

## THE VILLAGES COMPUTER CLUB

The Villages Computer Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday April 26th at Lake Miona Recreation Center.

The program will feature a presentation on "**Clean Up / Tune Up Your Computer**" by Bob Petrilak

Following the presentation will be refreshments, door prizes and a problem solving session.

If you have a computer problem you can't resolve, fill out the troubleshooting request form found at [thevillagescomputerclub.com](http://thevillagescomputerclub.com) and bring it to the meeting. Forms are also available at the meeting. Ask for one when you pick up your door prize ticket.

Guests are always welcome, please bring your village ID card. For information or to sign up to be on the VCC email list, visit the website or email Paul Rabenold at [TVCC.Pres@gmail.com](mailto:TVCC.Pres@gmail.com)

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Send info from a website to someone

Two ways to send:

**Send the URL only or send text and images from website using copy and paste.**

Send URL

1. Highlight the URL in the address bar
2. Press Ctrl C to copy.
3. Open GMAIL, click Compose
4. Rightclick in the message box and press CTRL V
5. Enter Address of recipient either from contact list or from memory.
6. Click SEND

Send text and images:

1. Highlight the text and or images
2. Press Ctrl C to copy.
3. Open GMAIL, click Compose
4. Rightclick in the message box and press CTRL V
5. Enter Address of recipient either from contact list or from memory.
6. Click SEND

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**SYSTEM FILE CHECKER**

Sfc = system file checker

**XP & Win 7**

**Click START...Run and type in sfc /scannow** There's a space between sfc and the /.  
Click OK. Before running this the user should have an installation CD handy if the installation files aren't located on the hard drive. If the procedure finds a corrupted or altered file, it may ask for the install CD so it can replace that file. The computer will find the files if they are on the hard drive. (In computers purchased with Xp or Win 7 installed, a partition is created on the hard drive, and it puts the Recovery disk on the partitioned drive usually named the drive D:

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**Run command in Win 7**

- **You can also access the Run command by pressing the Windows logo key +R.**

The Run command no longer appears on the Start menu in this version of Windows. The search box that appears on the Start menu provides much of the same functionality as the Run command. However, the Run command is still available if you prefer to use it. You can even add it to the Start menu for easier access.

**To add the Run command to the Start menu**

1. [Click to open Taskbar and Start Menu Properties.](#)
2. Click the Start Menu tab, and then click Customize.
3. In the list of Start menu options, select the Run command check box, and then click OK. The Run command will be displayed on the right side of the Start menu.

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**Remove programs**

Q: I want to remove some applications from an old computer. But the Control Panel doesn't list the applications. How do I completely remove applications?

A: The item you're looking for is actually called Add/Remove Programs. If it's missing, there are several options:

Try reinstalling Windows from the original disk; this is a simple process if you have a CD-ROM, but it can be more time-consuming if you must use floppies. The process of reinstalling should place Add/Remove Programs in the Control Panel.

Another course of action is to simply delete the programs directly from the hard disk. Open Windows Explorer and place the cursor on the folder of the program you want to remove. Then hit the Delete button and answer Yes when prompted to move the program to the Recycle Bin. This procedure will leave traces of the program application on the hard disk, but it won't permit the next owner of the computer to use the software. (Programs should ideally always be Uninstalled and not just deleted)

There also are several software programs that will do a nifty job of removing applications, but it doesn't sound like it's a necessity for your old computer.

Try these other two methods before just deleting a program which can be done ONLY as a last resort. Another way to uninstall programs is to click START...Programs and locate the program on the list. It may have it's own uninstall listed there. Click it.

Another possibility is to put in the program CD, when it comes up to install, select Uninstall instead.

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## **Connect Computer to TV to display on TV Computer Output**

**By Pete Rosendahl**

### **Items needed**

1. A laptop or desktop that have wireless capability. If it isn't able to display on TV, would suggest that your pc may be adequate but could use additional memory.

2. A wireless router for the connection to the laptop / desktop.

3. A wireless keyboard and mouse.

4. TV connections. The TV should have multiple inputs.  
Either - VGA, HDMI, or S Video for the video connection

Audio input - RCA (red / white)

5. PC connections - VGA cable, HDMI output or S Video.

Audio - 3.5mm pin to RCA cables.

You now set up your laptop / desktop in proximity to the TV and then control them by the use of the wireless keyboard and mouse. The computer video output is then connected to the TV by VGA, HDMI or S Video cables. The audio 3.5mm pin cable is plugged into the audio output jack on the sound card (desktop) or front of the laptop.

Your TV has multiple inputs and can be switched between TV, VCR, DVD and "WEB". You can then switch back and forth between the TV and Web. If you have "picture in picture" function on the TV, then you could have both the web and the TV on at the same time.

When you have the laptop / desktop set, then turn it on and make sure that it receives a connection to the Internet from the wireless router. Then use your browser to go to the Internet and you can display the video and audio output on your TV.

Note: If you can run a RJ45 Ethernet cable from your router to your PC it would make the signal better and stronger to pick up the Internet.

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## Computer Battery Disposal

**Both Lowe's and Home Depot are set up to accept these kinds of batteries for recycling. They can also be disposed of at the Lake County Recycling Center on Rolling Acres Road (about a mile south of 466 on the east side of Rolling Acres Road). Tuesday and Saturday, 7:30-5:00**

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### Character Map Codes:

à = 0224    Å = 0192    ò = 0242    Ò = 0210    ù = 0249    Ù = 0217

á = 0225    Á = 0193    ó = 0243    Ó = 0211    ú = 0250    Ú = 0218

â = 0226    Â = 0194    ô = 0244    Ô = 0212    û = 0251    Û = 0219

ã = 0227    Ã = 0195    õ = 0245    Õ = 0213    ü = 0252    Ü = 0220

ä = 0228    Ä = 0196    ö = 0246    Ö = 0214

å = 0229    Å = 0197

è = 0232    È = 0200    ì = 0236    Ì = 0204    ñ = 0241    ß = 0223

é = 0233    É = 0201    í = 0237    Í = 0205    Ñ = 0209    ç = 0191

ê = 0234    Ê = 0202    î = 0238    Î = 0206    ç = 0231    j = 0161

ë = 0235    Ë = 0203    ï = 0239    Ï = 0207    Ç = 0199

*Typing Special Characters Using the Windows Character Map:*

1. Choose [Start] -> [Programs] -> [Accessories] -> [Character Map]. The Windows Character Map will appear.
2. In the Font menu, choose the font you want to work with. Not all fonts can display all international characters.
3. Locate the character you want on the grid. To see a bigger version of a character, position the mouse pointer over the character and hold down the left mouse button.
4. When you find the character you want, double-click on it. It will appear in the box labeled "Characters to copy". Repeat this step for as many characters as you want to copy.
5. Click the "Copy" button. Any characters in the "Characters to copy" box are placed on the Windows Clipboard, an area of memory which can be accessed by many programs.
6. Paste the characters anywhere you need them. To paste text in most Windows applications, position the cursor where you want the text, then press Ctrl-V or choose the [Paste] command from the Edit menu.

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### **CUT or COPY and PASTE**

1. Select (highlight) the text to be copied.

You do this by positioning your mouse pointer where you want to begin cutting or copying. (To copy the first instruction here, for instance, you might position your mouse by the letter "C" in "CUT"). Press your left mouse button. Now drag your mouse down to "Release the mouse button". If you highlight too far down, then keep holding that mouse button and move back upward to just where you want to stop copying. Release the mouse button.

2. Click EDIT on the Menu bar. Select COPY. The highlighted portion will be copied to the computer's invisible clipboard. It will remain on the clipboard until you copy something else.
3. Bring up the new email form or other document sheet where you want to paste this highlighted text or graphic.
4. Place your mouse cursor on the new sheet exactly where you want the highlighted portion to be.
5. Again, click EDIT and this time select the PASTE option. The copied portion will be inserted into the new document.

If you want to copy an entire article, place your mouse cursor anywhere within the article to be copied, click EDIT and the SELECT All button. This will highlight the entire article instantly. Then, click EDIT and COPY NOTE: It is a lot quicker if you learn to use the keyboard shortcut keys for these functions. Here they are:

SELECT ALL = CTRL + the A key on your keyboard

Copy = CTRL C

Paste = CTRL V

CUT = CTRL X

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ESC key

Q. What is the Esc button for?

A. The ESC button is used primarily for "escaping" from those menus we bring up then decide that we don't want to choose any of them. Ex. rightclick on START, a menu pops up. Now press Esc. The menu goes away.

IT can also be used in conjunction with another key as a 'hotkey' to do an action. Ex. Press the CTRL key and the Esc key and you'll get the menu that comes up when you usually press the START button. This can be used when you can't see the START button for one reason or another.

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Event Viewer WIN32 services error

**Q. I NEED HELP WITH "Generic Host Process for Win32 Services ERROR"**

Use Windows EVENT VIEWER to find the EVENT ID number:

Go to Start->Settings->Control Panel->Administrative Tools, and click on "Event Viewer".

The Event Viewer utility will allow you to review your system and application log files. Double-click on any error/warning entries you find that might relate to the problem and see if you can cut-n-paste that info here.

**Copy the EVENT ID number and search in google for a solution.**

**It is recommended that as part of monthly maintenance, we search the Event Viewer for errors.**

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Calculator Shortcut Keys CTRL+ALT+C

To create a hotkey for the Calculator, click START...All Programs...Accessories and then rightclick Calculator and select Properties from the dropdown list.

Place your cursor in the Key box and click you will see CTRL + ALT + C appear. Click Apply and OK Now when you press CTRL + ALT + C keys the calculator will pop up onto your screen.

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**ASTROLOGY FOR SOUTHERNERS**

WHAT'S Y'ALL'S SIGN?

It has become pretty obvious to me that our present astrological signs have served their purpose and that we should get rid of them. When I'm out driving around I'll see bulls, and once in a great while I suppose I'll even see a ram. Up the street from me there's some twins, but I don't see them

much. The rest of these things are just too obscure. You only see crabs on vacation. There are no lions, or scorpions, not many archers and no damn water bearers. Virgins? the neighborhood's not crawling with them either, needless to say. SO what we need here is some relevance. We need things we can recognize up there in the night sky.

Okra Dec 22 - Jan 20

Although you appear crude, you are actually very slick on the inside. Okra have tremendous influence. An older Okra can look back over his life and see the seeds of his influence everywhere. Stay away from Moon Pies

Chitlin Jan 21 - Feb 19

Chitlins often come from humble backgrounds. Many times they're uncomfortable talking about just where they came from. A chitlin, however, can make something of himself if he's motivated and has plenty of seasoning. When it comes to dealing with Chitlins, be very careful. Chitlins can burn and then erupt like Vesuvius, and this can make for a really terrible mess. Chitlins are best with Catfish and Okra. Remember that when marriage time rolls around. No, not with a Moon Pie.

Boll Weevil Feb 20-Mar 20

You have an overwhelming curiosity. You're unsatisfied with the surface of things, and you feel the need to bore deep into the interior of everything. Needless to say, you are very intense and driven as if you had some inner hunger. Nobody in their right mind is going to marry you, not even a Moon Pie, so don't worry about it. Moon Pie Mar 21-April 20 You're the type that spends a lot of time on the front porch. It's a cinch to recognize the physical appearance of Moon Pies. Big and round are the key words here. You should marry anybody who you can get remotely interested in the idea. It's not going to be easy. This might be the year to think about aerobics. Maybe not.

Possum APR 21 - May 21

When confronted with life's difficulties, possums have a marked tendency to withdraw and develop a don't-bother-me-about-it-attitude. Sometimes you become so withdrawn, people actually think you're dead. This strategy is probably not psychologically healthy, but seems to work for you. One day, however, it won't work and you may find your problems actually running you over. No room in your life for Moon Pies.

Crawfish May 22 - June 21

Crawfish is a water sign. If you work in an office, you're always hanging around the water cooler. Crawfish prefer the beach to the mountains, the pool to the golf course, the bathtub to the living room. You tend to be not particularly attractive physically, but you have very very good heads. Keep a distance from Moon Pies. Collards

June 22-July 23

Collards have a genius for communication. They love to get in the "melting pot" of life and share their essence with the essence of those around them. Collards make good social workers, psychologists, and baseball managers. As far as your personal life goes, if you are Collards, stay away from Moon Pies. It just won't work. Save yourself a lot of heartache.

Catfish July 24 - Aug 23

Catfish are traditionalists in matters of the heart, although one: Whiskers, may cause problems for loved ones. You catfish are never easy people to understand. You prefer the muddy bottoms to the clear surface of life. Above all else, Catfish should stay away from Moon Pies.

Grits Aug 24 - Sept 23

Your highest aim is to be with others like yourself. You like to huddle together with a big crowd of other Grits. You love to travel, though so maybe you should think about joining a club. Where do you like to go? Anywhere they have cheese or gravy or bacon or butter or eggs. If you can go somewhere where they have all these things, that serves you well.

Boiled Peanuts Sept 24 - Oct 23

You have a passionate desire to help your fellow man. Unfortunately, those who know you best—your friends and loved ones—may find that your personality is much too salty, and their criticism will probably affect you deeply because you are really much softer than you appear. You should go right ahead and marry anybody you want to because in a certain way, yours is a charmed life. On the road of life, you can be sure that people will always pull over and stop for you.

Butter Bean October 24 - Nov 22

Always invite a Butter Bean because Butter Beans get along well with everybody. You, as a Butter Bean, should be proud. You've grown on the vine of life and you feel at home no matter what the setting. You can sit next to anybody. However, you too, shouldn't have anything to do with Moon Pies.

Armadillo Nov 23 - Dec 21

You have a tendency to develop a tough exterior, but you are actually quite gentle. A good evening for you? Old friends, a fire, some roots, fruit, worms and insects. You are a throwback. You're not concerned with today's fashions and trends. You're not concerned with anything about today. You're really almost prehistoric in your interests and behavior patterns. You probably want to marry another Armadillo, but Possum is another somewhat kinky, mating possibility. Stay away from Moon Pies.





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](http://www.jmaxbits.com)

3. To sign up for the non-computer newsletter, send an email to [VLGSClassifieds@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:TheVCC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

5. Fred Benson's website [www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com](http://www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com)