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## Security Corner



### **\*\*Microsoft Warning Alert\*\***

You're surfing the web, maybe shopping on Amazon and all of a sudden you get a message from "Microsoft" telling you a virus has been detected or there's been a firewall intrusion. The message instructs you to call them immediately.

### **THIS IS A SCAM!**

To be clear, any notices you get from Microsoft will be regarding system updates, systems errors and so forth. These legit notifications will NEVER show up in your web browser but rather in a notification area pop-up window or an independent window (outside of your browser).

That being said, anytime you see security alerts pop up in your web browser it always means someone is trying to scam you. When you call their "tech support" number they will scam you out of your money by selling you worthless software or services at an exorbitant price. If you refuse to pay and you've already given them access to your system, they may punish you by installing malware or by locking you out of your computer.

In addition to instructing you to call their "tech support", the message may also tell you NOT to close out of the warning window. When you try to close it, it just pops up again. They do this by using a Dialog Loop that reloads the script every time you try to close the page. In order to escape one of these malicious pages, first try to closing the alert. By doing so it allows your browser to detect the message loop. The browser should add a Dialog Loop Protection checkbox (e.g— "Don't let this page create more messages") to the fake alert popup. Once that option is checked, you should be able to close the scam page.

Unfortunately, scammers have come up with ways of hiding the Dialog Loop Protection checkbox so you may have to use the old method of closing the popup.

1. Hold and release Ctrl + Alt + Delete to get your Task Manager to come up
2. Select the browser app and click on the End Task button.
3. Now, reopen your browser and enter a search topic.
4. Then right click on the search result tab and choose "close other tabs".

*Happy Valentines Day!*



*Don't forget your Sweetie  
on February 14th.*

**Come see us  
at the KMAQ  
Farm and Home Show  
Wednesday, February 6th  
from 10:30 to 7:30 and  
Thursday, February 7th  
from 10:30 to 4:30  
at the  
Jackson County  
Fairgrounds.**

Congratulations to this months  
winner,  
Kim Kuntz!

Kim will receive a \$10 credit on  
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everyone is eligible.



# Sweetheart Word Search



Q L K R O S H Y X D E R E V D L P A L T I Z L  
 E E H I F R I E N D S H I P A O X U K U A E B  
 L Z E X G H M U F L E H E C R M O T F Y A Z O  
 L S A O S O D V E B Y E G O L A N L E D P L N  
 D Q R S E L T I B H S A P V I P A K E X O I N  
 G P T S K U R P R P E R E W N M O A S O S G E  
 K I M D I P U C U S L S P K G E R H U W Q R H  
 S I E O S M E L A T S R E W O L F R E P I C U  
 S K W Q S T L I R R U T R E I A T E P F D A G  
 N T D U B F O M Y A N E T A D X T C E E V E D  
 O R Y N E F V O S E A E V O L H J M R I W S E  
 O S B A K A E K M H K C R Q E U E O M T U Z V  
 L C O E W F E R I Y R E M A E K M Q T V H A O  
 L S A D F F A B M D H S R W S A A D M R L O L  
 A L U R L E U R T N P T I T N B L V S E I O E  
 B Q L A D C P C G A X K A E L A F H N T V L B  
 T W V N O T Y L O C G O Z K W Q J T Y A U L F  
 S U E A S I E D W K N J H M G G I Y A X O Z H  
 G I C C H O C O L A T E S R I N P X P E R N U  
 F L O D A N I T N E L L P K E R G I F T D A S



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|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Adore        | Card       | Enamored   | Flowers    | Kiss       |
| Affection    | Chocolates | Endearment | Friendship | Love       |
| Balloons     | Cupid      | February   | Gift       | Sweetheart |
| Beau         | Darling    | Flame      | Heart      | True Love  |
| Beloved      | Date       | Flirt      | Hug        | Valentine  |
| Candy Hearts | Dear       |            |            |            |



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As a friendly reminder, please be cautious when moving snow in an area where a pedestal exists. We recognize damage is typically unintentional, however, similar to fiber cuts, any damage will be assessed and billed out to the responsible party.



**WR-6895 Wireless Router**  
**by COMTREND**