

Broadcasts!

Become a Member or Volunteer and make a difference in your community

Backus Community Center isn't just a building, we are a dedicated group of Board Members, staff and volunteers who want to improve the quality of life in our community one event and project at a time.

At Backus Community Center, you can walk in a warm and dry building, exercise, do Yoga, play basketball, listen to music, watch a play, learn about insurance, eat a hot meal, make funny noises, make funny faces, meet new friends, create art, share your story, watch your children and grandchildren play basketball, invest and preserve history, invest in and help improve the community we live in and much more.

Whatever your passion,

Backus Community Center serves all...

Do you like to help those in need? Backus serves Community Café free meals each Tuesday and Thursday to those with food insecurity.

Do you like to help kids? Backus serves free summer lunches to all kids ages 1 to 18.

Backus Kids Club has licensed teachers that guide kids in the summer through fun and learning.

Our after school and summer art programs teach kids new ways to look at life through art.

Do you live a healthy lifestyle? Backus hosts free open gym for all ages, weekly adult exercise class, the building

is open for walkers and we also house a Yoga studio with regular classes.

Do you want to eat healthy? Backus is home to the twice weekly Community Market in the summer offering locally grown fresh produce.

Do you want to encourage kids to become a team player? The Backus gym is home to the 7th and 8th grade girls and boys Bronco basketball team practices and games.

Do you enjoy live entertainment? Backus brings world-class performances to the stage, some of the artists have performed on Broadway!

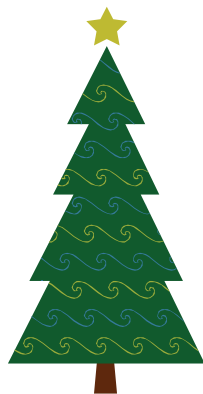
Do you enjoy theater? The Borealis Bards Community Theater Troupe calls Backus home and welcomes participants of all ages!

Do you like to volunteer? Backus functions because of our volunteers. They are the back-bone of what we are able to offer the community. They serve those in need and they serve their neighbors.

Our volunteers are treated to an annual luncheon and complimentary tickets to events and meals.

Do you like to be part of a family? Backus Members are like family, we host "Members Only" events twice a year. Membership dollars help pay the light bill and keep the building warm. While we do seek other funding sources, our members are important to us and we'd like to include you!

Enclosed please find a membership form and a volunteer form. We hope you will fill it out, return it to 900 5th Street, and become part of the Backus Community Center family today!





**Top the Tater
Dinner**

January 9

5:00 to 6:30 pm

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February 6

5:00 to 6:30 pm

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FAMILY DRIVEN

Billy McLaughlin & His Electric String Quartet

Friday, January 9, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

Billy McLaughlin is recognized internationally as a world-class guitarist, but in 1999 McLaughlin vanished from sight as his career crumbled due to a little-known neuro-muscular disorder called Focal Dystonia.

After suffering several years without a cure or even a diagnosis, this right-handed guitarist embarked on an unlikely attempt to regain his career by re-learning his instrument.... left-handed!

His remarkable comeback is captured in the independent documentary film *Changing Keys* (seen on PBS stations in 2010) and



a concert film called *Coming Back Alive* featuring McLaughlin with string orchestra and a reunion of his longtime rock band. KPBS (San Diego) pro-

duced the 2013 Emmy Award winning live concert program called *Starry Night – Billy McLaughlin with Orchestra Nova* highlighting McLaughlin’s extraordinary talent as both guitarist and inspirational speaker.

McLaughlin has resumed an international schedule of concert appearances and keynote speaking. He resides in his home state of Minnesota where he is proudly raising two boys.

Tonic Sol-fa | Friday, February 6, 2015 @ 7:00 pm

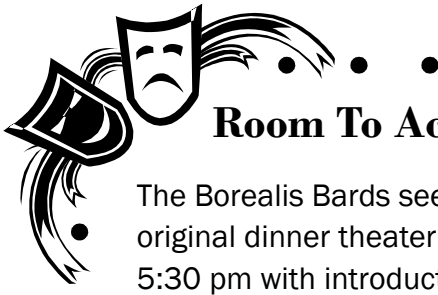


Although they are simply four voices and a tambourine, Tonic Sol-fa has spent considerable time on the road carving their niche as

the nation’s top vocal group. In the midst of touring, this quartet has been named one of the top five “must see” groups in America, has been

awarded numerous original song and album awards in pop, gospel and holiday genres, appeared on

NBC’s Today Show and in the pages of Newsweek magazine. Outings with Jay Leno, Shawn Colvin, and Garrison Keillor have propelled album sales to more than 2,000,000 copies (mostly sold from the back of their trailer!) and have earned the group thousands of intensely loyal fans.



Room To Act Dinner Theater | February 13 5:30 pm

The Borealis Bards seek to entertain and engage diners in an authentic and original dinner theater event on Friday, February 13. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with introductions and dinner at 6:00 pm.

Seats are limited! Watch for more information in January!

“Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!”

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Ethnic Food Festival | March 18 | 5:30 –7:00 pm

Back by popular demand,
Ethnic Food Festival!

If you would like to contribute a roaster full of your favorite ethnic dish, please contact Robin at (218) 285-7225 or backusoffice@backusab.org.



Think of Backus for end of the year giving



Citizens for Backus/AB is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation so all donations and contributions are tax-deductible. Consider making an end of the year donation, or perhaps “buying” an auditorium seat in honor or memory of a loved one.

Visit our website for more information, click on the **“Donate”** button at the top of the page.

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James Sewell Ballet “Guy Noir”

Friday, March 20, 2015 @ 7:00 pm



Founded in New York City by James Sewell and Sally Rousse and brought to Minnesota in 1993.

The dance company will present, “Guy Noir: the Ballet,” a clever spoof of the tough guy Sam Spade detective

genre based on the character by Garrison Keillor.

The mystery is narrated by Garrison (on tape) and the music along with the charming and witty movements give a whole new meaning to “story ballet.”



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Upcoming Events

- January 9 Top the Tater Dinner sponsored by Wagner Construction followed by Billy McLaughlin & His Electric String Quartet
- January 17 Icebox Days Chili Challenge, Turkey Bowling & Kids Crafts brought to you by Falls High Student Council
- January 24 "Among the Wild" The Arrowhead 135 movie premiere
- January 25 Arrowhead 135 Ultra Marathon Pasta Feed
- January 29 Falls Public Library "On the Edge Film Festival"
- February 6 Top the Tater Dinner sponsored by Waschke Family GM followed by Tonic Sol-fa
- February 11 All-School Music Festival
- February 12 Citizens for Backus/AB Annual Meeting
- February 13 Borealis Bards Room to Act
- February 23 Top the Tater Dinner sponsored by Bremer Bank followed by Border Concert: Todd Oliver & Friends
- March 15 Border Concert: An Evening with Rebecca & Kuba
- March 18 Ethnic Food Festival
- March 20 Top the Tater Dinner followed by James Sewell Ballet "Guy Noir"
- April 10 Minnesota Deer Hunters Association Banquet
- April 13 Top the Tater Dinner followed by Border Concert: Six Appeal
- April 18 Borealis Bards Spring Play
- May 2-3 Dancin' with Darcie Dance Recitals
- June 8 Summer Food Service & Open Gym start
- June 8-13 Prairie Fire Children's Theater & Summer Arts Week
- August 8 Backus Rainy Lake Triathlon

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