

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Fay-Penn Announces A New and Exciting Small Business Development Project**

#### **User Friendly Dog Training, LLC dba Blue Ribbon Dog Academy**

Fay-Penn Economic Development Council is proud to announce the latest loan made through its Small Business Loan Fund to User Friendly Dog Training, LLC dba Blue Ribbon Dog Academy. Fay-Penn worked with both Somerset Trust and Bridgeway Capital on this project. Reid Smith, Director of the Bridgeway Capital Uniontown Office, stated: "Bridgeway Capital is pleased to team with Somerset Trust and Fay-Penn Economic Development Council to help open this new business in Uniontown."

Blue Ribbon Dog Academy is a newly formed business which will be owned and operated by Mrs. Dolores Paroda and husband, Mr. Paul Paroda. With an easily accessible and convenient location along the intersection of State Routes 119 and 43, Blue Ribbon Dog Academy will be located at 2056 Morgantown Road, Uniontown, PA.

Blue Ribbon Dog Academy will specialize in daycare, overnight lodging and training for any size dog. In addition, dog bathing services will also be available. Dolores has over 20 years of hands on experience in the pet related field. She has previously served as Kennel Supervisor/Director of Training and Manager. She is a professional member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers and APDT Certified C.L.A.S.S Instructor and Evaluator. She has also completed numerous OJT and management training courses. Mrs. Paroda's solitary focus is to provide exceptional quality pet care in a secure, climate controlled environment from highly experienced dog care professionals.

Owner and Operator, Dolores Paroda, remarked: "As the process of attaining funding for our project was lengthy, the professional advice and encouragement of the Business Professionals at Fay-Penn was priceless and well worth it! The help that was provided by Jim Kunkle with the St. Vincent Small Business Development Center with writing, advising and the developing of our business plan was the key to our success in qualifying for needed financing and fully funding of our project."



Lastly, Jessica Firmstone, Fay-Penn's Loan Program Coordinator added: "Fay-Penn is committed to assisting entrepreneurs start the business of their dreams! We are fortunate to have great partners in financing like Somerset Trust and Bridgeway Capital to assist in projects like Blue Ribbon Dog Academy. Our board has confidence that this company is an asset to Fayette County and Fay-Penn will be here each step of the way to help it succeed!"

**Fay-Penn is a non-profit organization dedicated to the economic growth of Fayette County. For additional information regarding the above projects, or to receive information on how Fay-Penn's loan fund can help YOU and your business, please contact us at 724-437-7913.**