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**THE GOAL OF CKCS**

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

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

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

# GET TECH HELP AT CKCS ON JULY 3

## iHelp & Dr. Fixit Are Here To Help

No doubt you've heard the phrase – Use it or lose it. That applies to many areas of life, including the service CKCS offers through iHelp and Dr. Fixit. We can sum up our message in four simple words – TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.



Photo: Daniel Korpai on Unsplash

The first time CKCS opened its doors in over a year to in-person iHelp and Dr. Fixit sessions in June, very few people took advantage.

If you have questions about Apple products or need troubleshooting help, iHelp is designed to provide assistance.

Dr. Fixit is there to help with Windows 10 issues as well as Android devices.

Say you've got a question about your iPhone. We're here to help. The same applies to iPads and Macs. In fact, you can even send in your question ahead of time to [CKCSiHelp@gmail.com](mailto:CKCSiHelp@gmail.com). Then we'll be ready for you when you show up in person on June 3. Just make sure your question includes details (be specific).



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Say you've got a nagging Windows 10 issue that you just haven't been able to solve. You've tried one solution.

When it didn't work, you tried another. Or you're looking for someone to help provide an answer. The Dr. Fixit team is here to help. Again, be specific with your questions.

Can we solve every problem? No. But we give it a really good try and we have helped many CKCS members and others with their tech issues.

If you have a heavy-duty issue with an Apple product, make an appointment with the Genius Bar at the Fritz Farm store.

Another alternative is to visit one of the excellent computer repair shops in Lexington – several very good repair techs have spoken at CKCS Tech Nights. *Support them if you can.*



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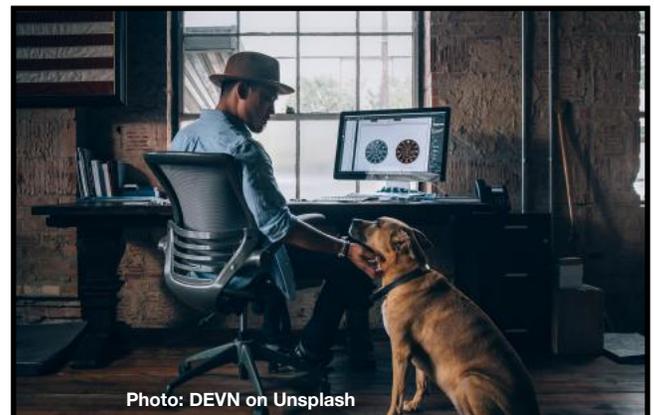


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**CKCS members and others with questions for either iHelp or Dr. Fixit – please join us in-person on Sat., July 3 from 10 A.M. to noon at the CKCS Resource Center on Moore Drive. We will attempt to solve your tech issue at that time.**

# DOZENS ATTEND JUNE CKCS PICNIC AND ELECTION IN SHILLITO PARK



Brooke Thomas displays one of the prizes at the picnic – an Apple Airtag.



Delicious. An apt description for this plate of goodies served at the picnic.



Photos: Joe Dietz and Brooke Thomas

## 2021 CKCS Picnic & Election

A group photo of CKCS members and guests who attended the event in Lexington's Shillito Park.

Forty or so folks showed up to eat fried chicken and dishes made by CKCS members as well as cast ballots for the computer society's board and officers.



Mike Seiler discusses the election of CKCS officers and board members.



Those attending the picnic and election sampled plenty of tasty fare, including fried chicken.

**Election Results: CKCS officers for the coming year** — Brooke Thomas, president; Joe Dietz, vice-president; Larry Trivette, secretary; Jim McCormick, treasurer.

**Directors (Two-year terms)** — Bob Brown, Janet Cartmell, Larry Mitchum, Eugene Potter, Pennie Redmond.

**Directors (One-year remaining in their terms)** — Boone Baldwin, Toni Greider, Jan Landers-Lyman, Ben Rice, Mike Seiler.

# Central Kentucky Computer Society Board of Directors



Brooke Thomas  
President



Joe Dietz  
Vice President



Larry Trivette  
Treasurer



Jim McCormick  
Treasurer



Jan Landers-Lyman



Bob Brown



Boone Baldwin



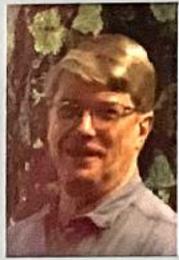
Eugene Potter



Ben Rice



Janet Cartmell



Mike Seiler



Larry Mitchum



Toni Greider



Pennie Redmond

It takes plenty of volunteers, supporters, and yes, money, to run a non-profit organization such as CKCS. These are the men and women who give their time and energy to serve as computer society board of directors and officers. If you think of a ship, these are the folks who are trying to steer that ship through sometimes rough waters. Central Kentucky Computer Society was formed in 1984 with the goal of empowering its members so they become comfortable with technology.

Back in those days, CKCS was in a different home. DOS (Variations of the Disk Operating System) was the operating system running IBM-compatible computers. Macs ran System I and popularized the idea of a graphical user system (icons) and mouse. By the early 1980's, thousands of computer users were running UNIX at AT&T and elsewhere. Computer science students at

universities wanted to continue using UNIX as they got jobs in companies.

People all over the world were scrambling to learn how to use word processors, TrueType fonts, MacWrite on Macs and Microsoft Word on IBM PCs were very popular.

WordStar was an established program based on the CP/M operating system at the time. And who could forget WordPerfect for DOS and Mac — which was a market leader and filled with features ahead of their time?

The point is – CKCS has evolved with the times. The folks shown above are committed to keeping CKCS alive, vital, and financially sound. Your support and membership helps keep CKCS doing what it does best.

# Fall Classes & Workshops

Registration Starts August 2

See Ways You Can Register on Page 8.

Class	Overview	Date & Time
<b>Intro To Photography (Class)</b> <b>Cost: \$45 for non-CKCS members/\$36 for members</b>	You will learn to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set camera controls</li> <li>• Choose a subject and presets</li> <li>• Compose, take, and review photographs</li> <li>• Move photographs to your PC</li> <li>• View your photographs</li> </ul> During the second class, students will review their photographs and learn to make corrections. We'll discuss camera controls, presets, and rules of composition. Reviewing photographs will continue in the third class along with a discussion of recommended memory cards and lenses.	Mondays Sept. 13, 20, 27 1 – 3 P.M.
<b>Getting the Most Out of Your iPhone (Class)</b> <b>Cost: \$60/\$48</b>	<b>Required: iPhone – any version</b> Learn important (and hidden) functions of your iPhone. Learn how to download apps, move them, nest them and delete them. You'll learn how to take photos with your phone, organize your photos, and send them in text messages and emails. Text messaging and using Siri will also be covered. Participants should bring their (fully charged) iPhone and know (or bring) their passcode, Apple ID and password.	Tuesdays Sept. 21 & 28 Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 1 – 3 P.M.
<b>Adventures In Photography (Class)</b> <b>Cost: \$55/\$44</b>	<b>Students should have a basic knowledge of their camera.</b> You need to have your camera charged with a full battery, an empty memory card, the camera manual and a note pad. You will learn about white balance, depth of field, aperture, and shutter speeds to blur and stop motion. Find out how to photograph close up with the lens you already have. Teachers will demonstrate close-up and micro photography techniques with other lenses. You will learn how to use common filters correctly. The instructors will also introduce infrared photography using filters provided by the instructors. This five-week course will spend alternating weeks in class and in the field shooting photos.	Mondays Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 Nov. 1 1 – 3 P.M.
<b>Digital Imaging Using Corel PaintShop Pro for Windows PC (Class)</b> <b>Cost: \$60/\$48</b>	You'll learn how to enhance your photos with PaintShop Pro. Instruction will include how to crop, brighten, lighten, and generally clean up your pictures for better presentation. You'll also learn how to properly scan old photographs and slides so they can be enhanced. You'll also learn about using text with images, layers, straightening photos, and using scripts to create a variety of different presentations, such as color sketch or charcoal sketch. You will work on restoring old pictures, learn how to edit someone out of a photo and insert them into another photo. Instruction also includes creating a collage with several of your photos.	Mondays Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 Nov. 1 10 A.M. – Noon
<b>Getting the Most Out of Your iPad (Class)</b> <b>Cost: \$60/\$48</b>	<b>Participants should bring their fully charged iPad updated with the latest operating system and know (or bring) their Apple ID and password.</b> Learn how to use the built-in Apple apps on your iPad. Personalize and organize your apps, take better photos and organize them. Acquire information about settings, learn the secrets of the keyboard, emailing, and texting with animation. Get tips on using the Calendar, Notes, Reminders, and Books. Face-time will be included, if time permits.	Wednesdays Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov. 3, 10 1 – 3 P.M.
<b>Computer Basics for Windows 10 (Class)</b> <b>Cost: \$60/\$48</b>	You will learn fundamentals of using a Windows 10 computer. Learn to use various aspects of Microsoft Word including manipulating text and inserting graphics into a document. Basic filing and basic file management are introduced. The final class will include email basics and use of the Internet.	Thursdays Oct. 14, 21, 28 Nov. 4, 11, 18 10 A.M. – Noon



# Fall Classes & Workshops

**Registration Starts August 2**

See Ways You Can Register on Page 8.

Class	Overview	Date & Time
<b>Organizing Your Computer Files For Windows 10</b> (Class) Cost: \$45/\$36	Have you ever created a file, saved it, only to find you cannot locate it later? We will look at several strategies that can be used to organize your files, making them easier to find. We will spend time learning techniques for moving files and folders on your computer and external storage devices.	Tuesdays Oct. 26 Nov. 2, 9 10 A.M. – Noon
<b>Intro To Astrophotography</b> (Class) Cost: \$45/\$36	It takes special know-how and equipment to get great photographs of the sky at night. This class will teach you the tricks and tips to do that. The course will begin with a lecture session discussing the equipment needed to bring to the night session. The next class will be an evening of photographing with the instructors at McConnell Springs. The final class will be a review and discussion of how to post process your photos.	Mondays Nov. 8, 15 1– 3 P.M. and one evening to be announced
<b>Post-Processing Your Photos Using NIK Software</b> (Class) Cost: \$45/\$36	<b>Students will need to bring their laptops.</b> Learn how to use many of the features of the NIK Collection. This software boasts “with a range of stunning visual effects and some brilliant new editing tools, Nik Collection gives you total creative control over your photos.” Using your own photos, you will learn how use the visual effects and editing tools to transform your photos. For students who don’t have this program, the instructor will provide instructions a week before class on how to download the 30-day free version.	Mondays Nov. 29 Dec. 6 & 13 1 – 3 P.M.
<b>Using Your iPhone Camera to the MAX</b> (Workshop) Cost: \$30/\$24	Using apps already on the iPhone students will learn techniques to take better pictures and improve them by cropping, lightening or darkening, and by adding filters. They will learn how to take videos, time lapse and panoramas. They will also learn how to create albums and discover several ways to share their photos with others.	Tuesday Sept. 7 1 – 4 P.M.
<b>Intro to Digital Scrapbooking</b> (Workshop) Cost: \$30/\$24	<b>You may want to bring your laptop or tablet to class.</b> You’ll learn how to create digital scrapbook pages using both Adobe Photoshop Elements as well as the PicCollage app. The workshop will include choosing the page size, adding photos, backgrounds, text, and other elements of interest. Other apps to create digital scrapbook pages will also be mentioned. You’ll learn about a list of vendors that will print your scrapbook pages. Handouts will be emailed to the students.	Monday Nov. 15 10 A.M. – Noon
<b>Making Personal Note Cards and Greeting Cards Using Microsoft Word for Windows</b> (Workshop) Cost: \$30/\$24	Learn to save money by making your own <b>original</b> and <b>personalized</b> note and greeting cards using Microsoft Word! You will be taught to set up a note card page, to add graphics from the Internet and/or your own photos, to set up templates, to make sets of note cards or individual cards, and to file them for future use. This is an opportunity to engage your imagination and creativity and to have fun. Card stock and a starter-kit folder of graphics for note cards will be provided. Each student should bring a thumb/flash drive loaded with photos to be used to create her/his personal note cards.	Thursday Dec. 2 10 A.M. – Noon



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



### • Registration Procedures •

Registration Starts Aug. 2

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

• Register by Phone: Call 859-373-1000 to register via credit card only.

In August, phone Mon.–Fri. 11 A.M. – 2 P.M.

After August, 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](http://www.ckcs.org/store) and click on either Classes or Workshops on the blue menu at the top of the page. Choose the workshop or class you want. Register and pay by credit card. Before registering, please visit the CKCS [home page](#) and read the Store Registration Guide first.

• Register in-person: 160 Moore Drive, Lexington

In August, visit CKCS Mon.–Fri. 11 A.M. – 2 P.M.

After August, visit CKCS Mon. – Thurs. 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.

### Class/Workshop Pricing

Unless indicated otherwise, classes cost \$48 for CKCS members, \$60 for non-members. Pricing for individual classes is shown on the schedule on pages 6 and 7.

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

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



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



By Brooke Thomas

**July Tech Night**  
**Mon., July 12 at 7 p.m.**  
**In-person and on Zoom**

**Learn about U.K.'s Covid Research**

Who knew the University of Kentucky has been so involved in COVID-19 Vaccine research? At Tech Night we will learn what they have been up to. Our guest speaker will share results of some of the studies that have been done and what they are currently involved in.

Here are some of the headlines involving their past and current research:

“The University of Kentucky has been selected as a site for PreventCovidU, a new study evaluating COVID-19 infection and transmission among post-secondary students vaccinated with the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.”

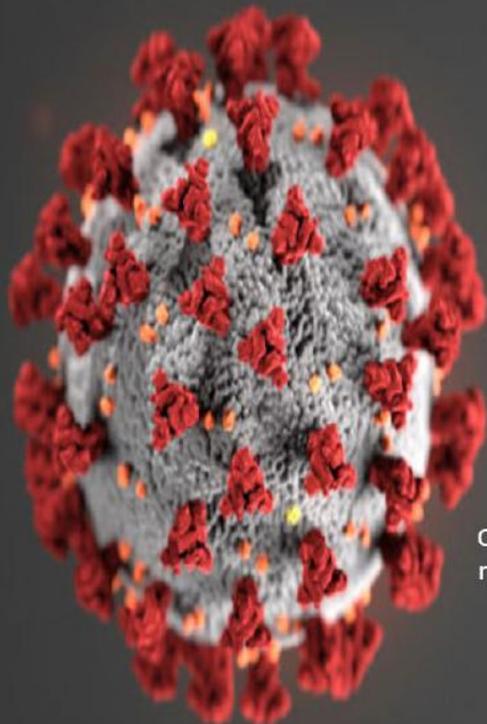
“The University of Kentucky, in partnership with Baptist Health Lexington and Norton Healthcare in Louisville, participated as a site for the Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson’s Phase 3 clinical research study, called the ENSEMBLE trial.”

“The University of Kentucky Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) [Wellness, Health & You \(WHY\)](#) program reveals changes in Kentuckian’s COVID-19 prevention behaviors and attitudes about vaccination over the first year of the pandemic. More than 1,500 people have completed brief surveys designed to understand how Kentuckians are responding to the pandemic.”

“Researchers at the University of Kentucky are conducting a 20-minute survey to better understand the experience of using mobile technology during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“Doctors at the University of Kentucky are part of KidCOVE, a research study to test the safety and effectiveness of a pediatric vaccine that may protect children from getting sick with COVID-19.”

More details are forthcoming so be sure to check [www.CKCS.org](http://www.CKCS.org) and the Weekly “Next Week at your computer society” email. Remember that Tech Night will be a hybrid event. *Join us at the CKCS Resource Center for the in-person presentation or via Zoom.*



**Tech Night**  
**July 12, 2021**  
**7:00 pm**  
In person and on Zoom

**University of Kentucky presents its research on COVID-19 Vaccines**

Currently UK is involved in research that will allow more science-based decisions about mask use and social distancing after vaccination. UK has been involved in other studies of the various vaccines during the last year.

They will be sharing information about this current study and past studies.

CKCS IS ALIVE THANKS TO YOU.

## New Memberships & Renewals

### CKCS Memberships

From May 22 to June 21

Submitted by CKCS Board  
Member Ben Rice

### New Members

Judith Lesnaw

Edward B. Reeves

Tom Tomecek

### Renewing Members

Robert Barry Bingham

Nancy E. Bonhaus

James Brown

Jerry K. Brown

Robert & Debra Dicken

Rita Egan

Tom Herndon

Phillip Johnson

Catherina McDonnell

Philip G. Meyer

Jim Murray & Sandra Shropshire

Sandra O' Neal

Susan F. Stivers

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Gail Waller



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### • OFFICERS •

#### Re-elected June 2021

President: Brooke Thomas  
Vice-President: Joe Dietz  
Secretary: Larry Trivette  
Treasurer: Jim McCormick

### • DIRECTORS •

#### One year remaining in their terms

Boone Baldwin  
Toni Greider  
Jan Landers-Lyman  
Ben Rice  
Mike Seiler

#### Two year terms

Bob Brown  
Janet Cartmell  
Larry Mitchum  
Eugene Potter  
Pennie Redmond

#### Webmasters

Bob Brown, Wendell Curtis

#### Class Coordinator

Janet Cartmell

#### Office Coordinator

Jan Landers-Lyman

#### Office Supervisors

Bob Brown, Wendell Curtis, Tracy Elton, Nancy Kolacz,  
Jan Landers-Lyman, Mike Seiler, Lydia Short, Julia Steanson,  
Larry Trivette, Cookie Dungan

#### Alternate Supervisors

Jenny Brown, Nancy Bowling, Kathy Davis, Gale Greer,  
Marie Han, Nita Martin, Toni Greider, John Plumlee,  
Sandra O' Neal, Helen Pope, Dottie VanWinkle

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Ben Rice, Brooke Thomas, Toni Greider, Gail Waller, Pat Vaughan, Lydia Short,  
Kurt Jefferson

#### Refreshment Center

Jim Hughes

**Your support is what keeps CKCS going. Thank you for becoming a member, renewing your membership and helping keep CKCS alive! We need you now more than ever!**

# President's Comments

The doors flew open last month and CKCS was officially open for in-person activities. It got started the first Saturday in June for Dr. Fixit and iHelp and continued for the rest of the month.

It was great to see all the folks at the annual picnic and elections this year

We had a great turnout and a beautiful day for the picnic. Our first participant who arrived was a squirrel shown on this page.



Brooke Thomas  
[president@ckcs.org](mailto:president@ckcs.org)



He wasn't too happy about the crowd and scurried off quickly. You can see from the pictures that we had a great selection of food and over 40 participants! Six lucky members and guests won door prizes.

The door prizes were an AirTag, photo paper, an Amazon dot, an Amazon smart plug, a CKCS workshop, and a portable Bluetooth speaker.

Also, members had a chance to claim items that members have brought in over the years to donate. We did some spring cleaning at the office and these items were ready to find new homes.

Annual elections were held at the picnic and the results are president for the coming year is Brooke Thomas, vice president is Joe Dietz, secretary is Larry Trivette and treasurer is Jim McCormick.

The five directors serving a two-year term are Janet Cartmell, Bob Brown, Eugene Potter, Larry Mitchum, and Pennie Redmond.

You probably recognize these names because they held these positions last year.

This is a working board in that all members wear very many hats. You can read more about them in last month's newsletter.

The SIGs last month were all hybrid. These sessions were held at CKCS and also used Zoom to connect with people at home.

We purchased a conference mike and a camera so people attending in-person and those attending via zoom could hear and see each other.

Mike Seiler's Windows SIG was the first to go hybrid. Most of his attendees chose to participate via Zoom. Jerry Heaton's Word SIG had several people attend in person and twice as many joined on Zoom.

Along with the Kentucky participants, there was one from Florida and another from Illinois.

The Amateur's Photographer's Club is holding hybrid meetings at CKCS and has planned to spend one Thursday each month doing a photoshoot around town. Catch the details in the SIG Meeting Calendar on the CKCS Website or in this newsletter. Joe Dietz's Digital Photography SIG this month is the Annual Photo Contest.

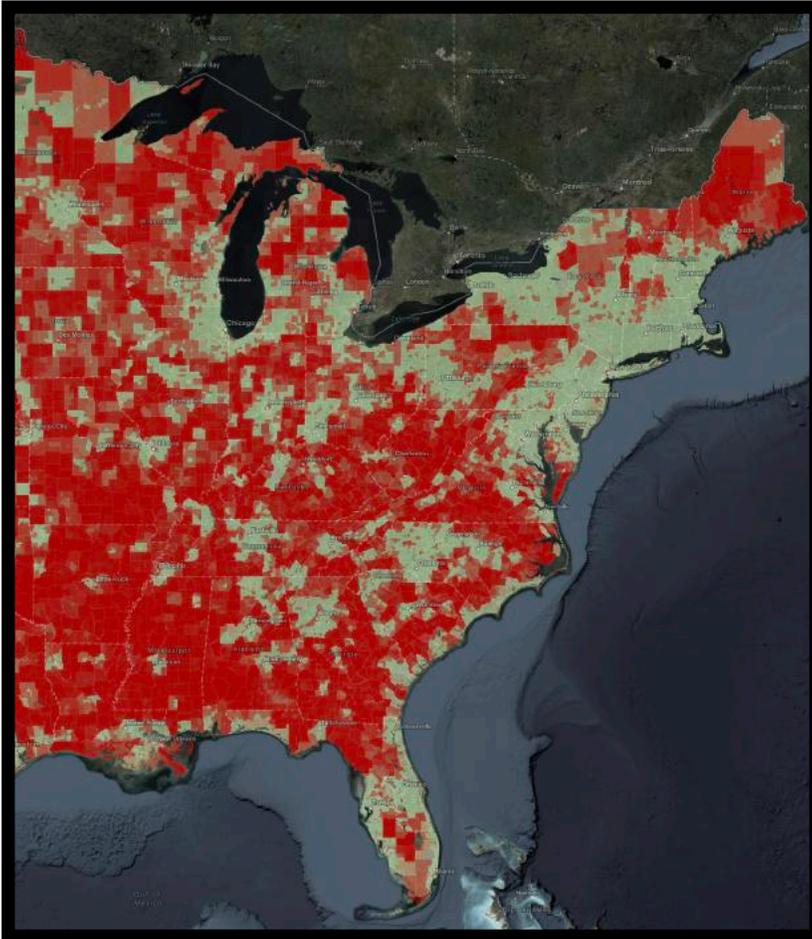
It is always a good time where members submit hard copies of their pictures and then, at the SIG, participants vote and awards are given for first, second, and third place.

It is an especially good time because guests bring snacks to share. This meeting will not be online via Zoom.

So now that the doors are open I hope you will join us in person and we can enjoy all the activities offered at CKCS.



# High-Speed Internet: Who's Got It? Who Doesn't?



Red areas denote limited broadband Internet access. The green portions of the map generally surround cities and indicate greater Internet access. Typically, the more rural a county, the less access to high-speed Internet. Source: ESRI

While many CKCS members use the Internet daily to check news and weather, pay bills online, listen to music, track sports scores, and to register for CKCS and OLLI classes and workshops, many of our neighbors have no Internet access.

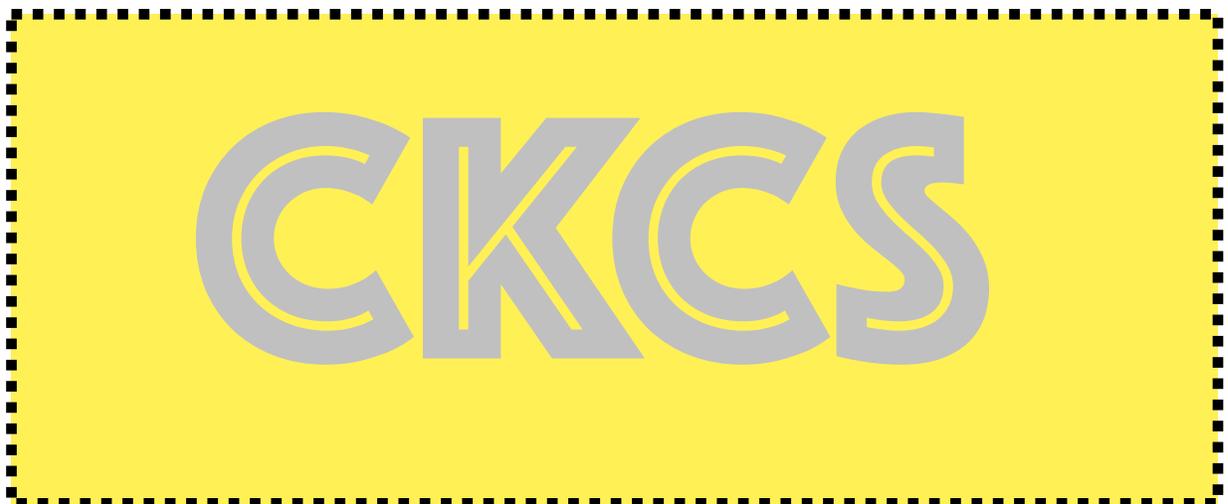
The U.S. government has revealed a [new interactive map](#) revealing where gaps occur in Internet service. The U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) created the updated map. Census surveys from 2015 to 2019 were used to paint a picture of just how many Americans have no home Internet access and no computers, smartphones or tablets. So while you grab your iPad and check weather radar or visit maps to show how many are without power, an individual in your county might have no access to the Internet.

If you check the numbers, you quickly discover that a fair percentage of us in central Kentucky have no home Internet service and don't own devices connected to the Internet.

County	No Home Internet Access	No PC, Mac, Smartphone or Tablet
<b>Selected Counties in Kentucky Shown on the New 'Indicators of Broadband Need' Map</b>	<b>Percentage of Households With No Internet Access</b>	<b>Percentage of Households Without These Devices</b>
Fayette	6.4%	9.6%
Bourbon	15.2%	22.8%
Clark	12.3%	20%
Woodford	13.6%	9.6%
Scott	11.6%	7.8%
Jessamine	13.3%	10%
Madison	15.7%	9.6%
Garrard	18.1%	14.1%
Franklin	13.7%	10.4%
Shelby	13.7%	9.8%
Anderson	16.4%	11.5%
Montgomery	20.8%	13.9%
Pulaski	22.9%	16.8%
Laurel	21.8%	18.1%
Lincoln	29.4%	20.9%
Grant	23.7%	17%
Kenton	11.8%	8.6%
Boone	7.4%	5.4%
Campbell	14.1%	10%
Pike	24.3%	16.1%
Floyd	24.8%	18.2%
Warren	11.2%	9.3%
Owen	30.7%	21%
Mason	24%	20%
Nicholas	32.4%	24.6%
Robertson	45.9%	26.4%
Harrison	29.8%	21.8%
Lee	38.7%	28.7%

# IF YOU BELIEVE IN CKCS AND ITS MISSION, PLEASE SUPPORT IT BY:

- ✓ • **Becoming a member.** You can phone (859) 373-1000 and request a membership application or visit <https://ckcs.org/ClcsApp.pdf>. Fill out the form and mail it in.  
Or go online to the CKCS Store: [ckcs.org/store](https://ckcs.org/store)
- ✓ • **Taking classes or workshops.** The spring session of classes is underway. See page 11 for a list of classes & workshops.
- ✓ • **Choosing to support CKCS when you shop at Kroger.** [This website tells you how to set it up.](#) Please choose the Central Kentucky Computer Society as the non-profit you want to support. When you buy groceries, a portion of what you pay benefits CKCS.
- ✓ • **Choosing to support CKCS when you buy online using AmazonSmile.** You have to visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) (not [amazon.com](https://amazon.com)) to make this work. If you prefer, you can use the Amazon mobile app on your smartphone and activate “AmazonSmile” in the Settings. Then choose CKCS as the non-profit you want to help. [This website](#) explains what AmazonSmile is and how to use it.



## June Quiz Answers

True or False?  
Check your answers to last month's general knowledge quiz in this newsletter.

How many did you get right?	
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5. T	23. F
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17. F	35. F
18. T	36. T

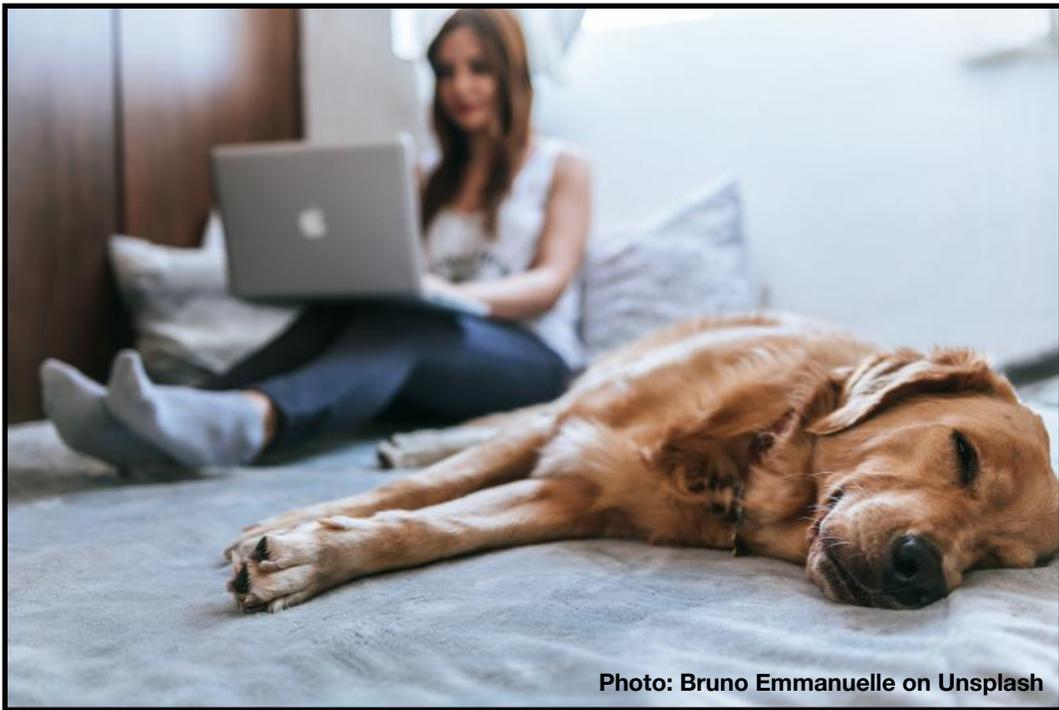


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Sometimes we all have to take breaks from the computers and Internet devices in our lives. But when you're ready to learn more, CKCS teachers are ready to teach. And don't forget Dr. Fixit and iHelp on the first Saturday of each month.



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# Amazon Smart Devices Share Your Internet Connection With Your Neighbors

By Kurt Jefferson



I know several people who refuse to buy a smart speaker because they fear it will “listen in” on their supper-table

discussions, their side of phone conversations, and even their interactions with their family pets.

Now, news reports may seal the deal and reinforce their objections so they will never invite a smart speaker into their homes.

These reports have to do with Amazon smart devices. In June, the company launched a program called Amazon Sidewalk.

It requires owners of many Amazon Echo smart speakers and Ring security cameras to automatically share a portion of their wireless Internet connection with their neighbors.

How do you stop this? The only way is for you to turn off Sidewalk.

You have to opt out of the program. Amazon defends Sidewalk by saying it makes sure that its devices that are out of reach of a WiFi connection keep operating.

The concept behind Sidewalk is to turn home WiFi connections into a “mesh network” that can extend Internet coverage to areas that residential WiFi can’t reach. Amazon’s Echo and Ring devices work in unison to create this network by taking a small portion of bandwidth from home Internet connections.

But news reports indicate some security experts are frowning. They say the technology is so new that potential risks to one’s security and privacy are unclear.

Connecticut’s attorney general even warned consumers that Amazon’s approach is “unchartered territory” and urged people to opt out of Sidewalk unless they are absolutely sure their privacy and security will be protected.

Others praise the technology.

A computer science professor in France tells *The Washington Post* that Amazon’s network would make it easier and less expensive to use Internet connected devices as long as the system is open and accessible.

*The New York Time’s* [website](#) that has garnered praise for its accurate testing on everything from ponchos to microwave ovens addresses the issue with the headline, *Amazon Sidewalk Will Share Your Internet With Strangers. It’s Not As Scary As It Sounds*. The Wirecutter says you need to know four points:

- You can turn off Sidewalk at any time.
- Compatible devices automatically will have Sidewalk enabled.
- Your involvement is totally optional.
- Your Internet Service Provider does not like Sidewalk and could flag you for using it.

The Wirecutter points out, “Crucially, you will never know who is sharing your signal (or when), and vice versa– your devices will never be able to tell which Sidewalk device you’re connected to when you leave home.”

The Wirecutter describes how a Tile tracker on a child’s backpack or dog collar may allow you to follow their path as they connect or disconnect from all of the Amazon Sidewalk–connected devices in your neighborhood.

Amazon says it alerted customers in emails last November and in May that Sidewalk was on its way.

If you’d like to disable or enable Sidewalk, Amazon provides instructions [here](#). It says you can use the Alexa app to change the settings. (You cannot use your desktop Mac or PC to make the changes.)

I suspect Sidewalk will push folks who don’t trust smart speakers even further into the category of those who will never buy one of these gizmos. They don’t trust them. They don’t favor them. They don’t want them in their homes. Period.

Read more about Sidewalk at [Tom’s Guide](#), [PCMag](#), [TechHive](#), [WIRED](#), and [C|net](#).

**Let me add:** *We’re going to hear plenty more about Amazon Sidewalk in the weeks to come. The discussion about the pros and cons of this technology has only just begun. Stay tuned.*

# July Zoom Links

Join us for the following Zoom sessions on your PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, Android phone or tablet or other device that will run the Zoom application.

**CKCS Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thurs., July 1 at 7 P.M.**

**iHelp (In-Person)**  
**Dr. Fixit (In-Person)**  
**Sat., July 3 at 10 A.M.**

**Windows 10 SIG**  
**Tues., July 13 at 7 P.M.**  
Zoom link to join:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82811157647>

**Mac/iPad SIG**  
**No Meeting**

**Tech Night**  
**Mon., July 12 at 7 P.M.**  
Tech Night this month is:  
Univ. of Ky. Presents Covid-19 Vaccine Studies

**Word Processing SIG**  
**Tues., July 20 at 7 P.M.**  
Zoom link to join:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83030906264>

**Amateur Photographers Club SIG**  
**Every Thursday in July at 10 A.M.**

Zoom link to join:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89234995079>

**Digital Photography SIG**  
**Tues., July 27 at 7 P.M.**

Zoom link to join:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82232057510>

*Zoom links for CKCS classes and workshops will be emailed to students.*

Zoom for Windows and Mac can be downloaded from the Zoom Download Center [here](#).

**The latest Zoom version available for desktops is 5.7.1 (Updated frequently).**

If you need Zoom for your iPad or iPhone, it's available from the App Store. Zoom is also available for Android phones and tablets through Google Play.

*Get More Out of Your Zoom Meetings* is available [here](#).

ZDNet has created a *Complete Zoom Guide—From Basic Help to Advanced Tricks* found [here](#).



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## July 2021 CKCS Special Interest Group (SIG) Schedule

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

**CKCS re-opens for selected SIG and Open House meetings.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Jun	29 Jun	30 Jun	1 Jul	2 Jul	3 Jul
			10 a.m. <b>Photography Club</b> <b>In-Person &amp; via Zoom</b>		10 a.m. <b>Dr. Fix-It</b> <b>In-Person Only</b>
			7 p.m. <b>Board of Directors</b> <b>In-Person Only</b>		<b>iHelp</b> Bring your Mac, iPad, or iPhone problems or questions and we'll try to help <b>In-Person Only</b>
5 Jul	6 Jul	7 Jul	8 Jul	9 Jul	10 Jul
			10 a.m. <b>Photography Club</b> <b>In-Person &amp; via Zoom</b>		
			7 p.m. <b>Mac &amp; iPad</b> KURT JEFFERSON via Zoom <b>No meeting this month</b>		
12 Jul	13 Jul	14 Jul	15 Jul	16 Jul	17 Jul
7 p.m. <b>Tech Night</b> Univ. of KY Research on COVID-19 Vaccines <b>In-Person &amp; via Zoom</b>	7 p.m. <b>Windows 10</b> MIKE SEILER <b>In-Person &amp; via Zoom</b>		10 a.m. <b>Photography Club</b> <b>In-Person &amp; via Zoom</b>		000
19 Jul	20 Jul	21 Jul	22 Jul	23 Jul	24 Jul
	7 p.m. <b>Word Processing</b> JERRY HEATON <b>In-Person &amp; via Zoom</b>		10 a.m. <b>Photography Club</b> <b>In-Person &amp; via Zoom</b>		
26 Jul	27 Jul	28 Jul	29 Jul	30 Jul	31 Jul
	7 p.m. <b>Digital Photography</b> JOE DIETZ Annual Photo Contest <b>In-Person Only</b>		10 a.m. <b>Photography Club</b> <b>In-Person &amp; via Zoom</b>		

# Windows Special Interest Group

**Tues., July 13, @ 7 P.M.**

Mike Seiler  
Windows SIG Leader



You have a stuck print job, what do you do now?

Join us in July to find out a few things you can try.

This meeting will be hybrid. You can attend in person or on line.

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

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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](mailto:w10sig.ckcs@gmail.com). In the email, state your name, your email address, and the purpose of the email.



# Word Processing SIG

**Mark Your Calendar:  
July 20 @ 7 P.M.**

**Join Us In-person  
at CKCS or on Zoom**

**This Month: Tools To Enhance  
Your Word Processing**

## IT'S YOUR CHOICE: IN-PERSON OR ON ZOOM



### Attend in person

At the CKCS Resource Center  
160 Moore Drive  
Lexington

Or



### Attend virtually

Using Zoom link on the July 20  
Meeting Schedule calendar.

Or, just click this Zoom link:

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



Jerry Heaton

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This month I will demonstrate various tools, (some old and some new) which are so helpful in improving your word processing experience.

Members and guests are welcome!

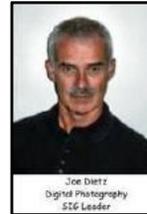
Last month we had 8 attending in person and 12 participating using Zoom.

If you wish to be added to my reminder email list, send full name and email address to [jerheat@gmail.com](mailto:jerheat@gmail.com)



## Digital Photography Special Interest Group

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 @7 p.m.



# 2021 Annual "Hall-of-Fame" In-Person at CKCS!

July brings about our annual "Hall-of-Fame" photo contest.



Leading lines



Cloud Formations



Animals that are not pets

This year we have interesting topics for our annual photo contest. Based on your recommendations, the three topics for this year are: **Leading lines**, **Cloud Formations**, **Animals that are not pets**. The contest will be at the July 27, 2021 SIG meeting at CKCS. Let your imagination be your guide.

**This year we are again asking members to leave their pictures with us! We will display the winners in the main room and may use several others to decorate the main room and the front windows.**

In order to submit images:

- Be a member of CKCS
- No photos that have been submitted in previous contests at CKCS can be used.
- Each member can submit a maximum of **three** pictures. They can all be in one category or spread among the three categories.
- Picture and matte or digital frame (if used) can be no larger than **8 ½ by 11** inches.
- No Foam Board (they are hard to hang)
- NO hard frames – digital frames are ok.
- With each picture be sure to include on the back of the picture your name, your e-mail address, the name of the picture, and the category you want the picture.

Take your pictures to CKCS no later than 2 PM on Monday, July 26. Office hours are from 11-2 Monday through Thursday. The office volunteer will place them in the CKCS Photo Contest drawer in the mailroom.

Each attendee will be able to vote for the top three pictures of each category and the **Best-of-Show**. Awards will be given for "**Best of Show**" and **first**, **second** and **third** place for each category.

Thanks for all your support! See you at 7 p.m. at CKCS on Tuesday July 27.

**And don't forget to bring a snack to share!**



# Digital Photography SIG June Photo Contest Winners



Kevin MacNaughton

Kevin responded to our email about his first-place photo: "The Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré is a major Roman Catholic place of pilgrimage. It has a copy of Michelangelo's statue, the *Pietà* (the original is in the St. Peter's Basilica in Rome). The basilica is known as a place of miracles. One of the builders of the original church, Louis Guimont, helped build the church despite having severe scoliosis and needing the aid of a crutch. When the church was complete, he was able to walk independently. This Shrine is about 50 miles along the St. Lawrence River from Quebec City. My picture is showing one of chapels in the basilica." He adds, "I used my Nikon D-90 in Aperture Preferred Settings were f 7.1, 1/125, focal length 25mm, ISO 1000 I used a bean bag for support on the back of a pew." Fantastic photo, Kevin.



*First Place*

**Kevin MacNaughton**



**Topic:**

Houses of Worship



When asked about her award-winning photo, Annette Mathy emailed us, “It’s funny that I had just taken the picture that day aq (June 20, 2021) with my iPhone camera when I received the information about this month’s photo contest. The Stavkirke (Stave Church) is located on Washington Island in Wisconsin. The church, a replica of a medieval church in Borgund, Norway, was built in 1995 as a tribute to the heavy Scandinavian presence on the island. (Note: the island is one of the oldest Icelandic communities in the U.S. and among the largest outside of Iceland itself). I loved the architecture especially the patterned roof and walls and the primitive gargoyles.” Quite impressive, Annette!

*2nd Place Two-Way Tie*

- **Annette Mathy**
- **Bruce Klobeke**

**Topic:**  
Houses of Worship



Bruce Klobeke

*Pisgah Presbyterian Church - Woodford County, Kentucky*

We emailed Bruce Klobeke about his photo but didn't hear back.



*2nd Place Two-Way Tie*

- **Annette Mathy**
- **Bruce Klobeke**



**Topic:**

Houses of Worship

# 2021 Digital Photography SIG Photo Contests

Photos must be emailed to [joedietz@aol.com](mailto:joedietz@aol.com) at least one day prior to the monthly meeting.

# CKCS

## 2021 PHOTO CONTEST TOPICS



Photo: Seth Doyle on Unsplash

- **July** – Annual Hall of Fame  
*Three topics – Leading Lines, Cloud Formations, Animals That Are Not Pets*
- **August** - Vistas
- **September** – Interesting Clocks, Timepieces
- **October** - Leaves
- **November** – Rock Groupings
- **December** – No contest  
Happy Holidays!

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



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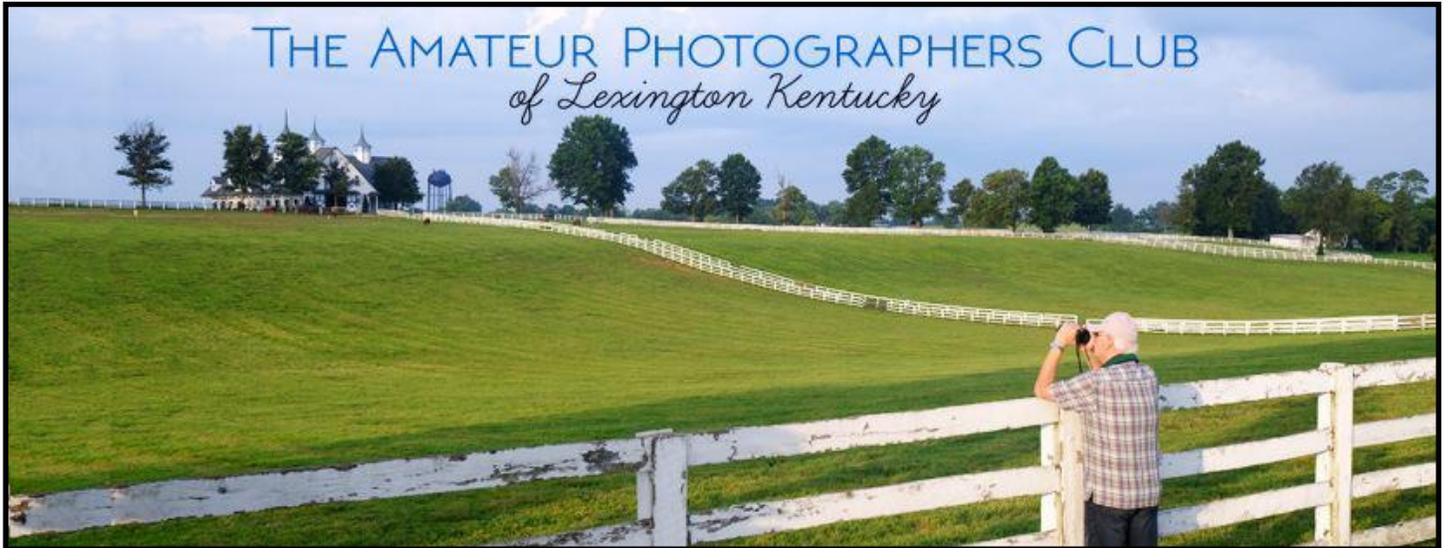
# Apple Mac/iPad SIG

**No Meeting in July.  
We plan to return in-person and on  
Zoom in August. Join us then.**





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



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

# Summer Reads You'll Enjoy

## Books Aplenty from Which to Choose



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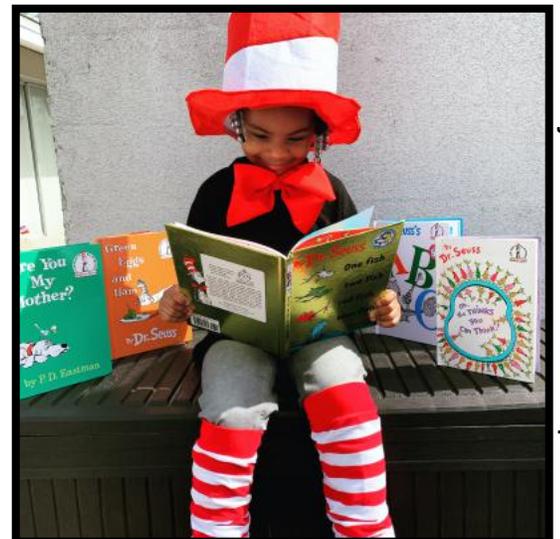
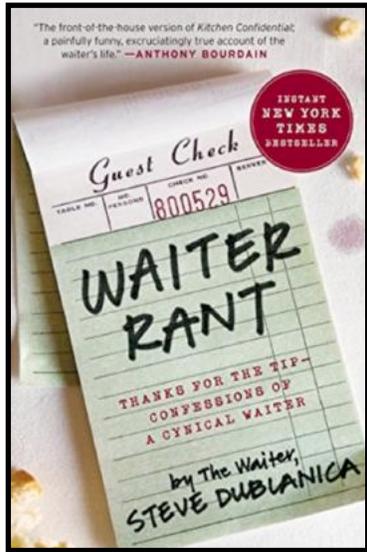


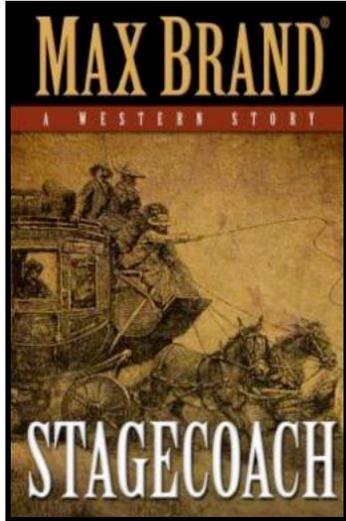
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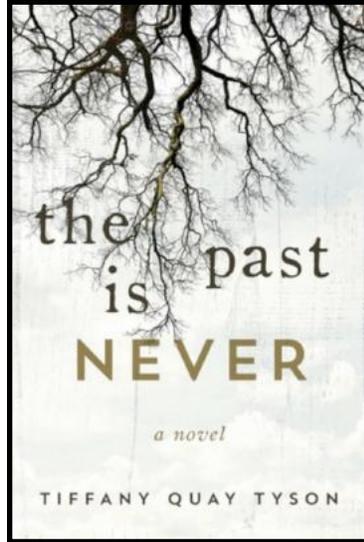
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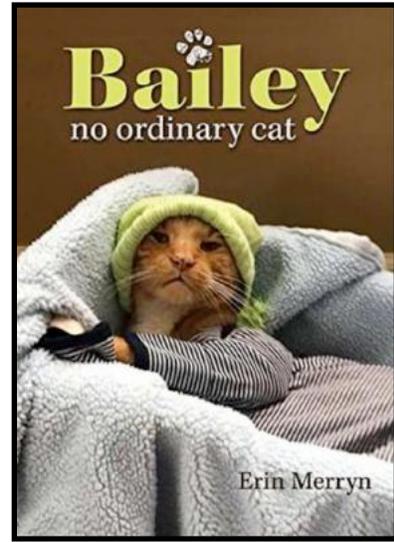
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*Thanks for the Tip – Confessions of a Cynical Waiter*  
by Steve Dublanica



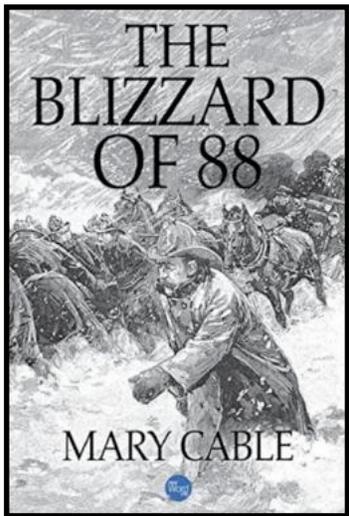
**Stagecoach**  
*A Western Story*  
by Max Brand



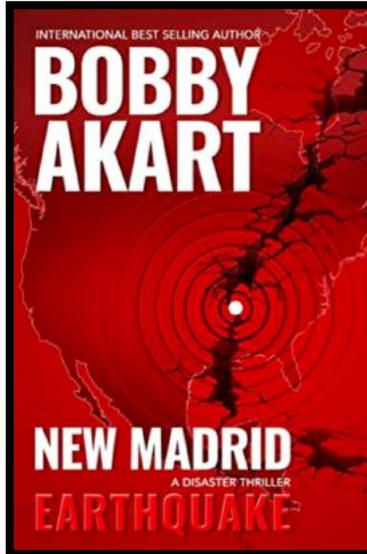
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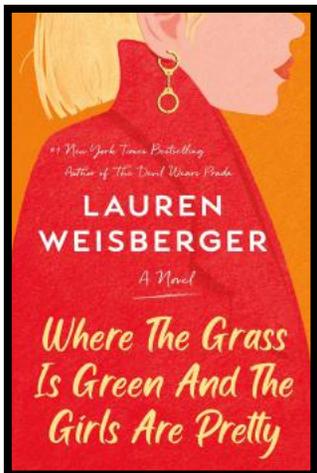
**Bailey**  
*No Ordinary Cat*  
by Erin Merryn



**The Blizzard of 88**  
by Mary Cable



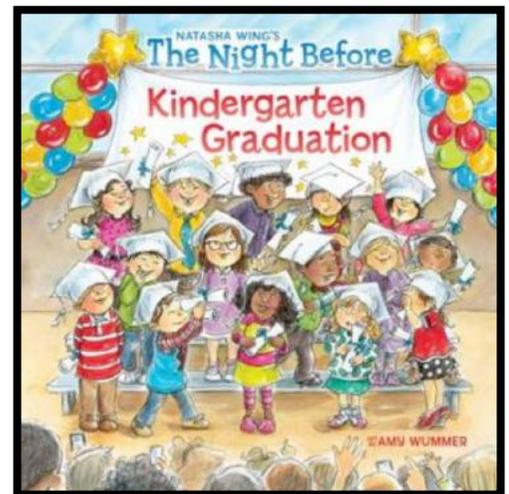
**New Madrid Earthquake**  
*A Disaster Thriller*  
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**Where the Grass Is Green and the Girls Are Pretty**  
by Lauren Weisberger



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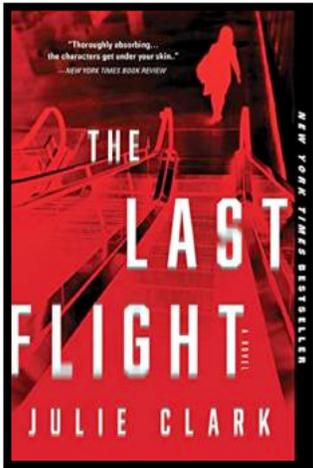


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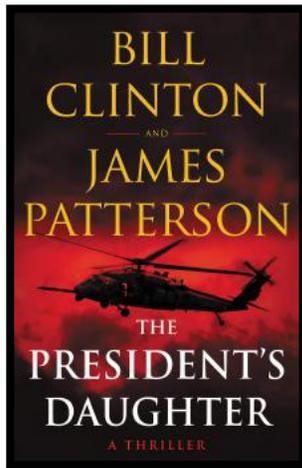


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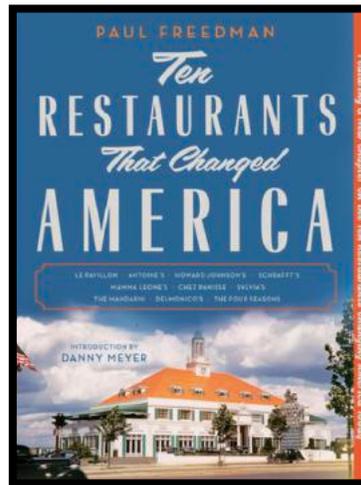
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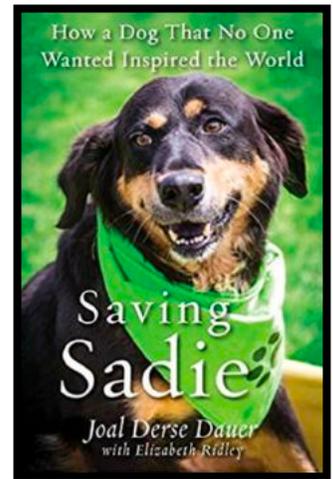
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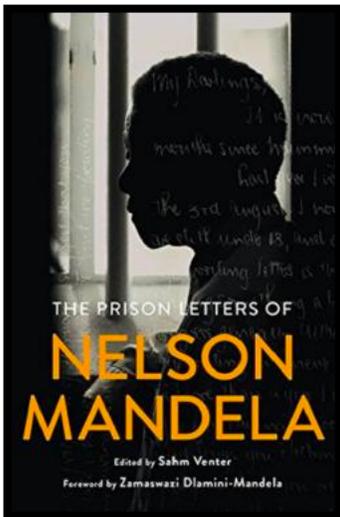
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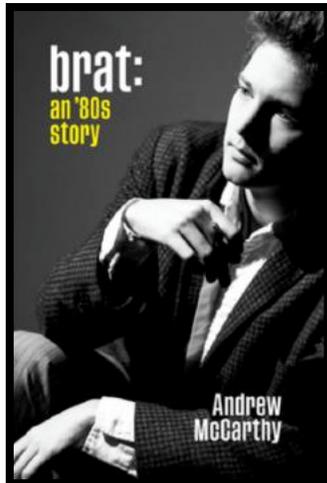
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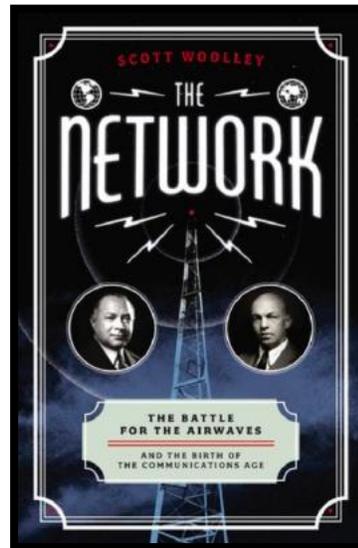
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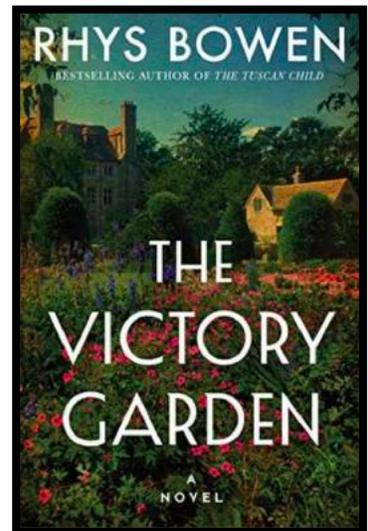
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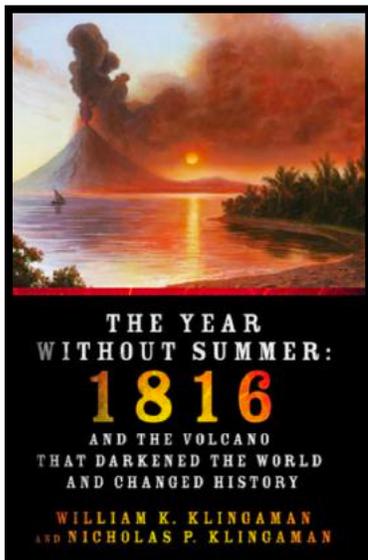
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**The Network**  
*The Battle For the Airwaves and The Birth of the Communications Age*  
by Scott Woolley



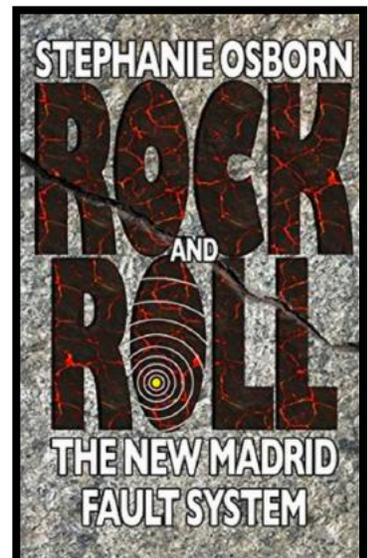
**The Victory Garden**  
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**The Year Without Summer: 1816 and the Volcano That Darkened the World and Changed History**  
by William K. Klingaman  
And Nicholas P. Klingaman



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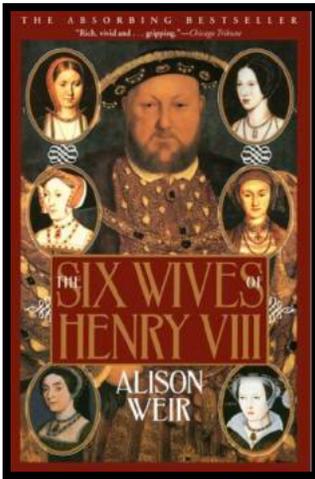


**Rock and Roll:**  
*The New Madrid Fault System*  
by Stephanie Osborn

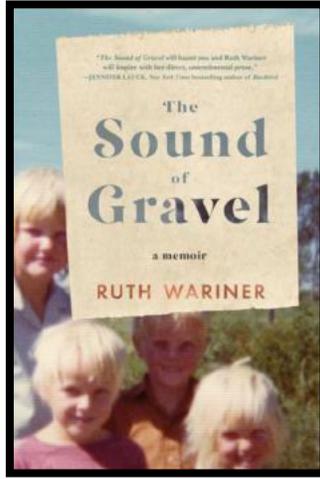


# AMAC: Reading for Better Brain Health

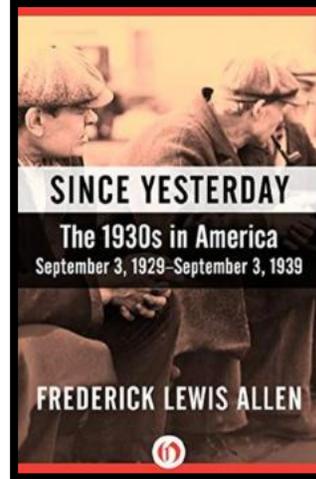
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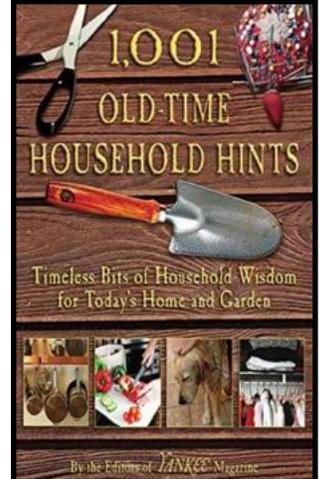
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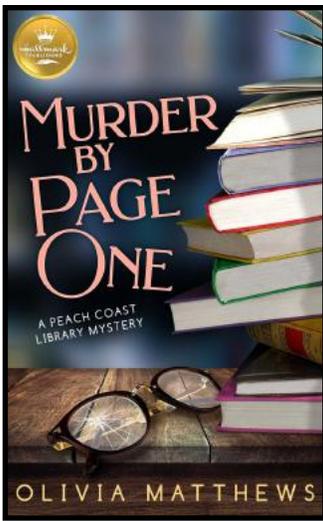
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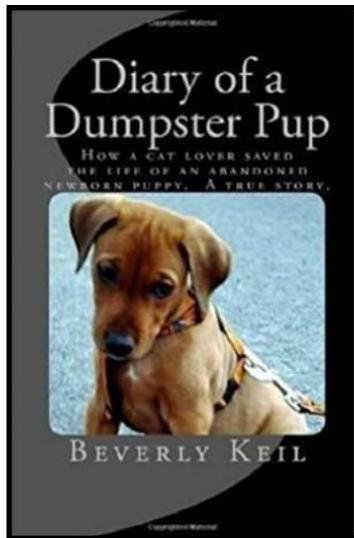
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Sept. 3, 1929–Sept. 3, 1939  
by Frederick Lewis Allen



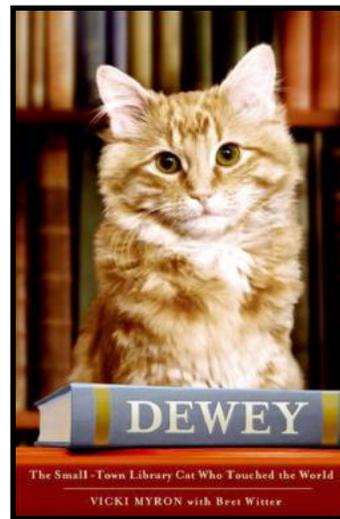
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*Timeless Bits of Household Wisdom for Today's Home and Garden*  
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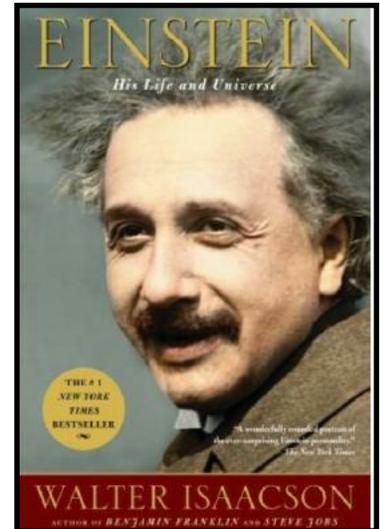
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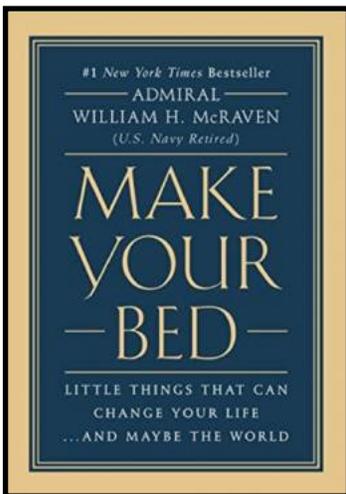
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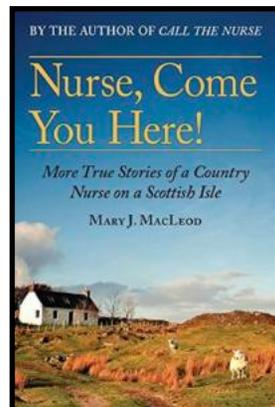
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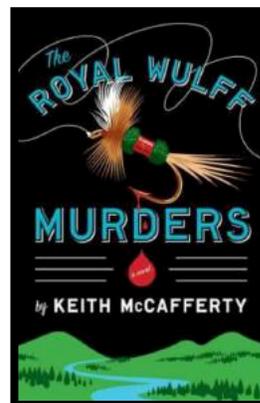
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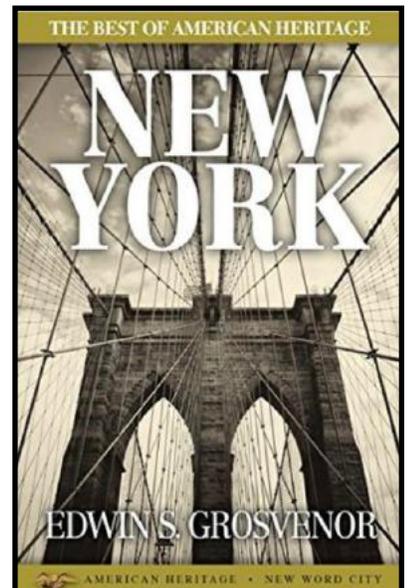
**Make Your Bed:**  
*Little Things That Can Change Your Life...and Maybe the World*  
by Admiral William H. McRaven (U.S. Navy Retired)



**Nurse, Come You Here!:**  
*More True Stories of a Country Nurse on a Scottish Isle*  
by Mary J. MacLeod



**The Royal Wulff Murders**  
by Keith McCafferty



**The Best of American Heritage: New York**  
by Edwin S. Grosvenor

Drone Across  
America

4K Drone Footage –  
Bird’s Eye View of  
Croatia, Europe

The Alps – 4K

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Funny Cats That Will  
Make You Laugh All  
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Beethoven 9 By the  
Chicago Symphony

Arlo Guthrie  
Performs With the  
University of  
Kentucky Symphony  
Orchestra

U.K. School of Music  
Celebrates 100 Years  
at Carnegie Hall

Cher Sings Her  
Classic Hit, Half  
Breed

Paul Revere & The  
Raiders: 70s Hit –  
Indian Reservation

The Match Game  
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