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Building A Bright Future

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Executive Director's Notes

Have you or someone you know ever been a victim of identity theft? My husband has — someone tried to use his credit card in Denmark! The Better Business Bureau says small businesses aren't immune. We invite you to attend an identify theft seminar October 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the Trotwood Community Center, 4000 Lake Center Drive. The seminar will be presented by Trotwood Police Department and National City Bank and sponsored by Fifth Third Bank in Trotwood. Cost (including lunch): Members \$10, Non-Members \$12. You may call or fax your reservations to: Phone number 937.837.1484; Fax 937.837.1508. Reservations are needed by Monday, October 24.

A new business in Trotwood! We participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for O'Danny Boy Ice Cream Distribution Center. The distribution center will be located in the Trotwood Commerce Park and is expected to be up and operating by January 2006. We welcome O'Danny Boy and wish them many years of successful operation in the Trotwood community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Are you prepared if a disaster were to strike this area? Do you have an emergency kit? Do you have the necessary items in your emergency kit that identifies who you are? This disaster has touched our lives in many way and has causes many of us to think, what would I do if this were to happen in our area?

Marie Battle



Better Business Bureau

The Better Business Bureau warns you to be wary of customers sending checks for amounts greater than the purchase price of products or services. If the customer requests the excess funds, you could fall victim to a check overpayment scam. You deposit the customer's check and learn it is counterfeit. Unfortunately, you did not discover this until after the check is initially accepted for deposit by the bank and you have returned the overpayment to the scammer, leaving you liable for the losses. The BBB offers this advise on accepting checks from unknown parties.

- Know who you are dealing with by confirming the buyer's name, address and phone number.
- Don't assume the check is legitimate just because your bank deposits it.
- Don't accept a check for more than the purchase price of the product of service.
- Be careful because you are the one ultimately liable to your financial institution.
- Verify all bank checks, as well as certified check, with the issuing bank.

If you suspect you are the victim of a check overpayment scam, contact the U.S. Postal Inspectors at 800.372.8347 or the Internet Fraud Complaint Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation at www.ifccfbi.gov. Before you do business with a stranger, check with a friend, your Better Business Bureau at 937.222.1534, ext. 2770

United Theological Seminary

Remember - Monday, October 10, 1:30 p.m. Come together with alumni/ae, faculty, staff and friends to remember UTS heritage at the Harvard Boulevard campus.

Envision—Tuesday, October 11, 10:00. UTS open house and guided tours - Trotwood Campus. Explore the new campus with a guided tour of the new facility.

Dedicate—Wednesday, October 12, 8:30 a.m. The rhythm of nourishment and rest in the service of others, Precious Blood Church, 4961 Salem Avenue.

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What do you do with your old, obsolete, unwanted computers? Al Russell, **Access Project**, Five South Broadway, will take refurbish and upgrade them, and try to find a new home for them. Those that cannot be refurbished will be recycled. Equipment still functional and easily upgraded or repaired, are refurbished and sold or donated to qualifying organizations individuals. All donated items are tax deductible. For information call Al at 937.837.5481.

Calendar of Events 2005

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ United Theological Seminary Dedication October 10-13 ✓ Identity Theft Lunch/Seminar October 26, Trotwood Community Center, 11:30 a.m. ✓ LEADER Regional Chamber Meeting October 31 ✓ Send out election form for new officers October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ South Metro Regional Chamber Caucus October ✓ Election of officers November ✓ Breakfast with the Mayor December 15 ✓ General Membership Meeting December 21 |
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