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

**There are NO
sessions in July.**

**See you August 11
and August 25, 1-3.**

**Help-Desk is a free
drop in program to
assist Seniors with
their tech issues.
Seniors can get help
with their computers:
PC, laptops, tablets:
Android and Apple,
and phones: Android
and Apple.**

In the News:

- a) [Mattel's going to make AI-powered toys](#)
- b) [This city is dumping Microsoft Office and Windows for OnlyOffice and Linux](#)
- c) [Microsoft says goodbye to the Windows blue screen of death](#)
- d) [iOS 26: What's New](#)
- e) [What if tiktok sale never goes through](#)

- e) [RFK Jr. Announces All Americans Need Health Tracking Devices](#)
- f) [White-collar jobs, meet your match](#)
- g) [Your Android phone just got a major upgrade for free](#)
- h) [Windows 95 and floppy disks are still crucial for modern US air travel](#)

Articles for July

a) **Google to Gemini Users: We're Going to Look at Your Texts**

Whether You Like It or Not by

James Pero, 06.25.2025. "The idea of agentic AI is pretty appealing.

Like, sure, I want AI to order my Uber, summarize my calendar, or buy cat food when I run out so my little monster doesn't go hungry, but all of those very simple things actually involve a great deal of trust. You need to be okay with handing over your payment information, your day-to-day activities, and little pieces of your life that might otherwise be totally private. That required level of intimacy is why it's important to be able to opt out of using agentic AI, and also the reason why people are so concerned by Google's recent messaging on that front. Google recently sent out an email to some Android users informing them that Gemini will now be able to 'help you use Phone, Messages, WhatsApp, and Utilities on your phone whether

a) your Gemini Apps Activity is on or off.' That change, according to the email, will take place on July 7. In short, that sounds—at least on the surface—like whether you have opted in or out, Gemini has access to all of those very critical apps on your device. Whether there are additional privacy concerns with this specific change or not, the fact that Gemini needs access to some of your most personal information to realize the vision of agentic AI kind of says everything you need to know. As generative AI and chatbots get integrated deeper and deeper into our phones, we'll have to have a sober conversation about just when and where we're okay with data being collected. The worst part is, if we're not careful, all of that information might end up being collected without our consent, or at least without our knowledge." gizmodo.com/google-to-gemini-users-were-going-to-look-at-your-texts

b) How to use Word's Spike tool to cut and paste multiple passages at once by Peter Stelzel-Morawietz, 06.19.2025. "Hardly any text (cont)

b) is perfect in its first version. Whether you're drafting an email, report, or article, revising is inevitable. Instead of using Ctrl+C and Ctrl+V to cut and paste each part individually, Microsoft Word offers a lesser-known feature called Spike. Spike acts as a special clipboard that allows you to collect multiple elements, store them, and then paste them all at once in a new location. Select the first passage you want to move and press Ctrl+F3. Repeat this for each additional section you'd like to gather. Then, when you're ready to paste everything, press Shift+Ctrl+F3—this inserts all the collected content from the Spike in one go."

b) [pcworld.com/word-how-to-cut-several-text-passages-and-paste-them-back-together](https://www.pcworld.com/word-how-to-cut-several-text-passages-and-paste-them-back-together)

c) Scam Messages Are Everywhere. CNET Survey Finds 96% of Americans Are Targeted by Scammers Each Week by Dasha Milden, 06.09.2025. "You may feel like scams are everywhere, and you're right. With the use of artificial intelligence, spotting these scams has become more difficult. Shockingly, 96% of Americans receive at least one scam message via email, phone call or text each week, according to a recent CNET survey. 'Data breaches that leak the personal information of everyday Americans, including phone numbers, happen

c) almost every day,' said Santana. 'Just about all of us have been affected by one, whether we know it or not.'" The article offers tips for spotting scam emails, scam calls, text scams and social media scams. Read the article to stay abreast of the ways scammers are trying to get your money. [cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/scams-survey-2025](https://www.cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/scams-survey-2025)

d) Why Denmark is dumping Microsoft Office and Windows for LibreOffice and Linux by Steven Vaughan-Nichols, 06.11.2025. "Denmark's Minister of Digitalization, Caroline Stage, has announced that the Danish government will start moving away from Microsoft Office to LibreOffice. Why?



d) It's not because open-source is better, although I would argue that it is, but because Denmark wants to claim 'digital sovereignty.' EU leaders are seeking to reduce Europe's dependence on foreign technology providers, primarily those from the United States, and to assert greater control over its digital infrastructure, data, and technological future... they're concerned about who controls European data, who sets the rules, and who can potentially cut off access to essential services in times of geopolitical tension. In particular, the Danes are worried about Trump's policies and that US political decisions could put public IT services at risk. After all, Greenland, which Trump has said many times he wants to unilaterally take over, is a Danish territory. It's not all about politics, though. Money issues have also played a decisive role. Copenhagen's Microsoft software bill has soared from 313 million kroner in 2018 to 538 million kroner..."

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Stop Ignoring These 7 Game-Changing iPhone Features

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Two-Factor Authentication: It's Not as Complicated as You Think

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How to Actually Back Up Your iCloud Photo Library Offline

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What You Should Know About Mail Categories on Your iPhone

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Microsoft rolls out Windows security changes to prevent another CrowdStrike meltdown

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Which CPU is best for your Copilot+ laptop? Intel vs AMD vs Snapdragon

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