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

**Jan Help Desk  
session: Monday  
Jan 12, 1-3.**

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

**Next Help Desk is  
Jan 26, 2026, 1-3.**

## In the News:

- a) [CES 2026 Live: All the New AI Devices, Home Tech, Robots, Audio, Cars and Computing](#)
- b) [Trump Moves to Centralize AI Oversight With Sweeping National Order](#)
- c) [Apple and Google team up to make iPhone and Android switching easier](#)
- d) [Microsoft just revealed how Windows 11 is evolving into an agentic OS](#)
- e) [Adobe Brings Photoshop to ChatGPT, Opening Creative Tools to 'Hundreds of Millions of People'](#)
- f) [Texas Sues Top TV Makers for 'Secretly Recording' What You Watch](#)
- g) [Meta Allegedly Profited by \\$16B From Scam Ads. US Senators Demand FTC, SEC Probe](#)
- h) [Scoop: TikTok signs deal for U.S. unit after yearslong saga](#)
- i) [Director James Cameron Finds Generative AI 'Horrorifying'](#)
- j) [CES 2026 live: Wild tech, weird gadgets, and the laptops everyone's talking about](#)
- k) [Meet 'Atlas': Boston Dynamics' New Robot Takes First Real Factory Job at Hyundai Plant](#)

## Articles for January

Join us in wishing **Ross, our longest WSCUG volunteer**, Safe Travels and Good Fortune on his next life adventures. Sadly he is leaving us and with his wife traveling around the US in their RV. Ross has been with our Computer Users group since the beginning, Around 30 Years!!! We are very grateful for his technical expertise, great sense of humor and hours of volunteering his time and efforts. Ross, we hope to see you again when you return to Sonoma County. **Buon Viaggio.**

a) **Everyday uses of AI** with Zeke Tierena. If you are confused with all this talk about AI, listen to Zeke Tierna's Zoom replay of an AARP webinar explaining more about AI in our everyday lives. This webinar will give you a better understanding of what AI is, how we have been using

a) it in our daily lives, and what the future holds. [Everyday Uses of AI](#)

b) **What is an "agentic OS," and why Microsoft thinks Windows will soon do your work for you** by Ali Haider, 12.17.2025. Microsoft is betting that the future of Windows involves AI agents that don't just assist, but act on your behalf. An "agentic OS" would allow Windows to understand goals, make decisions, and carry out multi-step tasks automatically, from managing files to coordinating apps. This article explains what agentic computing means, how it differs from today's AI tools, and why Microsoft sees it as the next major shift in personal computing. [How agentic OS will change the way you use Windows](#)

c) **16 genuinely useful changes in Windows 11's big December update** by Laura Pippig, 12.14.2025. Microsoft's December update for Windows 11 brings a collection (cont)

c) of practical improvements rather than flashy features. Highlights include better File Explorer performance, smarter taskbar behavior, quality-of-life fixes for multiple monitors, and refinements to built-in apps that make everyday tasks smoother and faster. If Windows 11 has felt a bit rough around the edges, this update quietly addresses many of those complaints. Read the article to see which changes matter most. [Windows 11's big December update](#)

d) **Google may finally let you adjust the name of your Gmail address** by Shikhar Mehrotra, 12.25.2025. For years, Gmail users have been stuck with

d) the address they chose on day one. Google now appears to be testing a long-requested feature that would allow users to change or adjust the name portion of their Gmail address without creating a brand-new account. While details are limited and availability is unclear, the change could make Gmail far more forgiving for users with outdated or embarrassing addresses. [Google might let you adjust the name of your Gmail address](#)

e) **How to deal with spam** by Leo A. Notenboom. Spam isn't going away, but how you respond makes a big difference. In this piece, Leo explains that you can't stop spam entirely,

e) but you can dramatically reduce what you get — and avoid making things worse — by not replying to it, not clicking unsubscribe links in spam, and being careful about where you share your email address. He also covers practical tips like marking unwanted messages as spam and using throwaway addresses to protect your primary inbox. Read the article to learn how to take control of spam without feeding the problem. [How to Deal with Spam](#)

f) **If You Want Your Phone Battery to Last Longer, Follow These Charging Tips** by Nelson Aguilar, 01.05.2026. Modern phones are designed to stop charging once they reach 100%, so leaving your phone plugged in overnight or during the day



f) won't immediately damage the battery. However, heat and keeping a battery at full charge for long periods can contribute to gradual wear over time. Features like optimized or adaptive charging help reduce this stress and extend battery life. Read the article to learn simple habits that can keep your phone's battery healthier longer. [If You Want Your Phone Battery to Last Longer, Follow These Charging Tips](#)

g) **Copilot Vision gains ability to analyze apps in the Windows 11 taskbar** by Mikael Markander.

01.06.2026. Microsoft is rolling out a new "Share with Copilot" option right in the Windows 11 taskbar that lets Copilot Vision analyze whatever app window you choose simply by clicking it from the taskbar thumbnail preview. Once shared, Copilot can scan the content of that app (like an Outlook message or a web page), offer insights, summaries, suggestions, or even guided tips — all without taking control of your apps. The feature works on any Windows 11 PC and can be turned off in taskbar settings if you prefer not to use it. [Copilot Vision gains ability to analyze apps in the Windows 11 taskbar](#)

## URLs

**Three Reasons You Can't Get Your Account Back** [askleo.com/?151447](https://askleo.com/?151447)

**Who owns your AI images and videos?** [komando.com/who-owns-your-ai-images-and-videos-heres-what-you-should-know](https://komando.com/who-owns-your-ai-images-and-videos-heres-what-you-should-know)

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**I Tried Google Maps' New Gemini Feature** [cnet.com/google-maps-new-gemini-feature-and-it-was-a-surprisingly-helpful-ai-assistant](https://cnet.com/google-maps-new-gemini-feature-and-it-was-a-surprisingly-helpful-ai-assistant)

**Easy Steps to Turn Off Apple Intelligence** [cnet.com/how-to-turn-off-apple-intelligence](https://cnet.com/how-to-turn-off-apple-intelligence)

**These Microsoft products reach end of life in 2026** [chipp.in/these-microsoft-products-reach-end-of-support-in-2026](https://chipp.in/these-microsoft-products-reach-end-of-support-in-2026)

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