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2020 Safety Kids Calendar Awards Ceremony

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, November 4, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, Prosecutor Walsh, along with emcee Tim Daugherty of WONE 97.5, will announce the winning posters for the 2020 Safety Kids Calendar.

WHO: Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh; emcee Tim Daugherty from WONE 97.5

WHAT: Awards ceremony for the winners of 2020 Safety Kids Calendar contest

WHEN: Wednesday, November, 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Akron-Summit Library, 60 S. High Street, Akron

This year marks the 18th year Prosecutor Walsh has sponsored this calendar contest. The goal of the contest is to educate our children about the 12 “Rules for Staying Safe.” All sixth, seventh and eighth grade public and parochial middle schools in Summit County were invited to participate in the poster contest. This year we had over 1,200 entries from 15 different schools.

This year, for the first time since the event began, one of the safety rules has changed. Students put together posters telling people that it’s NOT SAFE TO VAPE. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 37 people in the U.S. have died as a result of using e-cigarettes. As of last month, the CDC says there have been nearly 1,900 cases of lung injuries across the country related to the use of e-cigarettes.

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“I felt it was important to change the rule from smoking to vaping to address a major concern in our community. The National Institutes of Health reports a growing increase in the number of teens who are vaping,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “As Summit County Prosecutor, I work hard to make the community safe. That includes addressing this significant health issue. Families need to know that it is not ok to vape.”

We anticipate approximately 300 parents, grandparents, teachers and children to attend this event.