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Creating Your Own Website:

Have you thought about creating a website to share with the world? You can have one for free but it is like the old phrase "you get what you pay for". Here are some drawbacks. There is limited webpage space, search engines ignore them, you may have unwanted banners or pop-ups on your pages, the address is often long and complicated, poor support, and it may be free for a limited time. All that work gone. The opposite is true if you invest a small amount of money. First you must own a domain name (\$10 per year). Now you need a web hosting company. Depending on how much content you have the price per month will vary but you can certainly spend as little as \$5-10. May I suggest www.godaddy.com? I like their prices and their courteous support. There are many similar companies to choose from including local providers. FYI, I can help you design and build.

Swaptree.com:

Hello Swaptree.com. Goodbye Half.com. Well, at least this is a unique alternative. If you are aware of half.com, you know it is associated with EBay. You list any number of media items for free and whenever someone wants to buy it, you are informed and you ship it out. Half makes a small amount of money. Your items can stay online indefinitely. Along comes Swaptree.com. Here you again grow a list of media items you want to get rid of and they match up with someone who wants to TRADE with you. There are no costs involved unless you use their mailing system. Looks like fun. I just signed up and am giving it a try. I will report back with the outcome.

Adding Text To A Shape:

Most people know that you can add textboxes to your Excel worksheet, but don't realize that you can actually add text to any of the shapes Excel allows you to add. Just follow these steps. Add your shape as you normally would. Right-click the new shape. Excel displays a Context Menu. Choose Edit Text from the Context menu. An insertion point appears within the body of the AutoShape. Type your desired text. Click somewhere outside the boundaries of the shape. If you later resize your shape, then the text within it is reformatted to fit the new dimensions of the shape.

Basic Training:

The Catherine Eberly Center for Women on the campus of UT offers basic computer training at very reasonable prices. This is a non-credit series of 5 classes that focus on the novice user. Classes are forming now! The next class begins August 19. Call 419-530-8570. She will be forming a class on MS Word soon. Interested?

Next Issue: Headers and Footers

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