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## Ribbon Cutting at Emilie's Coffee House and Wine Bar at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 6, at 457 Avon Belden Rd.

**Avon Lake, Ohio:** On Tuesday, February 6, at 8:30am, Emilie's Coffee House & Wine Bar, the new business at the corner of Walker Rd. and Avon Belden Rd., will have its ribbon cutting.

"Opening a coffee shop has been a dream of mine for about 4 years," says Emilie Stack, the 19 year-old owner and namesake of Emilie's Coffee House and Wine Bar. "It was never supposed to happen so quickly, but after driving past the corner of route 83 and Walker Road for the millionth time and thinking the old Huntington Bank building would be a great spot for something, I decided to make the call with the coffee shop in mind." Emilie's first opened its doors in late December and has been an extremely popular destination. They offer a variety of coffee drinks, teas and Hartzler's milk minis. Each month they create a seasonal coffee menu which features 3 different coffee flavors that Emilie creates herself. In the kitchen, they serve up a variety of toasts and toast toppings. The most popular are avocado toast, blueberry toast and veggie toast. Wine and craft beer will be introduced later this spring.

When asked why they chose Avon Lake for Emilie's, Erin Stack, Emilie's mother and co-owner, says, "Raising our family here for the last 24 years and being intertwined in the community in a multitude of ways, Emilie and I knew we wanted to keep our feet planted right here in our hometown. I knew without a doubt that that corner spot would be the very best place to be. We hoped, when opening our doors, that people would feel like they stepped right into our home—that they would feel comfortable and welcome, and from what we hear, that's exactly how they feel. Our space has become a gathering place. One that is full of conversation and community."

The City of Avon Lake is grateful to Erin and Emilie for taking a space that had been vacant for several years and turning it into such a vibrant business. "This is another new business opening in one of the Focus Areas from Avon Lake's comprehensive land use plan," says Ted Esborn, the city's Community Development Director. "This former bank space, so close to our central intersection, is now a community gathering space as Emilie's."

This ribbon cutting has additional significance for the City of Avon Lake. It is the first for new mayor Mark Spaetzel.

