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Wausau School District to Host 2 Referendum Informational Sessions

WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ahead of an April 1st operating referendum, the Wausau School District is offering two informational sessions for the community:

- February 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Wausau West High School
- March 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library of Wausau East High School

If the proposed \$8 million per year, non-recurring operational referendum is approved by voters, the district will be able to raise its revenue limit by \$8 million per year for five years, through the 2029-30 school year. This will enable the

district to not only address its budget deficit, but maintain and enhance student programming, address ongoing maintenance needs, like roofing, HVAC, and air conditioning, mass communication and security camera upgrades, and attract and retain staff.

Like most Wisconsin school districts, we're managing the challenges of rising expenses, and an outdated and inadequate state funding formula and inadequate state aid to public schools in recent years. In Wisconsin, public schools are primarily funded by a combination of state aid and local property taxes. Every district also has a revenue limit that caps the amount of money it can receive through state aid and local property taxes. The revenue limit was set in 1993 and has not kept pace with increasing costs and inflation.

If revenues had kept pace with inflation since 2009, the Wausau School District would receive \$3,300 more per pupil for the 2024-25 school year. Based on conservative assumptions, the district is projecting a deficit of approximately \$4 million for the 2025-26 school years.

This projection factors in the state-level funding recently granted to public school districts as part of the Wisconsin 2023-25 state biennial budget.

If the April 1 referendum is approved, it would have an estimated property tax impact of \$0 per year on every \$1,000 of equalized

property value in our community. This is possible due to sound planning by district leaders and the Board of Education. The district has worked to pre-pay debt to help keep the tax rate stable over the long term and minimize the tax impact of a referendum. Taking these measures has

provided room for the board to propose an operational referendum without an associated property tax increase.

More information about the April 1 operating referendum is available on our website, <https://www.wausauschools.org/referendum-2025>

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D.C. Everest Band Boosters Hosting Luck of the Irish Gala on March 15 to Support Students Traveling to Ireland

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VICE PRESIDENT

A one-of-a-kind event is coming your way! The D.C. Everest Band Boosters and Lewitzke Foundation present the Luck of the Irish Gala, an unforgettable evening of live music, authentic Irish food, and lots of fun—all for a great cause. This exciting fundraiser, held on March 15, 2025 at D.C. Everest High School, will help fund the D.C. Everest band students traveling to Ireland in March

2026 to perform in a St. Patrick's Day Parade! "The D.C. Everest Band Boosters are excited to help raise funds for our students traveling to Ireland. This is a once-in-a-lifetime trip for many students and the funds we raise at the Luck of the Irish Gala will help pay for the extra expenses associated with large group travel and shipping A LOT of instruments and gear overseas," states Mandy Palmer, D.C. Everest Band Boosters President. "We are

grateful for the support from our presenting sponsor The Lewitzke Foundation, local businesses, our community, and the local restaurants, chefs, and musicians dedicating their talents for this amazing night of entertainment." The night kicks off at 4:30 pm with live music from Sheamus Fitzpatrick and the McNally Boys, setting the perfect Irish mood. Guests will enjoy an amazing dinner featuring traditional Irish fare from local favorites: Red Eye Brewing, Ciao, Breakfast Bear, 6th Street Filling Station, Rib River Ballroom, Urban Street Bistro, and The Old Reliable. Guest will enjoy authentic Irish favorites like Irish



Soda Bread, Lamb Stew, Shepherd's Pie, Corned Beef and Cabbage, Bangers & Mash, and Bread Pudding. Mocktails will be provided by Forward Beverage, keeping

spirits high throughout the evening.

Dinner tickets are \$100 per person, or \$700 for a table of eight, and limited to the first 250 lucky guests! Don't miss your chance—ticket sales end March 1, and there will be no tickets sold at the door. Each dinner ticket also includes a chance to win a cash prize, including a grand prize of \$1,000. Plus, there will be over \$6,000 in raffle baskets and silent auction items, and more cash prizes to keep the excitement going! But the magic doesn't stop there on this special night!

The public is also invited to enjoy two free concerts featuring performances by the DC Everest Junior High and Senior High Bands. Doors open to the public at 6:15 PM, and everyone is welcome to join in raffles, silent auctions, and a dessert and beverage sale—all supporting fundraising efforts. The free concerts begin at 7:00 PM.

Head over to dce.boottix.com now to secure your Luck of the Irish Dinner tickets and help these incredible young musicians achieve their dream of performing in Ireland!

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Gift of Life And The Inevitable Abyss

Dear Reader,

One of God's greatest gifts is the gift of life. But that gift comes with an expiration date. In the grand scheme of eternity, our time on this earth is just a speck—here today, gone tomorrow. No matter who we are, where we come from, or what we accomplish, the end awaits us all. And when our time runs out, we disappear into the abyss of humanity, fading away into the vast ocean of those who have come before us.



We all leave our mark—some big, some small. Some build empires that echo through the ages, while others quietly tend to their families, neighborhoods, or communities. No matter the scale, each mark has value. But eventually, every empire crumbles, every accomplishment is forgotten, and every individual falls into the same great oblivion. It's a humbling reality and a universal truth.

So, knowing this, the question remains: What do you want to do with your life?

Will you spend your days chasing material things that rust and decay, or will you invest in moments that last beyond your time here—moments of kindness, love, and connection that ripple through the lives of others? Will you lift up those around you, plant seeds of goodness, and be an instrument of peace, or will you let your days slip away, consumed by the trivial?

Life is fleeting, and none of us know how much time we have. But within this brief window, we all have a choice. What legacy will you leave? What will you do with your gift of life? Will you simply exist, or will you dare to make your mark?

Our moments are few, and our time is short. But even a small spark can light up the darkness. So let's make it count. Before we vanish into the abyss, let us live with purpose, gratitude, and a commitment to make the world just a little bit better for those who will follow.

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MCPL Wausau to hold envelope junk journal workshop

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Attendees will learn how to turn envelopes, scraps, and other everyday

materials into a one-of-a-kind journal. Whether you want a place to jot down thoughts, doodle, or craft a meaningful handmade gift, this workshop is a great opportunity to explore your creativity. All supplies and instructions will be provided.

This event is free and open to the public with no registration required. For more information, call 715-261-7230.



EVENTS

BAR BEATS
Friday February 28
All Tangled Up · Point Brewery, Stevens Point. Variety. 5 pm. 715-344-9310
Brad Emanuel · Sawmill Brewing Company, Merrill. Variety. 6 pm. 715-722-0230
Jon Peck & The Bad Dogs · The Garage, Wausau. Blues rock. 7 pm. 715-393-4495
The Sixes · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Classic rock, alternative, country & pop. 8 pm. 715-819-3663
Saturday March 1
October Soul · Central Waters Brewing Company, Amherst. Rock, roots & Americana. 4 pm. 715-824-2739
The Foxfire Affair · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Celtic, bluegrass, maritime & folk. 6 pm. 715-254-2163
Corey Rae White · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Country, soft rock, blues, funk, folk & rock. 8 pm. 715-819-3663
Sunday March 2
Travis John from Soul Whiskey · The Garage, Wausau. Country. 1 pm. 715-393-4495
Pat, Patience & Tom · Bullheads Bar & Grill, Stevens Point. Acoustic. 2 pm. 715-344-5990
Tuck Pence · Renee's Red Rooster, Stevens Point. Acoustic variety. 2 pm. 715-344-9825
Friday March 7
Rodello the Kid · Central Waters Brewing Company, Amherst. Rock, country, blues & funk. 4 pm. 715-824-2739
Brad Emanuel · The Garage, Wausau. Variety. 7 pm. 715-393-4495
Brianna Rae Unplugged · Malarkey's Pub, Wausau. Acoustic. 8 pm. 715-819-3663
Saturday March 8
Michael Murphy Solo · Sunset Point Winery, Stevens Point. Blues. 6 pm. 715-544-1262
Cassandra Lea · O'so Brewing Company, Plover. Variety. 6 pm. 715-254-2163
Whiskey & Lace · Arrow Sports Club, Weston. Pop, pop-punk & rock. 7:30 pm. 715-359-2363
Boogie Train · Rookies Sportspub, Stevens Point. Blues rock. 9 pm. 715-344-7026
Sunday March 9
Madlee Band · Nevermore on Third, Wausau. Acoustic. 4 pm. 715-298-0028
Thursday March 13
The Swing Doctors · Bullseye Golf Club, Wisconsin Rapids. 16-piece jazz/swing. 7 pm. 715-423-2230
Friday March 14
Still Reckless · The Garage, Wausau. Country. 7 pm. 715-393-4495
Saturday March 15
Through Crimson · The Garage, Wausau. Alternative rock. 7 pm. 715-393-4495

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Karaoke Night · Mondays & Fridays, Moua's Callon St. Pub, Wausau. Starts at 9 pm. 715-298-1902
Trivia · Tuesdays, District 1 Brewing Company, Stevens Point. Trivia starts at 6 pm. 715-544-6707

Video Trivia · Tuesdays, The Garage, Wausau. Create a team of up to 4 players or play solo. Registration starts at 6:30 pm. Trivia starts at 7 pm. 715-393-4495
Trivia · Tuesdays, The Bar-Wausau, Rothschild. Trivia starts at 7 pm. 715-355-7001
Karaoke · Tuesdays, Cop Shoppe Pub, Wausau. Starts at 7:30 pm. 715-845-2030
Team Trivia Nights at Sawmill Brewing Company · Wednesdays, hosted at Sawmill Brewing Company, 1110 E 10th St, Merrill. The games start at 6 pm each Wednesday. Teams can include up to 6 people. sawmillbrewing.net
Trivia · Wednesdays, Rhinelander Brewing Company, Rhinelander. Play individually or on a team of up to 6 people. Starts at 6 pm. 715-550-2337
Trivia@MBCo · Wednesdays, hosted at Mosinee Brewing Company, 401 4th St, Mosinee. Trivia starts at 7 pm each Wednesday. Limit team size to 6 people. mosineebrewing.com
Bingo · Every Wednesday, Renee's Red Rooster, Stevens Point. Starts at 7 pm. 715-344-9825
Team Trivia at Malarkey's · Wednesdays, Malarkey's Pub & Townies Grill, Wausau. Trivia starts at 7 pm. malarkeyspub.com
Karaoke · Wednesdays, Wausau Eagles Aerie & Auxiliary #251, Wausau. Starts at 8 pm. 715-845-4795
Open Mic at Sawmill Brewing Company · Thursdays, hosted at Sawmill Brewing Company, 1110 E 10th St, Merrill. Open mic every Thursday for those who want to perform comedy, music or poetry. Starts at 6:30 pm. sawmillbrewing.net
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at 6 pm. 715-241-7665
Open Mic Night · Thursdays, Malarkey's Pub & Townies Grill, Wausau. Hosted by Caleb Delaney. Play guitar, drums, bass or other string instruments. Comedy not available at this time. Starts at 8 pm. 715-819-3663
Karaoke · Thursdays, Hy-Da Way, Merrill. Starts at 8:30 pm. 715-722-0660
Karaoke · Fridays, Todd & Peggy's Whiskey River Bar & Grill, Wausau. Starts at 9 pm. 715-845-1547
Karaoke · Saturdays, Denmar Tavern, Wausau. Starts at 9 pm. 715-298-3131
Karaoke · Saturdays, Kevin & Joy's 19th Hole, Schofield. Starts at 9 pm. 715-359-2343
Open Mic · Mondays, Intermission, Wausau. Hosted by The Chad O'Kennedy. Starts at 8 pm. 715-849-9377
Karaoke · Every day, The Office Bar, Schofield. Groups of 5 or more can sing at any time. Otherwise, available after 6 pm. 715-355-5432
Brad Emanuel · Saturdays 12/21-3/29, Granite Peak Ski Resort, Wausau. Variety. Starts at 3 pm. skigranitepeak.com
ON STAGE
Rucksack Revolution · Fri. 2/28, Campanile Center for the Arts, Minocqua. Folk. Doors open at 6 pm. Show starts at 7 pm. \$28 general admission. campanilecenter.org
Carnival of the Animals · Fri. 2/28, hosted by the Central Wisconsin School of Ballet and Wausau Dance Theatre at Grand Theater, Wausau. Carnival brings to life the amazement & amusement of the circus through spectacular costumes, humorous verse, & talents area performers. There will be circus-related children's crafts & games in the Great Hall before the performance. Starts at 6:30 pm. \$22 adults, \$18 children.

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Yamato: The Drummers of Japan · Fri. 3/7, Grand Theater, Wausau. Enjoy an evening of Japanese drumming. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$39-\$65. Grandtheater.org
Gaelic Storm w/ special guest Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band · Sun. 3/9, Grand Theater, Wausau. Irish rock & country blues. Starts at 7 pm. \$49-\$69. Grandtheater.org
Whimsy & Wonder: The Soundtrack of Youth · Thurs. 3/13, hosted by Central Wisconsin Musicians at UW Center for Civic Engagement Veninga Theater, Wausau. Melodies that bring to life the magic, dreams & whimsy of youth! Starts at 7 pm. \$10. uwsp.edu
Marielle Kraft · Thurs. 3/13, Grand Theater, Wausau. Indie pop. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$10. Grandtheater.org
Passion & Resurrection · Fri. 3/14, hosted by Monteverdi Chorale at Holy Spirit Parish, 2151 Stanley St, Stevens Point. A solo concert featuring the Monteverdi Chamber Chorale performing works of Victoria, Schutz, Purcell & Bach. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$20 adult, \$15 senior, free for student/youth. monteverdichorale.org
Switchback · Fri. 3/14,

LuCille Tack Center for the Arts, Spencer. Irish roots/ Americana. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$30. lucilletackcenter.com
Pure Prairie League & Firefall · Fri. 3/14, Grand Theater, Wausau. Country, rock & pop. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$35-\$73. Grandtheater.org
Rucksack Revolution · Sat. 3/15, Grand Theater, Wausau. Folk. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$20. Grandtheater.org

Paolo Schianchi · Sun. 3/16, hosted by the Merrill Area Concert Association at Merrill High School Auditorium, Merrill. Variety. Starts at 3 pm. \$60 adult, \$20 student, \$130 family membership. maca.merrillconcerts.org
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The Museum Reopens with Two Exhibits on Display

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For many veterans serving overseas, most notably during the Vietnam War, coming home was referred to as getting “Back in the

World.” “The World” was a place of normalcy, family, everyday acceptable and calm conditions...a place to forget the nightmare of combat. However, the reality of getting back in the World

did not meet with these expectations for a great many Veterans. The war hitched a ride back home with them in the form of nightmares, post-traumatic stress, ruined relationships, survivors'

guilt, and personally destructive behaviors.

For these veterans, getting back in the World was the beginning of a new struggle. Veterans of decades past and present-day have similar journeys of recovery, learning to live in a way that does not forget the past and those buddies that they may have lost, but of developing a new life of hope and strength. For many veterans, spending time writing poetry, putting stories on paper, painting, playing music and involving themselves in other creative arts has helped to honor the past, remain in the present and to give rise to a stronger, more focused and well-rounded "self."

The "Back in the World" exhibit highlights the artwork and poetry of veterans Bruce Canny, Harry Stritter, David Dvorachek, Jim Fox, Doug Olson, P.J. Bertz, Lenny Ellis and Pete Kern. As a fitting accompaniment, the "My War" exhibit of personal photographs taken while serving in the Vietnam War will also be on display. This special exhibit was created by June Abrahamson,



former curator for The Highground Museum, and Professional Photography Curator Marissa Roth.

To achieve the interactive visitor experience of this exhibit, we are fortunate to have had the dedication and expertise of long-time volunteers, Barb Shain and Walt Wesenberg, in the construction of the interior display and for the

refinishing work completed on several antique display cases which were donated to the Museum. A heartfelt thank you to Larry Luzinski for the donated doors used in the display, bringing this exhibit to life. Donors who helped fund these exhibits are Marcia & Lindy Kendall and Virginia Stubblefield.

The Museum in The Highground Welcome Center will be open from 10am-4pm Friday-Sunday. For more information, please email Theresa at museum@thehighground.org or call 715-743-4224. Any changes to this schedule due to winter weather conditions will be posted on The Highground's Facebook page. The Museum will return to its normal schedule of being open seven days per week as soon as possible.

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