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Ashtabula Ward 5 City Councilwoman Jane Haines has owned Ultimate Appearance Hair Salon on Main Avenue for more than 30 years and is a member and past president of the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association.

Ashtabula native Jane Haines loves the downtown area

BY SHELLEY TERRY
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ASHTABULA — In 1984, downtown Ashtabula was bustling with businesses, including Carlisle's, Sears, Revco Drug, Globe Bell, Stan's Delicatessen and Ultimate Appearance Hair Salon opened its doors.

It was Ward 5 Councilwoman Jane Haines' dream come true, but it's quite a story on how this Ashtabula High School graduate got to where she is today.

"I fell in love with

the downtown area as a child. I have rich memories of going to the Saturday matinee with friends at Shea's Theater," said Haines, who opened Ultimate Appearance, 4702 Main Ave., when she was just 23 years old.

She recalls walking downtown from her home on Bunker Hill Road when she was 12 years old.

"We loved the Little Bo Peep, which was a toy store, Perry Park news which sold candy, and of course, Carlises that had a whole floor of toys," she said.

During lunch as a freshman and sophomore, Haines and friends would walk to Newberry's to eat lunch at the counter and then grab a donut at Carlisle's bakery.

When Haines was in her junior year of high school, city officials made the mistake of turning downtown into the Arrowhead Mall and caused "the early death of our bustling downtown," she said. "Witnessing the devastation of this poor choice has colored my world as a

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City's focus: Supporting new business, infrastructure

BY SHELLEY TERRY
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ASHTABULA — Supporting new business and working on the city's infrastructure needs will be the major focus for officials for the remainder of 2019.

A ground-breaking ceremony on June 26 marked the beginning of construction on a new, 26-room riverfront hotel in the Ashtabula Harbor. The four-story River Bend Hotel will be built at the corner of West Sixth Street and Goodwill Drive.

"There are a lot of great things happening in Ashtabula," City Manager Jim Timonere said. "We are really excited about this project."

The \$5 million project will receive a \$3.1 million loan from Erie Bank and will be further financed by public funds from both the city and the county, as well as through the Ashtabula County 503 Corporation.

Ashtabula native Todd A. Canter, who now lives in Baltimore, Maryland, proposed the idea of an upscale hotel with family suites facing the river. The hotel will include a first-floor wine bar, conference room, fitness center and two connecting family suites. The second through fourth floors will have 24 large suites

facing northeast, as well as a kitchenette and view of Lake Erie. The rooftop will have a wine bar serving drinks from local wineries.

City Council President John Roskovich said he's excited about the hotel and how it will draw more people to the historic Ashtabula Harbor.

PIG IRON PLANT

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency kicked off 2019 by hosting a public hearing about the potential \$474 million pig iron plant a South African company is looking to build in Ashtabula.

Petmin USA would build the plant at the Kinder Morgan Pinney Dock facility, which could lead to several hundred construction jobs as well as more than 100 permanent skilled jobs when completed, Timonere said.

Ashtabula bested 13 other sites across the United States and Canada for the plant because of its access to shipping, rail and interstate as well as wastewater treatment, raw water and natural gas.

"People are already coming to Ashtabula looking for housing because of the pig iron plant," Timonere said.

Nodular pig iron, which would be produced at the plant, is primarily used in specialty metallic castings



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River Bend Hotel is an upscale 26-room hotel to be built at the corner of West Sixth Street and Goodwill Drive in the Ashtabula Harbor.

found in cars, trucks, trains, mining and construction equipment, oil wells, appliances, pipes, hydrants, wind turbines, nuclear plants, medical devices, defense products, toys and more, according to Petmin's website.

Petmin USA's manufacturing facility in Ashtabula would produce an estimated 425,000 tons of pig iron annually that would then be shipped to the company's customers.

Construction could begin in August, if the EPA grants the necessary permits. The plant could be up and running by 2021, officials said.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

This summer, the city plans to wrap up Phase 2 of its \$8 million improvement project at the wastewater treatment plant, Timonere said.

The project means the city will have signifi-

cantly upgraded operations while maintaining compliance with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's regulations. The project goes beyond quick fixes the city has made in the past, he has said.

The original wastewater treatment plant was built in 1925 and is in dire need of major upgrades. The primary tanks were added in 1950, and the two final tanks in 1970.

The city applied for a loan through the Ohio EPA to pay for the project, which included the upcoming \$183,000 digester project, as well as \$223,000 for primary tank rehabilitation and \$225,000 for construction and inspection.

The city tackled the critical needs first — it rehabilitated the primary tanks and installed ultra-violet lights, which allowed the city to stop using chlorine gas that can put workers at risk in the event of an explosion.

ASHTABULA HARBOR

City officials will continue to work with the Lift Bridge Community Association in the Ashtabula Harbor and, at the same time, work with the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association on plans for Main Avenue, including a focused code enforcement effort to bring home and business owners into compliance.

Bridge Street got a major shot in the arm in 2018, winning America's Main Street contest, Timonere said.

The Wine and Walleye Festival, slated for July 26-28, boasts bigger and better fireworks, a lighted boat parade, gourmet food, wine and beer tasting, food trucks and shopping. Hosted by the Lift Bridge Community Association and the city of Ashtabula, the festival will take place on Bridge Street.

The city park board presented its goals and plans for the remainder of 2019, which include finishing the refurbishment of Cornelius Park's fountain and completing improvements at the Walnut Beach concession stand, said Earl Tucker, board chairman.

DREDGING

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, awarded a \$1.1 million contract to a Michigan company to

dredge the Ashtabula River channel and outer harbor this summer.

The contract was awarded to Ryba Marine Construction Co., based in Cheboygan, Michigan. Under this contract and a subsequent \$1 million contract awarded last November, about 430,000 cubic yards of material will be dredged this year. The contractor is expected to begin work this month, according to a news release.

City Manager Jim Timonere said the Ashtabula Harbor is an extremely important economic driver both for tourism and manufacturing, not only in the city, but Ashtabula County, as well. "Various manufacturers are dependent on the goods shipped into and out of our port," he said. "With the addition of Petmin, this maintenance becomes even more crucial. We appreciate the Army Corps attention to our harbor and look forward to working with them and the contractor to keep our port operational."

In a statement, U.S. Rep. Dave Joyce, R-14th District, said Ashtabula Harbor is an important part of northeast Ohio, supporting more than 1,500 jobs and generating more than \$120 million annually in revenue.

"The Army Corps

CITY'S: Main focus is supporting new business and infrastructure work

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of Engineers' regular dredging not only keeps the harbor clear but also ensures it can continue to put money back into the Ashtabula community and drive our regional economy," he said. "As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I'm proud to fight for the funding that supports these critical maintenance efforts and thank the Army Corps of Engineers for all they do for the Buckeye State."

The frequency of dredging in Ashtabula is subject to the availability of funds.

Ashtabula Harbor was last dredged in 2017, removing about 175,000 cubic yards of material. The Corps of Engineers schedules dredging every two to three years to maintain federally mandated depths. The outer harbor must have depths between 22 and 30 feet, while the Ashtabula River channel has depths between 16 and 30 feet.

Ashtabula Harbor sees the transportation of 4.3 million tons of commodities such as coal, iron ore, limestone, chemicals, ores and minerals.

PROPERTY AND PAVING

So far, in conjunction with the Ashtabula County Land Bank, the city has demolished more than 300 homes in the city limits.

"We expect to continue this progress removing blight from our community as we spend down the remaining \$2.5 million in grant funding for the county," Timonere said. "The Neighborhood Initiative Program funds have been a great example of several agencies working together to make the entire county benefit from this program."

Local leaders and officials have all "worked tirelessly" to acquire these homes and bring them down, he said.

Ward 4 Council member Michael Speelman praised city and county officials for "doing a

good job" of using Land Bank money.

"We need to keep at it," he said.

Roskovics continues to make sure city property owners maintain their properties, like mowing the grass in the summer. He also wants to see garbage dumping violations enforced.

Ward 2 Councilman August Pugliese proposed an income tax levy to address street improvements. Council supported the idea and a 4-mill, five-year levy will be on the November ballot. The levy will generate about \$750,000 annually and cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$140 per year.

"A road levy to raise additional money for paving is the only way the city will ever catch up," he said. "The city never has enough money to resurface more than a handful of streets each year."

LOOKING AHEAD

Roskovics said he's

excited about council's accomplishments.

"I think we sent a clear message that we are interested and willing to accommodate businesses and growth within the city," he said. "Council has been willing to address some long neglected issues and working to adopt policies that will improve our city."

Recycling in Wards 1 and 2 did a lot for the appearance of streets, with every residence having a cart for garbage and a cart for recyclables. Timonere said he hopes to bring curbside recycling to the entire city.

The manager also supports the idea of a new 55-and-older apartment complex coming to the Mount Carmel property. He said Ashtabula has the perfect combination for growth at this time.

"The baby boomers are leaving their houses for 55 and older communities," he said.

Upscale housing, such as the new condos on

Bridge Street, are also available to newcomers.

Timonere said he is optimistic, citing not only new businesses, but new owners of some old businesses. The Borsukoff/Neece Real Estate Group recently purchased the property known historically as Castle Block on Center Street with plans to redevelop it into apartments and retail space.

Most recently, an Ohio developer plans to spend millions to turn the former Carlisle's building into apartments, office and retail space.

Renew Partners LLC has purchased, and intends to invest \$12 million to redevelop, the Main Avenue building.

Renew, through its affiliate Carlisle-Allen LLC, bought the property from the Ashtabula County Land Revitalization Corp. for \$8,000.

Timonere said he's glad to see a zombie property — a property that's been abandoned — bought and rede-

veloped by a company city officials know and trust.

"The property will transfer from zombie to Land Bank to Carlisle-Allen LLC," he said. "I'm thankful for this group; a lot of exciting things are happening downtown."

The group has started the process of listing the five-story property on the National Register of Historic Places, obtaining state and federal tax credits and has prepared a pipeline application with the Ohio Department of Development, according to a release from Renew.

LDA Architects of Cleveland has been hired for design and JCI Contractors of Ashtabula will do the construction work. Plans for the project include new apartments, office and first-floor retail space. The next six months will be spent on the planning and pre-development work, Timonere said.

Construction is slated to begin in 2020.



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Young leader Saybrook Township: Jessica Wiser



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for the Ashtabula Area
City School District

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Working for a local school district I have the pleasure of working collaboratively with several civic organizations and committees throughout the community.

Why did you choose this area to live?

Being born from military parents I did not have the luxury of growing up in a small town or even one town. My husband, who is a veteran, was blessed with a wonderful child-

hood, experiences and opportunities growing up in Ashtabula County. We wanted this for our family as well here in Ashtabula.

Why are you invested in the community?

Our community has so much to offer our families and so many educational opportunities for our children and life learners.

I truly enjoy being a part of helping our community and schools make a difference in the lives of others.

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

As a young leader, I believe in going above and beyond, embracing change and the willingness to take on new challenges, roles and responsibilities.

I understand making a difference takes hard work, dedication and perseverance despite the obstacles and challenges.

I believe being op-

timistic, focusing on solutions and using problems as opportunities for life learning and helping others creates a positive culture and helps build a strong foundation for making a lasting difference.

What direction do you see the future of the community?

I see the future of the community growing, thriving and evolving with each day. Everyday there is something or someone to celebrate in our community. Whether it be our amazing kids and schools, or our local businesses and community agencies or our next door neighbor. Every day our community continues to work together to make an impact and a positive difference in the lives of others.

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Ashtabula Twp. looks forward to business, expansions

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ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP — Ashtabula Township trustees are looking forward to enacting exterior property maintenance codes to fight blight, business expansions and upgrading the Christmas lights and displays at Peleg Sweet Park during the remainder of 2019.

One of the most obvious new construction projects is the demolition of El Puente restaurant, 2911 N. Ridge E., and the future construction of a Chipotle at the site. El Puente plans to relocate to the space formerly occupied by Ruby Tuesday in the Ashtabula Towne Square, 3315 N. Ridge E. under a new name — Viva la Frida and will offer customers more cocktails.

Further development can be seen as a three-phase strip plaza,

just north of Steak and Shake and east of Walmart, is under construction.

“We also welcome the expansion of ASHTA Chemicals,” said Joe Pete, trustee.

ASHTA boasts a \$100 million project that modernized and expanded its facility. The investment will result in ASHTA improving energy efficiency and eliminating the use of mercury in its manufacturing process, ASHTA President Brad Westfall has said.

“It’s an important project for the township, as well as northeast Ohio,” said Stephen McClure, chairman of the board of trustees. “It’s a good example of a company improving the environment.”

Trustee Bambi Paulchel said Peleg Park will be ungraded this year, thanks to a \$19,000 Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council grant.

“We have received the grant and plan to use



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Expansion projects continue at Aldi's in Ashtabula Twp.

it for Christmas lights and displays at Peleg Sweet Park,” she said. “We are holding our summer concerts every Tuesday night at the park until mid-August.”

Township Service Director Jeff Bond said the township will continue to improve its neighborhoods with last year’s purchase of two new mowers.

“We are paving several streets this year and working on enforcing high grass violations,”

Paulchel said.

Three full-time township firefighters and one part-time firefighter answered 1,700 calls last year and will help train local industries on safety and haz-mat procedures throughout the end of the year.

Pete said the trustees are diligently working with the zoning inspector to clean up deteriorated properties.

The trustees said they will continue to work with the Ashtabu-

la County Sheriff to provide 24/7 protection for township residents through funds from the police levy. The cost of the service is about \$150,000 annually, with the county providing the cruiser and the township paying for salaries and benefits of the officers.

The levy costs the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$30 per year, township officials said.

The residents passed

a cemetery levy and a fire levy in the May 2018 election.

In November, township voters passed a five year, 1-mill renewal levy for roads and bridges.

The levy generates about \$118,000 per year, and costs a resident with a home valued at \$100,000 about \$33 annually, township officials said.

“The money generated from the levy is used mainly for our street paving, snow plowing and equipment replacing program,” said Jaymee Vest, zoning inspector.

McClure said the township is all about the people, progress and protection.

“If you satisfy those three objectives, everything else falls into place,” he said. “In 2019, we will continue to promote Ashtabula Township as a great place to do business and an even better place to live.”



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'You're in good hands' with Kristen Daubenspeck

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A SHTABULA — Kristen Daubenspeck began as a secretary for an independent insurance agency when she realized she'd found her niche.

In 2000, she became licensed as a property and casualty insurance agent.

"I developed a love of working with people and protecting their families," she said. "I've always had a love for downtown Ashtabula; shopping at Carlisles was a large part of my childhood, so owning a business on Main Avenue seemed natural to me."

Daubenspeck, who is an Ashtabula County native and a 1995 Edgewood High School graduate, grew up in Pierpont Township.

In 2007, she achieved her dream career and now she's an independent exclusive Allstate agent at 4605 Main Ave.,



A successful woman in business, Kristen Daubenspeck is an independent exclusive Allstate agent at 4605 Main Ave., Ashtabula.

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employing five licensed professionals, one support staff and an exclusive financial specialist. She's recently expanded to three office spaces.

"We offer a great referral program in our office and have been able

to build our business based on strong customer referrals," she said. "A lot of our customers and referrals can be seen sporting Allstate gear at local events."

Her community involvement includes

membership with the Ashtabula Rotary Club, Ashtabula Downtown Development Association and she's an Ashtabula County Children Services board member. Her agency also sponsors many

area sports teams.

"I enjoy being involved in the community, and helping customers evaluate their insurance needs to protect what matters most," she said.

"I am excited for the

future of Main Avenue and can't wait to see additional restaurants and stores come to the area. I'm hopeful and very dedicated to revitalization."

Products and services she provides through Allstate include: home, auto, property and life insurances, financial products, business insurance and benefit planning.

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Daubenspeck makes her home in Kingsville with her husband, Jeff Barger; daughters, Audriana, 18, and Madelynne, 16, and their dog, Harley.



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Saybrook Twp. working on zoning, roads and blight

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SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP — Saybrook Township trustees look forward to repairing roadways, removing blighted properties and updating the zoning text for the remainder of the year.

The trustees have just completed an \$180,000 paving project on Sanborn Road from Route 84 to Austinburg Road, finishing the berms last week.

They continue to oversee the crack-and-seal projects of the township's roads.

"We were conservative with our budget to save up money for resurfacing Sanborn Road," said Norm Jepson, trustees chairman.

Trustee Bob Brobst said all of the roads in the township are paved.

"We are always maintaining our roads," he said. "The tar machine adds three to four years



Saybrook Twp. Trustees (from left) Norm Jepson, Bob Brobst and Gloria Baum review zoning change documents.

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to a road's life expectancy."

The township rents the tar machine, which costs anywhere from \$60,000 to \$80,000, and uses its own workers to run it.

Throughout the summer, the township also is cleaning ditches.

With funding through the Ashtabula County Environmental Department, a new water line was installed in the Country Club allotment, along with two fire hydrants to ensure safety of our residents, trustee Gloria Baum said.

"Our annual clean up day was held in June and the trustees, along with members of the road department, worked non-stop from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to give the residents a place to dispose of old household items," she said.

When it comes to winter maintenance, the township has reduced its use of salt because of known environmental hazards, Brobst said.

ZONING

Baum spent much of

the year updating the township's zoning text. The last time it was done was 1987, she said.

Baum started the work four years ago. One of the township's problem zoning areas is along Lake Road, where people are remodeling summer cottages and making them year-round homes, she said.

"We are still working on updating the zoning text one chapter at a time," she said. "It's a slow process but I am happy to say it is moving along. The map

is 95 percent complete and we should have it online very shortly."

The township hired a full-time zoning inspector to assist in removing eight unsightly buildings — and citing people with high grass and/or debris on their properties.

"The old Clark Station on Route 20 have been removed and trustees are working with the Port Authority, who owns the property, to have the two remaining buildings taken down and the property cleaned up," Baum said.

Jepson said there's been a big push this year to take care of those issues.

GROWTH

The Zoning Department has issued 72 new zoning permits so far this year, Baum said. "Things are growing in Saybrook."

The township has applied for a Safer Grant to benefit the fire department. The grant will help the township add more full-time personnel within the fire department.

"We are also in the final stages of hiring a new member to our road department, with one employee retiring and the passing of another, we were two men down," she said. "By adding this new member, the Saybrook family can ensure our roads will be clear and safe this winter."

The township also is working with the state to fix drainage problems.

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ASHTABULA — It's that time of year when tourists flock to Ashtabula County to enjoy the covered bridges, Lake Erie, parks, festivals, rolling farmland and the historic Ashtabula Harbor.

Christine Martello and her daughter, Heather Martello, are two local women in businesses that thrive on what northeast Ohio has to offer.

Christine Martello is a tour guide on the Eerie Harbor Ghost Walk through the Ashtabula Harbor. She thought of the idea when she start-

ed reading about the historic harbor while researching her family's history, including her great-grandfather who suffered a fatal stab wound there. Then she visited all of the area's museums and researched local history at the Ashtabula County District Library.

Heather Martello is a photographer with her own studio on Bridge Street.

Her mother said Heather always wanted to be a photographer since she was a little girl.

She started shadowing a local photographer when she was 18 years old.

"From there I moved to Florida to finish college with a softball scholarship and I earned a bachelor's degree in art," she said. "I photographed beach weddings on the weekend and worked at the Tampa Tribune as the photography editor."

After the decline of the newspaper, she



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Heather Martello (right) of Martello Photography, and her mother, Chris Martello, of Herb and Garden Bed and Breakfast and Erie Harbor Ghost Tours, pose in downtown Ashtabula.

moved back to northeast Ohio and pursued her photo career.

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SUCCESSFUL: Mother, daughter thrive on what county has to offer

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Art Works on Bridge Street.”

Many who haven't been to Bridge Street in recent years don't know all the great stores and restaurants and art galleries that await, she said.

Her mother, Christine Martello, said those who walk along Bridge Street have little idea of what went on there in the 1800s, as well.

But folks who go on the Erie Harbor Ghost Walk on Friday evenings throughout the summer can hear Christine Martello share all the spine-tingling true tales.

She calls the 90-minute walk “a historical journey through the Ashtabula Harbor, with a haunted twist.”

Some of Martello's favorite historically rooted stories about the Ashtabula Harbor include Finnish dock workers at the Port of Ashtabula, the 40 bars that once lined Bridge Street and the conflicts between the Irish and the Finns.

While on the tour, she will play the part of Mikkoska, a real-life Finnish woman, who turned against her fellow Finns and finagled saloon owners in an attempt to get the Finns to leave the Temperance Society.

The tours originate at Bridge Street Art

Works, 1009 Bridge St., and cover both sides of Bridge Street from the Ashtabula River to Hulbert Hill, then on to Walnut Boulevard and Point Park.

Talking with locals, she “heard some good stories about the Ashtabula Harbor,” said Martello, who, along with her husband, Paul, runs Herb Garden School of Cooking and Bed and Breakfast out of their historic farmhouse in Lenox Township.

“I've always loved bed and breakfasts,” she said. “I like getting to know people of all different personalities. It's my perfect place in a crazy world.”

Throughout the decade before opening the Bed and Breakfast, Christine Martello would envision her house when her two daughters were grown and they were just a guest house.

“I pictured gardens with places to enjoy the outdoors, and in each

room a place to read with good light, as well as relaxing and enjoying good conversation,” she said. “My husband didn't see the same pictures as I did initially, but he gets it now.”

They opened the Bed and Breakfast in spring 2011.

“Having guests from all walks of life is like traveling but you don't have to leave — the world comes to us,” she said. “Our very first guest was a world-renowned paleontologist from Florida. I knew then, this was going to be interesting.”

Throughout the years, they've had missionaries, including a couple from South Vietnam.

“She was amazed when I took her on a walk in our woods and I wasn't afraid of tigers attacking us,” she said.

There have been lots of preachers and teachers. One couple of professors traveled the world teaching at various universities and have most recently

settled in Washington, D.C.

“Over the years, we have been entertained on our piano by guests,” she said. “One lady played and sang gospel music every morning for us. Another time we had a bluegrass band in our parlor. It was unreal. We were so glad we were snowed in and had enough groceries to whip up supper for them.”

After experimenting in the kitchen for many years, Christine Martello went to chef training at the Paganini School of Cooking in Chesterland.

“I love being an entrepreneur, the challenges are so exciting,” she said. “Combine that with being a public speaker has really fulfilled my wildest dreams.”

Of course, gardening plays a big part of being a Bed and Breakfast owner, especially with herbs.

“My husband and I

enjoy our two girls, Daisy, a mini horse, and Lady, our Halflinger,” she said. “They are the sweetest.”

After focusing on raising her daughters, Martello went to Youngstown State University and earned a bachelor's degree in food and nutrition. She then worked in various roles as a dietitian.

Both daughters, Heather and Maegan live on the farm with their families.

“Four curious, crazy grandkids are always brightening our day,” she said.

Heather Martello has expanded her business with a new modern open-air Mirror Me Photo Booth for events and festivals.

“So now I specialize in photographing weddings, which is my love, and also photograph seniors, families and newborn portraiture,” she said.

For more information, go to www.martellophotography.com.

Tickets to Christine Martello's haunted tours are on sale — \$15 for adults and \$10 for children — and should be purchased in advance at www.eerieharbor.com.

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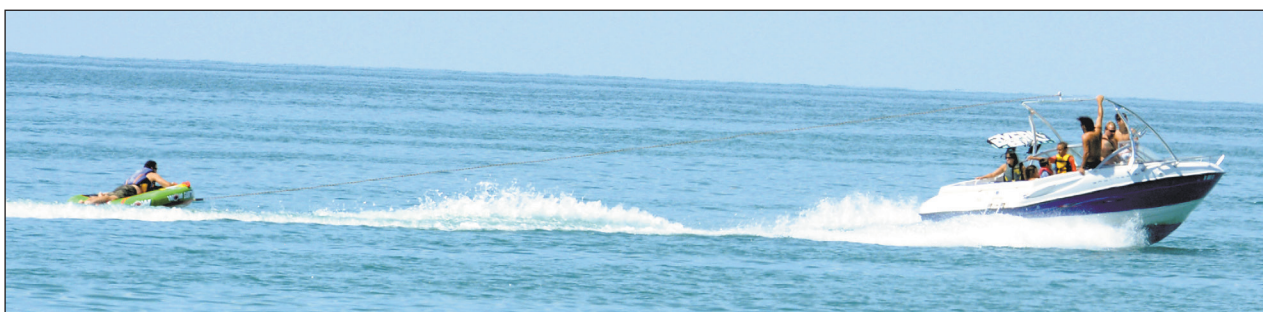
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A boat pulls a raft off of Lake Shore Park Beach in Ashtabula Township.

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ASHTABULA: Haines opened up Ultimate Appearance Hair Salon in 1984

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city councilwoman.”

Haines didn't start out as a stylist, salon owner or even having an interest in politics. In 1980, after a year in the accounting program at Kent State University, she realized I did not want to be an accountant. The following fall, she enrolled in Lake Erie Academy of Cosmetology.

“I picked cosmetology because in high school I had worked at Merle Norman cosmetics,” she said. “I absolutely loved making women look and feel attractive ... Improving people's self esteem has been the

most rewarding part of my career.”

After 35 years as a salon owner, Haines believes she picked the right career for her.

“I am a very social person and enjoy people very much. I also enjoy learning and growing, plus helping others learn and grow,” she said. “The styles constantly change as does the business knowledge. I think the backbone of Ultimate Appearance success has been my drive to learn and teach. I am constantly attending classes in hair and business. The staff has enjoyed traveling from New York City to Los Angeles and all points

in between to study with the top artists of our industry.”

Ultimate Appearance also is unique in what it offers employees. In the age where most private salons have turned to booth rentals, Haines offers a comprehensive benefit package. Her staff enjoys a higher income plus benefits.

“I think I have always had a natural gift for business,” she said. “To me, it is as easy as breathing.”

Ultimate Appearance's location on Main Avenue, along with her love of downtown Ashtabula, led her to become a part of the Ashtabula Downtown Development As-

sociation (ADDA), with a mission is to lead, support and assist the activities that enhance the quality of life in downtown Ashtabula.

“From 1978 (the year of urban renewal) to today, I have been committed to bringing downtown back,” she said. “As a young woman, my commitment meant supporting the existing businesses ... In 1984, I made the decision to open my own business on the street. In 2004, I became a member of the newly formed ADDA. It was in my involvement, that I discovered the Main Street Program. The ADDA is an affiliate of

this program designed for downtown growth and redevelopment.”

Haines attended numerous educational classes offered through the Main Street Program.

“What I have learned is that this is a 20-year process to rebuild a downtown,” she said. “And this is not a process for the faint of heart, or weak of mind. In the next couple of years, I believe all our hard work will pay off.”

The natural evolution of Haines' civic involvement was her desire to become a city councilor.

“I have given a voice to Wards 5 and 4 that have wanted to be

heard,” she said. “My plate has become fuller as I see what ails my ward. I have approached this job much the same way I approached my ADDA position. I realize that change does not happen overnight but is a process.”

As for family life, Haines used to think being a mother was the best part of her life, and then she became a grandmother.

“I have been blessed with two wonderful children, a son-in-law plus two grandchildren,” she said. “I also have a wonderful partner and stepson. My life is very rich with family and friends.”

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