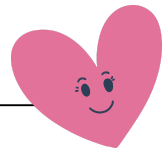# Merry Christmas
The Mouse Pad

If you don't want me to shop online

You Really Shouldn't Use My Name For All Your Passwords

A Note From The Editor

Happy Holidays from the Computer Tech Club Members. We help you stay up to date on all technology. Join us on Wednesday, December 6, at 3 pm via Zoom for a GREAT presentation and demo on AI - Artificial Intelligence. This month is free to all residents, if you RSVP Di Binder - We will send you the link. Be prepared, learn all you can about AI - as it will change all aspects of life. RSVP to dbinder2004@comcast.net. Thank You.

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Shop on Line - Be Careful - Paypal is a great way to stay safe, as Shopay and many other apps that are similar. Always shop with reputable companies with a secure lock https in the website address. Always check your your bank accounts regularly. That is the benefit of on-line banking - you have access to your accounts and know what is going on; rather than waiting for the Bank to tell you something is wrong. Be Proactive - take control with knowledge.

Excuse a Little Housekeeping...Dues Time again for the RH Computer Tech Club 2024:

ONLY $10 per household. A real bargain to keep up to date with technology. We are now recording our zoom meetings that you can view on our members page. As always, if anyone would like to step up and accept an officer position, please let Diane know. We only have a President and website master; which is me - but, I always like help and suggestions. Send your check to D.Binder, as I monitor the Bank account. Remember the office no longer takes care of the club funds and clubs were asked to start our own bank account. **Members, Happy Holidays to all; Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa.**

SCAMS: I am so tired of all these "scams", especially ones that are directed to senior citizens. Be aware that many scams are found in emails. For example: Amazon saying your account is locked..., USPS saying you need to pick up a package..., Fed-X saying you need to contact them... even Xfinity fake emails...IRS fake emails.....Gift card fake emails or you need to do something.... and now a Scam Alert from a fake Google - Scam Alert: Those 'Your Google account is locked' emails are fake.   PLEASE do NOT click on these emails. If something is THAT important, they will get in touch with you. I am disgusted that these "criminals" out there pick on good people. Always tell someone or call me and show me what you received. I will help you.   I, too receive all this "fake" stuff, as well. (source: Editor)

Here is more about a fake scam from supposedly Gmail: I've received several frantic messages of late from Gmail users who received scary-sounding emails claiming their Google accounts have been locked and disabled due to fraudulent use. The wording of these emails varies a bit, but they all prompt you to reply to the email if you believe your Google account was l0cked and disabled in error. If you reply to the email you'll receive another email asking you to enter your Google password. This email scam is nothing more than an elaborate "phishing" scheme designed to trick you into handing your Google login info over to the scammer.   If you receive one of these emails, don't fall for it. Simply delete it and ignore it because your Google account has not been locked or disabled.

Social Media is at it again, especially at the Holidays. "Quizzes, Caution"

These Quizzes always pop up this time of year - JUST be aware if you participate - you will receive more advertising on your social media account and possibly even "fake" accounts trying to "friend" you. We have seen them from people trying to get to know you better and romance you. Be Aware. The quizzes are fun - just understand you are opening yourself to more fake people and possible scams. Often quizzes are used for data mining (collection of your personal data that is often used by you as your passwords or your password security questions and answers. For example: Your favorite color, your dogs name, your first car and etc. I'm not saying do not have fun, just be cautious on who is seeing your answers. (source...FYI by your editor).

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Tips, Tips, Tips

- Did you know when you download something - it stays on your device - In Computer it is the downloads folders.
- Photos - Have you tried Google Photos and see all the great features it has. The Computer Club has a source for a good teacher and videos for Google photos. She is even recognized by Google as an expert!
- What is a bit? And, how BIG do they go? This is how the computer measures space and storage. See the article on our website. https://www.computerclubrhcc.com/.
- To help older adults spot, avoid, and report scams, the FTC keeps collaborating with community groups, law enforcement, financial institutions, aging and consumer professionals, and hundreds of others to share fraud prevention material, in spanish too. To learn more, FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

What Gen Z really cares about when it comes to privacy

It would be easy to think that Gen Z doesn't care about privacy. They worry less about ad tracking, do little to stem the flow of their private information online, and, as Malwarebytes recently uncovered, monitor one another's lives far more than other generations.But it isn't that Gen Z, wholesale, doesn't care about privacy. It's that they care about privacy in a different way. Unlike other generations whose privacy fears are deeply entangled with concerns of traditional cybercrimes like identity and credit card theft, Gen Z worries most about the exposure of their private information because of the chance of harassment, bullying, and lost friendships.

In fact, when it comes to many privacy concerns that have a cybersecurity overlap, Gen Z cares less overall. According to our research, compared to 51 percent of non-Gen Z, 62 percent of Gen Z agreed or strongly agreed with the following statement: "I'm more worried about my private information being exposed online (e.g., embarrassing/compromising photos/videos, mental health, sexuality, etc.) than I am about typical cybersecurity threats (like viruses, malware etc.). READ MORE on our Computer Club website: https://www.computerclubrhcc.com/. (source: Malwarebytes, 11 2, 2023 D.R)

About this "Mouse Pad News" - This is news for the Computer Tech Club; however, we are sharing it with all residents, FREE. Due to the importance of staying tech savvy - it is important for all senior citizens to be aware of new technology that can change often. Also, residents are welcome to submit community news and photos. Send to dbinder2004@comcast.net

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- TIP CODE PROVIDED

You will be given a confidential tip code number. Your confidential tip code number should be kept private and NOT shared with anyone. You can check the status of your tip on line or via telephone. (Info provided by Lake County Sheriff's Office).

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DEVICE ADVICE, 30-second browser privacy check

Extensions let you customize your browser and add powerful features. But not all extensions are beneficial. Some track you across the internet, eat up your computer's resources — and worse.

A sure sign an extension is bad news? You don't remember downloading it. In that case, just delete it.

Pro tip: It's also helpful to search the web for phrases like, "Is [extension name] safe?" See what pops up, and pay special attention to any security warnings.

Here's how to remove an extension from Chrome:

- In the top right corner, click the three vertical dots to the right of your profile icon.
- Hover over Extensions and click Manage Extensions.
- Click Remove on the extension you want to remove, then click Remove again.

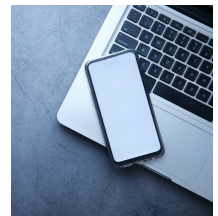Use Safari on a Mac? Here's how to remove an extension:

Choose Safari > Preferences > Extensions. To uninstall an extension, select it and click Uninstall. (source: KKomando tech advice)

Best Wishes Kevin on Retirement, you better stay in touch.

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Giant Christmas Word Search

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b g y p y r u d o l p h s c f u l w a r r u o r z
f d z f v b z l q x j k l t u r k e y l y h f e s
s s l j j c o w q n n j e j g a r l a n d a f i l
a n w o o v a p p r e c i a t i o n m p w i d n e
l o t y l s a m c f s p e s t o c k i n g s g d i
f w g t l y c h a v c h e g g n o g k a e d i e g
a d w t y u v g e l i d o i k p h b z s d f f e h
m w o c o w l k t i n s e l e n s c b m u y t r v
i s v r h y k w b n s q v h l p x s a g q c s s j
l n l o t r s j c t s h s w r y q k f r e e n f i
y o v s t k i q w r q q d a i w y t u e o z b t n
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q f e o w i p x t e a n f x s t k n y g z i s a l
x l b w g o r n a m e n t s w x a u g a k q c d e
u a v m q c q n b o a j h a l c g t y t r l z i b
j k b a v k c l e j f s s b l a y c s h u i z t e
d e c n t x a p v l p w d q z u l r k e a g i i l
t b h h t g y a s o f d d f c e v a k r b h p o l
c f w l e t h a n k f u l k f a w c n i d t r n s
c d o h j e z r h s v c t r g u j k q n f s c s v
u r v d e z r o m q q p u m u d x e w g y z i x g
n o r t h p o l e e j s d f s n a r s v b k q a n
k g s o b n q w x j x d g r a t i t u d e w v s a
t r e e s k i r t j f r o s t y d t e h i p q g d
s i p m i s t l e t o e d y r m b w o e g b q g j
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Find these Christmas words.

North Pole	Santa	ornaments	nutcracker
family	reindeer	tree skirt	mistletoe
joy	toys	jingle bells	traditions
tinsel	snowflake	eggnog	gathering
thankful	Frosty	gratitude	appreciation
garland	holly	carols	christmas
snow	lights	sleigh	Rudolph
turkey	stockings	snowman	tree
cheer	jolly	gifts	elf

(The words may be hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally.)

Giant Christmas Word Search


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b g y p y r u d o l p h s c f u l w a r r u o r z
f d z f v b z l q x j k i t u r k e y i y h f e s
s s l j j c o w q n n j e j g a r l a n d a f i l
a n w o o v a p p r e c i a t i o n m p w i d n e
l o t y l s a m c f s p e s t o c k i n g s g d i
f w g t l y c h a v c h e g g n o g k a e d i e g
a d w t y u v g e l i d o j k p h b z s d f f e h
m w o c o w l k t i n s e l e n s c b m u y t r v
i s v r h y k w b n s q v h l p x s a g q c s s j
l n l o t r s j c t s h s w r y q k f r e e n f i
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j k b a v k c i e j f s s b l a y c s h u i z t e
d e c n t x a p v l p w d q z u l r k e a g i i l
t b h h t g y a s o f d d f c e v a k r b h p o l
c f w l e t h a n k f u l k f a w c n i d t r n s
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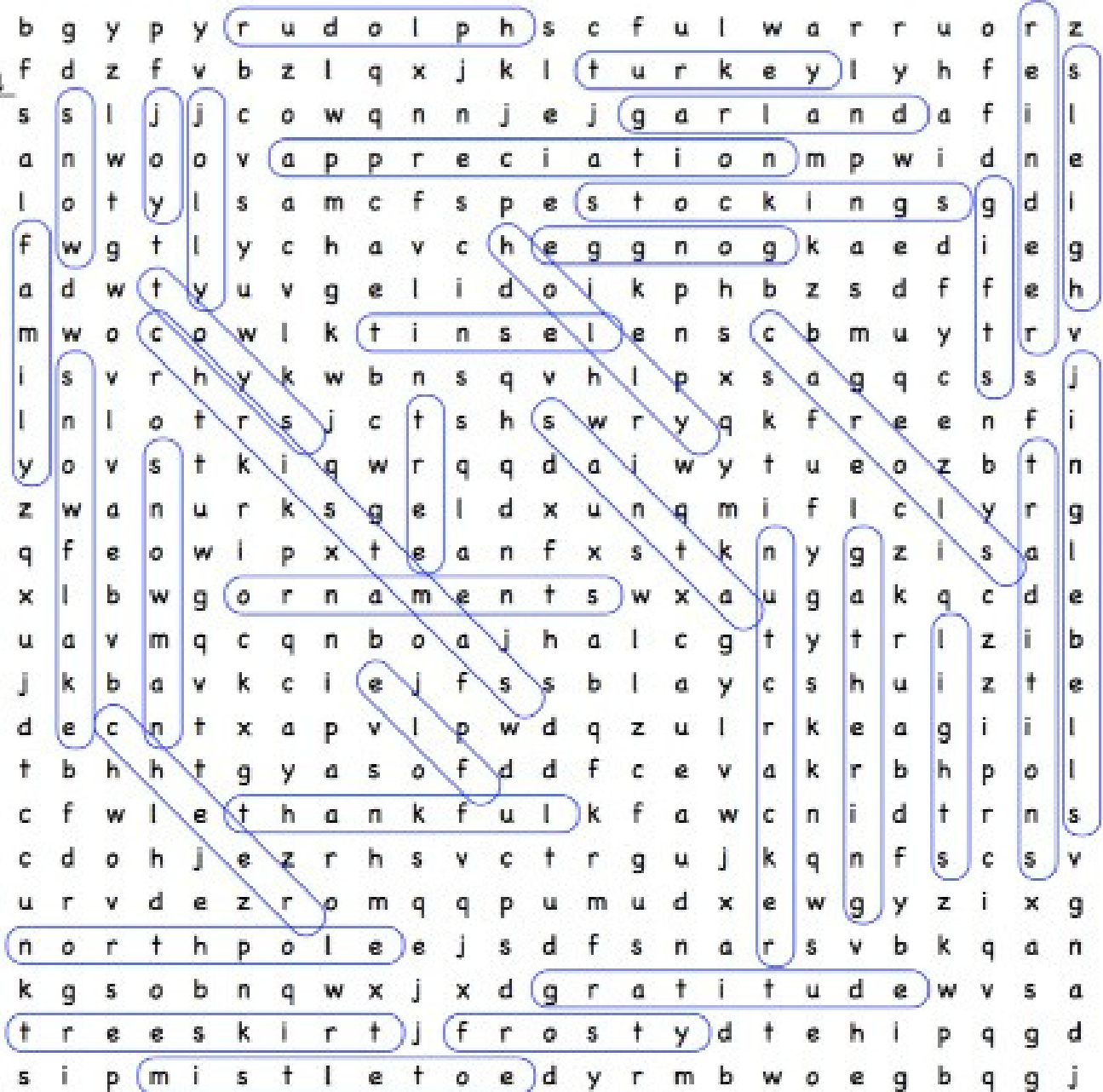
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