



# GROW

Growth Resources of Wellsboro:  
*GROW Businesses, Opportunities &  
Strong Communities*

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Dear Current and Future GROW members:

In the past year, GROW has continued its support of economic development in our community. Covid-19 has impacted our economy in a variety of ways, including the ease in which we are able to meet, network, and assist each other in business endeavors. GROW's directors met in a variety of locations and formats this year, retreating to video conferences as Covid cases increased in our community during the late fall. We look forward to resuming a more normal course of work in 2021.

GROW's 2020 organizational focus has been on management of Tyoga Golf Course and monitoring activity on Wellsboro & Corning Railroad. Both interests were impacted by Covid. As reported in my last letter, GROW acquired the assets of Tyoga Country Club in January 2020, with the intent to maintain the golf course as a community asset. Tyoga got off to a slow start under GROW's leadership with Covid preventing play in the early Spring. However, once golf was permitted with some health and safety modifications, Tyoga had an excellent year as golf courses generally were rediscovered as a safe place to gather outdoors. GROW continues to make the strengthening of Tyoga's finances and updating of the Course infrastructure (parking lots, cart paths, and more) a short-term and long-term goal for our organization and the community. The 2021 golf season is now off to an excellent start, and I have included in this mailing sponsorship opportunities through which GROW members can further support Tyoga, including a new tee sign sponsor program where your brand and support will be noted by all who tee off at Tyoga.

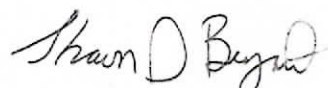
Wellsboro & Corning Railroad was impacted severely by Covid both in a decline in freight traffic and the cancellation of the excursion train due to restrictions on gathering. Identification of a freight purpose for the rail line remains a high priority for GROW. If you hear of any local businesses or non-local business looking for a new location who could make use of shipping by rail and would like more information on our rail resources, please make any GROW director aware. Related to the rail line, GROW continues to work with Tioga County to secure land needed for the expansion of the Pine Creek Rail Trail from the current trail head at the junction of Routes 287 and 6 to the site adjacent to the historic Charleston Street Train Depot, the home of Wellsboro House Brewing. This expansion will enhance access to a recreational asset that will be appreciated by current and future residents and introduce additional visitors to experience Wellsboro and our beautiful natural surroundings.

In March of 2020, GROW also contributed to the rescue of two historic ribbon machines salvaged from the teardown of a glass plant being decommissioned in Kentucky. Interested individuals have recently formed the Wellsboro Glass Historical Association for the purpose of developing plans to display those machines and other items in a way to inform future residents and visitors of Wellsboro's glass-making history. Parts of that story have been told in recent years through the Christmas on Main Street weekend, and this summer a pop-up display will be featured at 80 Main Street in Wellsboro. The group welcomes help with fundraising and other planning and particularly is seeking stories and information from past and present residents with connections to Wellsboro's Glass Plant. They can be contacted through their Facebook page or by email at [wellsboroglass@gmail.com](mailto:wellsboroglass@gmail.com).

In supporting the preservation of a notable element of Wellsboro's manufacturing heritage, GROW does not ignore our present development needs. We have several members, including those in the manufacturing sector, who are growing and expanding their businesses despite the challenges presented in 2020. We applaud the work of local officials in locating Victaulic shortly after Waupaca vacated its manufacturing facility in Lawrenceville. And we continue to seek new occupants for available sites in the Wellsboro area. To that end, we will soon be launching a new website for GROW focused on demonstrating why Wellsboro is a great place to work, live, and play – and to locate a business! If you know of a business relocation opportunity that GROW can assist in making happen, please let us know.

In addition to Tyoga Golf Course sponsorship opportunities, we have included in this packet GROW's 2021 membership appeal. New members can join GROW by paying dues at the level appropriate for your individual or organizational purposes. Existing members likewise should pay dues each year to maintain voting privileges. Rest assured, GROW is operating with light overhead and investing our member funds in initiatives intended to maintain and grow a strong local economy that will benefit all. On behalf of GROW's Board of Directors, I want to say that we appreciate the efforts of all our members and local partners who have responded to the challenges of 2020 and are working with us to place Wellsboro on even stronger economic footing in 2021.

Sincerely,



Shawn D. Bryant  
Board President



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## GROW's Annual Membership Campaign 2021

<i>Support Level</i>	<i>Business</i>	<i>Individual</i>
Diamond	\$5,000 +	\$750
Sapphire	\$4,000 +	\$500
Emerald	\$3,000 +	\$250
Ruby	\$2,000 +	\$150
Granite	\$1,000 +	\$100
Friend	\$100	\$50

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*GROW's Mission is to enhance the quality of life in the Wellsboro Area through sustainable economic development.*