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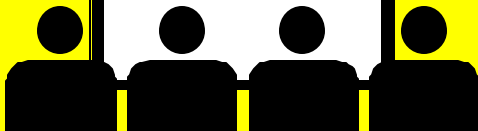
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Get Your Stuff Together For the BGAMUG August Auction

BGTC
Tuesday August 24th
Registration 6:00 ?
Auction at 7:00

July Presentation

**T-Shirt Iron On
Transfers**



President's Message

From Linda Todd

There are four different events I want to tell you about in this article . . . One has already taken place and three are still to come and are ones you will not want to miss!

July 10 BGAMUG Summer Hands-On Workshops

On Saturday morning, July 10, over 30 people took advantage of our BGAMUG Summer Hands On Workshops. The first hour I facilitated a workshop about Microsoft Word. We covered inserting and editing photos into documents and some other special features of the Word Drawing Toolbar. The second hour Jerry Gillette presented Computers 101 or computer basics. We really appreciate Mike Moore who presented information about Quicken during both the sessions. Participants had the choice of two of the three workshops. Between the two workshops we had a wonderful treats provided by many of the workshop participants. Thanks to all of you who brought treats to share and to all who attended this event.

July 27 BGAMUG General Meeting

Our next event is our July General Meeting on July 27. It will be a special July celebration. You will have the opportunity to iron on a BGAMUG logo to a shirt, bag, or other item that you bring with you to the meeting. Also, at this meeting you will learn more about the Partnership that BGAMUG has begun with the Abel Court Apartments. During the meeting you will have a chance to sign up to bring something for our July 31st Kickoff Event for this partnership. The meeting will end with our special cool summer treat . . . a fix-your-own Red, White, and Blue Sundae!

July 31 BGAMUG Partnership Kick Off Event at Abel Court Apartments

On Saturday July 31, from 10 am until 1 pm, we will have a Partnership Kick Off with the residents of Abel Court Apartments. BGAMUG and BGAMUG members will provide the food for this event. Mike Moore will again be the grillmaster and cook lots of hotdogs for all of us to enjoy. BGAMUG will provide the soft drinks and buns. At the July meeting I will ask BGAMUG members to sign up to bring chips, dips, bake beans, and desserts. Also, we will all have the opportunity to see the computer lab where we will soon have the opportunity to work side-by-side with one of the eager-to-learn residents of Abel Court Apartments.

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Fern Terrace Report

The first six months of 2004 at Fern Terrace has been a very rewarding experience for myself and most of the members that donate their time unselfishly as mentors to the residents at FT. One of the residents, who didn't use the Computer lab often but always dropped by and brightened everyone's day, has moved to Louisville and we miss her and the delightful accounts of trips to the Greenwood Mall. There has been discussion about phasing out the Fern Terrace Project by the BGAMUG Executive Board. After talking to the residents and the Management at FT, I reported to the Exe BD that I would like to remain as coordinator and keep the project going for another three months, this will give us time to make a more informed decision as to the degree of dissidence among the members in regards to working with mentally impaired people. I am mindful of the perception of most mentors coming to Fern Terrace the first few times but I am convinced that finding someone that has free time on Friday afternoon to volunteer for any project is the most compelling problem we have. So with that said, I am convinced that we can maintain the same meaningful level of service to the residents of Fern Terrace as we have in the past.

Here is a list of BGAMUG Members that have volunteered their time and efforts to the Fern Terrace Project during the first two quarters of this year:

Ben Garayua ----- 21 hours

Chester Bays ----- 6 hours

Lucille Hilsmier---- 12 hours

Kitty Hildreth -----5 hours

Alberta Smith----- 12 hours

Edwin Phelps -----4 hours

Robert Hunt ----- 10 hours



Officers: Linda Todd, Jerry Gillette and Michael Moore each 3 hours...

The best I can do is to extend a warmhearted invitation to all members that has one or two free hours on any given Friday from 1 PM to 3 PM .

Thank you.

Raymond Hunton,

Coordinator Fern Terrace Project.

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August 3 BGAMUG Annual Executive Board Poolside Potluck Picnic at the Margolis Home

This has become an annual event that we all look forward to attending each year and this year promises to be even bigger and better! Recently Pat and Howard Margolis added a sunroom in the area where we usually have our meal and eBoard meeting. So this event will be more enjoyable. We actually always invite any members to attend any of our eBoard meetings, but we especially invite to our August eBoard meeting any and all members who are considering serving on this board in the future.

August is the month that the Nominating Committee begins its work for the November election of officers. This year James Gegner will chair the Nominating Committee.

Others on the committee include Elisa Davidson, Jerry Gillette, Mike Moore, Linda Osborne, Linda Todd, and Karen Wickliff. These are the offices we are seeking to fill during the upcoming election: Vice President of Protocol, Vice President of Technology, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Historian, Sergeant at Arms, and two Officers at Large. If you feel there is any chance you'd be interested in serving in any of these positions, please plan to attend the August Executive Board meeting. We will begin the potluck picnic cookout at 5:30 pm and the meeting at 6:30 pm. Howard invites anyone who would enjoy a swim in the pool to come about 4:00 pm.

I hope to see you at all of these upcoming events.

Linda

Unleash Your Mouse

A Review of the Microsoft® Wireless Intellimouse® Explorer

By Jerry Gillette
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Long ago I got hooked on using the mouse wheel. A must have tool for anyone scrolling web pages and long documents. Then, the optical mouse came along with no ball to pick up lint, dirt, hang and stick. The optical sensor allows you to do away with the mouse pad for use on most any surface except reflective materials like glass or mirrors.

My favorite mouse for the past two years has been the Microsoft® Intellimouse® Optical. It had everything I wanted including a couple additional programmable buttons on the side allowed me to click to go back or forward in documents and web sites.

If you do much browsing, start paying attention how often you click on the back tool during your next web search session. I was amazed how helpful it was to just click with my thumb to go back. A little pinky-click and I went forward.

I didn't think it could get any better, until I used a friends wireless mouse. I had not realized how much the cord had restricted my movements as I was accustomed to the occasional tug of the cord, like a pet on a leash. This was nice. But that mouse did not have the programmable buttons I had grown to enjoy using.

Then I found the mouse for me. The Microsoft® Wireless Intellimouse® Explorer

The Wireless Intellimouse® Explorer had every feature I wanted. The shape was different than my old Intellimouse® Optical, but I find it very comfortable. The two programmable buttons are located on the left side to be used with the thumb. Due to the raised position of one of the buttons, it is easy to distinguish which button you are pressing by touch and feel.

The pick-up sensor plugs into a USB port. The mouse will need the two included AA batteries installed before it can be used. This adds a little extra weight to the mouse.

The Microsoft® Wireless Intellimouse® Explorer installed and was instantly recognized by my Windows XP system. After installing the IntelliPoint software I was able to fine-tune the mouse to perform exactly the way I wanted.

Microsoft® Wireless Intellimouse® Explorer is available at most all computer retailers for about \$49.99, however if you watch for sales and rebates, you can get it for less.

Personalize Your Tee-Shirts With Iron-On Transfers

Bring your t-shirt to this month's (July) meeting and get a BGAMUG Logo transfer.

We'll show you how easy it is to print any image on inkjet transfer paper and iron it onto your t-shirts.

We will have several members with irons so everyone can get an iron-on.



August 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Exec. Board Meeting 6:30 PM @ Shoney's	4	5	6 Fern Terrace Project 1-3 PM	7
8	9	10	11	12 Newsletter deadline	12 Fern Terrace Project 1-3 PM	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Fern Terrace Project 1-3 PM	21
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Tech Corner

By Chuck Thomas

Something happened today that I have never seen before in all my years of using Outlook Express. Since it baffled me, I thought the solution might be helpful should you encounter the same message

The email message from a friend was ordinary, as was my reply. But when I clicked 'Send,' a window popped up saying to me:

“You do not have a digital ID. If you send this message, it will be sent properly, but you will not be able to read it in your sent items folder. Send anyway? Yes No”

What's going on here? The window had an "Outlook Express Security" label, so it was a bit scary! Have I violated some security rules? Is this the result of a virus of some sort?

These questions led me to the Web where I was able to find at least some answers and a simple fix. Of course, if you don't care about being able to read your reply later in your sent folder, you can simply click, "Yes" and send the message.

But since I often look at that folder to see if I replied to an email or to read *what* I sent, I wanted to understand and fix the problem so that it could be read by me at a later time.

The simplest explanation and a fix (workaround) can be found at http://www.kbalertz.com/Feedback_816830.aspx

Apparently my friend used a digital signature (a digital id) to verify his identity when he sent the email. When I tried to reply, Outlook Express looked for my digital signature (ID) but didn't find one. So it popped up that strange message. To work around it, if you should get this warning, simply click 'No' and then click the Tools button on your reply window. Either (or both) the "Encrypt" or the "Digitally Sign" options will be checked. Click the one that is checked to deselect it. Then simply click Send again to send your reply.

If you want to read about digital signatures and how you can encrypt (put into code) emails using Outlook express, try the web sites listed below or use the help menu in OE.

<http://www.newbie.org/reference/email04p.html>

By the way, you may find some great information about how to live with your computer at the "newbie" web site: <http://www.newbie.org/>

http://www.comodogroup.com/support/products/email_certs/oe_5_6.html

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=168726>

Hope to see you all at our July meeting. But we may be in Chattanooga helping out with grandchild #11, who is due July 21st. Perhaps, the little one will cooperate by arriving early... one never knows with babies or computers!

**Abel Court Apartments
Mentoring Program
Launch Party & Cookout**

Sat. July 31st

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

BGAMUG Members can get a *First Peek* at the Abel Court Computer Lab and area residents can meet their future mentors.

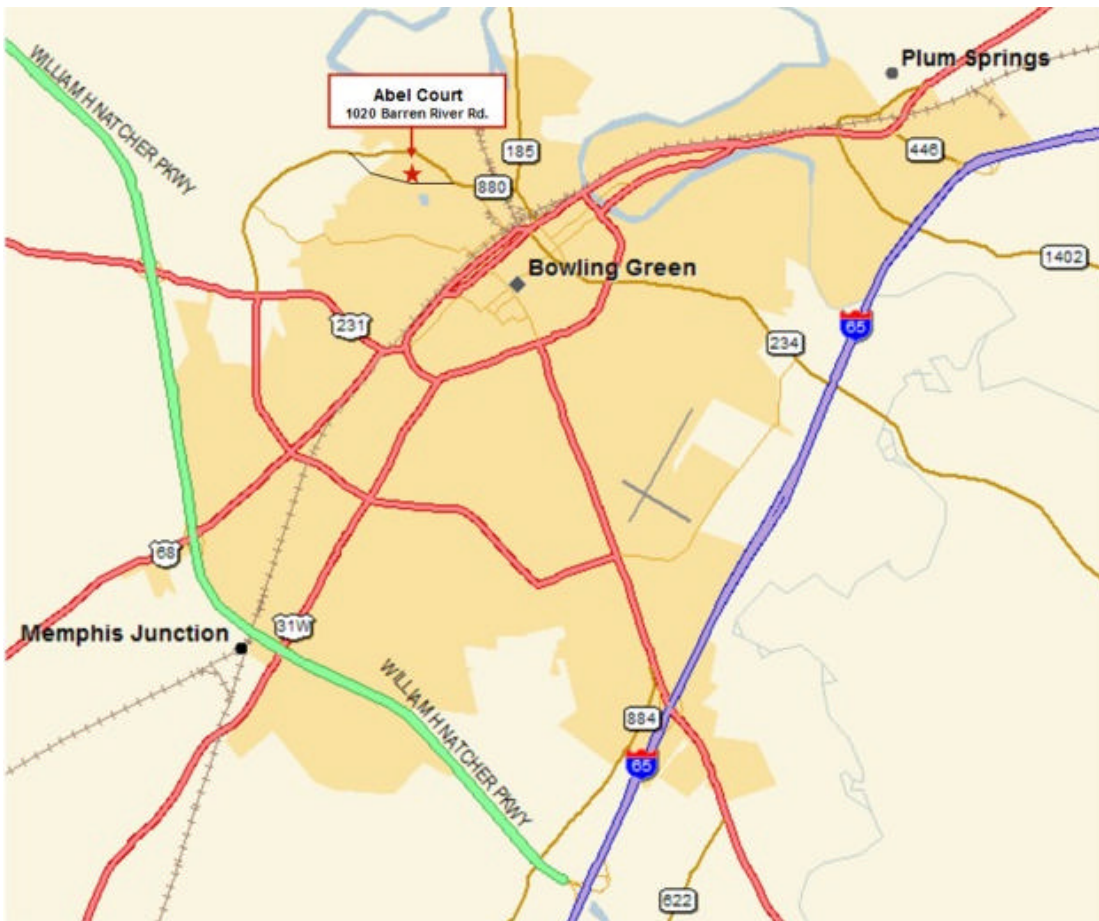
**Rain or Shine
The show will go on.**

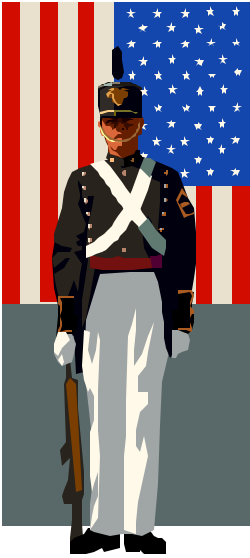
All members are asked to bring either baked beans, potato salad, slaw, or whatever may go good with grilled hotdogs.

The club will furnish hotdogs, condiments, and drinks.

Abel court Apartments – 1020 Barren River Road – Bowling Green 842-4114

Just off Veterans Blvd.





“Make a Difference” - Help support our soldiers!

Many of our men and women overseas are lonely. They need our moral support. We can help by sending supportive letters, cards and care packages to them. They are extremely grateful to receive even a postcard. Some have no one at home to care about them. Just knowing someone cares really helps.

The military only provides the basic needs of our soldiers. They have to rely on family or friends for anything else. Many do not have that support; and many families do not have the money to spend, especially those of National Guardsmen who took pay cuts when they were called up.

There are several websites that have requests that come directly from individual soldiers asking for letters or items for themselves, or more often, for their fellow soldiers, squads or platoons. Medical Personnel request get-well cards to distribute to the wounded. Visit www.booksforsoldiers.com and www.anysoldier.us/. There are also some great pictures posted.

There are a variety of items they need or want ranging from food to personal items. There are even requests for their guard dogs. A list of the most requested items can be found at <http://www.soldiersangels.homestead.com/care-packages.html>. Check out www.soldiersangels.com – it contains links to many other sites.

I am personally maintaining an email correspondence with a Marine Sgt. stationed in Fallujah. He requested special protein bars for his squad of 13 and I have been able to send them several boxes. He has expressed his gratitude many times and he has not even received the package yet.

Some soldiers are also involved in trying to win the “hearts and minds” of the people by supplying school supplies, toys and clothing to the children and elderly. Some are collecting clothes. Many pass out candy, toys or school supplies. One such person is a teacher from Wisconsin who has started a program around Baghdad supplying school supplies. <http://heartsandmindsclub.casperinc.net/>.

Part of his mission statement: “What I know for a fact is that in my travels I have witnessed terrible conditions in this country. We are here for a purpose and we need to be able to relate to this society. There are few things more powerful in any culture than compassion and kindness. Some of these children are being taught to hate Americans and what they stand for, and I feel that a visit from American troops bringing supplies, toys and a friendly demeanor will have a greater effect on these children than all of the propaganda in the world. If we can change one Iraqi child’s mind about America and the Coalition Forces then this club would be a success”

I hope you will take the time to check out some of the listed websites. This is an opportunity for those of us at home to really “Make a Difference” to those who are serving to protect our freedoms.

PROTONICS.COM

If you have a computer question and Chuck, Mike or Jerry aren't at home then just turn to this site. They have been in operation for several years now and have always done an excellent job for me. It is free, and their volunteer staff responded quickly with very good answers. I recommend it highly for any question, no matter how simple or how complex. Just go to Protonix.com

Gene Iglehart

Perfect Timing

Mike Moore couldn't have picked a better time to present the program "HighJack This" than last month's meeting. The fact that he also provided CD copies of the program made it even more perfect. Here is why.

Before the meeting I had just left Rev. Jim Britts house. (Chaplain at Medical Center.) His Compact Presario was a mess. I knew it had Spyware on it because you could only get to one site on the Internet. And that one site was a "doozie."

I had seen this many times before and Spybot S&D always took care of it for me. This time however, it would not. It would freeze up at the same program each time. Two hours of all my tricks (at my usual hourly rate of "free".) were unproductive. The preacher and I were about ready to use a vocabulary frowned on by the church.

Then at the club meeting Mike used the magic words HighJack This and passed out the CD's. I wonder if anyone saw the light bulb come on above my head.

Next day found me at Bro. Britts house. He prayed while I plopped (Mikes CD in that is.) It immediately found 62 highjacked URL's. We removed them and THEN Spybot would run. It did its thing and took off 584 spy programs. Ad Aware also removed another 94 undeeds. All record numbers for my experiences.

Then we could get to Google, search for a free on line virus scan, which House Call provided and removed 2 Trojan horses, JunksurfF.A, AgentEA and one virus.

All of this because someone thought "I bought a virus program, put it on and removed the word "update" from my vocabulary. Now the term "at least weekly" is the new mantra.

ONE WORD OF CAUTION. "HighjackThis" is ruthless. When it finds something it doesn't really know who put it there. All it does is point out the suspected stuff. Anything your pet tools or not too popular programs, etc. put there is flagged. So use it with care. Only remove things that you are pretty sure shouldn't be there. It scans very fast so remove a few at a time. The information it provides is hard to understand sometimes. Much of it are registry entries and very cryptic. For instance, on my computer it finds HKLM\System\CCS\services\VxD\MSTCP: Domain=AOLdsl.net. All I recognize there is AOL. I don't have DSL but you can bet I am going to leave it alone. Happy "un-hijacking" and THANKS to Mike.

Gene Iglehart

Celebration Corner

*Our celebration list for August
by Lou Travelsted*

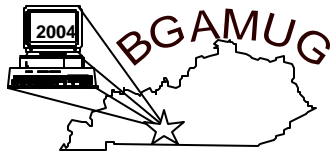
Happy Birthday to:

**Mildred Collier
Jo Crittenden 11
Kathy Stinson 11
Arthur Kolb 18
Linda Todd 18
Jerry Gillette 19
Gene Iglehardt 27
Ginny Molloy 29**

If you would like your important dates listed, please contact me. Also if you know of a member that is sick, has lost a loved one, or just needs a "Pick-me-up" card, please let me know this also.

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**Don't forget this month's
meeting Tuesday
July 27
B G Technical College
Building F 6:30 PM**

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