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SUMMIT COUNTY EXECUTIVE RUSSELL M. PRY ANNOUNCES FIRST ANNUAL SUMMIT COUNTY FINANCIAL WELLNESS WEEK NOVEMBER 2- 6, 2009

On Monday, November 2, 2009, Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry will kick-off the first annual *Summit County Financial Wellness Week*. The week long event will be held at various locations throughout Summit County. The "free" classes and workshops are designed to educate consumers about money management and generate awareness of the financial education services available in our community that cover a wide range of financial topics such as budgeting, improving your credit, understanding reverse mortgages, preventing identity theft, stopping home foreclosure, understanding car repairs and loans, debt collection practices, purchasing or refinancing a home, and so much more.

"I encourage all citizens to take advantage of the many free activities that will take place during *Summit County Financial Wellness Week*," said County Executive Russell M. Pry. "This is an unprecedented opportunity to build financial skills that help individuals and families during these challenging financial times."

Representatives from credit and housing counseling agencies, attorneys, consumer protection agencies, credit unions, financial services, and others will provide consumers with the tools to make effective decisions regarding their money and credit during the free classes or workshops.

"Consumers will receive many cost saving tips and advice on how you can save money and avoid financial pitfalls," said Cynthia Sich Director of the Count of Summit Office of Consumer Affairs.

Attached is the list of the events during *Summit County Financial Wellness Week*. Consumers can also find information on the events at the Office of Consumer Affairs website <http://co.summit.oh.us/conaffairs.htm> under Your Money & Credit and Community Outreach/Events, or by calling (330) 643-2879. Flyers on the event will also be available at libraries throughout the county.