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### **RECOVER DELETED FILES:**

Have you ever accidentally deleted a photo on your camera, computer, USB drive, or anywhere else? What you might not know is that you can usually restore those pictures even from your camera's memory stick. Windows tries to prevent you from making a big mistake by providing the Recycle Bin, where deleted files hang around for a while but unfortunately it doesn't work for external USB drives, USB flash drives, memory sticks, or mapped drives. Luckily there's another way to recover deleted files. You'll want to try Recuva. It's extremely easy to use just make sure when you are installing it, that you don't accidentally install that Yahoo toolbar that nobody wants (piriform.com/recuva). The wizard page will let you tell Recuva to only search for a specific type of file, which can save a lot of time while searching, and make it easier to find what you are looking for. My recommendation is to not select Deep Scan for the first scan because usually the quick scan can find it. You can always go back and run a deep scan a second time. At this point, you can choose to recover it, and then save the files elsewhere on your drive. *Awesome!* FYI, all this convenience will only cost you \$25. You could alternatively use the slightly older, but still totally free, portable version of the application from portablefreeware.com.

### **WIRELESS ROUTER CLASSIFICATIONS:**

Did you know you may be able to get better reception on your wireless laptop with a new router? As technology evolves so does your speed and efficiency. Up until recently, all wireless routers were in the "G" class. The newer ones are "N". If you are not getting the internet speeds you want, you may want to buy a new router. It not only will be more secure but the range is much better. Notice on the various boxes at the store the different speeds expected and the antennas included. Some have enhanced and multidirectional functionality. If you do not want to invest the money, you could get better range for your G router with an after-market replacement antenna for much less money. You can see now why routers will range in cost from \$20 to \$175. FYI, your computer's internal wireless capability may be G. Never fear, if you move up to an N router, your G will be recognized. Do not replace an older G router with a new G to save money. Your router will outlive your computer. Many new laptops come with the older G technology to save you money. If you have the option, opt for the N when buying a new computer. It's all on the sticker.

### **ARE YOU A COMPUTER NOVICE?**

I talk a lot here about all levels of computer use. I assume most of you feel comfortable with your machine. If you or you know someone who needs the confidence to start using their computer, then I have a class for you. The Wittman Center is part of Monroe County Community College at the corner of Sterns and Lewis just over the line. I am holding a class especially for you. It only costs \$29 (seniors pay half of this if you are a MI resident) and you get to spend four hours with me on Saturday, February 26. Give the school a call and sign up. I look forward to meeting you (734-847-0559). We start at 8:30am. Come casual and learn a lot. Absolutely no computer experience is required. These computers have the Windows 7 operating system.

### **I MAKE HOUSE CALLS:**

I will come to your home or office to help you with almost any predicament including REPAIRS and upgrades. I have an endless amount of patience and knowledge. I offer a 20% discount on my hourly rate for those aged 60 and over. Give me a call at 419-318-9112. References are always available upon request. Don't forget to sign up for my FREE NEWSLETTER at OhComputerTraining.com. Subscribers will get added hints and tips along with this article.

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