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INFORMATION for Saturday April 25 start time in person at
Library Board Room is 9:30am or at home Zoom is 10:00am.
There will be a meeting invitation e-mail Thursday evening
before the Saturday meeting.

On Saturday April 25
Presentation will be various videos
about making Win 10 and 11 run like new

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Apr 25

May 23

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Members Helpline

Any member can volunteer to be on the Members Helpline.
Hardware problems, Win 7, Win 10, Linux and Virus Removal

- John Spizzirri



Lamp Post 289 April 2026 by John Spizzirri

One pair of Decorah bald eagles are flourishing. The north nest (**1**) had one egg. Unfortunately, that egg did not hatch. The south nest (**2**) had two eggs that hatched. One the day before and one the day after our March meeting. The hatchlings are about the size of chickens right now. They still have the down feathers. There may still be some

time to see the Northern Lights. Check the Aurora cam sites while the sky is dark. The Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) cam at Churchill, Manitoba, Canada

(**3**) is in the Central Time zone as is the polar bear site (**4**). If you stay up really late or get up early, try the Alaska Borealis cams (**5**). Two places to try offer various cams from around the world (**6, 7**). To check on the space weather (for aurora forecasts) try here (**8**) and NASA (**9**).

- 1) <https://is.gd/0YqTVG>
- 2) <https://is.gd/YAuMF0>
- 3) <https://is.gd/3RjcRQ>
- 4) <https://is.gd/7PDEvO>
- 5) <https://auroranotify.com/aurora-links/>
- 6) <https://seetheaurora.com/webcams>
- 7) <https://lightsoverlapland.com/?p=79>
- 8) <https://www.spaceweather.com/>
- 9) <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>

Microsoft (**1 MS**) is at it again. Per Forbes (**2**), CNET (**3**), and Windows Central

(4) an update is forcing Edge Browser (5) to start up every time Windows 11 (6) starts. The user has to opt out. Some users have reported that they have not been able to opt out. Thanks Microsoft!

- 1) <https://www.microsoft.com/>
- 2) <https://is.gd/DoOuel>
- 3) <https://is.gd/T4sWRj>
- 4) <https://is.gd/kcfl1k>
- 5) <https://is.gd/2LYXNu>
- 6) <https://is.gd/2H0nfn>

In Windows 10 and 11 you can automatically keep the hard drive or SSD cleaned up by using a built in feature of Windows that is turned off by default. To access this tool click the Windows Icon or press the Windows key to show the Windows menu. On the menu click the Settings icon (the gear). On the subsequent menu click the System Icon then click System. On the resulting menu click Storage. Under storage click Storage Sense. On that page you will see an Automatic User content cleanup switch. Turn it on. Below that switch is a Configure cleanup schedules pull downs. The first is Run Storage Sense. Set that to every week if you are a heavy computer user or every month if you are an average computer user. The next pull down is Delete files in my recycle bin if they have been there for over... Set that for 30 days. If you don't need a file you deleted for 30 days you will never need it. The next pull down is Delete files in my Download folder if they haven't been opened in... Set this one to never. The download folder will contain programs, drivers, photos and videos that may have value to you. Do not let Windows delete those files. There is one last button below all the pull downs. It is Run Storage Sense Now. If your drive is cluttered and you have set the pull downs correctly you may want to run Storage Sense right away to clean up the drive (1).

- 1) <https://youtu.be/fLU-yPSvMGM>

Spring cleaning is good way to get your laptop or desk top to get back to the speed it once had when it was new. The first thing that needs to be done is to run a complete check with your anti virus or malware software to get rid of any bad acting malware. Once you have done that and have a clean bill of health reboot the PC. You may need some cleaning software like cCleaner (1), Malwarebytes adwarecleaner (2), Adwcleaner (3), rKill (4), TDSKiller (5), Junkware Removal Tool (6), and Qualys BrowserCheck (7).

Before installing any software, use some built in tools to start. For the next three tools you will need to access the Run dialog box. To access that box click the Windows start button, at the menu in Windows 10 and 11 type run. Click on the Run icon that appears. Alternately, you can press the Windows key and press the R key to achieve the same result.

In the text box in the Run dialog window type Add or Remove Programs and click

Ok. In the resulting window you will find a list of all the programs in your computer. Check the list and select the programs you no longer use and uninstall them.

In the text box in the Run dialog window type temp and click Ok. The File Manager will open with a list of files in the right side panel. Mark all the files in that panel and press the delete key. If any files come up as unable to be deleted, skip them.

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While the file manager is open in the left side panel, find the C: drive, right click on it, and select properties. In the dialog window click the Disk Cleanup button. Check all the boxes in files to delete (none of them are necessary). Click the Ok button. Click delete files (or Ok).

Install all the software listed at the beginning of this article. Run the software in this order tdskiller, rkill, junkare-removal-tool, adwcleaner, ccleaner, and qualys-browsercheck on your browser. You will be forced to reboot after adwcleaner.

Junkware-removal-tool must be run on the command line. To access that command line click the Windows start button, at the menu in Windows 10 and 11 type cmd. Right click on the CMD icon that appears. Click Run as administrator. At the command line change to the directory where you saved the Junkware-removal-tool (probably \Users\yourusername\Downloads). To change to that directory type cd\\Users\yourusername\Downloads then type jrt .

After you have finished reboot your machine. You should notice increase in performance.

- 1) <https://is.gd/MuvagU>
- 2) <https://is.gd/0tDatc>
- 3) <https://is.gd/x3YHjt>
- 4) <https://is.gd/pyQv4o>
- 5) <https://is.gd/PzOrb2>
- 6) <https://is.gd/1PPzFc>
- 7) <https://is.gd/7jBUd1>

Microsoft (**1 MS**) strikes again. Forbes (**2**) reports that the April update locks out some users depending on their settings. I could go through all the settings but

they are outlined in the article. If you are affected by this update, you already know it because your PC is locked up. Suffice it to say it has to do with Bitlocker (3), UEFI (4), and Secure Boot (5). Generally, business users will be affected but some home users will not be lucky.

- 1) <https://www.microsoft.com/>
- 2) <https://is.gd/XXotD4>
- 3) <https://is.gd/cIUUE0>
- 4) <https://is.gd/LnM4kD>
- 5) <https://is.gd/wffOeo>

Malwarebytes (1) reports a very clever web site that purports to support MS products. It is currently written in French but that may change. The site is accessed by "microsoft-update[.]support". The brackets show the incorrect character. The correct site is "https://support.microsoft.com/" (2). Most anti virus and anti malware software do not detect the software on this site as being malicious because it is so well hidden and only runs at runtime. It downloads an .msi file just like the MS site. It can even survive a reboot because it plants correctly named files in the correct folders that will be executed after the reboot. Those files have hidden malware inside that is undetectable until it is run. The reason this is written in French is that France has been the target of many cyber attacks over last few years so many French users are already compromised. The article explains how to protect yourself against this threat.

- 1) <https://www.malwarebytes.com/?p=397067>
- 2) <https://support.microsoft.com/>

Between you, me and the LampPost, that's all for now.

It's time to learn more about your iPhone Clock
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Most of us have and use an iPhone, and it comes with a great and straightforward app called simply "clock." The app icon looks like an actual clock, and the app icon itself shows you the correct time. So, let's open the "clock" app and see what it can do for us.

You will notice it has four different options at the bottom of your screen – the "World Clock," "Alarm," "Stopwatch," and "Timer." These are really all easy to use and mostly self-explanatory. But let's look closely at each of these and see what fun we can have.

World Clock – will show you the time anyplace on the globe. You can ADD a new location (city) by touching the plus sign ("+"). You will get an alphabetical list of cities and a search area at the top where you can enter the city's name if you prefer. Not every city is listed, so you may have to pick a city near the location (that is, in the same time zone) you want. If in doubt, ask Google what time zone a city/town is in or "What's the time in Pago-Pago?" to help you. You can have several cities on this list, and the clock will tell you how many hours (plus or minus) the city is from your time, even if it is another day. So, add your "time" locations for your friends and relatives, and you'll never have to guess the time difference again.

Alarm – will allow you to set one or many alarms to alert you at any time you choose. This simple function comes with several options which may be helpful. You can set and save several alarms. You can turn "on" any of them that you like. If an alarm is not "on" (by touching the round white circle to show a green patch), it will not go off. When you set a new alarm, or if you touch on an existing alarm time to edit it, you can set the following options: Repeat an alarm on certain days, Label an alarm to any name you want to give it, Sound the alarm with your chosen sound (or song!), and/or Snooze for a second chance in a few minutes. And you can "Delete Alarm" to remove it from your list. Quite a list of options for just alarms!

Stopwatch – will time anything. Do you like walking as I do? Or riding a bike? Or driving, doing chores, cooking, or whatever? Why not time what you do? This stopwatch has a digital display and an old-style classic stopwatch display. It only has two commands, the "Start" and "Stop" buttons and the "Lap" button. I bet you can figure out the start-and-stop button, but the Lap button can be fun. I have never timed a race around a track, but when I go for my walk, I hit the Lap button at each milestone on my route. This way, it will record a time for each leg of my walk without interrupting the overall time. I can tell if I am lagging behind and if I should walk faster to improve my time.

If I stop to talk to someone and still want to track my time, I just hit the Lap button at the start and end of my conversation. Then, I can subtract that time later. Of course, all this is unnecessary, but it is fun and makes my walks seem more enjoyable.

Timer – Use to time anything and sound an alarm when the time is expired. As far as I can figure out, you can only set one time on the timer to any number of hours, minutes, and seconds. You can, however, select the alarm sound you like from a long list.

Note that your alarms may only vibrate if your phone is in silent mode. If you have a "do not disturb" time at night (like I do), an alarm WILL still tone to wake you up!

My alarm just went off, so I know it's time to close this article. How long did it take you to read it?