

Enjoy Spring While it Lasts.



April Has Arrived.



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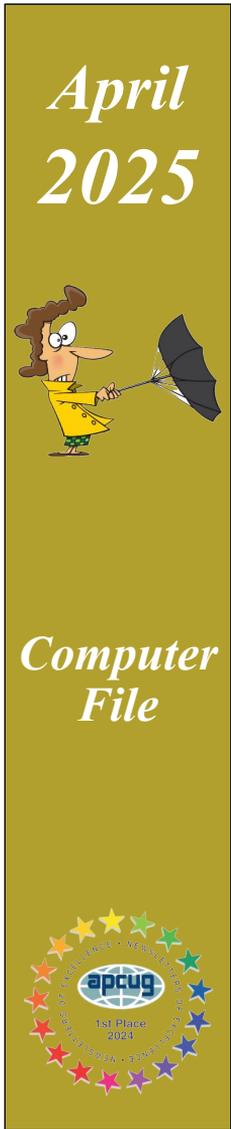


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CKCS is a non-profit organization. Your membership is vital to keep us running.

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April Weather in Central Kentucky



Spring has arrived and with it warmer weather. [Weather Atlas](#) notes, “April in

Kentucky solidifies the presence of spring, distancing itself further from the vestiges of winter. Daytime temperatures typically fluctuate between 55°F and 70°F, making it significantly warmer than March.” **Rain, rain, rain:** In addition, Weather Atlas reports that snowfall becomes a rare April occurrence.



“In its place, rain takes center stage, making April one of the wettest months in Kentucky.”

Send in the Clouds: [Weatherspark](#) writes, in April, “Lexington experiences essentially constant cloud cover, with the percentage of time that the sky is overcast or mostly cloudy remaining about 49% throughout the month.” The length of daytime in April is growing as is the humidity with all that rainfall.



But remember the adage: April showers bring May flowers.

April Meetings

CKCS Board of Directors (BOD)
April 3

Amateur Photographers Club
April 3, 10, 17, 24

Dr. Fix-it & iHelp
April 5

Windows SIG
April 8

Tech Night
April 14

All Things  SIG
April 15

Digital Photography SIG
April 22

[Click here for the SIG calendar provided by Larry Trivette.](#)



CKCS is a member of APCUG. Check out that tech organization's website [here](#).



April



Holidays & Celebrations

Dates shown on this page come from [National Today](#).

April 1



- April Fool's Day

April 2

- Nat'l. Ride Your Horse to a Bar Day

April 3

- Don't Go to Work Unless It's Fun Day

- World Cloud Security Day

April 4

- Nat'l. Hug a Newsperson Day
- Nat'l. Picky Eaters Day
- School Librarian Day

April 6

- Good Deeds Day
- Nat'l. Siamese Cat Day
- Jump Over Things Day

April 7

- Motherhood & Beauty Day
- Metric System Day
- World Health Day

April 9

- Nat'l. Cherish an Antique Day

April 10

- Nat'l. Hug Your Dog Day

April 11

- Nat'l. Eight Track Tape Day
- Nat'l. Pet Day

April 12

- Int'l. Day for Human Space Flight

April 13

- Int'l. Plant Appreciation Day
- Palm Sunday

April 15

- Jackie Robinson Day
- Titanic Remembrance Day

April 18

- Good Friday
- Nat'l. Exercise Day

April 19

- Nat'l. Poker Day

April 20

- Easter

April 21

- Nat'l. Tea Day

April 26

- Hug an Australian Day



Who's Who @ CKCS?

Officers

Tenure ends June 2025

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

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Tenure ends June 2026

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Jan Landers-Lyman
Ben Rice
Mike Seiler
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CKCS Membership

For the period Feb. 22 - March 21

CKCS Board Member Ben Rice provided these names.

New members:

Dana Bart
Laura R. Bowlds
Cathie Celestri
Heather Ellis
David Foster
Theodore Irtz
Karen J. McDowell
Joseph Taraba
Linda Thomas
Kathryn Waldman

Renewing members:

Lynne B. Bowman
Wendell R. Curtis
Joe F. Decapio
Don & Peggy Falace
Robin Gall
Raymond Hughes
Judith V. Humble
Sylvia K. Jackson
B'Ann M. Johnson
Jim J. Lambert
James C. Leadingham
Eileen McCann
Larry Mitchum
Merylee N. Ortmayer
Mike Seiler
Louis Shain
Tim Tassie



There are *three* ways to join CKCS.

Visit the CKCS website [here](#) and choose a membership:

1. Individual, family, or corporate/institutional membership.
2. Call CKCS at (859) 373-1000 and tell the person manning the desk which membership you want. Pay by credit card.
3. Visit CKCS in person at 160 Moore Drive, #107 in Lexington. A volunteer will greet you at the desk during office hours. If you're unfamiliar with the location, look for the CKCS signage located at the front of the parking lot.





April, 2025 CKCS Special Interest Group (SIG) Schedule

See <https://www.youtube.com/@ckcsVideos> for recorded Zoom SIG meetings. Larry Trivette prepared this SIG calendar. Print this page for your refrigerator or bulletin board.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Mar	1 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr
			10 a.m. Photography Club <i>In-Person Only</i>		10 a.m. Dr. Fix-It & iHelp Bring your PC, Mac, iPad & iPhone problems or questions and we'll try to help. <i>In-Person Only</i>
			7 p.m. Board of Directors <i>In-Person Only</i>		
7 Apr	8 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr
	7 p.m. Windows Ben Rice Via Zoom		10 a.m. Photography Club <i>In-Person Only</i>		
14 Apr	15 Apr	16 Apr	17 Apr	18 Apr	19 Apr
7 p.m. Tech Night Matt from Device Pitstop Current Scams Catching People Off-Guard <i>In-Person & Via Zoom</i>	7 p.m. All Things Apple Brooke, Kurt, Joe See Topics in Newsletter <i>Via Zoom Only</i>		10 a.m. Photography Club <i>In-Person Only</i>		
21 Apr	22 Apr	23 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr	26 Apr
	7 p.m. Digital Photography Joe Dietz <i>In-Person Only</i>		10 a.m. Photography Club <i>In-Person Only</i>		
28 Apr	29 Apr	30 Apr	1 May	2 May	3 May
			10 a.m. Photography Club <i>In-Person Only</i>		10 a.m. Dr. Fix-It & iHelp Bring your PC, Mac, iPad & iPhone problems or questions and we'll try to help. <i>In-Person Only</i>
			7 p.m. Board of Directors <i>In-Person Only</i>		



Reflecting on Five Years Since Covid-19

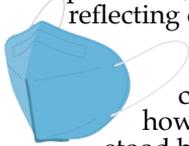
President's Report

By Brooke Thomas



Thanks for your support during challenging times!

As media outlets mark the five-year anniversary of the pandemic, I find myself reflecting on how CKCS navigated those unprecedented challenges—and how our members stood by us through it all. Your unwavering support was vital during a time that often felt like a lifetime.



In April 2020, CKCS faced the difficult decision to close its doors. But we quickly realized that to survive, we needed to adapt. By May, we transitioned online, embracing Zoom to continue offering our cherished Tech Night, Windows 10 SIG, Mac/iPad SIG, and Photo Digital Imaging SIG on schedule. Over the summer, we hosted four successful workshops via Zoom and followed with nine classes and seven workshops that fall.



Throughout December and January, we introduced 12 free Open Houses to bring our com-

munity together virtually. In January 2021, we launched the [CKCS online store](#), allowing members to register for classes and renew memberships with ease. By summer, our virtual offerings continued with

Zoom more Zoom classes,

while in-person activities like the June 2021 Picnic and the return of iHelp and Dr. Fixit brought us back together.

Finally, on June 1, 2021, our office officially reopened, and in-person classes resumed. Yet, we have embraced the flexibility of Zoom technology, continuing to offer some SIGs and hybrid Tech Nights online while maintaining in-person experiences for others.

Through all these changes, you—the CKCS members—stood by us. Your dedication and commitment have been our foundation, enabling us to grow stronger as a community. For that, we extend our heartfelt thanks. It's your ongoing support that drives us forward.



Scams All Over the Place. Oh My.

Tech Night

By Brooke Thomas



In person and via Zoom
April 14 @ 7 P.M.

If you've ever visited the Zandale Shopping Center, you're probably familiar with Device Pitstop—a trusted partner where CKCS recycles its electronics. When I approached Matt Coleman, the owner, about hosting a Tech Night, he was immediately on board. Recently, Matt has been assisting

customers with scam-related computer issues, and he's eager to share his knowledge in a session designed to keep us all safer online.

Don't miss this timely and valuable presentation in April! Whether you're attending in person or joining via Zoom, you'll gain essential insights to protect yourself from online threats.



• Quick Facts •

Source: [Privacyjournal.net](https://www.privacyjournal.net)

Americans aged 65 and over lose **\$2.9 billion** to fraud yearly.

Romance scams are growing. Catfishers stole **\$304 million** in 2020.

In one year, **87% of people** admitted to using unsecured public Wi-Fi (there was no password to connect). Those folks also used no VPN to protect themselves.



Amateur Photography Club

Meets in person on Thursday mornings at 10 A.M.



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- Meetings & Events
- Classes
- Location / Contact Us



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Welcome

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Is Your Windows Computer Slowing Down?

Windows SIG



You don't need to reinstall Microsoft Windows to regain lost performance. Chris Taylor, president of the Ottawa, Canada, PC Users' Group (OPCUG), will show you live how to use both native tools and free third party software to safely boost your machine's speed.



Chris is a seasoned IT pro with more than 36 years experience working for the Canadian federal government, specializing in everything from user and server support to IT security.



Join us for the Windows Performance Tune-up Tuesday on April 8 at 7 P.M.

Zoom only

Zoom here: <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/82811157647>

If you have a suggestion for a topic for a Windows SIG, particularly relating to a feature included within Windows, please let Ben Rice, Windows SIG Coordinator, know: Ben.Rice@ckcs.org



JOIN US LIVE @ 7 P.M. APRIL 15 ON ZOOM!



Joe: Create icons on your phone or iPad for favorite web pages so you can access them with just one tap instead of typing the URL each time, keeping your home screen organized and making it easier to find those websites.

And you can rename the icon to personalize them. **Name people and pets** on your iPhone pictures so you can quickly locate them in your photo app. It helps keep your photo library organized, and you can easily find all the photos of a specific person or pet by searching for the name, making it easier to share with friends and family. The app uses face recognition technology to automatically group photos of the same person or pet.



Brooke: Mastering bursts and live photos on Your iPad and iPhone. Brooke will explain bursts and live photos on your iPad. (Don't worry, the process is the same on your iPhone, too!) A "Burst" is a rapid series of photos captured in quick succession, perfect for action shots or finding the ideal pose. Meanwhile, Live Photos combine a still image with a short video clip (1.5 seconds before and after the photo), bringing your moments to life with motion and sound. You'll also discover how to select a new key photo or add effects to make your memories even more vivid.



Kurt: Named **one of the ten best software publishing apps** for the Mac by [MacHow2](#), **Apple Pages** is loaded with features if only you know how to use them. Kurt will show you how to get more out of this versatile word processor-desktop publishing app available free on the Mac, iPad, and iPhone. Kurt says he is teaching students in classes who've never heard of Pages. They don't know what they're missing.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81185707914>



Digital Photo SIG



Digital Photography Special Interest Group
Tuesday, April 22 @ 7 P.M.
In Person



Template Creation Workshop

Announcing our upcoming session on template creation! This session will focus on using two powerful programs and one online application to design various templates. The tools we will be using are **Corel Paint Shop Pro, Microsoft Word, and Avery.**

During the workshop, we will guide you through the process of designing and then creating three essential templates: **Business Card, Address Label, To-From gift tag.**



Then we will demonstrate how to use them in a template (make multiple copies of the same thing.) This is a fantastic opportunity to enhance your digital photography skills and learn how to create professional-looking templates for various purposes.

We look forward to seeing you there!

This month our photo contest is "Happy Places"



Get out – take pictures and send a great picture to joedietz@aol.com by April 21.

Join us at CKCS at 160 Moore Drive on April 22. Bring a Friend.



2025 Photo Contest Topics

The CKCS Digital Photography SIG hosts this monthly contest.

By Joe Dietz



Print this list and keep it handy.

April Happy places

May Birds

June Waterfalls

July

- Clouds
- First signs of spring
- What were they thinking?

(Three topics in July. Don't email. One hard copy of your photo(s) this month must be delivered to CKCS on Moore Dr.)

Aug. Food photography

Sept. Interesting faces

Oct. Stained glass windows

Nov. Hands

Dec. No meeting.

Except for July, entries must be emailed to joedietz@aol.com. Good luck!



Winning Photos

Digital Photography SIG Photo Contest

March Topic: Signs



First Place Winner
Janet Cartmell

Janet wrote: Taken on May 25, 2023 in Galway, Ireland, with my iPhone 11 Pro. It is in a shopping mall in downtown Galway called Eyre Square Centre and points the way to the restrooms.



Winning Photos

Digital Photography SIG Photo Contest

March Topic: Signs



Second Place Winner Pennie Redmond

Pennie writes: I took this picture in January when Sheri Seckman and I were cruising the Caribbean. The location is on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas. It was 85° with gentle breezes and sunshine. The next day we flew back to Lexington and it was cold!



Third Place Winner Jan Landers-Lyman



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A Tale of Two Seasons



It's Your Choice.

OKS Spring & Summer course listings are now in the newsletter.

Spring courses are still underway and you can register [online](#) for those starting in April or later if not full.

Registration for summer courses begins April 28. You can find the complete listing for summer classes and workshops in this newsletter.



It's Your Choice.





Spring Classes & Workshops



Course Title	Day of the Week	Dates	Time	Class or Workshop
Creating Personal Greeting & Note Cards With MS Word	Thursday	Apr 3, 10, 17, 24	10 A.M.–Noon	Class
Adventures In Photography– Intro to Landscape Photography	Mondays	Apr 14, 21, 28, May 5 & 12	1 P.M.–3 P.M.	Class
iMovie for iPad	Wednesday	Apr 23, 30, May 7	1 P.M.–3 P.M.	Class
Using Apple iCloud for Your iPhone & iPad	Wednesday	Apr 9	1 P.M.–4 P.M.	Workshop
FastStone Digital Imaging for Windows	Wednesday	Apr 16	1 P.M.–4 P.M.	Workshop
Apple Watch Workshop: Beyond Telling Time	Thursday	May 1	1 P.M.–4 P.M.	Workshop

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Spring 2025 Class & Workshop

Course Descriptions



Creating Personal Greetings & Note Cards with MS Word

Never buy another greeting or note card! Let your special talent shine. Learn how to create note/greeting card templates, how to insert graphics/photos and text boxes, and how to add special effects to these elements. Making three-dimensional cards and novelty cards will also be introduced to open the world of possibilities in creating personalized cards. The only limitation will be your imagination. This is a fun and useful class!

Adventures in Photography-Introduction to Landscape Photography

We'll discuss detailed ways to help you creatively photograph a variety of landscapes from fields to coastal scenes whether you are at home or on vacation. We will cover multiple topics including lens selection, depth of field, composition, lighting, shooting panoramas, shooting for focus stacking and stitching. What you learn also will be applicable to your photography in general. The course will include fieldtrip(s) where you will have a chance to practice what you learn, then share your photos in the next class. Students should have a basic knowledge of their camera.

iMovie for iPad: Creating Movies Made Easy

Unlock the power of storytelling with your iPad in this engaging class. Discover how to use the **free iMovie app** to craft compelling movies using photos and music. Add a personal touch with custom text and smooth transitions. By the end of the session, you'll be ready to share your cinematic creation with friends, family, and on social media. Whether you're a beginner or looking to enhance your video editing skills, this class is your ticket to producing memorable movies with ease.

Using Apple iCloud for your iPhone & iPad

Learn how to take advantage of your iCloud account. When you purchase an iPhone or iPad you have an account set up in the cloud. Here, you store copies of your photos, contacts, messages, email and more. Students will learn how to set up this account to their best benefit. We will talk about downloading and uploading your files (to and from your iPhone or iPad). We will also discuss how to share documents and photos from the iCloud. Acquiring more storage space will also be discussed.

FastStone Digital Imaging Program for Windows PC

Are your photos in need of a makeover? Want to enhance, crop, and create stunning slideshows without breaking the bank? Look no further! Join our **FastStone Digital Imaging Workshop** and unlock the power of this **free**, versatile program.





Spring 2025 Class & Workshop Course Descriptions

Apple Watch: Beyond Telling Time

Join us for an engaging and informative workshop where you'll discover over 20 tips and tricks to maximize the potential of your Apple Watch! Whether you're a new user or a seasoned pro, this session will help you unlock many of the capabilities of your device. Some of the tips include the following: learn how to get help in an emergency, remove apps from your watch, make the text size larger, adjust brightness and wake duration, change the layout of your watch, mute your watch notifications, use your watch as an alarm clock, use auto pause for workouts, use your watch as a flash light and running or walking light at night, unlock your iPhone with your watch, and find your iPhone with your watch. An Apple Watch 6 will be used for demonstration. Many of the features are similar on the different series of Apple Watches that are using the current Watch operating system.

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Why is Roberto smiling? He just finished a Mac class at CKCS. He learned plenty! Now he knows how to organize and copy his files, organize his Dock apps, create and organize bookmarks on his browser, plus a lot more! Now he wants to learn about Adobe Photoshop and get more out of his iPhone. He's taking both courses. His wife has signed up for an iPad class and a photography course. (She wants to learn how to take better photos.)



Join Roberto and his wife. Take a CKCS class or workshop. Read the course schedule in this newsletter and register [here](#). Your brain will thank you for it!





Summer 2025 Class & Workshop Course Descriptions



Classes

Organizing Your Computer Files on a Windows PC

Tuesdays; June 10, 17, & 24 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Have you ever created a file and saved it, only to find you cannot locate it later? We will look at several strategies for organizing your files to make them easier to find. We will also learn techniques for moving files and folders on your computer and external storage devices.

New: Introduction to Adobe Photoshop for Mac & Windows for Photographers

Mondays; June 23 & 30 from 1:00 to 3 p.m.

Want to learn the basics of Adobe Photoshop to make your photographs look better and sharper? This class will cover how to use Adobe Photoshop to post-process your photographs. Learn the basics of using Adjustment Layers, how to remove unwanted elements from your photos and how to make your photos look better. Also, you will learn a bit about using Adobe Photoshop's AI tools. Students should bring a fully charged Mac or Windows laptop with a **recent version of Adobe Photoshop** (not Photoshop Elements) installed and ready to use. (This class is for both Mac & Windows platforms.)

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Summer 2025 Class & Workshop Course Descriptions



Workshops

Introduction to Windows 11

Tuesday; June 3 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

This workshop will look at what's new in Windows 11, what has changed, and how to set it up to make it more user-friendly. If you are considering installing it on your computer, this workshop might help you decide whether to install it. On the other hand, if you have already installed it, this workshop might help you set up Windows 11. Students are encouraged to bring their laptops if they have Windows 11 already installed. However, ensure your laptop is fully charged before you bring it to class.

Using Your iPhone Camera to the MAX

Wednesday; July 2 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Using apps already on the iPhone students will learn techniques to take better pictures, fix them up by cropping, lightening or darkening, or adding filters. They will learn how to take videos, time lapse and panoramas. They will also learn how to create albums and several ways to share their photos with others.

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Summer 2025 Class & Workshop Course Descriptions



Workshops

Using Apple iCloud for Your iPhone and iPad

Wednesday; July 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Students will learn how to take advantage of their iCloud accounts. When you purchase an iPhone or iPad, you have an account set up in the cloud. Here, you can store copies of your photos, contact, messages, email and more. Students will learn how to set up their accounts. We will discuss downloading and uploading your files and photos (to and from your iPhone or iPad). We will also discuss how to share documents and photos from iCloud. Acquiring more storage space will also be discussed.

Fun and Functional Apps for Your iPhone

Monday; July 14 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Unlock the full potential of your iPhone with this hands-on class! Discover how to use free apps to simplify your daily life and explore your surroundings. Learn to pay for parking in downtown Lexington, access replays and schedules for UK Athletics, locate walking tours in Lexington and beyond, and borrow eBooks or audiobooks from your local library. Explore live precipitation data across Kentucky, view real-time traffic cameras on Nicholasville Road, and check for power outages instantly. In addition, we'll show you how to get creative by making photo collages or removing people or pets from pictures, and become a savvy shopper by scanning items for prices or locating the cheapest gas station nearby. Organize your loyalty and rewards cards, enjoy music streaming, and make restaurant reservations—all from your phone, no calls needed. This class features live app demonstrations, allowing students to follow along on their own iPhones.





Summer 2025 Class & Workshop Course Descriptions



Workshops

iPad Essentials: Discover and Customize the Hidden Control Center

Monday; July 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Discover the hidden potential of your iPad in this engaging workshop! You'll learn how to access and personalize the control center, tailoring it to fit your needs. The session will primarily focus on exploring the 26+ controls available, such as Airplane Mode, AirDrop, Focus, Music, Translate, Voice Memo, and Screen Mirroring. Uncover a range of features you might not even know exist, and see how they can simplify your daily tasks and enhance your iPad experience.

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Something Different?

Is there a CKCS class or workshop that we have held in the past that you would take again if it were offered? Is there a computer skill you'd like to learn more about? We teach an assortment of classes and workshops but is there a course we're missing?

Send us an email: President@ckcs.org and let us know what you're thinking.





Quotes About April



"You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry. Don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way."

- Walter C. Hagen

"Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush."

- Doug Larson

"April is the kindest month. April gets you out of your head and out working in the garden."

- Marty Rubin

"With the coming of spring, I am calm again."

- Gustav Mahler



"April is the sweetest month of the year, the mellow season of re-birth and renewal."

- Mary Sojourner

"April is a promise that May is bound to keep."

- Hal Borland

"The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year."

- Mark Twain

"April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go."

- Christopher Morley

"April is like a secret whispered in the woods, a hush of green and bustling life."

- Sarah L. Wildes

"Winter's done, and April's in the skies. Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!"

- Charles G.D. Roberts

"April is a reminder that life is a beautiful, ever-renewing cycle."

- E.E. Cummings

"Spring is made of solid, fourteen-carat gratitude, the reward for the long wait."

- Barbara Kingsolver

"I am thankful that in a troubled world no calamity can prevent the return of spring."

- Helen Keller



From: [GoodGoodGood](#), [QuoteGarden](#), [Stressless Country](#), [The Positivity Blog](#) & [Quotes of the Day.org](#)



NOTABLE APRIL BIRTHS

By Kurt Jefferson



A bust of Shakespeare on his funeral monument at the Holy Trinity Church located in Stratford-Upon-Avon.
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Often considered the greatest English writer, William Shakespeare was born circa April 23, 1564, at Stratford-upon-Avon, located 22 miles southeast of Birmingham and 91 miles northwest of London. He is often called Britain's national poet and the "Bard." He's probably best known for his tragedies, including *Othello*, *Hamlet*, *King Lear* and *Macbeth*. Toward the end of his life, he wrote mainly tragicomedies (blending tragedy and comedy in one play.) He was the third of eight children and the oldest surviving son.

Lon Chaney, born in Colorado Springs on April 1, 1883, was one of the most versatile actors of his era, renowned for wearing groundbreaking makeup and costumes. He's especially remembered for his roles in silent films *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* and *The Phantom of the Opera*. His ability to change his appearance earned him the nickname "The Man of a Thousand Faces." During his funeral, all MGM studios and offices observed two minutes of silence.



Lon Chaney wearing his costume in the MGM movie *London After Midnight* (1927).
Source: Wikipedia/Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer promotional photo



NOTABLE APRIL BIRTHS

By Kurt Jefferson



Muddy Waters performing in Paris, France, in 1976.

"The father of the modern Chicago Blues," is how music experts describe Muddy Waters, who was born McKinley Morganfield in Mississippi on April 4, 1913. Waters has influenced countless musicians with his music style using guitar and harmonica. He was given the name "Muddy" when he was quite young because he loved playing in the muddy waters of a creek near his hometown. In the mid-50s, Waters' songs such as *Sugar Sweet* and *Forty Days* hit *Billboard's* music charts. One of his best remembered tunes of that period is *Got My Mojo Working*.

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Voted by the American Film Institute as the second-greatest female actress of all time, Bette Davis was born on April 5, 1908, in Massachusetts. The Warner Brothers star enjoyed her breakthrough role in 1934 in the film *Of Human Bondage*, in which she played a cold, unfeeling, manipulative waitress in a tea room. Through the 1940s, Davis was one of America's most celebrated female actresses. She won the Academy Award for Best Actress twice and was the first woman to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Film Institute.



Actress Bette Davis in 1935. She was born Ruth Elizabeth Davis in 1908.

Source: Wikipedia/Warner Brothers promotional photo



NOTABLE APRIL BIRTHS

By Kurt Jefferson



Judith Resnik in June 1979.
Source: Wikipedia/NARA/Jack Darginsky

Ohio-born Judith Resnik wore plenty of hats including NASA astronaut, electrical and software engineer, and biomedical engineer. She was born on April 5, 1949, in Akron. Resnik was only the sixteenth woman in history to score a perfect grade on the SAT exam. In Jan. 1978, she was chosen as a mission specialist for NASA, taking a pay cut from her position with Xerox. Resnik died on Jan. 28, 1986, in the *Challenger* disaster. She was posthumously awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor. A number of buildings have been named for Resnik and an asteroid, 3356 Resnik, has been named in her honor.

Born on April 29, 1863, William Randolph Hearst formed the largest newspaper chain in America. Hearst engaged in a bitter circulation war pitting his *New York Morning Journal* up against Joseph Pulitzer's *New York World*. Historians say Hearst used sensationalism and lurid headlines to increase newspaper circulation. When he bought the *Journal*, it was a failing publication. A few months after buying the *Journal*, he hired away three top editors from *World*. After the two papers declared a truce in 1898, the *Journal* started making a profit. It was considered to be a sophisticated paper that greatly expanded the appeal of the Sunday newspaper in America.



William Randolph Hearst, circa 1910.
He created the largest newspaper chain in the U.S. and owned newspapers from Omaha to Syracuse.
Source: Wikipedia/Library of Congress

NOTABLE APRIL BIRTHS

By Kurt Jefferson



Architect I.M. Pei on March 1, 1980.
Source: Wikipedia/Library of Congress/
Bernard Gotfryd

Chinese American architect, I.M. Pei, (pronounced “pay”) is remembered as the “master of modern architecture.” Pei was born on April 26, 1917, in China. As a child, he learned basic English by reading the Bible and books by Charles Dickens. He first received national attention for his design of the [Mesa Laboratory](#) at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder. Pei won a variety of awards for his designs, including the [John F. Kennedy Library](#) and [Bank of China Tower](#) in Hong Kong. He won the Pritzker Prize in 1983, an international award often referred to as the Nobel Prize of architecture. He died in 2019 at the age of 102.

Born in San Antonio on April 26, 1933, Carol Burnett was one of the first women in America to host a national TV show. Her *Carol Burnett Show* aired on CBS-TV from 1967 to 1978. Burnett has won seven Golden Globes, seven Prime-time Emmys, a Tony, and a Grammy award. She made her TV debut on *The Garry Moore Show*, winning her first Emmy in 1962. As a child, Burnett spent hours in movie theatres. Those visits helped convince her to become an actress. She studied acting at UCLA in the 1950s and discovered she had a natural gift to make people laugh. In 1955, a fan who enjoyed her work loaned Burnett money to move to New York City where she got her first TV job on the *Winchell-Mahoney Show*.



Comedian Carol Burnett (in back)
with Dolly Parton in Sept. 1980.
Source: Wikipedia

NOTABLE APRIL BIRTHS

By Kurt Jefferson



Ella Fitzgerald performing at the Downbeat jazz club in New York City circa Sept. 1947.

Source: Wikipedia/Library of Congress/

"The First Lady of Song," Ella Fitzgerald, became world famous for her vocal talents which included a wide range and master of rhythm and harmony. She won 14 Grammy awards, including one for lifetime achievement. As a child, Fitzgerald wanted to be a dancer but became nervous at a 1934 amateur contest and decided to sing. She won first place. In the 1940s, Fitzgerald toured across the world with such well-loved musicians as Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Louis Armstrong, and Dizzy Gillespie. She had her first hit song in 1938 with *A-Tisket, A-Tasket*. She was born in Virginia on April 25, 1917.

French emperor, general, and statesman, Napoleon Bonaparte, was born on April 15, 1769, on the island of Corsica. Bonaparte, who became known as Napoleon 1, is best remembered for his military career. He fought 60 battles and lost only seven. His military innovations included revolutionary training, compulsory enlistment and pioneering military tactics that are still studied today. He is often listed with Julius Caesar and Alexander the Great as among the most brilliant generals in history. History buffs believe Bonaparte was an inspiring leader, but they add he could be cruel and misogynistic. During the Napoleonic Wars, the British newspapers described Napoleon as a "dangerous tyrant, poised to invade," writes Wikipedia.



A portrait of Napoleon when he was 23 years old and lieutenant-colonel of a battalion of Corsican Republican volunteers. Portrait from 1835.

Source: Wikipedia/Henri Félix Emmanuel Philippoteaux



APCUG

You may not know APCUG, but that volunteer-run, non-profit organization has a mission: To help folks get more out of technology. CKCS is a member of APCUG, the Association of Personal Computer User Groups.



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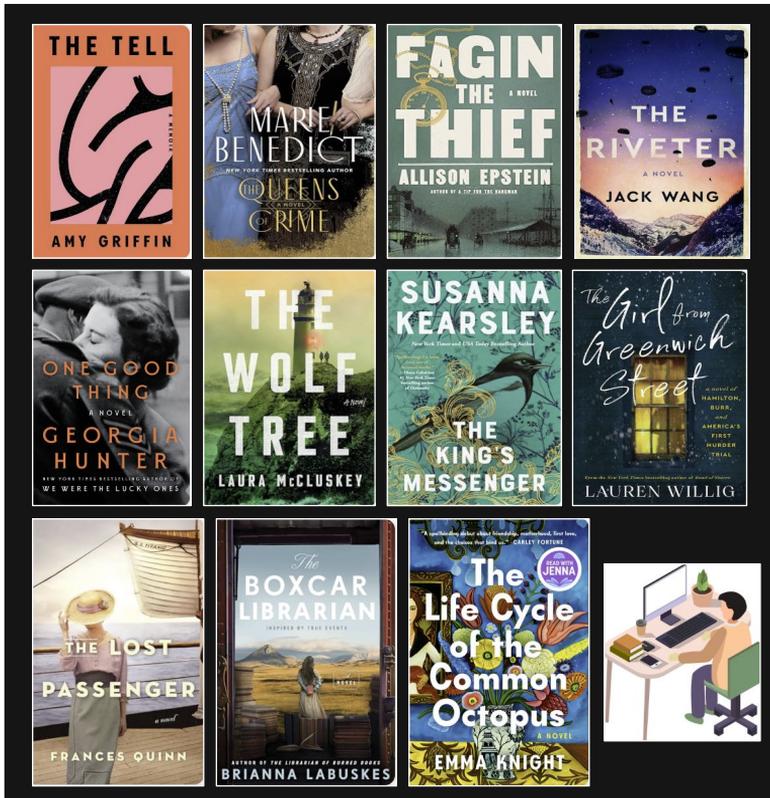
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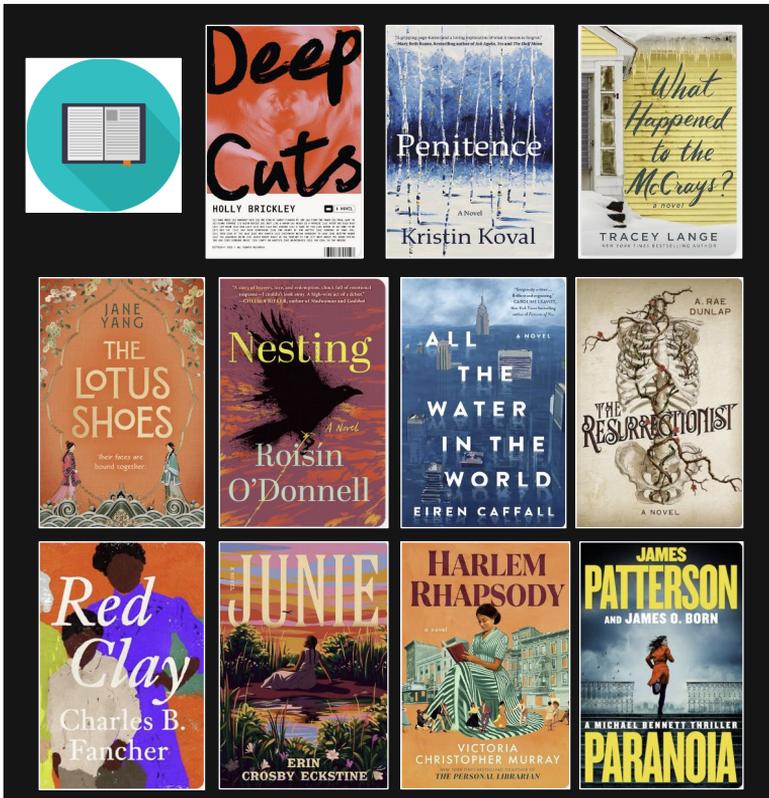
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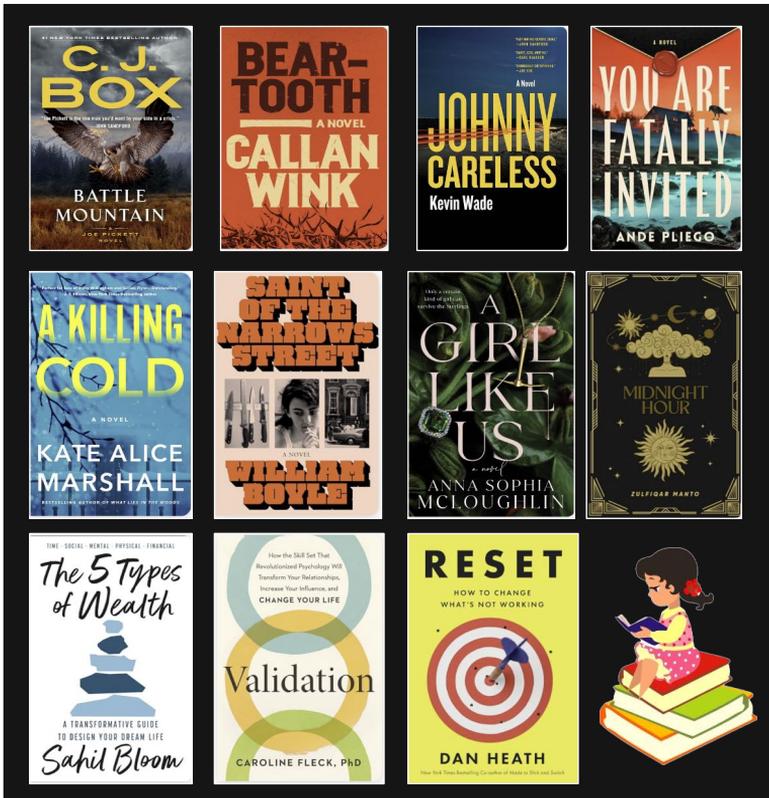
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Warmer and Wetter Weather Coming?

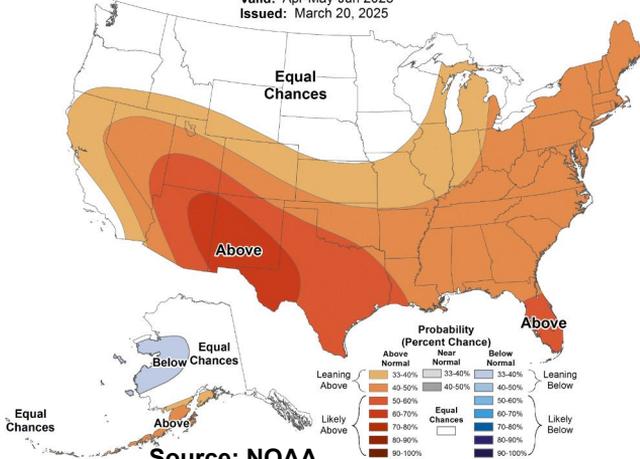
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Seasonal Temperature Outlook



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Source: NOAA

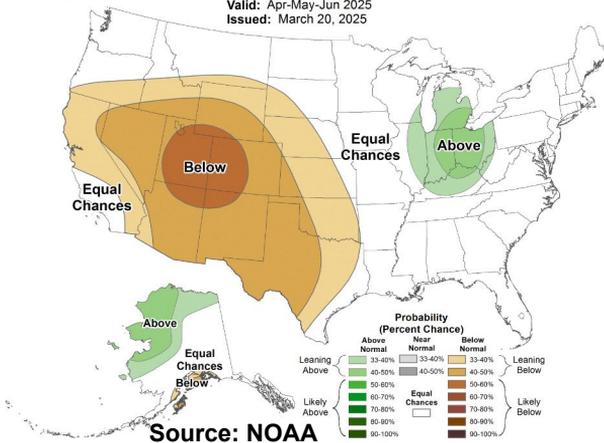
What's ahead as far as weather is concerned for those of us living in central Kentucky? The [forecasters](#) at the Climate Prediction Center see warmer than normal temperatures in our future. They don't have a crystal ball to make forecasts, but their weather tools show a 40-50% chance that it will be warmer than normal through the end of June. After a long, cold, dark February, maybe we're due some warmer weather?



Seasonal Precipitation Outlook



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Source: NOAA

April might be the month to start gardening since warmer than normal weather is predicted through the end of June. This woman might want to bring along a raincoat since central Kentucky might see wetter than normal conditions through the end of June.

Get out your raincoats and umbrellas. It's raining! Maybe not right now, but Climate Prediction Center forecasters see above normal chances of a wet period through the end of June. Maybe April showers really do bring May flowers? Stay tuned.



By Kurt Jefferson

Your Health

Nuns don't normally come to mind when you think of health studies. [MedicalXpress](#) reports on research of 678 nuns at the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Researchers at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio have released details of a study spanning three decades on aging and dementia involving those nuns. The [Alzheimer's Association](#) details the study on its website. Among the results: Despite being diagnosed with Alzheimer's, some nuns were resilient to decline due to some unknown protective forces. In addition, those with early language skills saw lower chances of suffering the impacts of Alzheimer's.



studied more than 3,600 people 56 and older who were part of the Health and Retirement Study (HRS). The HRS is a major study of more than 20,000 Americans run by the University of Michigan. Blood samples were taken over a six-year period to check the impact of biological aging. National Weather Service Heat Index Charts were used to gauge weather in various regions. Researcher Eunyoung Choi told [MedicalXpress](#) that study participants living in very hot climates, such as Phoenix, saw as many as 14 months of extra aging compared to folks living in much cooler climates.



Extreme heat may speed up the biological aging process, says a study by the University of Southern California Leonard Davis School of Gerontology. [MedicalXpress](#) reports USC Leonard researchers



For Supporting CKCS!



By Kurt Jefferson

Your Health

Sleep apnea, where an individual stops breathing while sleeping, is tied to an increased risk of Parkinson's Disease, reports [MedicalXpress](#). If started soon enough, CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) treatment may greatly lower the risk, according to a preliminary study to be presented this month in San Diego at the American



Academy of Neurology's 77th annual meeting. The study found the risk of Parkinson's is cut if an individual starts using CPAP within two years of being diagnosed with sleep apnea. To reach this conclusion, researchers combed through more than two decades of records on nearly 1.6 million veterans who had obstructive sleep apnea and nearly ten million who did not.

Older adults who eat a fatty diet for just three days might be hurting their memory. A study reported in [ScienceDaily](#) showed that older rats eating a diet high in saturated fat encountered mem-



ory problems, dramatic changes in gut bacteria, and brain inflammation.

Ohio State University did the research.

The gene that's the culprit responsible for making humans and British labrador retrievers obese has been identified. It's called DENND1B. It



turns out that both humans and that type of dog carry the gene. Four other genes connected to obesity in both labradors and humans have been identified, reports [ScienceDaily](#).

If you're awake at night reading this rather than sleeping, your diet might be keeping you awake. A new report from Columbia University is highlighted in [Med-](#)



[icalXpress](#). It turns out that eating foods with a high glycemic index might make it hard for postmenopausal women to sleep. Studies show when people get less sleep they tend to eat more calories and fat. Foods high on the glycemic index include donuts, white bread, bagels, and crackers.



Your Health

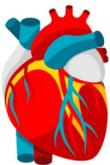
Have you ever looked out and spotted the International Space Station streaming across the night sky? It turns out the I.S.S. might be “too clean.” Astro-



nauts have reported rashes, immunity issues, and other medical problems. A study published in the journal *Cell*

shows these ailments might be traced to “the excessively sterile nature of (the) spacecraft,” reports [ScienceDaily](#). The study revealed the I.S.S. has a far lower diversity of microbes compared to where humans live on earth. Researchers worked with the astronauts who swabbed 803 different surfaces on the I.S.S. to come up with that conclusion.

It turns out that a supplement called tricaprin is helping patients recover from a new type of heart disease. [ScienceDaily](#) reports on a study by Osaka University that revealed the supplement can improve the long-term recovery of patients suffering from heart failure caused by fat deposits



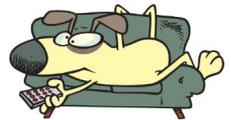
(triglycerides). The supplement might replace heart surgery for some patients.

This just in from Japan—a new study shows that diabetic drivers possibly are safer on the road when they use continuous glucose monitoring devices. Those devices alert diabetics when their blood sugar level is dropping.



[ScienceDaily](#) reports that low blood sugar (known as hypoglycemia) can impair judgment, potentially setting up the scene for a traffic crash. Nagoya University School of Medicine did the research.

Limiting TV viewing to just one hour a day could lower the chances of a heart attack, blood vessel issues or stroke for people who have a genetic disposition to type 2 diabetes, reports [MedicalXpress](#). The conclusion comes from a study using a large medical database in the U.K. of nearly 347,000 people.



By Kurt Jefferson

Your Health

A specific type of sleep disorder causes an individual to act out their dreams. The Mayo Clinic describes it this way: “you physically act out vivid, often unpleasant dreams with vocal sounds and sudden, often violent arm and leg movements

during REM sleep — sometimes called dream-enacting behavior.” The disorder is called rapid eye movement (REM) sleep behavior disorder. It is linked to a very high risk of either Parkinson’s Disease or a related illness called Dementia with Lewy Bodies. Now, a new study from McGill University shows a blood test may predict whether an individual will suffer dementia years before any symptoms occur. [MedicalXpress](#) reports that researchers tracked 150 patients with REM sleep behavior disorder, testing their blood yearly. Surprisingly, those blood tests predicted dementia in nearly 90 percent of the individuals years before they developed REM sleep behavior disorder.



A study from the University of California, Los Angeles Health Services, indicates that nonstop stress and a lousy diet might be the combination leading to early development of pancreatic cancer. As [ScienceDaily](#) writes, this study is “shedding light on how lifestyle factors contribute to one of the deadliest malignancies.”

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” — Winston Churchill
The former British prime minister may have been right. A new study, though, shows a direct connection between higher income and better life satisfaction. It also shows a link to greater stress, writes [Medicalxpress](#). Researchers at Yale University did the study which dealt with individuals living in the U.S.

Happy Easter From CKCS



Your Health

Here are some stories you might have missed:

[The Definitive Superfood Ranking](#)

It seems like everything in the grocery store is labeled "super."



Outside Magazine examined which foods are actually proven, by science, to be good for you and which ones

are all hype. We have a feeling you might just be surprised.

Stress doesn't kill. But how you react to stress might. That was the belief of pioneering scientist Hans Selye, an American-Canadian tapping into un-chartered waters with his stress research. A study of 426 people in the U.S. between 18 and 49 years old revealed that stress can be especially dangerous for women. Details published in [Neurology](#) in early March indicated that some women face a 78% higher risk of stroke than men. One thing is clear. Much more [research is needed](#) to understand all this.



Is there a connection between stress and highly processed food? Studies show there is a link. A study published in the [BMJ](#) by Wolfgang Marx (president of the International Society for Nutritional Psychiatry Research) and colleagues revealed



that people eating a diet of highly-processed foods have a 48% greater risk of anxiety and a 22% greater risk of depression. In addition, a review of [13 separate studies](#) this past February revealed the Mediterranean diet could reduce the chances of a child or teen experiencing depression, anxiety or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).



Experiencing nature can help relieve pain, according to an international team led by the University of Vienna. [ScienceDaily](#) reports the research shows simply watching nature videos can help relieve pain levels.



23andMe Files For Bankruptcy.

What About Personal Data and Genealogy Records of 15 Million Users?

By Kurt Jefferson

Well, this is a kick in the family tree. One of the larger ancestry tracing/genetic testing firms in the U.S. has filed for bankruptcy. The California biotech firm wrote an [open letter](#) to its customers addressing questions and concerns.

15 million users of 23andMe are left asking: *What happens with my very personal data?* 23andMe says individuals' data information is secure. Others are not so sure and want to opt out of the service.

If you're among the latter group and want to delete your data, the California Attorney General [has issued an eight-step user guide](#) to do just that. If you spit in a straw and submitted your saliva sample for DNA analysis, you can also opt out of that. The link from the attorney general above also explains how to do that.

23andMe wrote in its letter that it has entered voluntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, "we will seek to find a partner who shares our commitment to customer data privacy and allows our mission of helping people access, understand and benefit from the human genome to live on. Importantly, this step allows us to continue operating our business while we chart the path forward."

Three key points that 23andMe wants to stress to its customers:

1. Your data remains protected.
2. Your access is unchanged.
3. 23andMe is still open for business.

Anyone who's watched *LA Law* or a similar TV show about lawyers knows that bankruptcy can be a rebirth of a company. It doesn't mean the company is necessarily out of business.

Privacy advocates urge 23andMe users to delete their data, ask that their saliva sample be destroyed, and revoke permission for their personal data to be used for genetic research.

Watchdog groups say 23andMe has shared anonymous data about its users for years with the pharmacy giant GSK.

Consumer advocates urge 23andMe users to contact state and federal lawmakers to push for much stronger consumer privacy laws.



Your Tech

By Kurt Jefferson



If you own an Android phone, streaming box or other device, you might want to read this article from [Wired](#).

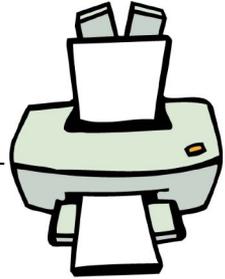
The gist of all this is that at least a million Android devices have secret backdoors or breaches that allow them to host cybercrime and fraud. Turns out, bad actors in China appear to be behind all this security mess, reports [Wired](#).

At a time when Americans are reeling from price hikes due to tariffs and other issues, T-Mobile, Metronet, and other tech companies are raising prices. [Spectrum](#) quietly rolled out increased prices in January 2024. [PC Mag](#) reports

T-Mobile will start charging \$5 more per phone line for users who have older phones using legacy plans. Some Metronet users will also see price hikes.



If your Windows PC is printing nonsense, [PCMag](#) reports a Windows update might be the culprit. It turns out a bug in a Windows 11 update is causing some USB printers to spew out programming-related text. All of the printers involved are connected to PCs via USB cables, reports [PCMag](#).



While most people clean the screen on their flat screen TV, many never clean their cache. The cache is a temporary holding area on your TV that collects websites you may visit, system files, thumbnail photos and log-ins.

Make sure you have your user name and password for a specific streaming service (Netflix, Paramount, Acorn TV, AMC+, etc.) so you can re-enter if the need arises. [ZDnet](#) tells you how to clear your cache on your TV set. While you're thinking about it, you might also want to clean the cache on your web browser. [Geek-Circuit](#) shows you how.



Your Tech

By Kurt Jefferson

A ‘scareware’ campaign is targeting Mac users by flashing fake lockdown messages on the screen. [PCMag](#) reports the fake messages appear on screen when the user types an incorrect web page address. PCMag writes the hackers earlier targeted Windows users but started striking Macs after Microsoft issued an anti-scwareware feature for its Edge browser. When the Mac user types an incorrect web address, a warning claiming to be from Apple Support flashes on the screen with a toll-free phone number and falsely notifies the user that “access to this Apple device has been blocked for security reasons.” PCMag believes it’s designed to fool



Mac users to pay for fake tech support. Security company [LayerX](#) is raising alarms noting that “Phishing campaigns targeting Mac users have existed before, they have rarely reaching this level of sophistication.” PCMag received the bogus locked down message while using both Safari and Google Chrome browsers on the Mac.

If you’re using an older version of the Google Chrome browser on Windows, Mac, or Linux computers, you definitely want to upgrade.



[Zdnet](#) reported in late March that Chrome contained a critical vulnerability that could infect your operating system or cause your computer to crash.

Do you really need anti-virus on your iPad or iPhone? [Tech Advisor](#) says no. The real threat with Apple’s devices is user error. Clicking on a link in a text urging you to pay a bogus toll road fee is an example. Or clicking on a fake link for your bank in an email could cost you plenty.



Experts say we all need to be cautious, on our guard, and suspicious of any unwanted emails or phone calls. [Security.org](#) notes in 2020, Windows was the #1 target of ransomware, followed by Windows tablets, macOS, Android devices, and iOS, in that order.

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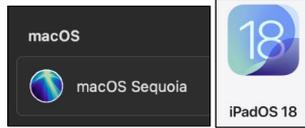
By Kurt Jefferson

The iPad is, by far, the best-selling computer tablet in the world. But plenty of users aren't getting the most out of their tablets. Here's a personal tip: Use a keyboard and mouse or trackball with your iPad. That's right. Connect a Bluetooth keyboard and mouse or trackball to get better control over your tablet. After all, the iPad is not an oversized iPhone. [GeeksMode](#) provides a list of recommendations for getting more out of your iPad. If you prefer a YouTube video, we've got you covered [here](#).

We've heard from you Android phone users. Yes, we concentrate on Apple's devices because CKCS teaches Apple-centric classes, holds an Apple-related SIG, and helps folks with issues on their iPads, iPhones, and Macs during iHelp. It's held the first Saturday of the month. But if you have an Android phone, here are some tips [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).



PCMag reports that Apple is prepping a big visual overhaul for iOS and iPad 19 and macOS 16. Those are the next operating systems still under development for Apple's mobile devices and its Mac computers. This might well be the biggest update for the Mac since macOS Big Sur in 2020 and iOS 7 in 2013, reports PCMag. What does this mean for users of Apple's products? Apparently, dramatic visual changes are ahead. "With the upcoming refresh, Apple will change the style of its icons, menus, apps, windows, and system buttons. The final design will borrow elements from visionOS and provide users with a more simplified way to navigate and control devices, sources tell Bloomberg," writes PCMag. The user interface for VisionPro (Apple's headset device) uses visionOS and has circular icons rather than the square ones used on the Mac, iPad, and iPhone, according to PCMag.



Shown above are the latest operating systems for Apple's Mac laptops and desktops as well as the iPad and iPhone. A report from *Bloomberg* indicates we can expect big changes in the next operating system releases.

Your Tech

By Kurt Jefferson

A scam targeting older Americans called the ‘grandparent scam’ points the finger at 25 Canadians who are accused of bilking Americans out of \$21 million, reports [PCMag](#).

The scam involved young people posing as the victims’ grandkids claiming they’d been arrested and needed bail money. If you listen closely, you can almost hear an actor crying into the phone, “Grandma, I’m in trouble! I need your help.” The defendants are in their 20s and 30s and used the aliases “Toast,” “Blondie,” “Muscles,” “Honda,”



“Elvis,” and other fake names. The callers targeted older Americans in 40 separate states.

Two of the scammers are still on the run. When the Canadians were arrested, police say they were on the phone actively targeting older Virginians, trying to add



those victims to their list of duped Americans. A 2012 [study](#) done by researchers at the University of Iowa showed that the brain changes as we age and makes some older individuals less skeptical to scams and more likely to become a victim of a criminal. Kentucky ranks 20th in the nation (#1 is safest) in fraud claims according to [Elite Personal Finance](#).

WordPress is a leading website creation tool. It’s used by hundreds of millions sites—about 44 % of all websites, reports [Colorlib](#). WordPress is growing rapidly. Problem is, at least 1,000 WordPress websites are targeted by malicious plugin backdoor attacks, reports [TechRadar](#). TechRadar reports there are tools that can prevent a backdoor attack.



Google Chrome, the popular web browser, is being targeted by cybercriminals. Extensions, tiny apps that you can install to make your browser do more, are the problem. [TechRadar](#) writes,



“Hackers have managed to compromise dozens of legitimate

Google Chrome extensions in what appears to be a highly sophisticated supply chain attack. As a result, millions of browser users are at risk of data theft, identity theft, wire fraud, and more, cybersecurity researchers at Sekoia have said.” *Hello April!*



Your Tech

By Kurt Jefferson

If you've never visited 'The Wayback Machine,' you're in for a treat. This is a website that allows you to travel back in time to view old websites. [Mental Floss](#) has assembled seven different fun ways to use the website.



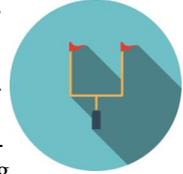
Many folks have never thought about it, but what happens if you die without a will? [Kiplinger](#) opens the door into what occurs with no will.

“Oops.” That’s how [PCMag](#) describes the recent issue where Microsoft accidentally deleted AI from a recent update. MS removed its Copilot assistant from the Windows operating system. PCMag reports that some users wish Microsoft would remove Copilot on a permanent basis. You might say those users are not exactly a fan of artificial intelligence.

AI

Reports say a former University of Michigan football coach is accused of hacking into computers containing details about thousands of student athletes.

Matthew Weiss, 42, a former co-offensive coordinator is accused of “computer-hacking related crimes that involved downloading data about more than 150,000 student athletes. Allegedly, Weiss then used the stolen data to help him break into the social media, email, and cloud storage accounts belonging to over 2,000 athletes,” writes [PCMag](#).



Why is This Woman Smiling?



Because she got her computer problem solved at Dr. Fix-it. Next month, she'll bring her iPad to see the folks at iHelp.

Dr. Fix-it and iHelp are volunteer helpers at CKCS. Join us at 10 A.M., the first Saturday of the month.



Your Tech

By Kurt Jefferson

When the history books are written, this era might be remembered as a great time for swindlers, thieves and crooks. Just read the headlines. You won't have to dig very deep at all. Watch the news. Follow the money.

Plenty of energy is spent trying to convince you and me to click on links. Plenty of folks in Kentucky and elsewhere are clicking on these links—sent via text and email. Those same folks are losing plenty of money or exposing themselves to charlatans who want their personal information to drain their wallets. It's going on as I type this.

On this beautiful day in mid-March, I received a text message on my phone from “Callie,” who claims to be a customer service rep. at Home Depot. And she cheerfully writes that her company wants to offer me an online job after I was recommended by several online recruiting firms. Why am I not celebrating this news?



The devil, as they say, is in the details. And in this day and age, if you cannot examine the details, you're like a

salmon swimming upstream. You're not going to make that next giant wave. You're sunk.

First, I examined who sent this glorious text. It's from someone using a popooo.com email address. Sure as the sun rises tomorrow, Home Depot does not use that email address. Home Depot runs a network of the largest nationwide home improvement centers in the U.S. It doesn't rely on a strange text message from a strange email address delivered to a stranger—me.

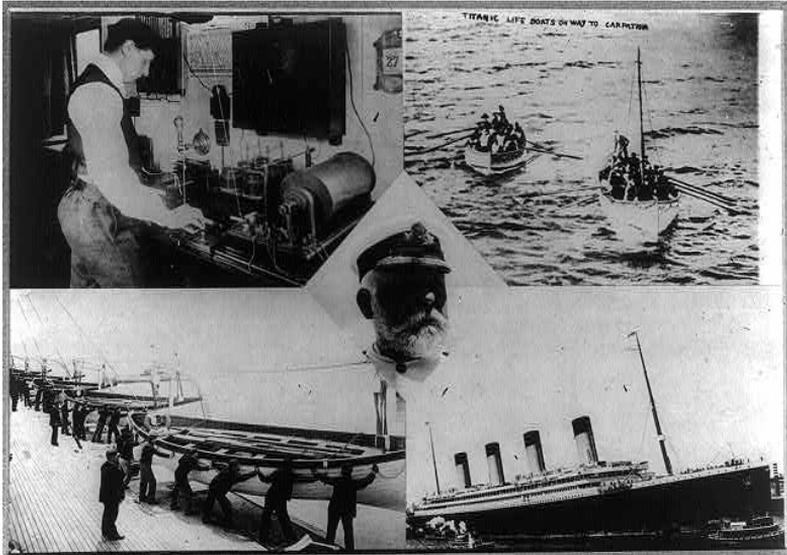
It may be the 21st century, but this is not how employees are hired today without vetting. This is a veiled attempt to get my personal information with the ultimate goal of getting my American dollars. Period. I deleted the message and reported it but that won't do any good. It's the era of swindlers, thieves and crooks taking control. Watch your step.

Message
Today 10:37 AM

Hello, good morning! I'm Callie, a customer service representative at (Home Depot), and your resume has been recommended by multiple online recruitment companies. Therefore, our company offers you a remote online job, which is a great remote part-time/full-time online job to help (Home Depot) merchants update data, increase visibility and bookings, and provide free training. The working hours are 60 to 90 minutes (depending on your schedule), and you can earn \$50 to \$500 a day if you are willing. The basic salary is \$1,000 for every 4 days of work. 5-day paid trial



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A Composite of the HMS *Titanic*

Photos from the *HMS Titanic* show the wireless operator on the ship receiving a distress call; lifeboats carrying survivors to the *Carpathia*; *Titanic* captain Edward John Smith is shown in center. Smith went down on the ship when it sank in April 1912. His body was never recovered and accounts differ on his final moments. In more than four decades at sea, Smith had never been involved in a maritime mishap.

Source: Library of Congress/Bain News Service
Published: 1912



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RMS Titanic Survivors

The *RMS Titanic* was the largest ocean liner in service when it struck an iceberg at 11:40 P.M. on April 14, 1912. The maritime disaster claimed 1,500 lives. These survivors were recovering at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City. The two men in the back with the nurse were *Titanic* crew members. The man with the pillow behind his head is Thomas Whitely, a waiter on the ship. He suffered a broken leg and burns. To the right is John Thompson, a fireman on the ship. He suffered a broken arm.

Source: Library of Congress/American Press Association
Taken: April 22, 1912



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RMS Titanic Survivor Brothers

French brothers Michel (age 4) and Edmond Navratil (age 2) survived the sinking of the *RMS Titanic* while their dad died in the maritime disaster. Their father assumed the name Louis Hoffman and used their nicknames, Lolo and Mamon. When this photo was taken, the so-called 'Titanic orphans' had not yet been identified. The *Titanic* was on her maiden voyage from Britain to New York City when the ship struck an iceberg.

Source: Library of Congress/Bain News Service

Taken: April 1912



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What in the World is This Contraction?

Dr. Gustaf Zander (1835-1920) was helping his students tone their pecs and glutes in his Stockholm Mechanico-Therapeutic Institute long before infomercials in the 1980s featured Richard Simmons urging viewers to “work those abs!”

Source: Tekniska Museet/Flickr/The Commons/Public Domain Image Archive
Taken: 1892



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Having a Picnic With Friends at Camden

Teresa Babb (1868–1948) poses with friends on a rocky incline near Camden, Maine, where they lived. Babb captured her hometown’s industrial and seafaring spots during her lifetime. As The Public Domain Review notes, the angles at which Babb shot her photos make them seem quite contemporary rather than well over a century old. Teresa is in the front.

Source: Flickr/The Commons/Camden Public Library

Taken: 1900.



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Celebration of Juneteenth in Richmond

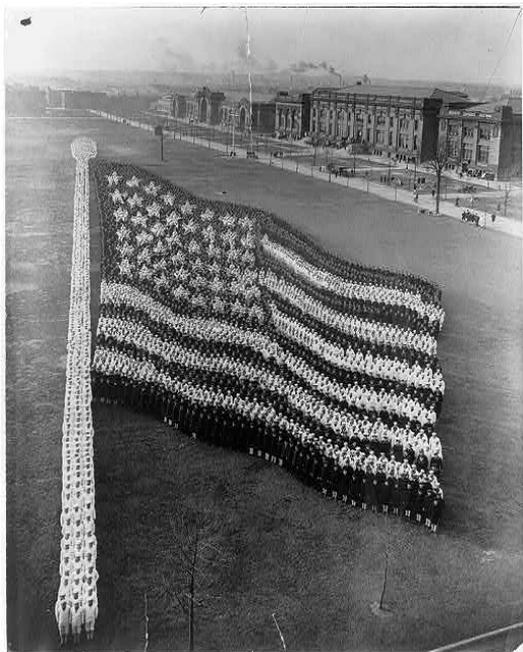
African Americans converge on Richmond, Va., to celebrate Emancipation Day, recognizing June 19, 1865, when 250,000 enslaved individuals were finally declared free in Texas—the last state to release enslaved people.

Taken: Circa 1905.

Source: Library of Congress



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A Human ‘Old Glory’

Between 1915 and 1921, British-born photographer Arthur Mole and his assistant John Thomas made a series of extraordinary group photos thanks to thousands of U.S. servicemen and staff from U.S. military camps. In an attempt to boost morale during WWI, the U.S. military commissioned Mole to create these photos.

Taken: Circa 1918

Source: Library of Congress



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