The Villages Computer Club

The Villages Computer Club will host another great **WORKSHOP** event at La Hacienda Recreation Center on Friday April 20th at 1:00 pm.

Here in an informal setting you will be able to get your computer questions and concerns answered by knowledgeable experts. The subject tables will be iPad, AOL, Email, Kindle Fire, Computer Security, Photography, Facebook, Skype, Questions on XP, VISTA and Windows 7 and General PC questions.

This is always a time where you can gain lots of helpful computer knowledge and have a good time. We will have refreshments and our 50/50 and door prices.

For more information on the VCC please reference the clubs web site or email Paul Rabenold at TVCC.Pres@gmail.com

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Question: How do I enlarge the text typed in my outgoing email messages?>>

Answer: This depends upon the email program you use. In Centurylink.net that you're using,

See the little menu bar just above the message box, where it says 3(12pt), click that and change it to a higher number and the text will be larger. If you have already written the message, then highlight what you want to be larger and then click and change the number to a higher number. If you want the default to be a larger on all messages sent, then click Preferences over to the left above Mail and then click Compose. Make any changes to email there and then SAVE.
Most email programs have PREFERENCES   and also has a menu bar that allows you to make changes for 'this' email only then reverts to the default.
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Have you considered downloading the FREE Dropbox?

https://www.dropbox.com/tour/1

It's a great way to send a whole folder of family pictures, or a file that's too big to attach to an email.

One suggestion, I suggest that you create a copy of whatever you put into Dropbox and put the copy into Dropbox, leaving the original on your computer.
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Importing AOL addresses to Outlook Express or Outlook

To Add @aol.com to a list of AOL screen names in EXCEL do the following:

1. Place the screen names in column A1 to A??Place '@aol.com in column B1 (note: you must use a single quote before @aol.com)

2. In Column C1 enter the formula =A1&B1

3. Now select B1 and C1 and drag them down as far as the screen name list in column A.

In the example above A?? is really any number that is the last number of your list of screen names>>

Save as a .txt file or a .csv file and then you should be able to import these AOL addresses into OE.

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Arrows in AOL to give instructions

1. Bring to the AOL screen the page which you wish to give instructions, such as the Mail Options.

2.Press the Print Screen keyboard key to take a picture of that screen.

3. Now open Word 2007 new document form and right click, select Paste. A picture of the AOL Mail Options page will appear on the Word document form.

4. Next, click Insert on the Word menu bar and click the Shape you prefer and rightclick just below Mail Options button. You may also color the arrow, elongate the arrow or drag it closer,etc.

5.Click Mail Options and select Set Mail Preferences to bring up the Mail Settings box shown below.

6. Now, again click Insert, select a shape and paste it to point to CONFIRM THAT MAIL HAS BEEN SENT.

7. Click Save As and pick a folder in which to save the file. Give the file a name.

8. Attach this file to an email to send to the person to show them how to set the preference to get a confirmation when sending an email or create a print screen of the picture with the arrows and paste it into an email to send.

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Create Arrows to Use to Point in Word 2007 Documents

1. **Click Insert and select Shapes.**
2. **Click to select the type arrow you need**
3. **Click on the page where you want to put the arrow.**
4. **Drag the arrow to the length you need.**
5. **Click and use the turn circle to turn it to the degree you want.**
6. **Select color, size,etc.**

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Have you considered having your very own website?

www.ipower.com hosts my website www.jmaxbits.com and can help you build a website using Weebly. I received the message below from ipower today containing their new e-newsletter to their customers. They give very clear instructions on how to plan and create your site using Weebly Drag and Drop Site Builder. Be sure to mention that I recommended ipower and I think I get $2.00 off the cost of my website. It seems you can get a site now for $2.50/mo. That's a lot cheaper than when I got my site for $108/yr. And Weebly Drag and Drop sounds a lot easier than using Microsoft Front Page which I'm still using. I wish there was a way to switch site builders without starting all over. I've too many files on my site to consider redoing the whole thing...don't think I'll live long enough to do that. LOL jmax

"We received a lot of positive feedback from last month's newsletter, ***How To Design Your Site Like a Pro***. This month we're following it up with advice on how to implement those design tips using the **Weebly Drag and Drop Site Builder**, available for free through your IPOWER control panel. " ipower team
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Back Ups Made Simple.
   How would you like to be able to backup your entire hard drive and have a spare in case you get corrupted or catch a virus. If you feel comfortable installing or changing hard drives, you can get a USB External Hard Drive Enclosure, also called kits, that allow you to install or change the Hard Drive. The hard drive must be purchased separately.
   The USB External Hard Drive Enclosurer at CompuUSA are about $39 .

http://www.compusa.com/applications/SearchTools/search.asp?keywords=External+hard+drive+enclosure

   Shop for Internal Hard Drives which can usually be found on sale for about 50 cents a Gig after rebates. You can install an (internal) Hard Drive in this External Enclosure and use it to back up all your files… much easier than reading, writing and storing CDs or DVDs.

Also, using a cloning program such as Casper XP or Ghost, or Acronis, you can copy (clone) your entire hard to this USB External Hard Drive. Unlike other copy programs, Casper XP will clone your entire Hard Drive to a USB External - and the Hard Drives don't have to be the same size. You can even use a smaller, slower HD as a backup as long as it's big enough to hold the data.
http://www.fssdev.com/products/casperxp/

If your computer's hard drive crashes or gets corrupted, just install the Cloned Hard Drive in your computer and in about 5 minutes, you're back in operation - exactly like you were when you Cloned your Hard drive to the external. OF course data added to your computer's hard drive after the clone was saved will not be on the clone unless you add it periodically.

Also - while the Cloned HD is in the External, you can still read / write (non system) files and use it to backup newer data.

The possibilities seem endless Instead of storing many CDs or data DVDs as backups, I have a couple of spare Hard Drives that hold everything and are ready to install when needed.
Sorry - Laptops are physically different and use much more expensive Hard Drives. But, when using my laptop, I copy everything I save to a USB external hard drive.

It is impractical to try to back up Windows onto floppies because there's so much material to back up. At 1.44MB per floppy, your estimate of 500 floppies is probably accurate. I even consider it dangerous to backup to CDs. I feel much better copying important files to an external hard drive.

If you have purchased a new computer and have no easy way to copy files from the old computer to the new one, you can always attach a group of the files to an email and send it to yourself. It may require many emails to send all the data and pictures. Do not open the email in your old computer. Rather, open them in the new computer and Save them to folders in your new computer.

CRITICALLY IMPORTANT: When you purchase a new computer MAKE SURE that you get a Recovery Disk or that you use the information in the computer's manual to CREATE a set of Recovery Disk. IF your computer crashes, you can usually use the Recovery Disks to get up and going again.
Don't just depend upon the Recovery disk installed on your new computer to get you up and running...what if you can't get to that Recovery drive???

If you have an HP computer and you failed to create those Recovery disks when you first setup your new computer, it's not to late now to create them. Once created, the option to create them disappears from most computer's system tools but HP allows you to go back and re-create those Recovery disks.

Recovery Disks Maker Reset

This program ONLY works with HP & Compaq computers

Many HP desktops nowadays don't ship with any restore CDs any longer. Instead, they use a hidden disk partition at your own hard disk's memory cost to hold the recovery data at several gigs worth too. Users are allowed to make a CD or DVD recovery disc but that is a one-time operation due to licensing agreements with Microsoft without any way to reset the restriction. While I don't recommend you to burn 13 CD-Rs to make your recovery disc, 2-3 DVD-Rs is a welcome security in case any misfortune should befall upon your computer. Plus once you do so you can repartition and free up the recovery partition to recover some memory back (at your own risk of course). But what happens when you encounter an error during the burn process? Or you lose your recovery CDs? Or the HP recovery disc maker software gets corrupted somehow?

If this should ever happen to you, you're in luck because there is a solution to reset the one limit restriction:

1. **Download the Recovery Reset Patch.**

2. **Extract the contents and run extracted file "ResetRmc.exe". NOTE: This is a very small file that executes very quickly so you may not even detect that it did anything**

3. **Now try to run the Recovery CD/DVD Disc Maker again, the one limit restriction will be reset and you will be able to make a recovery disk again**

If the computer was restored at any point using a burned recovery CD this patch will not work. In that instance, the only backup media available for the customer is the D: recovery partition. Attempting to run the ResetRmc.exe patch in this instance causes the "Incorrect Password Specified" error message to appear.

Click here: How to Reset HP Pavilion Recovery CD One Limit Restriction § Code Retard

Note: Gateway now also has a Recovery Reset.

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Jesus emerging from the tomb...giant mural

The Resurrection is a 12 x 40 mural, oil on canvas. It is a depiction of the moment of Jesus emerging from the tomb.
This mural was commissioned by the Museum of Biblical Art in Dallas , Texas.

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Jmax's Website   http://www.jmaxbits.com/
Jmax Bits Newsletter is now posted each Monday & Thursday on the website. You have the option for a .pdf or a .rtf file.

1.For help with a computer problem, put HELP in the subject line and give me info about the computer you're using, if you know it.

2.To view or print Jmax Bits Good Services List in the Villages area, click link www.jmaxbits.com

3. To sign up for the non-computer newsletter, send an email to VLGSClassifieds@aol.com. Put SUBSCRIBE in the subject line. To send an Ad, place AD in the subject line.

4. The Villages Computer Club's web page: Click here: Welcome To The Villages Computer Club
To add your name to the VCC announcements list, send email to TheVCC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

5. Fred Benson's website www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com