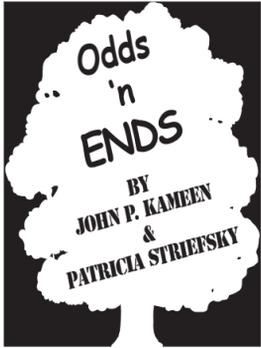


# THE FOREST CITY NEWS



**School is back in session** this week so watch out for kids getting on and off the buses. Do not try to pass a school bus when the lights are flashing. You will be fined.  
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**The Browndale Sportsmen's Club** will hold their 2nd Annual Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, September 9 from 8 AM to 12 noon at the grounds on Ravnikar Road in Browndale. Tickets can be obtained from any member or the day of the event.  
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**Don't forget to get your tickets** for the Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Wine Train on either Sept. 15 or Sept. 22. The train leaves from the Carbondale Train Station at 2 PM on both days. Great food and wine from area restaurants including Shirley's Restaurant, The Plate d'Azure, Oprisko's Kielbasi, and Stephen Pendrak Family Winery. For more information or to get tickets, see the ad on page 3 of this edition  
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**It is the 17th Anniversary** of the devastating attack on our country on September 11, 2001. Many will never forget where they were and what they were doing on that morning. Let us never forget those who died. Take a moment at 9 AM on Tuesday, September 11 to remember those who were lost.  
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**The Forest City Regional School** held a very successful Back to School Carnival on Wednesday, August 29 on the soccer field. Many activities were held for families and food was also provided. Seems like school just ended and Summer began and here it is starting again for another year.  
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**The Forest City Golf Team** will be holding a Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 29 at Memorial Links in Pleasant Mount. The fundraiser is to benefit the Forest City Regional Golf Team. For more information please contact Memorial Links at 570-448-9200 or Art McLain at 570-280-5135  
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**Paul Ferraro will be cutting** hair mornings only on his regular days, starting Sept. 4, after successful knee surgery. Call 570-785-5177 to be sure he's there.  
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**Parks & Rec reorganization meeting Sept. 11**

The next reorganization meeting for the Forest City Parks and Recreation Committee will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 11th, at 7:00p.m. at the Borough Building. Anyone interested in helping bring our parks back to what they use to be, please come to a meeting, give us your ideas, even if you don't want to be on the committee, maybe come and give us your input.

Join us on Facebook @ Parks and Recreation Forest City Pa  
Or any questions you can email : kernkate@hotmail.com



## Revolving Loan Fund available to Forest City businesses or those Wanting to start a new business

Forest City businesses, or anyone wishing to establish a new business in Forest City, can apply for low interest loans from the Revolving Loan Fund administered by Greater Forest City Industries Inc. and Forest City Borough Council. A total of more than \$35,000 is presently available.

The fund made a loan of \$60,000 to Greater Forest City Industries Inc. as matching funds toward federal grants for installing a natural gas line into the Vision 2000 Industrial Park. It will be repaid from the sale of land to Park tenants.

The Revolving Loan Fund dates back to 1982 when Forest City was involved in a community development project. Funds secured at that time from the state were loaned out to a business. As the loan was repaid, Forest City Community Development set up a revolving loan fund jointly administered by two members of Greater Forest City Industries Inc. and two members of Forest City Council.

Over the years loans have made to several dozen local businesses at lower than market interest rates. Some of the loans were not repaid due to the borrowers going out of business. One of the largest defaults took place with a business which located for awhile in the former Endicott Johnson Shoe Factory. When that business went bankrupt, the loan fund lost more than \$50,000.

Since that time loans have been made for various uses including purchase of a Main Street building, storefront and interior remodeling, even a truck for a new local business. A \$20,000 loan made to move an out-of-town company into a local building in 2013 was also uncollectible.

Greater Forest City Industries Inc. contracted with the Progress Authority, the industrial development group handling commercial development in Susquehanna County, to draw up guidelines for the Revolving Loan Fund and to administer the loans.

Funds are available for any business entity currently located in Forest City Borough and any business seeking to relocate or initiate operations in Forest City Borough.

Eligible activities are: Building/land costs (acquisition, construction, renovation); Machinery/Equipment costs; Professional costs (engineering/architecture, legal, financial consultants); Working Capital/Inventory. Loans may not be used to refinance existing debt or for speculative activities.

The business entity must commit 5% of the total project cost as owner equity. Generally, the Loan Committee wishes to see at least 50% of the total project cost in the form of private funding sources, including bank financing.

All projects must have an employment impact, either through the creation of new jobs or the retention of existing jobs. The business must commit to remaining in operation in Forest City Borough for the life of the loan, or the note will become due.

**GFCBA Monthly Meeting Wed., Sept. 12**

The Greater Forest City Business Alliance holds their Community Meeting on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:45 AM at Shirley's Restaurant. All are welcome.

Successful applicants will be responsible for closing costs and will reimburse the Loan Committee for any other costs incurred by the Committee. The borrower is responsible for making full and timely payments based on a loan amortization schedule provided at closing.

At its own discretion, the loan committee may elect to waive some requirements for local businesses with strong existing track records or in special cases. The interest rate will be set by the Loan Committee using guidelines of interest rates such as the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA), the Machinery/Equipment Loan Fund (MELF), and other similar programs. The Loan Committee will finance up to \$25,000 of a total project but reserves the right to make exceptions when warranted.

Applications can be secured from the Progress Authority by contacting GFCI at the address below. All financial and personal information will go directly from the borrower to the Progress Authority which will review the material and make a recommendation to the local Loan Committee. Other information which may be required might include a project budget and proposed funding sources. Existing businesses will be asked for three years past financial statements and a one year Pro Forma projection. A new business will be asked for a three year Pro Forma projection. Business principals over 20% will be asked for personal financial statements.

In some instances a written business plan will be necessary.

All applications will be screened by the Progress Authority for presentation to the Loan Committee. All financial information of the borrower goes directly to the Progress Authority in the application and is strictly confidential.

Anyone desiring a loan application can write to Greater Forest City Industries Inc., 636 Main Street, Forest City, PA 18421. Further information can be secured by telephone from GFCI officers: President Bob McGraw, Vice-president Brian Fitzsimmons, Secretary Patricia Striefsky or Treasurer John P. Kameen.

## Ross withdraws Permit for rehab Center in Herrick

A special meeting of the Herrick Township Supervisors held Wednesday, August 29 at the Union Dale United Methodist Church Hall to vote on a conditional use permit to change the Stone Bridge Inn and Restaurant to a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center was very brief.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. Supervisor Elliot Ross was absent. Supervisor/Secretary Nancy Harvatin read a letter from Ross that was dated August 27. He said he and his wife Kim were withdrawing their conditional use permits and he authorized the township to cancel the meeting as a result.

Supervisor Brian Zembrzycki said since there was nothing to vote on, the meeting was adjourned, at 7:02pm.

Solicitor Marissa Cino McAndrew said he can reappear at a later time.

## \$20,000 to Forest City Emergency Services At Annual County Ec. Development event

All County Fire and Ambulance services each got \$10,000

Forest City Area Emergency Services received \$20,000 from the Susquehanna County Commissioners on Aug. 24 for its services to the communities it serves. Clifford Township Fire & Ambulance, as well as Thompson Fire & Ambulance, and Pleasant Mount Emergency Services (covering parts of Susq. County), also received \$20,000 each. Fire companies received \$10,000 and ambulance services received \$10,000.

Forest City Fire Chief Paul Lukus and Treasurer Barbara Mihelc accepted the checks for Forest City.

The checks were presented by Commissioners Alan Hall, Maryann Warren and Betsy Arnold at the annual breakfast of the Susq. County Economic Development Board at The Summit Restaurant in New Milford.

The annual event is to report to the County on the various economic initiatives which have taken place, or are now underway, under the auspices of the Progress Authority which is contracted to provide economic development expertise to all of the County.

The Progress Authority is marking its 25th year of service to the Northern Tier Counties of Bradford & Susquehanna County. Its director during all those years, Tony Ventello, was presented a surprise gift, a 250 pound engraved Blue-stone rock, for his years of dedicated service.

Principal speaker was Curt Coccodrilli, of Wayne County, who was appointed by Pres. Trump as the state director for USDA Rural Development in Pennsylvania. Mr. Coccodrilli was very active in the Wayne County Landowners Association which has been lobbying to have the Delaware River Basin Commission withdraw its obstruction of natural gas drilling in Wayne County. His speech noted the doz-

## Remember Patriot's Day Tues., Sept. 11

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 is Patriot's Day across the Country. Wayne County residents are asked to remember September 11th by visiting one of the several memorials in the County or by silently remembering September 11th at 9 AM where ever you might be. This year is the 17th anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks. We encourage you to remember September 11, 2001, by visiting the 9/11 Memorial, attend a ceremony, or take a few moments to personally remember the events of that tragic day.

## Browndale Sportsmen's Club Breakfast Sept. 9

The Browndale Sportsmen's Club will hold their 2nd Annual Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, September 9 from 8 AM to Noon at the Sportsmen's Grounds, Browndale. Tickets are available from any Sportsman's member.

Cost is adults 12-65, \$8; over 65, \$5; kids 5-12, \$5; and under 5 are FREE.



Forest City Area Emergency Services received a check for \$20,000 from Susquehanna County at the annual breakfast of the Susquehanna County Economic Development Board Aug. 24. Shown, from left, FCAES Fire Chief Paul Lukus, Treasurer Barbara Mihelc, Susq. County Chief Clerk, and Commissioner Chairman Alan Hall.

ens of business initiatives available to people, businesses and governmental bodies thru the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Also speaking was Michelle Christian who was appointed by Pres. Trump as U.S. Small Business Administration Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator. She is responsible for overseeing the delivery and management of over 100 SBS loan, business and community program specialists in the Mid-Atlantic.

One of the principle focuses of the Susquehanna County Economic Development Board is the critical need to provide high speed broadband to the rural areas of the county. The Board is attempting to put together a public/private partnership committed to installing the necessary fiber optic "middle mile" development for emergency services, cell tower services and wireless communication.

Toward this goal, Susquehanna County recently was awarded a \$100,000 grant through Appalachian Regional Commission, to be matched by \$175,000 of Act 13 Natural Gas Impact money from Susquehanna County, to do an engineering study. Steven Tourje, president of Northeastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company is a member of the Economic Development Board and has consulted on the County broadband needs and strategies.

## Local Fireman Speaks to Candidate Wagner



Alan Daugevelo, Forest City, (3rd from left), a state certified fire instructor, had a lengthy conversation with Republican gubernatorial candidate Scott Wagner at the Harford Fair on Aug. 24th. Daugevelo expressed to candidate Wagner the high expenses involved in outfitting a member of the fire dept. or ambulance service. "\$3,000 for turnout gear for one firefighter," said the Forest City EMS member. "\$8,000 for a Scott Air Pak, which has to be replaced every 10 years," he added. Wagner took his contact information in order to get further information in the future. In photo from left, Scott Wagner, Susq. County Commissioner Alan Hall, Daugevelo, and Susq. County auditor Richard Suraci.

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