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In my area you could only get what was labeled as the “diamond resilience”.

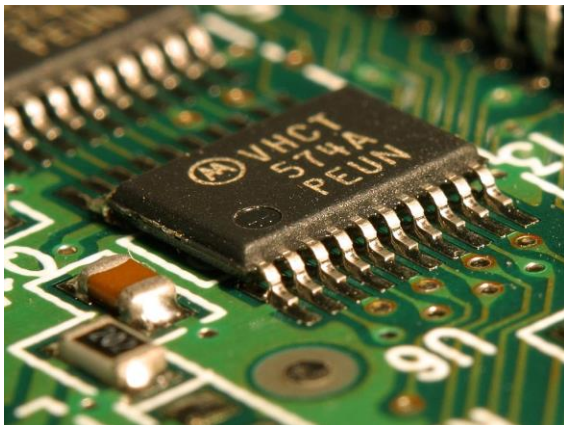
On August 21, 2017, the country experienced a total solar eclipse that had not happened since 1979. This was the first time that all of America treated it as the phenomenon that it was. The eclipse of 2017 took America by storm, watch parties’ news media coverage and yes, as the photo suggests an attempt by me to capture the moment.



Local News Agencies reported that this was the first total eclipse in the country in 99 years; this was a great real time science teaching moment for area schools. This scientific anomaly was so unique many people took extra-long lunch breaks

or even took the day off to witness this event. So the question will be, “where were you during the eclipse of 2017?”

A+ Certification Training Class-Winter 2018



Do you or do you know someone who is looking for a change or start in career? The A+ (A Plus) is an entry-level computer certification for PC computer service technicians. The exam is designed to certify the competency of entry-level PC computer service professionals in installing, maintaining, customizing, and operating personal

computers. The average yearly wage for a computer repair technician is \$43,594 - \$104,213 as of May 2017, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. USA Today states that there is currently 627,000 unfilled tech jobs as of April 3, 2017 (view the story here [USA Today - Tech Jobs](#))

If this sounds interesting to you or you know someone who may be interested sign up today for the 12 week A+ Training class starting Monday January 8, 2018 from 6-9 pm Monday - Thursday. The class cost is \$220 per student (payment plans are available). The class is open to students 17 years of age or older.

If interested please respond to this message sign up using the link on our Facebook page (Computer Village-St. Louis) or our website at Computer Village.org: <https://goo.gl/forms/A23U2qg5vVBRWCXK2>

(Payments not due at the time of sign up)

If you have further questions contact us at Computer Village.

Tips and Tricks for Creating Perfect Personalized Stations on Pandora - Part One

Tools for Customizing Your Stations

Pandora provides tools to help you build stations to your liking.

Depending upon your level of commitment to perfecting your station, there are a number of ways to optimize and populate.

Thumbs Up and Thumbs Down - This is the most basic tool for guiding Pandora in the direction of the kind of music you want to hear on a station. The text on this feature should read "play more — or less — of this song" instead of "I like — or don't like — this song."

Use the Thumbs Up button while a song is playing to tell Pandora that you want to hear more songs on this station that are similar to the current song. Conversely, use Thumbs Down to tell Pandora that the current song doesn't fit your idea of what you want in this station.

It's important to note that when you Thumbs Down a song, it only means that you don't want to hear that song on the current station. It doesn't mean that you don't want to hear the song on another station.

Add Variety - This feature is only available on the Pandora web browser player, but using it will shape the station when you listen to it on your network media player or another device.

Click on the station and "add variety" appears below the station name. Click on it. Here you can name a song or artist — or choose from a list of Pandora's suggestions — that you want to add to the station.

Pandora now searches for the additional qualities of the new artist or song. The result should be a wider variety of music.

The "Add Variety" tool is a good way to spice up a station that is becoming boring. If the resulting station isn't right, you can edit the station.

Editing the Station - Because of Pandora's licensing agreements, you cannot create a playlist of specific songs and titles to create a station. Instead, you must get creative in the way you shape the station. If your station was defined by Pandora, the station page will give you a snapshot of the seed songs and artists used to create the station.

A station can be edited either on the computer or on the iPhone app.

Click on "options," then click on "edit station details." This will bring up your station's page. There will be a list of the "seed songs and artists" along with all of the songs you on which you clicked Thumbs Up. Here you can easily add songs and/or artists to help shape the mood of the station.

On this page, you can also delete songs from the Thumbs Up list if you feel it is affecting the choice of music.

Organize Your Pandora Stations

As your list of Pandora stations gets longer, there may be a few favorites that you listen to often and want at the top of the list. Pandora provides you with ability to sort songs by "date added" or "alphabetically." This doesn't help if your favorite station is "ZZ Top" and it was the first station you created.

To re-order your stations, you can simply rename them using a number at the beginning — "01 ZZ Top." Continue to rename the stations with consecutive numbers so they come up in your desired order.

More on Creating the Perfect Pandora Station

With a little effort, you can enjoy music that moves your soul for any mood. If you are truly committed to creating your perfect Pandora station, there are some additional tricks that you can take advantage of. which are revealed in our companion article: [Hidden Secrets of Customizing Your Pandora Stations](#).

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Computer Village Instructor Focus: Kelly Wimbley



Kelly Wimbley: Instructor-Technician

Computer Village would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to one of our instructors that makes Computer Village the “community village”. Meet Kelly Wimbley, computer technician and instructor. Kelley’s connection to Computer Village began in 2010, while looking for an opportunity for his 2 boys to learn about robotics. While attending a robotics session Kelly began to interact with another instructor Amed who was repairing a computer. This dialog back and forth about the process of repairing the computer led to the Computer Village relationship.



Kelly is a graduate of Roosevelt High School, where he helped start their 1st computer science club and he was a member of Junior Achievement. He attended his freshmen and sophomore years at Bishop Deburg College Prep High School, and he started the 1st computer class here as well. He attended South East Missouri State majoring in computer science.

He is a family first oriented guy who has 2 wonderful sons, Kafele a college freshman who attends Florida Institute of Technology, and Jabari a junior at

Cross Roads College Prep High School. As Kelly puts it, “both are taller than their dad who is 6’1”.

Kelly has been teaching adult and youth hardware/software classes since joining Computer Village. He has multiple unwritten attributes that he brings to the table includes the Computer Village summer program expansion from 10 to 45 students. These classes were held at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 4 days a week, twice a day. When the classes ended each student got a desk-top computer, inclusive of peripherals. When he is not teaching, Kelly services customer computer needs, and retrieves computer donations from corporate sponsors.



Kafele, Kelly and Jabari



Awards presentation at John Knox

Kelly brings an exuberant, positive attitude to the Computer Village organization. He enjoys changing the attitudes of how people think applying a “can do” concept and “I can apply this toward my self-development”. His teaching style is simple, whatever you teach, and children should be able to comprehend it.

Kelly is a well-rounded individual that’s very healthy conscience, both physically and mentally. He is a diverse percussionist that plays the Congas, Jimbas and Djun-Djun. He’s been a vegan for over 30 years and practices a Holistic lifestyle. Kelly is also an acupuncturist who does Yoga and Tai-Chi. Kelly says, “Learn to listen to your body”.



When asked what is his greatest accomplishment to date at Computer Village? He gave this awesome response:

“Helping other people start their own businesses, by training them, connecting them to the right resources and instilling confidence in them the use of technology. Being at Computer Village is the best experience, it’s priceless, it is uplifting, and the staff is one big family. There is this I got your back everyday environment.”