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Winchell giving back to wine industry, economic growth

BY DEVASTASHA BEAVER

For the Star Beacon

At this point in my career, it's time to give back."

Donniella Winchell has been the executive director of the Ohio Wine Producers Association for 41 years.

"In the '70s, there were very few women in the wine industries," Winchell said. "I was the only woman on several national boards for many years."

Winchell attended Allegheny College to be a history teacher, she said. "In the '70s, those were the only options for women: teacher, nurse or executive secretary," she said. "I was a teacher for seven years, and I never wanted to leave."

When she was surprised with her first child, Winchell left the classroom to take care of her son. Her interest in wine piqued when her brother, who owned Chalet Debonne Vineyards, invited her to take notes at a wine industry meeting.

"There were five different wines from the same winery, and they all tasted different. It was fascinating," Winchell said.

Winchell began writing newsletters for local wine industry professionals, and later secured funding from Robert Gottesman of Paramount Distillers to form the Ohio Wine Producers Association and launch the Tanenbaum Wine Trail.

The Tannenbaum Trail, launched in 1978, featured 13 wineries, Winchell said. "The Ohio Grape Industries Committee became a model for funding across the country," she said.

There are now more than 300 wineries in the Ohio Wine Producers Association. Winchell said she believes the Northeast Ohio region is home to some of the most successful wineries for a reason.



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Donniella Winchell has been the executive director of the Ohio Wine Producers Association for 41 years.

"I'm a big believer in authenticity," she said. "We grow grapes here. In September, if you drive down (State Route) 307 or South

River Road, you can smell them. We work with the 'connoisseur class' to promote the industry."

Of the 22 Ashtabu-

la County wineries in business in 1984, for example, 21 of them are still in business, Winchell said.

Winchell said collab-

oration with other local businesses is key to economic growth.

"We're all about col-

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Kathy's Boutique stocks one-of-a-kind dresses

BY DEVASTASHA BEAVER

For the Star Beacon

athy Mullins, owner of Kathy's Boutique, just celebrated five years with her own shop in downtown Geneva, but she's been designing, altering and hemming for many years.

"When my sister got married, my brother's little girls were going to be flower girls," she

"Two little flower girl dresses. I took pictures of them, and started getting requests for more, and I made drapes for people's houses. I started keeping a photo album (of my work) and it just kept growing."

Mullins said those little flower girls are now in their late 30s.

While Mullins worked different jobs over the years, she said she always sewed for peo-

Before opening her shop, she was a school custodian and decided

she wanted a change of pace.

"When you have a dream — something you want to do, but you're not sure — you take the step and try it," Mullins said. "I figured I'd keep the business in town because that's where I've always lived."

Mullins said that, as a child, she wouldn't have imagined she would be making a living with sewing.

"I did not like homeec in school." she said. "I don't know if it was the teacher or what. I did not like sewing in school. Some of my family members sewed a little bit because they had to."

With no sewing lessons or design college training, Mullins said she sometimes surprises herself with the designs she creates.

"I've gotten to the point now that I can make something without a pattern, or I'll

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Kathy Mullins, owner of Kathy's Boutique, just celebrated five years with her own shop in downtown Geneva.

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Young leader: Meghan Berkowitz

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IMMEDIATE FAMILY

Michael is my husband, we will be married 17 years this October. I have a 15-year-old son Austin who will be a junior this year at Geneva High School and an 8-year-old son, Tristan who will be in third grade at Austinburg Elementary this year.

JOB

Owner and designer at Bouts and Bouquets Flower Shop in Geneva

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

I am not tied to one organization, however, we happily make donations to benefit many organizations and benefits throughout the year.

Why did you choose this area to live?

This is my hometown. I was born and raised in Geneva, only leaving to attend college. My family resides in Austinburg.

Why are you invested in the community?

Again, this is my hometown. I could not imagine opening and operating my business anywhere else. Geneva is a great town with great support of the local businesses.

As a young leader, what do you bring to the table that can make a lasting difference?

I have a strong work ethic and went after my dreams. I would hope that I would be someone that the young women in our community could look up to and know that with hard work and determination they also can achieve any goals that they set.

What direction do you see the future of the community?

I think that Geneva will continue to grow as it always has. I think that the direction and future of our community is a very bright one.

Tell us something fun or unexpected about yourself.

My life basically consists of my shop and my family.

On weekends that we do not have a wedding, or are extremely busy I spend my weekends traveling to various baseball fields across Ohio to watch my son play competitive travel baseball. The life of a business woman and mother!



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Meghan Berkowitz is the owner and designer at Bouts and Bouquets Flower Shop in Geneva.



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6 — OUR TOWN

Foote first female executive director of chamber

BY DEVASTASHA BEAVER

For the Star Beacon

ENEVA — During the span of the last 30 years, the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce has grown from about 50 members to more than 300 members with Sue Ellen Foote at the helm as executive director.

"I was handed a folder (when I started)." she said. "That's all there was."

Foote, along with her husband David, purchased the building that now functions as the Chamber office. She and 19 board members manage Chamber functions, including quarterly dinners, a business expo, and a chance auction for scholarships.

Not only is Foote the first female executive director of the chamber. she is the first director in its history.

"The Chamber used to have an answering machine at the Geneva Community Center, where they would take

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messages and send out packets," Foote said. "They had a board, but never a director."

Foote has been working in business for most of her life.

"My dad was self-employed, and I worked in the office," she said. "As a little girl, I would answer the phone for my dad. I kind of grew up doing business."

During her senior year of high school, Foote started working at Peoples Bank in Nelsonville. She graduated from Hocking College, and went on to Ohio University. After meeting and marrying her husband, Foote moved north, as her husband is from Madison.

Foote said she and her husband have been in northeast Ohio for the past 36 years, and they have three adult children and five grandchildren.

"Everybody has to find their balance." she said. "There are not many 9-to-5 jobs. My job sure is no 9-to-5. Most of us are doing



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Sue Ellen Foote is the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

stuff for work at night and early mornings, so it's a struggle raising a family and having your occupation.

"I'm the only one (in the office), so if I at 7:30 a.m., and our (chamber) events are at night. Some of our events are on the weekends. And what people don't realize is, when the event is over, the work isn't done."

The Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce includes Geneva city, Geneva Township, Harpersfield, Austinburg and Trumbull Township. The chamber publishes a yearly member directory, as well as regular newsletters.

"What's good for Geneva is good for Ashtabula County," she said. "We don't want to see anybody fail."

As the only in-office chamber officer. Foote fields calls and emails, not only from other businesses, but

also from members of the public looking for information about local businesses and events.

"You have to know a lot about a lot of different things to help people," she said. "You don't have to be an expert, but you have to know where to direct them."

Foote said she has seen more women leading businesses during her 30 years with the chamber, but there are still some people who don't respect women in business.

"I guess some of that, I just let go. Some of the comments, I just let go. You have to," she said.

Despite the few rude

comments, Foote said she is passionate about supporting local businesses and helping the community.

"Companies have come and they've gone. That's why we need to support the businesses here. We need to support our own," she said.

"We try to do that here in the Geneva area and in Ashtabula County because we're part of the Ashtabula County Chambers of Commerce. We do things together as a county."

When she isn't participating in chamber events, Foote said she loves spending time with her family, and she enjoys baseball, sewing and quilting.

Foote said her family inspired her passion for helping others.

"God tells us to bloom where we're planted, and he uses us where we're planted," Foote said. "I grew up in a family where we helped everybody. I like to think I was the mom who helped other kids and not just my own, and as chamber director, I think we're helping others.

"I just want to take care of people; that's what it's all about." she said. "David and I have in-housed the chamber, that's how important it is.

"I feel like, in a little way, we've helped. Truly helped."

don't do it, it doesn't get done," Foote said. "Many meetings start

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Geneva gets to work on streets and bleachers

BY BRIAN HAYTCHER

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ENEVA — The city has done quite a bit of work in the last six months, and there's even more work scheduled for the rest of the month.

Routes 20 and 84 have both been worked on this year, with additional work being done on sidewalks on West Main Street, Less visible work is being prepared on a number of back streets as well, including work replacing a bridge on Water Street.

The city is also working on funding for a number of projects, including a repair of Cedar Street.

City Manager Doug Starkey presented a request to the Ohio Department of Transportation, for \$2 million in grant funds for the complete reconstruction of West Main Avenue. "That includes a rebuild from the sewer line up. The sewer line

is deep in horrible soil, and it's a reconstruction. New sewer line. storm sewers, all the way up, brand new," Starkey said. "We needed to do it about five years ago," he added. The time period the work would take place is still in the air. "My suspicion is it's going to be further out than we want. We're pretty close to being shovel ready from drawings," he said.

Quite a bit of work is in progress at the city's wastewater treatment plant, where a secondary sludge tank is in the process of being replaced. Geneva received a loan from the Ohio EPA to replace the tank, which originates from 1922.

In addition to the tank, the city will also be building a new headworks facility at the plant, which will help cut down on issues caused by disposable wipes.

The headworks project will cost \$5



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Paving crews worked the intersection of Route 84 and Route 531 in early June in Geneva.

million, which is being financed by loans, Starkev said.

City crews are out inspecting and painting hydrants at the moment. "Firefighters are out painting and testing them, and as they see problems, I know they've got a few that they need to replace, that they found that aren't working properly," Starkey said.

The city will also be using the water department to replace the water lines on Jonathan Circle, Starkey said.

There are other projects in the works as well, including replacing grandstands at Memorial Field, funded by the Geneva Rotary.

The stands at the field were removed after Geneva High School's football and track operations moved to the SPIRE Institute.

The city is also dabbling with new pots for the hanging plants on city telephone poles.

"If it works like we think, we should reduce our water usage significantly next year,

because it doesn't drain through the pot." Starkev said.

Currently, a city employee has to water each plant every day, 7 days a week.

The experimental pot is hanging outside of Starkey's office, and he looks out at it regularly. "We're encouraged. I keep looking, because it's right outside the window here, I keep an eye on it, and I've got others who know a lot more about plants than I, and so far, everybody seems encouraged by it. So we may end up replacing the pots next year and going to that set-up," Starkey said.

The city is working on keeping promises made during the campaign to pass a 4.8 mill continuing levy earlier this year. The city and the school district have been having discussions about hiring a new school resource officer. including how costs will be shared, and the who will be involved in the hiring process.

"I think funding and working out a relationship on a school resource officer is probably the easiest part. The harder part, because you're dealing with people, is finding someone that's the caliber of (former Geneva School resource officer) Mr. Carroll. The right people have to be involved in hiring the individual that we're going to put in a police uniform around our children," School Board President Richard Arndt said at the board's July meeting.

In addition, the Police Department is in the process of deciding what kind of cruisers to purchase.

The department also has a patrolman working with the new Crime Enforcement Agency of Ashtabula County, the narcotics task force that succeeded the Trumbull Ashtabula Group, after TAG disbanded in June. "They've had some very positive results already," Starkey said.



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Geneva-on-the-Lake repaves Strip, works on roads

BY BRIAN HAYTCHER

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ENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE — The village has seen a number of improvements over the last several months.

"We've had a ton of stuff going on in the village," Mayor Dwayne Bennett said.

One of the most noticeable changes is the new asphalt on the Strip. The paving was overseen by the Ohio Department of Transportation, who worked with the city to finish the work on Route 531, before the height of tourist season.

"Everything kinda fell into place," Bennett said.

The road was resurfaced, and the grindings

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were used by the city to improve side-roads. "The residents have been extremely happy about that," Bennett said.

The village also put up a set of GOTL letters, in addition to installing playground equipment on the west side of the Strip.

Work continues on the village's multi-use path, and the contract has been awarded for a segment of path from Whip-n-Dip to the cabins at the Lodge, Bennett said.

Another path, a former access road to the state park, has been opened up for golf carts, after some excavating and the application of asphalt grindings, Bennett said.

"That took us a cou-



WARREN DILLAWAY I STAR BEACON

The Hearthside Grove luxury mobile home park land development is underway along Lake Road in Geneva-on-the-Lake.

ple years to get that pulled together, but it's in place now, and we've got a lot of people



using it. We've got a lot of fishing charter captains that stay at Indian Creek campground, so now they can just take their golf cart right over to their boat, go do a charter, so that's helped out a lot. And then we got a lot of boaters that come in, and they want to get picked up at the marina and come down to the Strip for something to eat. ... (We've) got our golf cart taxi service, Sunset, they can go right to the marina, pick them up on a golf cart, bring them back over, so just another form of a connection

A number of major improvements have been less visible, though, including replacing the water lines beneath the Strip. Some of the lines that were replaced this year were from the 1920s. "We just had so many breaks (in the water line)." Bennett said.

there with transporta-

tion," Bennett said.

While work was being done on the water line, infrastructure was installed for low voltage lines along the Strip. Soon, the village will have a prototype for poles with lights and speakers along the Strip. "

The village is also working on replacing streetlights with LED bulbs, Bennett said. Twenty street lights were replaced last year, and 23 are planned to

be replaced for this year.

The work is made possible via a grant from the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council.

Work was done on South Geneva Drive, funded by a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission.

The village has applied for more than \$1,000,000 in grants for 2020, administrator Jeremy Schaffer said.

One grant that the village has received will pay for playground work and a master park plan. 'We want to make it look and feel like a city center," Bennett said.

The village hopes to pass a 4.5 mill park levy in the fall, which the village plans to use for a splash park, among other things.

A new, luxury RV park is in the works in the village as well. The park, Hearthside Grove, will feature landscaping, cable and wifi, as well as water, sewer, and power hookups.

The RV park will be located on Lake Road, near the State Park.
Lots are priced between \$130,000 and \$220,000.
Thirty sites will be open when the resort opens in September, with an additional 135 opening as they are completed.

"It's going to bring a whole different clientele into town, as well," Bennett said.

Madison makes hotel strides

BY BRIAN HAYTCHER

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ADISON —
The village
of Madison
has a busy
slate of events at the Interstate 90 interchange.

Most significant among them? The construction of two hotels. One, a Holiday Inn and Suites, is finished.

The hotel has had its grand opening, and is open to the public.

Another, a Hampton Inn, is still in progress, and is expected to open in the second half of the year, village administrator Dwayne Bailey said

There was some controversy in the village in the first half of the year, as the village debated moving village hall, to a structure that is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The decision was made to move Village Hall to Stratton Place, which the village already owns.

The expected cost to renovate the building to act as a village hall is \$60,000.

The village hopes work will be done by the end of the year, Bailey said.

The water tower is in the process of being painted, and prepared



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Madison Mayor Sam Britton (holding ribbon) reacts with joy during a ground breaking at the site of the soon-to-be-built Hampton Inn across from a Holiday Inn Express that is taking form.

to be wrapped with a new design.

The water tower

was formerly painted to resemble a carousel. The paint faded, and has since been replaced.

Now, the proposed

design will celebrate the Grand River Valley's wines, according to a presentation from Mayor Sam Britton in May. The wrap will cost \$25,000, and has an expected lifespan of 20 years.

The project is expected to be finished by the end of the year, Bailey said.

The village's outdoor market has doubled in size in the last year, and the village hopes to continue the growth for the rest of 2019, Bailey said.

The outdoor market allows locals to sell produce, crafts, and other items to visitors.

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Austinburg plans for growth

BY BRIAN HAYTCHER

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USTINBURG — Situated at the busy intersection of Route 45 and Interstate 90. Austinburg has quite a bit going on.

The township has finished its chip and seal program, and is working on mowing, trustee Byron Dutton

Work on the southern part of Forman Road, from Allen Road to Mill Creek Road, will be funded by a grant.

The township is working extensively on roads, in preparation for next year, when the Ohio Department of Transportation will close one of the bridges on Route 45 for a significant period of

time.

"With the closing of the bridge on (route) 45, there, just north of town next to the Andover Bank next spring, we are trying to get our roads all set up so that we can handle all the traffic that's going to be detoured because of that. And that's supposed

'This has been a very progressive year for Austinburg. We've actually done a lot of stuff.'

Byron Dutton

Austinburg Trustee

to take place in May," Dutton said.

"We feel like ants. We're scurrying because it's coming," he added.

"People do not realize the amount of traffic that's coming down 45. It goes to **Jefferson or Rock** Creek or Roaming Shores, and the amount of cars, it's going to baffle our minds," Dutton

said.

The bridge, which was built in 1940, is scheduled to be replaced by ODOT in 2020.

The township purchased a new fire truck earlier this year, to the tune of \$500,000.

"I'd like to thank the voters for supporting our volunteer firemen." Dutton said.

Northwest Ambulance District, which provides

EMS service for the township, passed an additional 1.25 mill levy in May, 2019.

The levy is expected to help pay for increased call volume. Bob Russell. chairman of the NAD Board, said.

A Fairfield Inn has broken ground in the township, and is expected to have 60 to 80 beds.

"That will generate us some very nice bed tax for the township." Dutton said.

"We're going to more than double our bed tax alone let alone the county and the influx of people," former Austinburg Fiscal Officer Dave Thomas said when the hotel was announced in February.

The hotel will be built near Taco Bell in Austinburg.

"This has been a very progressive year for Austinburg. We've actually done a lot of stuff," Dutton said.

Country Days this year will be Aug. 23-25. Originally started in 1972, Country Days is held at the United Church of Christ in Austinburg.

KATHY'S: Boutique owner has been designing, altering for many years

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make my own pattern," she said. "I think something like this is just gifted to you."

Dresses in Kathy's Boutique range in sizes from newborn to 34. "No matter what," she said, "if you give me enough notice, I can order your dress in your size."

Mullins said she often serves last-minute brides, so she tries to keep dresses she can sell off the rack.

She also does alterations.

"A lot of women don't realize that sometimes

you have to buy the dress bigger to fit one area, and alter it to fit," she said.

Mullins also does custom designs for bridal gowns, flower girl dresses, costumes and pageant dresses.

"I have a lot of outof-town customers. and they keep coming back," she said, "One customer from Iowa came back three or four times and brought those dresses back (to Iowa).

"A customer from Akron camps at the campground here and her daughter is competing for Miss Teen Ohio,

and I have designed some dresses for her," Mullins said.

While she often brings sewing projects home with her, especially during the busy wedding season, Mullins said happy customers make it worth the effort.

"I really enjoy this," she said. "Especially with little girls shopping for pageants. Just the enjoyment on their faces when they put on the dress. That's just a good feeling when someone's standing there with a smile on their face.

The boutique stocks

mostly one-of-a-kind dresses, so girls searching for homecoming, prom or quinceañera dresses don't have to worry about having the same dress as someone else, she said.

Mullins said her current business goal is to expand her little girls department.

"A lot of schools, lately, are doing Father-Daughter dances, and it's really special to do that special dress shopping together," she said.

"I don't have much of a day off." Mullins said. "Right now is my bridal season, so every day I

am constantly at the (sewing) machine."

For self-care, Mullins said she and her Chihuahua, Miss Lily, go to the river and the park for the peace and auiet.

"Yes, there have been hard times," she said, "but God showed me this in a dream before I opened this business, so I figured it came from him. Dreams do come true."

Mullins said she has a lot of elderly customers she does alterations for, and will never charge military service members for alterations or sewing on badges.

One of the best parts of owning a small business. Mullins said, is the strong relationships built with customers, many of whom become lasting friends.

"If there's one thing about owning a small business in a small town, it's that you get a lot of nice friends," she said.

"Every day, when I walk in my back door, I thank God for my business and ask him to bless my day," Mullins said. "I think that's a big part of getting me through the day."

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

10 — Bridges and Vines Bicycle Tour, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., beginning at South River Vineyard, 6062 South River Road West, and going through the Western Reserve Greenway Trail. Rides of 13, 25, 39, 64 and 103 miles will be offered. Visit www. unitedwayashtabula.org. Call 440-998-4141.

17-19 — Music Along the River Festival, Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark, 1225 Harpersfield Road, Harpersfield. A weekend of acoustic and traditional music featuring live performances, informal music jams, workshops and food. Call 440-361-4528. Visit ashtabulametroparks.com

24 — Celtic Feis, Old Firehouse Winery, 5499 Lake Road E., Genevaon-the-Lake. Northeast Ohio's largest Scottish and Irish Festival. Visit www. oldfirehousewinery.com. Call 440-466-9300.

31 — German Cart Show and Swap Meet, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Geneva



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Warm weather has brought crowds to Geneva State Park and other area beaches.

Township Park, 5045 Lake Road E., Geneva-on-the-Lake. Event features classic VWs and German cars and a parts swap meet. Visit visitgenevaonthelake. com.

SEPTEMBER 5-8 — Thunder on the

Strip, Geneva-on-the-Lake. The annual bike rally will feature a weekend of bike parades, live entertainment, motorcycle stunt shows and more. Visit www.thunderonthestrip. com. Call 440-466-1768. 13-15 — Geneva-on-the-Lake Fishing Tournament, Geneva Marina, 4599 Padanarum Road, Geneva. Call (440) 428-6591. Email DBMarineService@gmail.com.

28-29 — Geneva Grape Jamboree, starts 10 a.m. both days, downtown Geneva. This two-day event features parades each day, a pageant, grape-stomping and more. Visit www.grapejamboree. com. Call 440-466-5262.

OCTOBER

24 — Oktoberfest, The Strip, Geneva-on-the-Lake, seasonal, German style beers and decor.

25-26 — GOTL Resort Wide Costume Contest at various taverns in GOTL. Visit visitgenevaon-thelake.com.

27 — GhoulFest, Geneva. The day includes pancake breakfast, trunkor-treat, parade and a haunted gym.

NOVEMBER

2 — Winegrowers of Grand River Valley Turkey Trot. A self-guided tour of area wineries featuring traditional Thanksgiving food pairings. Visit www.wggrv.com. Call 440-298-9838.

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GIVING: Winchell has been executive director for 41 years

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laboration," she said.
"Not just traditional
partnerships like (providing wine for) restaurants, either. We're very
appreciative of what the

Lodge is doing. They literally bring hundreds of people to our wineries every day during the summer."

Winchell said one of the new partnerships is with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. The 2019 Natural Areas Wine Tours offer a guided hike followed by wine tasting at local wineries, and take place in July, September and October.

Another upcoming partnership with the new Holiday Inn in Madison will provide discounted rates and exclusive deals to local medical professionals, emergency rescuers, police and firefighters.

Winchell and her husband Larry have been partners in owning Adventure Zone at Genevaon-the-Lake for the past 21 years.

"It is incredible to see the growth of locations (on license plates) in our parking lot," she said. "We are making a mark as a county."

Her position as head of the Ohio Wine Producers Association has allowed Winchell to help other women succeed, she said.

"It created an opportunity to mentor other women in the industry," she said. Winchell and three other women formed a marketing group. "There is an opportunity to be mutually supported in a male-dominated industry.

"I do believe there is a role for women to be supportive of one another," Winchell said.

Winchell said the downtown Geneva office of the Ohio Wine Producers Association usually has one or two interns, generally young women, honing their skills. The Ohio Wines website was created by an intern, Winchell said.

"This office is to serve as a launching pad for young people," she said. "We try to provide opportunities and give interns the tools to explore their passions.

"Part of my goal is to empower talented young women and allow them to launch careers in their passions. At this point in my career, it's time to give back."

Interns have gone on to running their own businesses, working in the wine industry, managing large stores, and being managing editors at magazines, she said.

To those young women hoping to start a business, Winchell said, "Research. Understand the commitment; it's not a small one. Make sure you have adequate resources to back up financial surprises.

"If you have a family, make sure you can prioritize the needs of your kids and your business," she said. "You give up lots. You have to balance your family; otherwise, nothing else counts."

Winchell and her husband have three children and nine grandchildren. This fall, Winchell will be teaching "Creative Wine Marketing Principals and Practices" online weekly for Kent State University at Ashtabula.

"When I went to college, my dad said to me, 'Go find a job you love so you never go to work,'" she said. "I'm doing exactly that. This fall I will be teaching a class at Kent. I work with about 75 kids at Adventure Zone each summer."

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