



**FROM THE OFFICE OF
SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR
SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

THE SENIOR NEWS

AUGUST IS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH!

August is celebrated nationally as Child Support Awareness Month.

In this issue of our Senior News, I want to recognize the grandparents who have taken on the lead role as parent in their grandchildren's lives.

The number of grandchildren living with their grandparents has increased by over 500,000 in the last 10 years according to the U.S. Census Bureau.



The grandparent who becomes a legal custodian is entitled to financial support from both the mother and the father of their grandchild. The Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) which is a division of the Summit County Prosecutor's Office provides advocacy on behalf of the custodian grandparent in the establishment and enforcement of a child support obligation.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the many grandparents in our community who provide the emotional, spiritual and structural support to a grandchild when neither of the parents are able to care for them. I encourage those grandparents who have undertaken this awesome responsibility to seek financial support from the parents through a child support obligation.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING CHILD SUPPORT?

My office will be sponsoring Free Genetic Testing throughout the month of August at Akron General Hospital and Summa City Hospital.

In addition, CSEA will be providing information on child support and offering paternity testing at the following locations during the month of August:

August 10 and 24, 2011
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Akron-Summit County Main Library
60 S. High Street
Akron, Ohio

August 16 and 30, 2011
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Metro Regional Transit Authority
631 S. Broadway
Akron, Ohio

August 20, 2011
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Summit for Kids
John S. Knight Center
77 E. Mill Street
Akron, Ohio



**Visit our Senior Safety website:
www.co.summit.oh.us/prosecutor/srcitsafe.htm**

53 University Ave., 6th Floor
Akron, Ohio 44308
(330) 643-2800
Fax: (330) 643-2137
E-mail:
holdt@prosecutor.summitoh.net

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.CO.SUMMIT.OH.US/
PROSECUTOR



Judge Kathryn Michael was on hand to help Prosecutor Walsh demonstrate purse safety to the Fairlawn AARP. If your group would like to hear her speech, call (330) 643-7915.

THE SCAM ALERT WIDGET

Scams against the elderly occur every day but there is one that keeps making its way back to our area. It is the "Grandma" or the "It's Me" scam.

An elderly couple receives a phone call in the middle of the night from a man who claims to be their grandson. He concocts a story that he is in jail in Canada and needs money wired immediately to be bailed out. Fortunately for this couple, they became suspicious and began asking questions the caller could not answer. They did not wire any money, however, others have not been so fortunate. This scam is becoming more prevalent in Northeast Ohio.

Anytime you receive a call requesting money, get as much information from the caller as possible. Tell the caller you will call them back and then verify their information before making a donation.

The Ohio Attorney General has created a web tool, called a Web widget, that when added to a company's website can alert communities to the latest scams and rip-offs. To access the Scam Alert Widget, go to our website at:

www.co.summit.oh.us/prosecutor

September is Senior Safety Awareness Month!

Look for the Prosecutor's Booth and our 2012 Calendars at these upcoming events!



August 20, 2011

2nd Annual Summit for Kids
John S. Knight Center
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

August 24, 2011

WAKR Senior Luncheon
Barberton High School, 555 Barber Rd.
Barberton, OH 44203
Doors open at 11:00 a.m.; Lunch at 11:30 a.m.
Purchase tickets beginning August 1 at WAKR,
1795 W. Market St. or send check made out to WAKR Senior
Lunch with self-addressed stamped envelope
\$11.00

September 2, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Senior Safari at the Akron Zoo
Admission is \$3.00 for 55 and older

September 16, 2011

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Summit Senior Expo
Summit Mall