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On-line Banking:

How many stamps do you use to mail your bills to creditor, utilities, etc? An interesting aspect to online banking came to light recently. It seems that those who bank online have a tendency to watch over their accounts better than those who do not use online banking. You can access your account 24/7 and manage your money instantly. Most banks offer the ability to register your bills. This is a one-time process but after the setup you can go online and pay any chosen bill with a click of a button. Is it safe? Yes but only if you see a secure lock symbol on your browser and the letters "https" in the address. This assures complete security. Please, do not accept an email invitation to sign up for online banking. Use your local bank or someone you trust. Open their website and initiate the process yourself. You are in charge in this manner. Keep track in your checkbook what bills you have paid. Consider that when you put a bill in your mailbox to be picked up, it may be stolen by someone. Is that safe?

Internet Connection:

We all want good reliable Internet connection with friendly, patient and knowledgeable support for a fair price. I am comparing all the options available to us in the Toledo area. Although dialup is fading out and most people find DSL or Cable Modem to be more affordable than ever before there are still those who either cannot access these services or cannot justify any increase in charges. I compared 5 local providers for unlimited dial-up service and found these results from their websites: NetZero (\$14.95), Buckeye Access (\$14.95), Total Link (\$15.95), CenturyTel (\$17.95), and my favorite Toast Net (\$9.95). **Get the lowest price for any speed available by linking through www.OhComputerTraining.com.** DLS speed will average \$30 and Cable Modem compares at an average of \$42. Each of the above companies offer a variety of services and specials. Check online or call them for more details. I hope to gather a comprehensive and comparable list on my website soon.

In-Home Computer Training Party:

Why not gather your friends and have a computer training party? I will share my knowledge on software, free handouts within a relaxed atmosphere. All you will need is a PC laptop computer and a desire to learn. How are you at the new Office Suite 2007? Let me show you the wonderful improvements. My rates are very reasonable.

Basic Training:

Winter classes are being set to begin in early January. Check my website as they become available. Don't forget to register for my newsletters at www.ohcomputertraining.com. I will keep you updated with news on upcoming classes as well as hints and tips. Have a MAC? We can help you with that too. Call for information. Need a website? I can design and set this up as well.

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