

COMING SOON!

ROY BOOK BINDER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00 PM

BACKUS STAGE

Roy has the goods: the original, the bare-knuckle, the low-down . . . blues. Who can say they were friends with the Rev. Gary Davis, Pink Anderson and Robert Lockwood? And toured with Arthur Big Boy Crudup, Hot Tuna, JJ Cale & Bonnie Raitt ? Roy can. He has the stories, the licks, and the mystery of timeless music in his fingers. He's been featured on a PBS special and interviewed by Terry Gross on "Fresh Air." He's also a regular at Fur Peace Ranch, where he teaches along with Jorma Kaukonen. When he brings his 'Tour Bus' to town, a one-man blues-fest ensues. He plays and he entertains, feeding us music and stories, and the evening is a celebration for us all. We're privileged to have Roy here to preserve—and extend—the tradition of great American blues music.



DANNY O'KEEFE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00 PM

BACKUS STAGE

Danny O'Keefe is best known for the hit single, "Good Time Charlie's Got the Blues", which was released in September 1972, and reached number 9 on the U.S. *Billboard* Hot 100 chart, and for "The Road", covered by Jackson Browne on *Running on Empty*. "Good Time Charlie's Got the Blues" stayed on the *Billboard* chart for 14 weeks and sold a million copies.

From the Director's Desk

This has been a GREAT summer!

The July 1 concert at the Irvin N. Anderson Amphitheater was incredible. Backus has helped out on rainy Wednesday nights by providing dry space for Concerts in the Park. Bill Piekarski has introduced "Sunday Night Dancing at Backus." And we just finished up an epic "Summer Arts Week" with area kids! Take a look at the photos, and check out what's coming up next! Mark your calendars so you don't miss what's happening in the coming weeks.

Backus and United Way are teaming up!

Backus is teaming up with the **United Way of Northeastern MN** to prepare area students for back to school.

A community Steps program will take place August 9, students and families will receive a **free dinner** at Backus, following dinner the students will be brought to **Ronnings** to pick out a **new pair of back to school shoes** with help from the Fire and Police Departments and community volunteers.

The United way will also be giving out coupons for the students to make an appointment for a **hair cut** with a participating salon; **Bowman Hairways**, **House of Joy**, **VIP**, and **Becky's Salon at Good Sam**, for a fresh back to school look.

How awesome is that?!



United Way
of Northeastern Minnesota

Jason Gray to perform on Backus stage



PsalmFM Radio is happy to present award-winning Christian musicians in concert this summer in International Falls! Singer/songwriter Jason Gray headlines the event on Aug. 28, 2023, at Backus Community Center. It's the first concert hosted by the regional Christian music station in more than a decade!

Opening for Gray will be Christian rock/pop musician Adelaide, and Duluth-based worship team Presence Music. "We have long wanted to provide a quality, Christian concert to our listeners in an area that doesn't often get big names," said Michelle Eastty, program director for PsalmFM. "To have artists we play on the air come here in person is an exciting opportunity. It's one thing to hear their music on the air, but it gives a deeper understanding of the artists' heart for Jesus when you can see and hear them in person." Ticket information is online at www.psalmmf.org or at the PsalmFM office at 4090 Hwy 11 in International Falls.

Summer Arts for Kids

The kids enjoyed an array of activities including indoor games, art & crafts, crochet, bucket drumming, piano, theater, watercolor painting, and guitar the week of July 24.



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*The next board meetings is September 14 at
5:15PM in room 101/102.*

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Do you have comments, questions, suggestions,
or concerns regarding Backus?
Please contact the Backus Board at
backusboard@backusab.org

COMING SOON TO BACKUS

Ruby's Pantry

5:00-6:30 p.m., Monday, August 14

Community Café

5:00-6:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays

Rainy Lake Community Orchestra

String Camp Concert—Ranier

Friday, August 18, 7:00 p.m.

Contemporary Christian Music

Monday, August 28, 7:00 p.m.

Roy Book Binder

Singer, Songwriter, Story-teller

Saturday, Sept. 9, 7:00 p.m.