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Local seniors learn how to protect against elder fraud

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A standing room only crowd was on hand for a seminar on senior identity theft and elder fraud sponsored by the Kendall County Bar Association and hosted by Morning Side Ministries at Menger Springs.

Tips on how to protect their personal information and spot fraudulent correspondence and phone calls were given by Paula Pierce, managing attorney for VICARS, a federally funded agency that helps victims of ID theft and financial fraud.

Joanne Woodruff, elder fraud prosecutor with the Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office, discussed statistics and issues surrounding identity theft and financial fraud aimed at victimizing senior citizens.

Representatives of local law enforcement agencies were also on hand to talk with seniors and distribute helpful information.

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