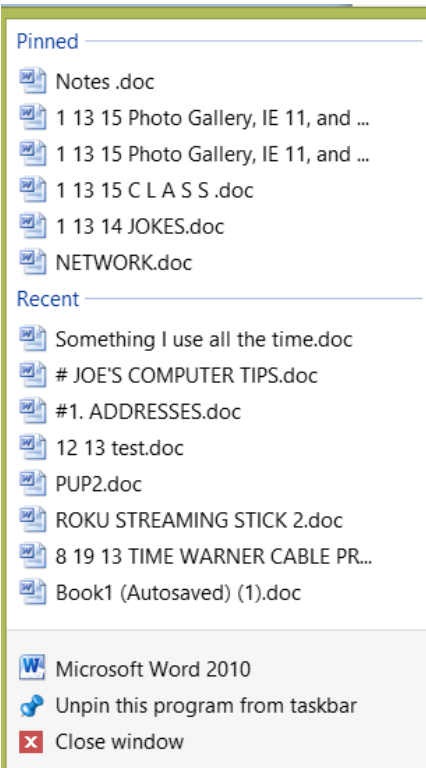
3. Now when you want to save a note or idea, highlight it with your cursor and do Control S.

4. Right click the WORD icon on the Taskbar, Left click Notes to open the document, do Control V to paste the item, then do Control S to save the document.

5. When the document gets large you can do Control F to find any item.

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Windows 10 is getting better and better.

The big Windows 10 demo will come Wednesday, January 21.
If Build 9901 of Windows 10 is any indication, beta testers are about to get a sizable haul of new features and improvements.

This new build improves upon, and adds new features to the taskbar, search, and the **Cortana virtual assistant (this is the one I am waiting for, Joe)**, among other things. The search button in the taskbar can be viewed as a button or as a search field.

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Digital Photography Special Interest Group

Tuesday January 27, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Special Guest Speaker
Lexington Photographer John Snell

"John Snell – A Look Back at His Images From 2014"

Joe Dietz
Digital Imaging
SIG Leader

This month we have a repeat opportunity to hear from John Snell, one of Lexington's most recognized photographers. His presentation, "John Snell, A Look Back at His Images From 2014", will interest us all. John has been at CKCS several times and always has interesting information to share. Check out his web site www.johnsnellphoto.com .

Monthly photo contest for January 2015.

This month our photo contest is on "Leaves". Submit your entry to joedietz@aol.com no later than midnight on January 26. Thanks for all your support!

See you there! Join us at CKCS at 7 p.m. on January 27, 2015. Bring a friend!

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CKCS 2015 Winter Class Schedule

Yosemite for Mac
Monday morning (10 a.m. to noon)
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2

Windows 8.1
Monday & Thursday afternoon
 (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
Jan. 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, Feb. 2

Photography: Improve your Camera Skills*
Monday afternoon (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2

PaintShop Pro Beginning Digital Imaging
Tuesday morning (10 am to noon)
Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3

**PaintShop Pro Advanced Digital Imaging/ Independent Work
(Two classes)**
Tuesday afternoon (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3
&
Wednesday morning (10 am to noon)
Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 4

Beginning iPad*
Tuesday morning (10 am to noon)
Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, (no class Feb. 17), 24, Mar. 3, 10

Word Processing
Wednesday afternoon (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 4

Computer Basics
Thursday morning (10 am to noon)
Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5

File Management
Thursday afternoon (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5

Pages for Mac
Friday morning (10 am to noon)
Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6

Adobe PhotoShop Elements
Friday afternoon (3 p.m. to 5 p.m.)
Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

Course Descriptions

Yosemite for Mac... This course is for both Mac newcomers and for those who've been using the Mac for some time. Yosemite sports the most dramatic changes in appearance since Apple released OS X. Our goal is to help you become comfortable with the new look, the new features, and make your computer use more efficient. We'll show you how to get more out of the new menus, windows, System Preferences, iCloud Drive and more.

Windows 8.1... Learn how to navigate in Microsoft's new operating system, add new apps as well as use them. Also, learn how to use the Start and Desktop screens. Anyone taking this class should have a prior working knowledge of a Windows operating system.

Photography: Improve your Camera Skills*... Each photographer has a level of comfort when photographing. This class will help you achieve greater comfort, confidence and knowledge about photography. Whether a beginner or advanced photographer, this class will move you up a step or two or more as we explore photography. Our hands-on teaching includes working with you in a group and assisting you as you need on a one-to one-basis.

PaintShop Pro Beginning Digital Imaging … students learn how to fix up their pictures using Corel's Paint Shop Pro. You will learn the tools used to crop, lighten/darken a picture, fix red eye, clone part of a picture out, add text and tips on how to scan old pictures and slides and lots more.

Beginning i Pad*... This course will introduce you to the layout of this wonderful iOS device, teach you how to navigate around the tablet, and familiarize you with each of the pre-installed applications.

PaintShop Pro Advanced Digital Imaging ... students will build on tools they learned in the beginning class. They will also learn how to use layers, create collages, restore old photos, straighten images, perspective correction and lots more.

PaintShop Pro Digital Imaging Independent Work... students bring projects that they want to work on with guidance and assistance from the instructors. Students may be working on their pictures, restoring old photographs, working with templates, making brochures and business cards or other projects.

PaintShop Pro Advanced Digital Imaging and the **Independent Work** classes will be combined as space permits.

Word Processing... Learn the basics of Microsoft's Word: Basic document creation including indenting, fonts, type sizes, columns, text editing, printing and much more will be demonstrated with hands-on exercises.

Computer Basics... Learn the fundamentals of using a Windows 7 computer. Learn to use various aspects of the Microsoft Word Processing program, including manipulating text and inserting graphics into a document. Basic filing, basic file management, and how to use a thumb drive are introduced. The final class of this course deals with the basics of email and use of the Internet.

File Management... Have you ever saved a file on your computer only to find out later that you could not remember where you put it and could not find it after searching for it? Then this class is designed for you. We will give you a deeper understanding of how to organize your documents and photos so that they are easier to retrieve. We will also assist you in organizing your own computer files. Flash drive required.

Pages for Mac... We'll show you the basics and beyond, including how to use tables, graphics and columns in Pages for Mac. You'll learn about iCloud Drive, which stores your documents in the cloud. In addition, we'll show how to export your document into other formats including PDF and Microsoft Word. If you've always wanted to learn about using your Mac to create eye–pleasing documents, newsletters, or more, this is the course for you.

Adobe PhotoShop Elements... In this introductory course to Adobe's Photoshop Elements program, we will learn about the tools of this program and basic photo enhancements that can be done including quick fixes, cropping, cloning, spot healing, red eye removal, levels, and adding borders. We will also discuss photo considerations prior to printing, introduction to layers, converting images to black and white, enhancing and restoring old photos, adding text, using brushes, graphics, adjustment layers, templates, special features, filters, and creating a slide show.

* These classes meet in the main room and their class size is determined by the instructor.   All other classes meet in the computer classroom and are limited to eight students.

Students may use their own portable computers if they have the appropriate software installed (This is at the discretion of the instructor.). CKCS cannot provide copies of the proprietary software.

COSTS: All classes have a fee payable to CKCS of $60 unless stated otherwise (see above).

CKCS members get a 20% discount on all classes, seminars, and workshop fees.

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Computer Mystery Workshop
Workshop leader: Bob Brown

Bob Brown

Television over the Internet

The Computer Mystery Workshop on Wednesday, January 7, at 1:30 p.m. will be about receiving television programs over your Internet connection.

As the cost of cable TV keeps going up, many people are looking for entertainment alternatives. Since all television is now in digital format, it is not hard to imagine the possibilities.

We will demonstrate the device known as Google Chromecast and discuss several of its cousins which can connect to a modern television set and deliver programs.

Also, several new companies are getting into the business of creating and producing programs. Others are becoming distributors of programs.

The world of television is changing and many new options are coming available. We will try to survey the evolving world of television.

At the meeting, we will also review our CMW model investment portfolio and check on the progress of SQRL website login. There will be time for questions, problem solving and more.

The Computer Mystery Workshop meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Attendees are invited to bring their laptops, tablets, smart phones, etc. and follow along when appropriate.

The next Computer Mystery Workshop will be on Wednesday, February 4.   CKCS

December Tech Night – a party and Presentation
Antivirus & Malware: What Solution Works Best for You?

December's Tech Night was spent with Craig Mayfield and Joey Police addressing a very disconcerting subject: viruses and malware. With their back-and-forth bantering they educated us

about viruses, malware, worms, and the latest newcomer: ransomeware. They also covered telephone scams, where someone pretends that he is from Microsoft and calls to tell you that your computer is infected. Their advice: if any company calls you with this scam – hang up!

They also covered antivirus programs, both free and the paid versions. They cautioned us not to be lulled into a false sense of security, to be cautious, and listen to our gut. They gave us tips on how to minimize our risks, but emphasized that we will at some point "get" something. They stepped us through the process of what we can do when we get viruses/malware/spyware. For more detail, check out their slide show presentation. It includes the names of the products that they recommend. For that PowerPoint presentation click here: http://www.ckcs.org/newsletter/CKCS Tech Night Virus 2.pdf;

Joey (at left in the above picture)and Craig requested a chance to return in order to go into more depth about cloud back-up and issues with mobile devises like phones and tablets. The audience was more than receptive. So mark your calendars for the return of this duo on February 9.

Directors' Prize

Coleman Huff was the name drawn during Tech Night and he would have won a seven-month extension to his membership if he had been present! So, the prize is now up to eight months for the drawing in January. Attend and you might be the lucky winner this month!

TECH NIGHT CROWD   Was it the important topic or some free food and beverages that attracted a good attendance at the December 8 Tech Night presentation and party? Some said it was both. This photo by Boone Baldwin, (standing at left) was triggered by the camera timer, and Boone barely made it to the lower landing of the steps before the camera fired.

Apple picks App Stores' 'Best of 2014' for iPad, iPhone & Mac
Brain–training, to–do lists, storytelling, image–editing, note–taking and more top Apple's lists

By Kurt Jefferson,
SIG Leader and Instructor for Mac & iPad topics

"The Best of the iTunes Store 2014 list highlights content that Apple feels is deserving of recognition, and doesn't necessarily suggest those mentioned have outsold the rest of the field."
– *Redmond Pie.com*

"The list includes some apps that you're probably familiar with, and likely notable amount of games or apps that you've never heard of, which can make these Apple provided "best of" lists a good way of discovering new apps and games."
– *OSXDaily.com*

Kurt Jefferson

iPad App of the Year:
Pixelmator ($4.99)
This image–editing app has gained a strong following on the Mac since it debuted in September 2007.

In 2014, Pixelmator came to Apple's popular tablet and Apple dubbed it the iPad 'App of the Year'.

Pixelmator is expressly designed for the latest version of iOS, writes AppAdvice as it quotes the team responsible for bringing the app to Apple's tablet: "Pixelmator is meticulously thought through and created from the ground up for iOS 8 and iPad. Designed to take advantage of iOS 8 features and technologies and engineered to leverage the full power of 64–bit architecture…"

Best iPad Apps of 2014
- Pixelmator (App of the Year)
- Storehouse (Runner-Up)
- NYT Cooking
- Microsoft Word
- VSCO Cam
- Yahoo News Digest
- Replay Video Editor
- Hanx Writer
- Star Walk Kids
- 120 Sports
- Adobe Voice
- GoldieBlox
- Makr
- 1Password
- Joy of Cooking
- Nighty Night Circus
- Molecules by Theodore Gray
- OmniFocus 2
- Toca Nature
- Auxy
- Slice Fractions
- Launch Center Pro
- Yahoo Weather
- Incredible Numbers
- Post-it Plus
- Stephen Hawking's Snapshots of the Universe

Best iPad Games of 2014
- Monument Valley (Game of the Year)
- Hearthstone (Runner-Up)
- World of Tanks Blitz
- Leo's Fortune
- Hitman GO
- Vainglory
- Battleheart Legacy
- XCOM: Enemy Unknown
- Godus
- Faster Than Light
- FarmVille 2
- Banner Saga
- The Wolf Among Us
- Skylanders Trap Team
- Valiant Hearts
- Broken Age
- Fates Forever
- World of Warriors
- 80 Days
- Etherlords
- BioShock
- Boom Beach
- Table Tennis Touch
- FRAMED
- Thomas Was Alone
- Modern Combat 5: Blackout
- FIFA 2015

AppAdvice: Demoed at Apple's iPad Air 2 and iPad mini 3 event, Pixelmator for iPad is out now

iPad Game of the Year: Monument Valley ($3.99)

AppAdvice calls this "a stunningly beautiful puzzle game where architecture knows no bounds and defies all laws of physics and logic."

The game originally was designed to be an iPad exclusive, but it became so popular that the developer said the company would consider porting the game to other platforms.

Wikipedia says, "Monument Valley sold 500,000 copies in a month, and one million in three. As of November 2014, the game has sold 1.4 million copies…Multiple reviews cited the art and sound design as exceptional…Wired wrote that the game might be the most beautiful iPad game of 2014. Creative Review called the game's puzzles "clever" and appreciated the developers' attention to detail."

[AppAdvice: Defy All Physics and Logic As You Journey Through Monument Valley](#)

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iPhone App of the Year: Elevate (free, but $9.99 per month to use its full services)

This is a mind–exercising app that attempts to boost your overall brain power. AppAdvice notes, "if you actually want to harness all 14 of the included games and training that is tailored to you, it'll cost $9.99 per month or $59.99 a year.

That amount may seem unjustifiable, but the popular Lumosity service charges more for a similar experience."

The AppAdvice reviewer adds that Elevate offers exercises in four categories: reading, speaking, listening and writing.

Best iPhone Apps of 2014
- Elevate (App of the Year)
- Hyperlapse (Runner-Up)
- Yahoo News Digest
- Storehouse
- SwiftKey Keyboard
- 1Password
- Camera+
- Toca Lab
- NYT Now
- 120 Sports
- Camu
- Spring
- BuzzFeed
- Peak
- Nighty Night Circus
- Yummly
- Waterlogue
- Human
- Steller
- TeleStory
- Network TV
- Litely
- Uber
- Star Walk 2
- Cinamatic
- Health Mate
- Paper by Facebook

Best iPhone Games of 2014
- Threes! (Game of the Year)
- Leo's Fortune (Runner-Up)
- Monument Valley
- Hitman GO
- Ruzzle Adventure
- Battleheart Legacy
- World of Warriors
- XCOM: Enemy Within
- Smash Hit
- Spellfall
- Spider-Man Unlimited
- Wayward Souls
- Trials Frontier
- Adventure Beaks
- Rules!
- FarmVille 2
- RETRY
- Micromon
- Rival Knights
- Godus
- Crazy Taxi City Rush
- Castle Doombad
- Bicolor
- Royal Revolt 2
- FOTONICA
- Timberman
- Bonza World Puzzle

"I initially thought "No way!" when being presented with the subscription option within Elevate, but after trying a few exercises, I decided that month's worth couldn't hurt. Ideally, I think that an app like this could only help you improve to a certain degree, and I doubt that it would take a whole year of being subscribed to get to this point."

iPhone Game of the Year: Threes! ($1.99)

"Threes! is a terrific iOS puzzler. It's compelling and compulsive, with a central mechanic that's effortless to pick up," writes the British gaming web site, Pocket Gamer. "Threes! engaging mechanics add up to iOS puzzle perfection, writes MacLife. And the Italian web site, Multiplayer adds, "Threes! is simply one of the best puzzle games of the last 10 years. Believe the hype." More praise from 148apps: "This is definitely one of those "easy to learn, difficult to master" games, and it really just gets its hooks in to no end."

[148apps: Threes Review](#)

Mac App of the Year:
Notability ($10)

"If you are a die–hard Notability user on iOS–and especially if it's your go–to note taking tool on the iPad–having all your content available on the Mac will be well worth it," writes Macworld about Notability for the Mac.

9to5Mac writes, "The Mac app has been designed specifically for the desktop but features a familiar look and feel to users of the mobile apps. It also features automatic Dropbox and Google Drive backups, keyboard shortcuts, and other new features to optimize the experience for OS X."

Best Mac Apps of 2014
- Notability (App of the Year)
- Affinity Designer (Runner-Up)
- Cinemagraph Pro
- OmniFocus 2
- Deliveries
- Calcbot
- Shazam
- Logoist 2
- iA Writer Pro
- Reeder 2
- iTranslate
- Autodesk SketchBook
- OneNote
- Tonality
- PCalc
- Slack
- Flare 2
- Sketch 3
- Desk
- Getty Image Stream
- Paprika
- Quicken 2015

Best Mac Games of 2014
- Tomb Raider (Game of the Year)
- Transistor (Runner-Up)
- Borderlands: The Pre-Sequel
- Castle of Illusion
- Hitman: Absolution
- Shadow Blade
- Broken Age
- DiRT Showdown
- Thomas Was Alone
- Mini Motor Racing
- SimCity 4
- The LEGO Movie Videogame
- Year Walk
- Metal Gear Rising
- The Novelist
- Sparkle 2
- Avoid
- FIST OF AWESOME
- Tropico 5
- Atom Run
- realMyst
- Township

Helpful Scribbles reviewed the Mac version of Notability: "Overall, I was very impressed with how well everything worked.

To me, the primary use of an app like this is to view existing notes that you created on your iPad, and not to produce notes."

iMore says, "Notability is a very flexible note taker. You can of course type notes, but also make audio recordings, annotate documents, and even write by hand. On the Mac, you can also drag and drop photos, outside audio recordings, and documents into your note. Scale and transform handwriting and sketches like you would images, rotating, cropping, and more."

Mac Game of the Year: Tomb Raider ($40)

"The new Tomb Raider game features a young Lara Croft in an all–new adventure that sees her escaping from the murderous inhabitants of an uncharted island called Yamatai," writes AppAdvice. The site cautions, "Note that the Mac App Store edition does not support the game's online multiplayer mode, which supplements the established single-player mode.
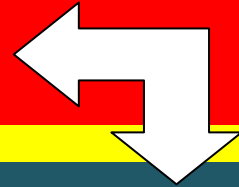
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We invite you to join CKCS

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Click on this link http://www.ckcs.org/join/ and fill out the form

(if that doesn't work, go to www.ckcs.org and click on JOIN NOW) -- **or**

2

Call (859) 373-1000 and a friendly office supervisor will be glad to help you -- **or**

3

Stop by the CKCS Resource Center at 160 Moore Drive, Lexington 40503

Office hours Monday through Friday, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

We need you and will welcome you as a full-fledged member!

Members are eligible to attend all Special Interest Group sessions

Members receive a discount on all classes, workshops and seminars

News to use

What is the CKCS policy for heavy snow or ice conditions?

When CKCS has classes, seminars, workshops, or SIGs scheduled and there is bad weather, such as snow, ice, high winds etc., our policy about cancelling the class or SIG is left to the discretion of the class teacher or SIG leader.

For office workers, if Fayette County Public Schools are called off because of inclement weather, it is up to the individual office worker to decide whether they will be at CKCS or not.

Please understand when there is bad weather where roads in the city have become reasonably clear and an instructor decides to continue with a class, it will be the members/students decision as to whether the roads you travel are safe enough for you to use and to determine if you should attend or miss a class or event.

Changed meeting schedule for Photo Coffee Clicks

The Photo Coffee Clicks group is changing their schedule for early January. They will not meet on New Year's day. The first meeting of the year will be January 8 at 9 a.m. for a "New Year's" Breakfast held at Winchell's Restaurant at 348 Southland Drive.   Please join them to start the New Year off right. The group meets weekly to visit and talk photo and computer topics. Starting January 15, the group will resume their normal meeting schedule on Thursdays, 9 a.m. at CKCS on Moore Drive. **CKCS**

New Members and Renewals

During the period from 11/25/2014 to 12/24/2014

We welcome the following new members.

Kathy Davis
Karen Drake
Richard Knittel
Robert J. Koegel
Frank Korb

We thank the following members who renewed their memberships during this reporting period.

Larry E. Grannis

Information furnished by CKCS Board of Directors member Ben Rice **CKCS**

CKCS January 2015 SIG Schedule

This special SIG calendar prepared for this newsletter by Larry Trivette

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Dec	**30 Dec**	**31 Dec**	**01 Jan**	**02 Jan**	**03 Jan**
		New Year's Eve	New Year's Day		10:00 AM - NOON **Dr. Fixit** BOB BROWN - BEN RICE - MIKE SEILER - JAMES OSBORNE Bring in your problem PC and we'll try to help
05 Jan	**06 Jan**	**7 Jan**	**8 Jan**	**9 Jan**	**10 Jan**
	1:30 PM Word Processing LARRY TRIVETTE	1:30 PM **Mystery Workshop** BOB BROWN 7:00 PM **Board of Directors**	9:00 AM Photo Coffee Clicks Meet at Winchells for "New Year's" Breakfast 7:00 PM Mac & iPad KURT JEFFERSON		
12 Jan	**13 Jan**	**14 Jan**	**15 Jan**	**16 Jan**	**17 Jan**
7:00 PM **Tech Night** MS Surface and One Note See newsletter page 1	7:00 PM Windows 7–8.1–10 JOE ISAAC		9:00 AM Photo Coffee Clicks 7:00 PM Microsoft Access STUART ZAHALKA		
19 Jan	**20 Jan**	**21 Jan**	**22 Jan**	**23 Jan**	**24 Jan**
			9:00 AM Photo Coffee Clicks 7:00 PM Unix / Linux LEWIS GARDNER		
26 Jan	**27 Jan**	**28 Jan**	**29 Jan**	**30 Jan**	**31 Jan**
7:00 PM **Database** GARLAND SMITH	7:00 PM Digital Photography JOE DIETZ		9:00 AM Photo Coffee Clicks		

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This Month's Best Videos / Shows

On some browsers, if you click on the link below, it is difficult to get back here to view the next video.
SUGGESTIONS: If you use GOOGLE CHROME. Hold down the control key before you click on the link below. It creates a NEW TAB at the top. Once you view the video, simply close that tab to return to this page.
If you use INTERNET EXPLORER, we recommend you copy and paste the links below into a new search bar rather than clicking the links below. This will allow the newsletter to remain open in the background while you view the video.
Using this system, you should not have to go through several steps to get back to this page .

Here is to the kind hearted!

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Furnished by Carl Peter

Christmas spirit in a German Grocery

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HIL1aULMbQ

Furnished by Jerry Markussen

Really fresh sausage offered

https://www.youtube.com/embed/k1bG2EPGmI0

Furnished by Carl Peter

Amazing new device for computer users -- a bookbook!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOXQo7nURs0

Furnished by Mike Fournier

Interesting photos from Chicago during World War II

It is best if you use your wheel on your mouse to move from picture to picture.

http://galleries.apps.chicagotribune.com/chi-130320-arsenal-democracy-world-war-ii-pictures/#chi-arsenal20ladies-20080617

Furnished by Joe Isaac

Ellen shares 'The Vatican's Got Talent'

www.youtube.com/embed/VIPTdtEvr40?rel=0

Furnished by Carl Peter

The history of our National Anthem

Star Spangled Banner As You've Never Heard It - YouTube

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Illegal flight by daredevil wing suiter

http://safeshare.tv/w/kLlmcNCGBk

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A different juggler

http://www.youtube.com/embed/z8qFBvnUGSM?rel=0

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Big boy toys – you better be rich

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=zYPag3LuKlA

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REMEMBER it is always best to view these videos full screen by clicking on the bottom right corner symbol . When you finish, click on that same symbol to minimize that screen, then you can easily close the video. CKCS   **Return to contents page**

A Few Funny Pages

Proofreading – A Dying Art

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter

This one I caught in the SGV Tribune the other day. I called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote this.   It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible!!! They put in a correction the next day. I just couldn't help but send this along. Too funny.

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

Really? You think?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Now that's taking things a bit far!

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

What a guy!

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's! They must be UNION!

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

See if that works any better than a fair trial!

War Dims Hope for Peace

I can see where it might have that effect!

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Ya think?!

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Who would have thought!

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

They may be on to something!

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge

He probably IS the battery charge!

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Weren't they fat enough?!

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
That's what he gets for eating those beans!

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
Do they taste like chicken?

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
Chainsaw Massacre all over again!

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors
Boy, are they tall!

And the winner is....
Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
Did I read that right?

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CKCS List of Special Interest Groups

Each month the Central Kentucky Computer Society offers nine Special Interest Groups (SIGs) which may be attended by members and their guests. Below is a summary of what takes place at each SIG. Information is provided by the SIG leader. Visitors are cordially invited to become active CKCS members. Starting times of SIGS are as indicated in the listing.

SPECIAL NOTE; Always check the "Monthly Schedule" and the "Newsletter" link on the CKCS home page for any schedule change www.ckcs.org

COMPUTER MYSTERY SIG

Meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. – Leader Bob Brown

Meeting topics will be about Internet websites, operating system tips and tricks, application software, new hardware devices or any other ideas from the world of personal computers. At each meeting, two or three things are presented that you might want to do with your computer but may not know exactly how

DATABASE SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Monday at 7 p.m. – Leader Garland Smith

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. – Leader Joe Dietz

The Digital Photography Special Interest Group is a forum to provide and share information about digital imaging. The SIG frequently has guest speakers to cover a wide range of topics that are related to digital imaging. Some of our past topics have been on digital archiving (AKA Backup), getting the best out of your point and shoot camera, effective lighting when taking pictures, restoring old photos and many others. The goal of this SIG is to help attendees to better understand digital imaging, learning how to get the best out of their cameras and how to improve their images with digital imaging software such as Corel's Paint Shop Pro, Photoshop CS/Elements, Gimp or other program. Each meeting starts with a photo contest with a variety of different categories.

DR. FIXIT SIG

Meets monthly on the first Saturday at 10 a.m. – Leaders: Bob Brown, Ben Rice Harry Ellison, James Osborne, and Mike Seiler.

CKCS members are eligible to bring in sick computers for evaluation. Our 'experts' will diagnose the problem and if possible make simple repairs. All you need to bring is the CPU. Our leaders will use a mouse and monitor on hand. This is a free service for members only. One may join in membership to avail themselves of this special service.

MAC AND iPAD SIG

Meets monthly on the second Thursday at 7 p.m. – Leader Kurt Jefferson

The Mac and iPad SIG tackles issues to help make both Apple's Mac computers and its iPad tablet easier to use and more enjoyable. We deal with a variety of topics ranging from Mac OS X (pronounced "10") to iOS, the operating system running Apple's iPad. We share tips at every meeting and provide insights to empower users to get more out of their Macs and their iPads. Users are encouraged to bring their Mac laptops and iPad tablets to experience first hand the tips provided at each meeting. Whether you're a beginner to the Mac or iPad, of you've been using both devices for several years, you'll walk away with plenty of tips, tricks, and advice to make your computing experience more enjoyable.

MICROSOFT ACCESS SIG

Meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. – Leader Stuart Zahalka

WINDOWS SIG

Meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. – Leader Joe Isaac

The Windows SIG or Workshop for Windows 7, 8.1, and 10 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.. Topics covered may be: Windows, Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Windows Live Mail, Windows Live Photo Gallery, Control Panel, System Restore, Defrag, Desktop, Taskbar, Disk Cleanup, etc. To see which topic will be covered next go to http://joescomputertips.blogspot.com/
To see a year's worth of email Tips and Reviews go to:**http://www.ckcs.org/joetips.pdf**

WORD PROCESSING SIG

Meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Leader Larry Trivette

The Word Processing SIG starts with questions from classmates where the SIG leader and all attending help provide solutions and answers. In fact, many of the topics presented during each session come from questions received by email during the month. Topics are presented so that new as well as advanced computer users will benefit by attending. This workshop uses several Microsoft Word versions during the SIG.

UNIX / LINUX SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. – Leader Lewis Gardner

The Linux SIG handles a wide range of technical topics. Linux is based on Unix which is the granddaddy of modern networking. We spend a considerable amount of time on servers, networks, routers, access points and general network configuration. These operating systems are at the heart of many devices in our increasingly connected world. Come out and we will try to get your questions answered, your problems troubleshot or devices configured.

Also, a Steam account is required to access online multiplayer, which supports Mac-to-Mac play only." MacLife writes, "Tomb Raider doesn't always play to its strengths, but even its weakest moments display a developer with a keen eye for fusing stealth, exploration, and gunplay. Most series would do well to be rebooted in such fine fashion." "Brutal, beautiful and absolutely brilliant," yells iCreate in a headline reviewing the new Mac version of Tomb Raider.

"There is nothing about this game that should discourage you from playing it. The price is spot on – this game is very much worth the investment because of what it gives you in terms of story and range of gameplay. Tomb Raider has had new life breathed into it, and this looks and feels like the start of a very promising new era for the franchise," sums up iCreate in its review.

[Macworld: Notability for Mac brings ink to the desktop](#)

[Helpful Scribbles: Notability for Mac review](#)

[AppAdvice: Lara Croft Awaits In the Tomb Raider Franchise Reboot, Out Now In the Mac App Store](#)

[MacLife: Tomb Raider Review](#)

PCMag.com readers pick Apple, Amazon, Brother, Kindle, Microsoft, Nikon, Viewsonic and more for 2014 Readers' Choice Awards

Every year, readers of the PCMag.com web site vote their preferences for printers, desktops and laptops, tablets, computer monitors, ebook readers, and plenty of other tech devices.

For 27 years, PCMag has been publishing results of its Readers' Choice Awards – gauging what products and services readers love and which ones they don't.

PCMag's Readers' Choice Awards 2014 web site shows what its readers like and dislike in printers, desktops and laptops, tablets, ebook readers, digital cameras and more.

Here's a short overview of the winners, along with a portion of the remarks from PCMag. Check out PCMag's web site for the full list.

Printers

Brother – "The company's high overall satisfaction rating is likely buoyed by the satisfaction ratings it received for reliability, technical support, and the cost of consumables."

Desktop computers
Apple – "The perennial winner, Apple continues to receive satisfaction ratings that put it into a class of its own."

Laptop computers
Apple – "…Apple received overall satisfaction, satisfaction with reliability and likelihood to recommend ratings over 9.0. It's the only brand to be so highly rated, and consistently so…"

Tablets
Microsoft – "…According to respondents, the company has successfully built a responsive, attractive device that delivers for work and fun."

Tablet Operating Systems
Apple iOS – "Apple's well–established iOS operating system for iPads received the highest overall satisfaction rating for a tablet operating system…"

Computer monitors
Viewsonic – "Viewsonic has a monitor for every user, and PCMag readers place it ahead of its rivals with unmatched ratings for overall satisfaction, picture quality, and ease of use."

Ebook readers
Amazon – "If you read a lot, put down that tablet and pick up a Kindle ebook reader. Your eyes will thank you."

Digital cameras
Nikon – "From budget cameras to DSLRs, no company is doing a better job making its customers happy than Nikon, which rated best in our survey in overall satisfaction."

[PCMag's Readers' Choice Awards 2014 winners](#)

Study: Reading iPads and tablets before bedtime interrupts sleep cycles
If you feel tired in the morning after a night's sleep the culprit might surprise you.

A team from Harvard Medical School compared reading paper books and eBook readers and discovered that it took longer for a user of a backlit e–reader to fall asleep. (*Note that the standard Kindle e–reader does not emit light and is similar to a printed book. Amazon calls this model Kindle, 6–inch glare–free touchscreen display, and normally sells on the Amazon web site for $79.*)

The Vox headlined its story, "Want to fall asleep faster? Don't use an iPad before bed."

Vox reported, "Ninety percent of Americans frequently use electronic devices right before

"The standard Kindle e–reader does not emit light and is similar to a printed book."

bed.
And though it's a fun way to wind down,
a new experiment shows that the
bright screens are shining sleep problems directly into their eyes."

In addition, "Participants spent two weeks sleeping in a private hospital room and reading for four hours before bed with either a paper book or an iPad. Those using an iPad reported feeling less sleepy at night and took about 10 minutes longer to fall asleep…at night, the iPad users also experienced a 50 percent drop in melatonin – the hormone that makes people feel sleepy. Even more disturbing, their melatonin cycle shifted forward an hour and a half, essentially creating self–imposed jet lag."

Researchers monitored melatonin levels, quality of sleep, and how alert those in the study felt when they awoke. Participants who read an ereader before turning in for the night were in deep sleep (REM sleep) for shorter periods of time during the night.

"Electronic devices emit light that is short–wavelength enriched light, which has a higher concentration of blue light – with a peak around 450 nm – than natural night," said Anne–Marie Chang, assistant professor of biobehavioral health at Penn State, in a report published by UPI. "This is different from natural light in composition, having a greater impact on sleep and circadian rhythms."

What's happening, according to researchers, is that light–emitting devices such as back–lit ereaders, iPads, iPhones, and other devices emit light that can confuse the body.

 "There's a lot of skepticism out there; a lot of people think this is psychological. But what we showed is that reading from light–emitting, e–reader devices has profound biological effects," said Charles Czeisler, the director of the Division of Sleep Medicine at Harvard Medical School, in a report by The Science Times.

[Vox – Want to fall asleep faster? Don't use an iPad before bed](#)

[BBC – Ebooks 'damage sleep and health,' doctors warn](#)

[The Science Times: Reading from an E–reader before bedtime disrupts sleep – study](#)

Firefox coming to Apple's mobile iOS operating system?

Just when you thought Firefox would never appear on your iPad or iPhone, it just might. Mozilla confirms that it is experimenting with "something that allows iOS users to be able to choose a Firefox experience," reports the tech web site, Ars Technica.

Although I have resumed using Safari on the latest version of OS X (the operating system that powers Macs), I still rely on Firefox, and consider it my browser of choice. If Firefox comes to iOS, it would become my "go–to" browser on my iPad and iPod touch.

Why would Firefox develop a version for iOS? Ars Technica headlined a story, "Firefox coming to iOS because that's where the users are."

The article says prior to iOS 8, competing web browsers just didn't have access to the high–performance engine that built–in browser Safari uses on Apple's mobile devices. But that all changed with iOS 8, says Ars Technica. Other browsers now have parity with Safari and can perform in a similar fashion, giving them a reason to develop versions for iOS.

Ars Technica writes, "As recently as March 2013, Mozilla ruled out bringing Firefox to iOS due to the technical restrictions that Apple imposes on its platform. Then, as now, Apple effectively prohibits the creation of high-performance browser engines on its smartphone operating system through a number of technical restrictions. The only option browser developers have had is to embed Apple's own WebKit and provide a custom user interface around that."

That restriction hasn't been lifted, but iOS 8 allows browsers to use a full–power JavaScript engine, meaning browsers no longer have a disadvantage to Safari.

Opinion: Quicken 2015 for Mac – why bother when better apps exist?

Apple surprised me by naming Quicken 2015 one of its 'Best Mac Apps of 2014.'

Clearly, not everyone agrees with that choice.

Never, in my opinion, has a software developer done more than Intuit to alienate an entire platform of computer users.

Back in June 2011, MacLife published an article titled, "Quicken for Lion: Why Does Intuit Hate Mac Users?" The article described how

Quicken Essentials for Mac –– if this is a joke, we're not laughing.

This 2011 MacLife article describes how Intuit had no plans to upgrade Quicken for Mac 2007 so that it ran on OS X Lion, the newest Mac operating system at the time. Later, Intuit decided to tweak Quicken so that it worked under Lion. Many Mac users had decided by then to move on to alternatives from other companies.

Quicken 2007 would not run under OS X Lion (the newest Mac operating system at the time.) Eventually, Intuit tweaked Quicken so that it would run under Lion but by then the damage had been done.

A total of 1½ stars from 71 reviewers on the download.com site and the remark, "Worst Quicken ever (from a 20–year Quicken Mac user)" does not make me want to run and download Quicken 2015 for Mac.

A reviewer who calls himself or herself Wizard2 on the Macupdate.com web site gives Quicken 2015 ½ star (that's right, one–half star) and writes, "WOW – amazing how little improvement 10 years and 75 dollars can make. I gave up on ALL Intuit products when they snubbed us Mac users a decade ago. Their conga–line of useless financial apps didn't appease us – and frankly, I've moved on."

A customer on Amazon's web site who identifies himself as Grant A. Thompson of Australia writes, "Intuit's absurd, abominable, *abysmal* performance with Quicken for Mac has gone beyond a joke into the realm of insult to the Mac personal finance software customer community. Intuit again is vaguely promising to add missing features – from a long list of missing features – at some unspecified time in the future. Seem familiar to anyone? It's the post-Quicken for Mac 2007 vaporware song and dance routine all over again, re-enacted by the all-time star performer and unbeatable industry champion of Mac vaporware, Intuit Inc."

Wow. I'd hate to see his review if he actually hated the app.

A woman who identifies herself as "Chicago Gal," reviewed Quicken for Mac 2015 with these comments, "I was part of the beta testing team for this product and, in my opinion, it was released way too soon. It has lots of bugs plus it has less features and a lot of differences from the Quicken Windows version…Intuit's attitude toward its Mac customers is breathtaking in its level of arrogance and neglect."

No love lost there.

Customers on Amazon's web site (where Quicken 2015 for Mac is available for digital download and also in DVD format) collectively rate the software — three stars.

Glenn Fleishman writes in the popular Apple–oriented web site TidBits: "I have tried nearly every Quicken alternative over the last five years, including Mint and the terrible Quicken Essentials, and none suited me. Some couldn't import the full 15 years of data from my Quicken file; others lost valuable information in conversion; and many just didn't match the way I thought about recording transactions and running reports, something that Quicken had certainly shaped."

Fleishman, writing in TidBits, is extremely frustrated because he cannot import many years of Quicken data into the latest version of the Mac software: "Quicken 2015 isn't awful. That's great praise given how bad Quicken Essentials was and Intuit's long-running inability to update its flagship financial software for a platform of customers who desperately wanted a new version. At $74.99, Quicken 2015 is also not cheap, but given the small amount I've paid for minor updates to 2007 over the years, I was willing to plop my money down. But for my purposes, Quicken 2015 still isn't fully baked. After finding much to like about it, including a crisp interface, a better way to specify transaction details, and good connections to online financial accounts, its failure to import my Quicken 2007 reports (honed over 15 years for business and personal tax and other reporting) and its lack of report customization makes it a non-starter."

He concludes, "Perhaps I am too forgiving. After so many years and so many missteps since Quicken 2007's initial release, I should have given up on Intuit. (Do all Quicken users feel like Charlie Brown, taking yet another run at Intuit's football?) But since I still can't find a comparable package that meets my modest needs for entry, sync, and reporting, I have to hope Intuit succeeds in rebuilding a full 2007 house on 2015's new foundations."

For the record, I gave up on Quicken for Mac many years ago. I haven't used it since – and don't intend to.

For my money, there are many better financial software options for the Mac. iBank 5 is probably the most popular finance app on the Mac – type "finance" (without quotes) into the search blank at the Mac App Store on your computer and you'll find dozens of software titles – which might perfectly fit the bill.

CheckBook and CheckBook Pro, MoneyWell, Moneydance, Money by Jumsoft, MoneyWiz, MoneyBag, and MyMoney are some of the other Mac financial software titles available. (Some are available via The Mac App Store; still others are available via the software developers' web sites.)

Clearly, excellent software is being developed for the Mac. So while Fleishman says Quicken for Mac 2015 isn't awful, why bother when excellent titles *do* exist?

TidBits – Quicken 2015: Close, But Not Yet Acceptable

Tips all Amazon customers should know – save money by using a free browser plug–in
The Camelizer is a vital tool that works with Safari, Firefox, and Chrome Mac web browsers

I was going to headline this article, "Secrets for Amazon customers," but decided against it. Still, the tips provided below might as well be secret since so few Amazon customers are aware of them. In addition, Amazon is constantly changing its prices. Savvy shoppers need to check back early and often to see if the price on a product in which they're interested has dropped.

#1. Download and install the Camelizer plug–in to see if Amazon is offering a good deal on your current purchase. You can find the Camelizer here for Safari, Firefox and Chrome browsers on the Mac. Sorry, Camelizer doesn't work with the iPad version of Safari since Apple doesn't allow browser add–ons (extensions) on its tablet device.

Once you install the Camelizer, you'll learn the lowest and highest prices that Amazon has ever charged for thousands of items. Several items to note: Amazon must sell the merchandise – Camelizer doesn't work properly with third party sellers.

Here's an example. Let's say I'm interested in buying a new Brother all–in–one laser printer, scanner, and copier. I found one on Amazon that I'm interested in.

As I write this, Amazon is selling the Brother MFCL2700DW for $149.99. Amazon shows the list price as $349.99. Amazon says it is selling this product for 57% below the list price.

But is it possible that Amazon offered an even better deal on this popular all–in–one?

I have installed the Camelizer plug–in on Safari on my Mac mini. I am on the individual product's page on Amazon and now click on the Camelizer icon.
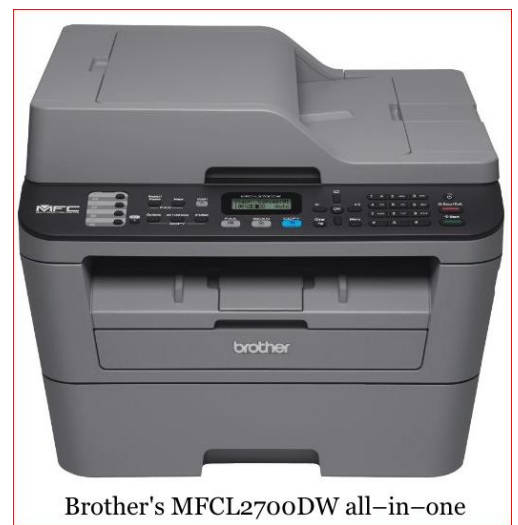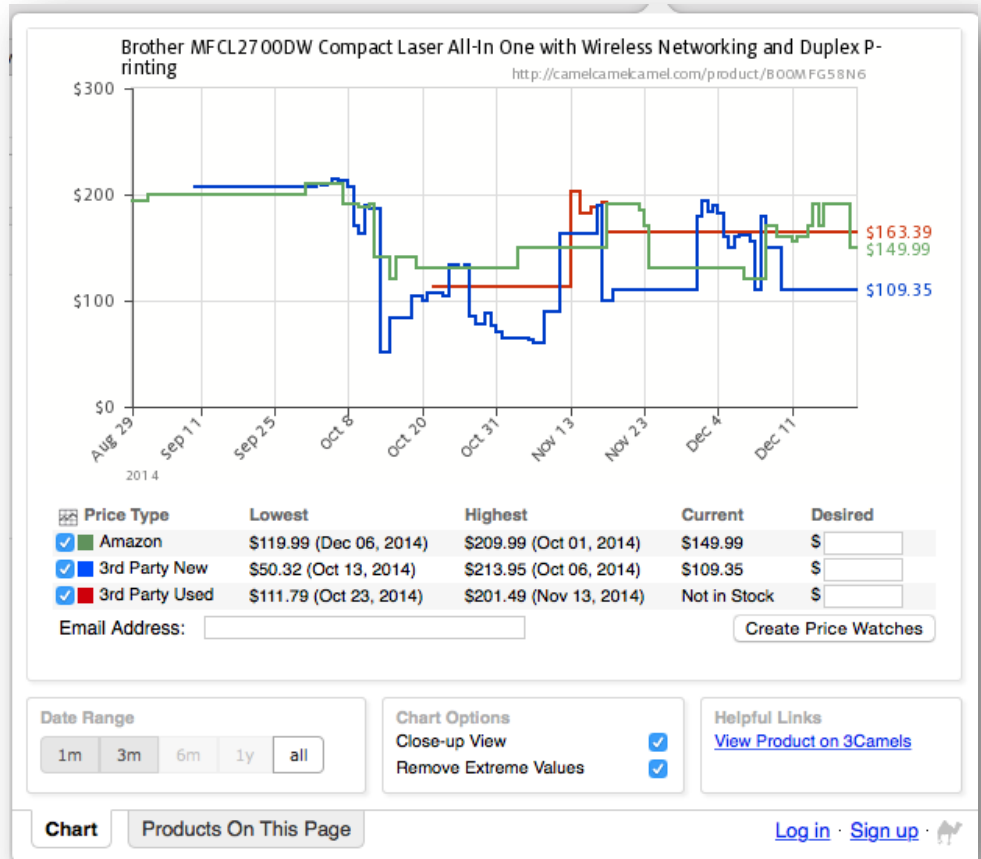

Brother's MFCL2700DW all–in–one

A box opens on the upper right–hand corner of Safari, revealing that on Dec. 6th of 2014, Amazon sold this Brother unit for $119.99.

The highest price Amazon charged was $209.99 on Oct. 1, 2014.

This gives me a great opportunity to review pricing and gauge whether or not to wait until Amazon cuts the price on this unit to $119.99.

This might or might not happen, but it provides me a benchmark I can use when shopping by price.

In addition, Camelizer shows pricing from some third–party sellers, which sell via Amazon.

Brother MFCL2700DW Compact Laser All-In One with Wireless Networking and Duplex P-rinting
http://camelcamelcamel.com/product/B00MFG58N6

Price Type	Lowest	Highest	Current	Desired
Amazon	$119.99 (Dec 06, 2014)	$209.99 (Oct 01, 2014)	$149.99	$
3rd Party New	$50.32 (Oct 13, 2014)	$213.95 (Oct 06, 2014)	$109.35	$
3rd Party Used	$111.79 (Oct 23, 2014)	$201.49 (Nov 13, 2014)	Not in Stock	$

Email Address: Create Price Watches

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This gives you even more information as you make your decision whether or not to buy (the plug–in even shows pricing for new and used versions of the product you're interested in.)

Camelizer also tracks pricing on two other online sites: Newegg.com and Bestbuy.com.

#2 Visit CKCS.org and click on the "Amazon" button on the lower left–hand side of the web site before you make your purchase. If you have already logged into your Amazon account, a new page will open allowing you to make your purchase. CKCS gets a portion of the money you spend. I buy quite a bit from Amazon and always click on the CKCS button first. If you truly believe in what CKCS is doing, this is one way to help sustain the organization.

gPost: The Camelizer is a browser plugin that shows you price history and discount alerts