



Hoof Beats

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Remember, there is always more information about our club on our website at www.HorseHeavenKiwanis.org.

SATURDAY MORNING!

KHHH Yard Sale

Our rain-delayed yard sale will still be held this Saturday, September 27th. It will be in the Tri-City Herald parking lot from 8am until noon. All the funds from our part of the sales will go to our club to help pay for many of our committees' programs.



Bring items for us to sell to the office in the SW corner of the Reese Building (15 N. Cascade—about midway between Kennewick and Canal) at the Tri-City Herald on Friday from 3pm to 5:30. For more information, contact [Sarah Longan](#), or call her at 582-5856. *Don't miss out on this painless way to help finance our club's projects.*

The September 22nd meeting was called to order by President Larry Hansmeier, who also delivered the invocation. Carolyn Lawson was Wrangler.

This week we welcomed an Interclub from our parent club, Kennewick, represented by: Laurie Tufford, Joe Osborne, Marge Price, Jerry Buell, Matt Taylor and Bob Kelly. Richard Lathim represented the Pasco club. Dale Green brought his wife, Ann. Shawn Cirignano and Sandy Warner visited our club again. Janelle Guthrie accompanied today's speaker.

Alex Burden donated his raffle prize to our Foundation.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Brags

The Wrangler's rounds were delayed this week

until after the main program.

Lorraine Cooper said that the first Kennewick District School Bus Tour will be held this Thursday. There is still space available. A second tour is planned for October 9th. You can download the [bus tour flyer](#) from the KSD.org website.

Andy Perdue and family celebrated the 1st anniversary of his daughter's arrival to the US with an Indian dinner. The chef said he had been once been chef at the hotel where Andy and his wife had stayed while in India.

John Lawson gave recognition to Lorraine Cooper who has agreed to step in as our new Club Secretary.



Lorraine Cooper

Laurie Tufford stated that October 19th through the 25th is Internet Protect Your Identity Week. She announced a free paper shredding event.

Don Barnes returned from Tahoe after visiting with children and grandchildren.

Sarah gave \$3 in donations that had been collected

for the J&S during the Pablo Cruz concert.

Dale Green said that his daughter Jamie will be 7 next Monday and the he and wife Ann will be celebrating their 24th anniversary.

Robert Ramirez said that the TCI club will be installing new officers October 13th, including Art Brady as the new president. He suggested it would be a good opportunity for an interclub.

Richard Lathim congratulated his son and the Eastern Washington Eagles victory.

Mark Blotz had a SeaHawks brag buck.

Jo Harrington apologized for stumbling over her guest's introduction earlier. She reported her daughter-in-law's birthday. She noted the return to the US of golfing's 2008 Ryder Cup. She also gave recognition to Lorraine Cooper for offering to help as club secretary.

Announcements and Coming Events Signup Sheets Circulated

Induction of Officers

Larry Hansmeier announced that Kiwanis Lt. Gov. Ken Brutzman will be here to induct our new club officers next week.

Yard Sale

Sarah Longan announced the Club's yard sale this coming Saturday ([see the item on the previous page](#)).


Interclubs

Andy Purdue suggested an Interclub to Kennewick next Tuesday for Russ Edwards last day as club president.

Youth Services Dinner Dance

Doug reminded us all of the 2nd annual *Kick'n It Up for Kids* October Dinner Dance. Buy your tickets now! Many of our members have ticket books.

Our second annual benefit dinner dance will be the evening of Saturday, October 18th at the Clover Island Inn. Tickets are \$40, and proceeds will benefit the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation and the Youth Programs of the Arc of Tri-Cities. Live music will be provided by the great Highland Drive band. For further information, contact [Doug Brown](#) at 539-0076.



Coming Next Week – September 29th
Induction of new club officers

**State Attorney General,
Rob McKenna – “Identity Theft”**



Robert Mckenna

Rob McKenna is our State Attorney General and directs a staff of 500 attorneys and 700 professional staff. He identified his 3 priorities.

First, safer communities – fighting meth, sexual predators and domestic violence.

Second, protection for customers and businesses from identity theft, fraud and high tech crimes.

Third, promoting government integrity, and the defense of State law.

Rob paid a compliment to Franklin County Sheriff Richard Lathim who was in attendance for his efforts in working with statewide law enforcement and his leadership in the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

Identity theft is a top priority of the Attorney General's office. When he took office the Federal Trade Commission ranked Washington State 7th in reported identity thefts. Rob found first hand that internet fraud and identity theft were a real problem for all of us in Washington State. He recounted how he and his wife discovered spyware on their home computer that redirected internet queries to a porn site.

At the time, there was only one person assigned, and only part-time, to the A.G.'s high-tech unit to deal with such problems. He was able to help get through a bill to fund the State's first real effort to battle these crimes. The state established bait in the form of innocent looking "honey pot" computers, running "honey monkey" applications to smoke out fraud.

By mid-2005 there were tough new anti-spyware and anti-phishing laws on the books. A computer forensics expert was added to the payroll and by 2006 his office had a first conviction.

Washington is now in a leadership role with other states in framing laws and pursuing violators on the net.

Identity theft can occur whenever there is enough information for a perpetrator to open other lines of credit in someone else's name. The characteristics of a typical case are:

- often an "inside" job
- often linked to drug addiction – meth
- thief opened new lines of credit

In late 2005, they began a coordinated effort to address the problem. A second planning summit will be held next month.

Washington has a new law that lets you freeze your credit when *you* think you need to, and not make you wait until you have suffered an attack. There is also a provision to easily unfreeze and refreeze your credit with a PIN number instead of a drawn-out and time-consuming procedure. He directed us to their [website](#) for more information on how to benefit from this 2007 legislation,

This year, new laws *make each* use of a stolen identity a chargeable offense rather than each identity stolen. This makes Washington a riskier and less desirable target for identity thieves. Also, it is now considered a crime against a person rather than just a property crime. This will lead to better enforcement and result in more serious convictions.

Still the best prevention is through education and outreach efforts. People need to learn how to help protect themselves.

How to identity thieves get their data? 1/3 of the time it is data accessed from someone we entrusted with our information to begin with. 2/3 of the time we lose the information ourselves. Of that, the most common issue is the loss or theft of a wallet or purse with our information inside. Half of the time, the identity thief actually already knows the victim. Only about 10% of the problem is accomplished through the internet. 8% is stolen mail. 1% is found in trash.

Today, thanks to some of these programs, Washington has improved its ranking in reported identity theft from #7 to #17.

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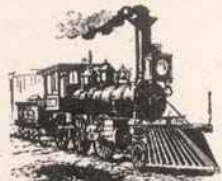
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