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**Computer Help-Desk
Drop-In sessions are
every **second** and
fourth Mondays of the
month **1-3 PM**.**

**DEC Help Desk
session: Monday
Dec 8, 1-3.**

**Help-Desk is a free
drop in program to
assist Seniors with
their tech issues.**

**Next Help Desk is Jan
12, 2026, 1-3.
See you next year.**

In the News:

- a) [What happens when you kick millions of teens off social media? Australia's about to find out](#)
- b) [Trump Weighs Executive Order to Undercut State AI Regulations](#)
- c) [China's First Large-Scale Humanoid Deployment](#)
- d) [Budget Samsung phones shipped with unremovable spyware, say researchers](#)
- e) [HP Announces Up to 6,000 Layoffs in Massive AI Restructuring Plan](#)

- f) [Musk Says Human Consciousness Could Live Inside Robots in 20 Years](#)
- g) [Newsom Signs SB 53, California's First Frontier AI Safety Law](#)
- h) [Samsung Makes Galaxy Z TriFold Official, US Launch Set for Early 2026](#)
- i) [Apple Digital Passport Coming to iPhone Wallet](#)
- j) [Chinese gangs made over \\$1 billion targeting Americans with scam texts](#)
- k) [Wikipedia Tells AI Firms to Stop Scraping and Pay](#)
- l) [Target allowing consumers to tag Target in ChatGPT and describe what they are looking for](#)

Articles for December

a) 4 changes I made immediately after 1.3 billion passwords were stolen by Alaina Yee, 11.18.2025. Earlier this month, security researcher Troy Hunt added a staggering two billion email addresses and 1.3 billion unique passwords to his "Pwned Passwords" database — an aggregate of stolen credentials pulled from years of breaches and infostealer-malware logs. The fallout is massive. The author recommends taking these steps now: stop re-using the same email address for every login, update old passwords, and turn on multi-factor authentication wherever possible. Passkeys, the newer password-free sign-in method, offer even better protection. Learn more here:

pcworld.com/article/2974267/4-changes-i-made-immediately-after-1-3-billion-passwords-were-stolen

b) How to use Google Maps without an internet connection by Andy Betts, 11.01.2025. You don't always have a strong signal. The good news: Google Maps lets you "download map areas ahead of time" so you can navigate even when you're offline — perfect for travel or no-signal zones. Just open the Maps app → tap your profile → "Offline maps" → pick the area → Download. Once saved, you'll have access to basic navigation even without data — though real-time traffic or live rerouting won't work offline. Read more: howtogeek.com/how-to-use-google-maps-without-an-internet-connection

c) 9 essential Google Maps voice commands for safer driving by Jorge A. Aguilar, 11.09.2025. Google Maps isn't just for typing directions — you can drive hands-free by using built-in voice commands, making navigation safer and easier. Some handy commands include: "Navigate home,"



c) “Add stop,” “Mute voice guidance,” “Avoid tolls,” “What’s my ETA?”, and “Show alternate routes.” Pro tip: Before you start driving, double-check that voice commands are enabled. Then you can keep your hands on the wheel and eyes on the road. Learn how to use these voice commands here: howtogeek.com/google-maps-voice-commands-every-driver-should-know

d) **Apple FaceTime Calls on an Android or PC? Yes, You Can** by Sareena Dayaram and Patrick Holland, 08.18.2025. Apple now lets anyone join a FaceTime call — even on Android phones or Windows PCs —using

d) a simple browser link. You’ll get video, audio, and the basic FaceTime experience, though some iPhone-only features aren’t available. A small change, but a big improvement for mixed-device families and groups. No special app needed — just a browser (e.g., Chrome or Edge), click the link, enter your name, and join. You’ll get video/audio access (though some FaceTime-specific features like SharePlay or screen sharing might not be available in the browser view). Complete article here:

cnet.com/tech/mobile/facetime-on-android-and-pc-yes-you-can

e) **Introducing Word, Excel, and PowerPoint Agents in Microsoft 365 Copilot** by Sangeeta Kulkarni, 11.18.2025.

e) Microsoft is introducing new “Copilot agents” inside Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. These AI helpers can draft text, analyze data, manage formatting, and automate multi-step tasks — all within the apps you already use. Aimed at everyday users, they’re designed to save time and reduce repetitive work. These agents aim to simplify common tasks — writing, data analysis, slides — by offering context-aware suggestions, automating repetitive steps, and helping you work smarter. Discover how to use these AI helpers here: techcommunity.microsoft.com/CopilotBlog/introducing-word-excel-and-powerpoint-agents-in-microsoft-365-copilot

f) **As Lawmakers Take Aim at VPNs, the**



f) **Privacy of Millions Could Be in Jeopardy** by Attila Tomaschek, 11.19.2025. Several states, including Wisconsin and Michigan, are pursuing legislation that would restrict or block the use of virtual private networks (VPNs) as part of new age-verification rules for online content. While framed as a child-safety measure, experts warn the result could severely limit the ability of millions of people to protect their privacy online. VPNs are widely used by travelers, remote workers, journalists, and everyday users who want to avoid tracking by advertisers or internet providers. If these laws pass, people who depend on VPNs for secure browsing could be forced onto less reliable or unsafe alternatives. Read the full article to see how these proposals could affect your online privacy. cnet.com/tech/as-lawmakers-take-aim-at-vpns-the-privacy-of-millions-could-be-jeopardized

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