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Manchester speaks to Lions on identity theft prevention

Since identity theft is on the rise, First National Bank Senior Vice President Ann Manchester was invited to speak at the Chickasha Lions Club meeting on Feb. 21 at Canadian Valley Technology Center. With more than 30 years of banking experience, Manchester is experienced in methods to avoid and correct identity theft.

During her presentation, she recommended several preventative methods. Post office boxes are much safer than home delivery. All personal information should be shredded instead of thrown in the trash.

She advised even the labels on old prescription bottles should be shredded. Providing personal information on the phone or the internet should be strictly avoided. Checking credit reports and credit card bills is also a must. Manchester explained most people know to protect their computers with spyware but need to protect their phones as well.



“If your identity is stolen, you need to create an Identity Theft Report by filing a complaint with the FTC,” Manchester said, “but don’t stop there. Take your FTC Affidavit to your local police with information about where the theft occurred and file a police report. The affidavit and the police report are required for an Identity Theft Report.”

Manchester provided multiple handouts with instructions and contact information after the meeting for preventing and reporting of identity theft.

“Identity theft can cost you time, money and patience to repair your credit,” said Manchester. “Reduce the risk by being proactive.”