

## Town of Wausau, City of Vernon: Proud communities planning for the future

*Directors' s Note: In the last issue we featured updates on activities underway at the City of Chipley, and in prior issues we've highlighted projects of the Washington County Board of Commissioners focused on economic activity and growth.*

*In this issue I asked the mayors of Wausau and Vernon to share what is happening in their communities. As with the other municipalities, these towns are focused on sustainable growth and creating a bright future for their residents and future citizens.*

– Ted Everett

### City of Vernon



**CANDICE HODGES**  
Mayor, City of Vernon

In beautiful Washington County, Florida lies the unique and fun City

of Vernon. The city is a creek town with the gorgeous Holmes Creek running through its heart. Here you can find the most beautiful springs in Florida, a well-known adventure for canoeing, kayaking, swimming, fishing, and community fun.

The beautiful Holmes Creek spring is 26 feet deep with caves being explored up to 75 feet. The creek was named after Chief Holmes for the

Native American settlement in Vernon. If you are up for exploring, you may find some artifacts such as flint and arrowheads.

The city houses two historical markers; one is at Shady Grove ball park named for the Shady Grove Elementary School for African American Children, and the other at the "Old School." The original high school built in 1932. Both of these Historical

Markers were placed this year thanks to the Vernon Historical Society. The Society has a lovely museum open each Wednesday from 10 am until 2 pm. The museum is housed in the "Old School" which is now the City Hall and city council chambers.

Cruise by the town square for a peek at the old Weaver Coach. This was the mail car used for

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### Town of Wausau



**ROGER HAGAN**  
Mayor, Town of Wausau

As always about this time of the year, Wausau is all abuzz with preparation for its annual Fun Day and Possum Festival. Held

the first Saturday in August, this event draws visitors from across the region and across the country. This is the 52nd year of the family and community-oriented festival and plans are being made to rejuvenate the attendance and the fun.

There were a couple of changes this year due to other activities in the Town. The Miss Fun Day pageant was hosted in the Vernon Civic

Center on Saturday, July 31, due to renovations to the Possum Pal-

ace. Wausau sends out a THANK YOU to the City of Vernon for their



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**The Wausau Fun Day and Possum Festival was held Aug. 7.**

help.

The Possum King and Queen Pageant was held at the Wausau Recreation Field on Friday, Aug. 6, and the Possum parade continued in Wausau on Saturday, Aug. 7.

There is more excitement in Wausau. Currently the Town has active grants in place to renovate the Dalton Carter Recreation Center (aka The Possum Palace). Preliminary

grounds work has begun and the finished product will be a new look altogether.

Conceptual drawings show added bathrooms, pull down doors, more parking, and expanded use of the stage and rooms. The rustic look of a Big Red Barn has been designed. Of course we know how grants work. The money has to be appropriated in phases and we

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## A Message from the President

It is with a heavy heart that I start this article with the loss of Mr. James (Jim) Town. He was an exceptional leader for Washington County, and a friend of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Town was instrumental in the expansion of the 77 & 79 corridors in Washington and Holmes Counties. He was the “go-to” for many of us when we posed the question “How do we do this?”

Jim always had the answer, and always shared his knowledge freely. I could go on and on about his accomplishments and what he meant to each person, but

there isn't enough space. He will truly be missed and the hole he leaves in our community will be felt for a long time.

One of Mr. Town's biggest projects was working with Advance Washington. It is ironic he helped the final petitions get approved and to the publisher. He passed the day before the petition was delivered to the citizens.

In true form, Jim would want us to press on and work to achieve this very real pos-

sibility of being able to “Advance Washington County” and bring economic development and growth. As I write this article, we are well under way in collecting signed petitions, and the outlook is positive.



**BRANDON  
LOVERING**  
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After several conversations with appraisers and county leaders, it has become evident that being a “wet county” is on the economic checklist for most new businesses to locate to a county. This means that these

businesses realize a “wet county” will increase traffic count, increase population, increase tax revenues for the county, and lower the barrier to entry for those businesses who have not looked closely at our county in the past. This goes for restaurants, retail shops, and commercial employers.

I encourage the citizens of Washington County to return their petitions as they are received. Our hopes are we can increase our economic impact through Advance Washington and realize the dream Mr. Town has been working on for many, many years.

## A Message from the Executive Director

There has been much talk about Advance Washington County recently and I want to take this time to give you, the potential voters, the truth on this issue.

First, this issue is to let you, the voters, decide if Washington County should have a referendum on liquor sales within the County. The petition that has been mailed out to each registered voter and asks if the voter if the County should have a referendum on this issue.

The petition is not a ballot. It asks only if you think the voters should decide this issue. Simply fill it out completely

and mail it back via the self addressed and postage paid envelope that comes with the petition.

If we receive 4,200 signed petitions supporting this choice, then at some future point the ballot or referendum will be mailed to each certified voter for their yes or no vote.

It is really that simple. People have different thoughts on this issue but let me tell you a few facts.

Many, if not all of us, have been to a national restaurant chain such as

Applebees, TGI Fridays, Chili's, etc., to enjoy a meal with family and friends. Some have a drink while eating there and some do not.



**TED  
EVERETT**  
Executive  
Director

These franchises, like many others, will not come to a dry county. Because we are dry, we all have to go to another county to eat at one of these chain restaurants. No one has to consume an alcoholic beverage at one of these establishments. One has choices.

This petition and po-

tential ballot does not allow for bars or clubs in our county, but allows for restaurants with a 150-plus seating capacity and 51 percent of revenues coming from food sales to offer liquor by the drink. There will also be a vote on the ballot to allow for package stores. With the population size of our county, we could have up to three stores in Washington County.

Secondly, believe it or not, there are some retail/commercial franchises, such as Busy Bee, that will not come to dry counties. As a result, Washington County is already handi-

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## Chamber Third Thursday

The Chamber's Third Thursday monthly member lunches are now being held in person at the NFCH Specialty Center – but seating is limited and requires reservation to attend. Please call 850-638-4157 to make your reservation. The hospital also requests non-vaccinated attendees wear a mask, except when eating.

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Sponsoring the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Third Thursday program is an ideal way to connect with other community leaders and share important information about the services provided by your business or organization. To become the sponsor of a future Third Thursday event, call 850-638-4157 or email: [info@washcom-all.com](mailto:info@washcom-all.com)

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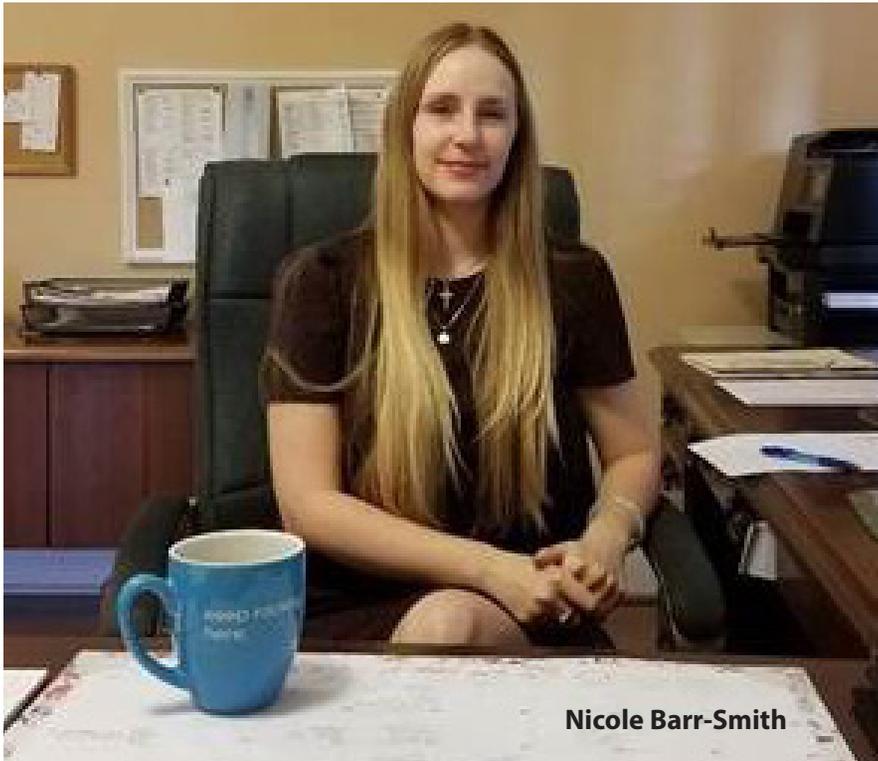
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# Barr-Smith joins Chamber staff



Nicole Barr-Smith

Please welcome Nicole Barr-Smith as the new administrative assistant of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. Those who have met her know she is a pleasant, out-going and competent individual who likes a challenge, and she has already exhibited her organizational and innovative problem-solving skills.

Married to Jon Barr-Smith, they have two children: Marshall and Karmella.

Please contact Barr-Smith with questions about your Chamber membership, Chamber services, or information about the Chipley Redevelopment Agency (CRA). She can be reached at: [nicky@washcomall.com](mailto:nicky@washcomall.com), or by calling 850-638-4157. You can also email [info@washcomall.com](mailto:info@washcomall.com).

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The Chamber has contracted with Point 'N Save to create a new Mobile App for the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. This app will enhance the membership experience and provide the County an interactive tool to be more involved with members' businesses.

The App is FREE and available for download now on the Apple IOS store and Google Play store, depending on the cellular device. **The app is named: WCCCFL**

Since the majority of individuals across all age groups spend most



of their time on a cellular device, Point 'N Save will provide a very user-friendly, intuitive, clean mobile platform that will simplify every-

thing the Chamber currently provides to the membership, and more, including push notifications of events and activities and meetings.

## RIBBON CUTTING



July 29 - Eclectic Décor & More, 1367 S. Railroad Ave. Suite B in Chipley, Fla.

## Watermelon Festival returns!



Chamber Ambassador Donna Meldon and new staff member Nicole Barr-Smith represent the Chamber at this favorite community event.



The Chipley Kiwanis Club returns to pass-out sweet, cool slices of watermelon! Pictured, from left: Chamber board member David Corbin, Dell Corbin, LaMerle Feitsma, Aubrey Sapp and Larry Moore.

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# “Well done, good and faithful servant” - Matthew 25:23

## James A. “Jim” Town 1943 - 2021



James A. “Jim” Town

**CAROL KENT WYATT**  
Washington County News

Washington County business leader Jim Town passed away Friday, July 16, leaving behind the fruits of decades of service and a legacy of economic innovation.

Town was at the heart of several Washington County economic initiatives, notably assisting in the development and addition of Commercial Intent Overlays to the existing Future Land Use Maps to better prepare for economic development.

Town was also instrumental in the conception of the 79 Corridor Project, the collaborative effort by the City of Bonifay and Holmes and Washington counties to improve sewer and water services along Highway 79 and ignite opportunity to grow a commercial and industrial development corridor in the area. The project was the first of its kind in the state, earning it the 2019 Florida Economic Development Council Rural Economic Development Deal of the Year award.

Town served on local several boards over the years, including the Tri-County Airport Authority and Economic Development Commission. The Washington County Chamber of Commerce presented Town with the Ole Ellis Washington County Lifetime Community Leadership Award in 2018 as a nod to his decades of dedication to the county’s growth.



Ole Ellis and Jim at the Chamber’s annual holiday open house. Jim was a recipient of the Chamber’s most prestigious Ole Ellis Leadership Award.



Jim Town, Ted Everett, Tray Hawkins and Danny Powell join with Florida Gov. Rick Scott as he announces the awarding of a \$1.82 million grant for the Hwy. 79 Corridor project.



Jim Town gives one of many presentations on traffic and population counts for the Hwy. 79 corridor project.



Jim, who was a member of the Tri-County Airport board, addresses the first LEAD Washington County Class.



Jim was always at the table with community and government leaders, including this meeting with Gov. Rick Scott.

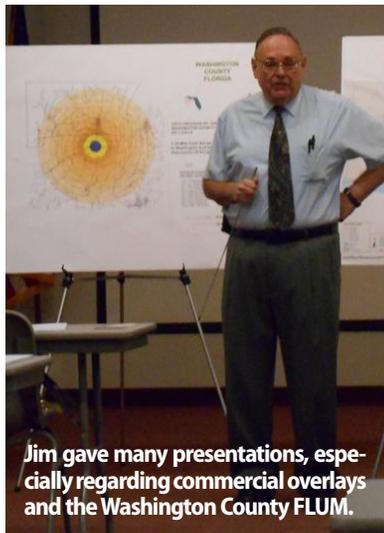
# Remembering Jim Town...

"I was involved in representing property owners in Washington County for over a 5-year period. During that time, I was at almost all Planning Board meetings, many County Comm meetings and, when there were meetings with all of the cities and County regarding comprehensive large scale plan amendment, at those meetings.

Jim was there for all of those meetings. He knew the County Comp Plan with zoning as well as anyone. He and Gary went into the field and could tell you which parcels had improvements which matched the Comp Plan maps and which didn't. He was an invaluable asset to County officials in the land planning, zoning and comprehensive planning areas.

Besides all of that, he was truly a fine person and gentleman. He was a proud veteran of his U.S. Army service to his country. He is unquestionably someone who the region will miss. I will miss his expertise and his friendship. RIP Jim."

*Attorney Bob Hughes*



Jim gave many presentations, especially regarding commercial overlays and the Washington County FLUM.

"His smile. That's what I'll always remember. Certainly, he will be remembered for his intelligence. Jim Town was one of the smartest, most forward-thinking people I've ever met. But it was his smile and compassionate nature that bridged us common folks to his level of intellect. It did not matter if we were elbow-deep in a grant application or celebrating another successful project together. His smile was always there, and I'm going to miss that."

*Karen Shaw, WBOCC Grants/Special Projects*

"Jim will be missed. He poured his heart into Washington County, always a wealth of knowledge and he shared it freely. He was a great man and a good friend."

*Charles Kent, Commissioner Dist. 2*

"Over the many years of working together and having countless hours of conversations, I can say that Jim was truly a most selfless man. He gave his time and energy to help Washington County achieve sustainable growth, better paying jobs and a stable tax base.

He helped create a Mentoring program for the Chipley Redevelopment Agency.

We did some good as some of those we mentored are still open and doing well financially. We worked together on so many issues that came before us; I really can't say what they all were except to say that in every case, there was a solution to the problem. If there is one thing I truly learned from Jim is there always is a solution.

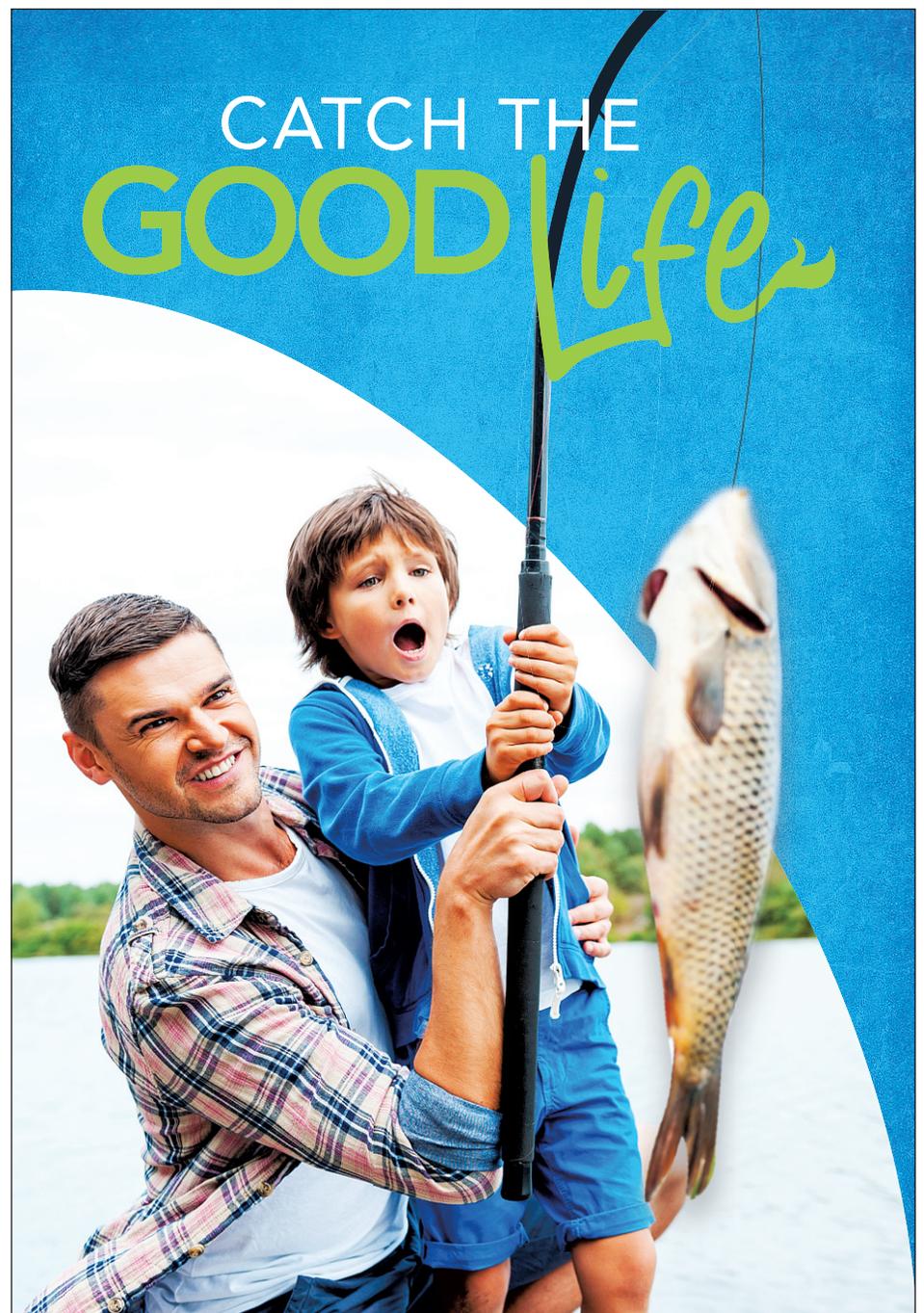
Many have talked about what Jim has done for the County and EDC but none really knew Jim as his friend Gary Hartman and I did. Jim was first and always a military guy. He rose to the rank of Colonel in the Army, and served in Vietnam while in Infantry. Later in his Army service he worked at the NATO headquarters in Belgium.

His military files reveal he was highly decorated and highly regarded by his peers. One officer wrote his logistics ability was the best he had ever seen in the Army. At one point, Jim was director of the Armies designated area of the Port of Houston Texas!

As a civilian working for Mobile Exxon and then the Munford Company, he would travel often, including multiple visits to Asia and Australia. On Saturdays after our favorite college teams had played, his Michigan State and mine University of Georgia, I would call Jim to discuss the games and so many topics -his service, history, politics, travel, and more. He was a loyal, trusted friend whom I will miss very much.

Rest in Peace my friend, you have lived a good life and helped many along the way."

*Ted Everett, WCC Executive Director*



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# VERNON

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the entire surrounding area, along with being nearly the only vehicle around. Mr. Weaver gave rides to nearby cities and hospitals when the need arose for citizens. Then walk over to the library just across the way to check out a good read. You can sit under the oaks and enjoy the Florida sunshine.

If you get hungry in town, stop by one of the several mom and pop restaurants in town. We have Dee's, Holmes Creek Pizza and Pasta, The Jacket's Nest, and delis at both gas stations offering fresh fried chicken. You will not leave Vernon hungry or dissatisfied.

The City of Vernon is looking forward to the growth we expect with the completion of the Hwy. 79 four-laning. We hope to do several beautification projects to add landscape back to our charming little town. There is a new RV park situated right on Holmes Creek on the outskirts of the city opening soon, and possibly a bed and breakfast as well.

As Hwy. 79 is the main road heading south to Panama City Beach, we anticipate and are actively seeking businesses to expand our small-town offerings to the citizens. We have Nan's country store offering Amish goods and great ice cream, and plenty of fresh produce from local farms in the area.

Vernon has a nice, big community center for events. It can also be rented for social gatherings; it offers a full size commercial kitchen, stage and sound system.

Vernon's three schools – elementary, middle and high – have won numerous awards and "A" school status.

Vernon has a great sports plex that hosts not only local school ball games but also FHSA games and tournaments. The sports plex is also the host site of Vernon's annual 4th of July Fireworks day, including a parade, food, entertainment, and the best fireworks show!

Vernon is the perfect place for a relaxing day spent exploring, geo-caching, swimming, or fishing, or shopping in a local boutique. Even our pharmacy, family-run for decades, offers a good selection of gifts. The most amazing



Vernon was once the county seat of Washington County, as noted on this historical marker.

part is Vernon is just a 30-minute quick drive to Panama City Beach or CR 30A.

Vernon is one of the last true, charming hometowns where you can knock

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# TDC: Fear of Delta variant impacting some travel plans

According to the latest Longwoods International tracking study of American travelers, a quarter are postponing travel because of the recent increased spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19. With coronavirus case numbers, hospitalizations, and deaths on the rise again, support among travelers for opening their communities to visitors also has dropped from a peak of 67 percent in early June to 57 percent today. And confidence in the safety of eating in local restaurants and shopping in local retail locations has suffered a similar decline, from three-fourths to only two-thirds of travelers.

“We may be approaching a new pandemic tipping point, in the battle

between the more transmissible Delta variant and the power of vaccinations to prevent or at least lessen the impact of infections,” said Amir Eylon, President and CEO of Longwoods International. “Hopefully awareness of

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*Amir Eylon, President and CEO of Longwoods International*

the potentially severe impact of this new variant will motivate unvaccinated Americans to protect themselves, their families and their communities by taking the shot.”

With decline in confidence in welcoming visitors into communities, we also see travelers express strong support for requiring vaccinations for inbound international travelers arriving in the U.S. More than half would re-

quire vaccinations for all international travelers to the U.S. and another 14% would make that a requirement for visitors arriving from “high-risk” countries.

The survey, supported by Miles Partnership, was fielded July 21, 2021 using a national sample randomly drawn from a consumer panel of 1,000 adults, ages 18 and over. Quotas were used to match Census targets for age, gender, and region to make the survey representative of the U.S. population.

*For highlights and week-over-week comparisons, please visit:*

*Longwoods International - <https://longwoods-intl.com/covid-19>*

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# Pondering the legacy of a giant

TERRY ELLIS  
EDC Chairman

On a day that is good for pondering, we all need to take the time to reflect on our journey. You see in this world of fast pace living, with its insatiable thirst for excitement, non-stop entertainment, and increased productivity, pondering is a lost art. In fact, some may not even recognize pondering when they see it or realize it's tremendous benefits. There are no official rules for pondering, but it can involve soaking in good memories, basking in successes, treating the wounds of failures, refreshing your attitude with thankfulness and taking stock of the giants and their influence in our lives. While I am not a doctor, I think pondering should be on everyone's list of how to live better!

So on this day, I am pondering about a giant that we have lost in our community. Jim Town passed away recently, and he is leaving behind a tremendous legacy of proactive, visionary, tireless, selfless, and charitable service to our county. There are many who are not involved in state/local government, economic development, or other governance boards, who will not recognize his name. That was ok with Jim! He was not interested in being out front or in the spotlight, but only wanted to see progress toward sustainable, well managed economic growth that creates opportunities for everyone in our community, both young and old. He was a tireless worker and leader who has been instrumental helping many organizations and boards move forward with positive results. I had the pleasure of serving with Jim through many of these, but mainly through the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and on the Economic Development Council. Jim has helped develop strate-

gic plans over the last 15 years that have helped this county be a model for rural counties in our region. The most recent plan was a 10 year economic development strategic plan that Ted Everett, Jim and myself had just prepared for the county. While I only acted as a sounding board many times, Jim and Ted worked tirelessly to create a long term plan that built on many successes of the last 5 to 10 years and would take our county, cities and community to new heights of success. Jim was passionate about doing things right and putting a process in place to drive managed growth. I hope a part of Jim's legacy will be the adoption of this plan and a passionate determination to complete it.

As I continue to ponder about Jim, a lot of great memories flood my mind. His dry wit was always fun to hear and his amazing knowledge

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about real estate, land use governance, and all things related to our amazing democratic self-governing processes that run our country were amazing. Jim was a patriot, served in the military, and loved our community and country. I am grateful for his friendship, his leadership, his example, and the impact he had on our county. We have lost a Giant!

That leads me to ponder a little more. Who will help fill the void left by such a leader? I pledge to do my part, but hope many of you will be willing to serve and continue his legacy as well. I know of many local boards and service organizations who have a new vacancy with big shoes to fill. Please ponder on that and bring plenty of kindness and passion with you. Jim would be proud of that!

# Kudos to ...

... Florida Panhandle Technical College's Practical Nursing Program, which was ranked the best in the state by Best Value Schools, outpacing larger schools such as Miami-Dade's PiBerry Institute and Tampa's Erwin Technical College for the top spot.



... Neves Media Publishing President **Todd Neves**, who was recently appointed to the Florida Press Association (FPA) board of directors at its annual meeting during the Florida Media Conference in Sarasota.



TODD NEVES

At the same conference, Group Publisher **Nicole Barefield** was appointed to the board of directors of the Florida Newspaper Advertising & Marketing Executives (FNAME). Neves Media Publishing owns the Washington County News, Holmes County Times-Advertiser, Apalachicola Times and Port St. Joe Star.



NICOLE BAREFIELD

## WAUSAU

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hope our legislative delegation is strong enough to get the Town to the end of the project.

Speaking of our delegation, Wausau had its priority requested championed by Senator George Gainer and Representative Brad Drake two years ago and now have a new, up-to-date fire house sitting just across the street from the Town Hall. Finishing touches will be completed within a few weeks and a ribbon cutting is in the making for later this year.

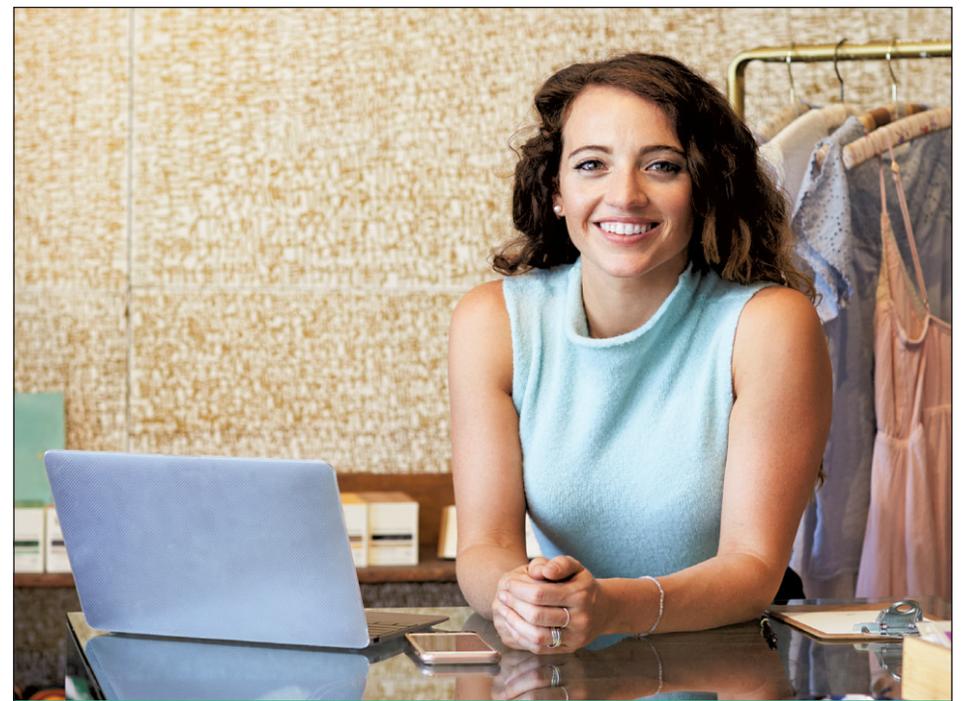
Other activities include a grant to light the George Mercer Rogers Recreation field in order to expand the youth sports program. There is already a skate park there, and soon night ball games will be possible. Wausau is working to upgrade the

splash pad and dugouts at the Possum Palace Park.

As with other communities in the area the past two or three years have had their impacts. Recovery from Hurricane Michael and a return to some kind of normalcy from COVID-19 has been a burden on the Town and its resources. While a recent audit showed the Town to be financially sound there has been a decline in some revenues and reserves.

Progress on four-laning State Road 77 in town has slowed down. The Town is working closely with the Florida Department of Transportation to make the project as painless as possible for its citizens. Water-line relocation is a primary concern but the Town and FDOT are working together to see this is a great project.

In its true pioneer resolve, Wausau is looking forward to the challenges of the future and through good planning and management sees that future as being bright.



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## Community Calendar

*Due to existing COVID-19 safety concerns, all meeting times and locations are subject to change:*

### August 2021

**Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday**  
Noon- Kiwanis Luncheon @ Pattillo's

**During Season Every Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday (12-5p.m.)**

Farmers Market Open – 685 7th St. Chipley

**Every Friday (10-2) & 1st Saturday (9-12)**

Washington Co. Historical Society Museum Open

**Every Wednesday**

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. - Vernon Historical Society Open

- 2** WC Planning Commission Meeting – 5 p.m.  
Vernon City Council Workshop – 5:30 p.m.
- 5** Chipley City Council Workshop – 5 p.m.  
Sunny Hills Civic Association Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 7** 52nd Annual Wausau Possum Festival 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 9** Highway 79 Corridor Authority BOD Public Meeting  
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Washington County School Board Meeting – 5 p.m.
- 10** Chipley City Council Meeting – 6 p.m.  
Caryville City Council Meeting – 6 p.m.
- 11** First day of school for Washington County
- 12** Town of Ebro Meeting - 6 p.m.
- 16** Vernon City Council Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
- 19** WC Board of County Commissioners - 5:30 p.m.  
Chamber Third Thursday Member Meeting –  
Noon (NFCH Education Center – RSVP only )  
Wausau Town Council – 5 p.m.

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## EVERETT

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capped because it is dry.

Then there are the taxes that are paid on the sale of alcohol. Rural counties are hard pressed to maintain their residential services with what is raised by property taxes. I suggest that taxes raised by the sales tax on alcohol can help keep our millage rate low. Obviously as the county grows, there will be more services for which to pay and provide.

I am a person who believes the voters should decide this issue – but to get to that place, we must have enough petitions returned in a short period of time. If you believe in this choice, please send your petition back today.

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