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## FUN IN BORDERLAND

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## Abrams Brothers kick off BCA season

### Concert set for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 22

**JOURNAL STAFF REPORT**

The Abrams Brothers are fourth-generation musicians with musical roots reaching back to their great-grandparents. Despite being in their early 20s, the brothers have been touring together for more than a decade.

The trio will perform a combination of bluegrass, country and folk-rock 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Backus Community Center as the first show in the Border Concert Association series.

According to a release, John, James and cousin Elijah, have become Canadian festival favorites. The boys are live performance veterans dating back to the ages of 11 and 9. The group has already racked up quite the resume including being the youngest Canadians to appear at Nashville's Grand Ole Opry in 2005. They've toured Europe several times and have performed twice at the Jacob's Ladder Folk Festival in Israel.

The Abrams Brothers recently released their fourth album, "Northern Redemption," which follows the release of "Blue on Brown," an album of songs by Arlo Guthrie and Bob Dylan. This record was the boys' tribute to songwriters they admire. Even Guthrie recognized the talent of these youngsters after he heard them playing his own songs at one of his shows, the release said. Guthrie thought they were "way too young to be playing that good. I know I will be hearing from The Abrams Brothers for a long time to come," the release continued.

Season tickets for all five Border Concert Association shows cost $45 for adults; $10 for students; and $95 for families. Single-show tickets will also be available at the door the night of each performance.

Tickets are available at City Drug, County Market and the Backus office in the Falls; Betty's, Fort Frances Museum and Northwoods Gallery and Gifts in Fort Frances; Cloverleaf Store, Greensides and Emo Drug Store in Emo; and from Rose Kreger in Rainy River.

**Program highlights:**

When I Ruled the World
Northern Redemption
When Will I Be Loved
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While You Sleep
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Nothing At All
Viva La Vida
Shelter from the Storm
The Times They Are a-Changin'
This Land is Your Land
Mermaid Town
Seventeen

## Brats, beers and a brass band

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Residents who wish to get in touch with their German roots this month can attend a celebration Friday sponsored by the International Falls Chamber of Commerce.

An Oktoberfest event is 4:30 to 11 p.m. Friday at the VFW club. The event features live music from Country Touch and Centre-Line, as well as an open bar and a raffle. An authentic German meal of brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, red cabbage apple slaw, and black forest cakes will be served, and admission is $7 per person.

This is the third year the chamber has put on the event, and chamber President Faye Whitbeck said it's a popular event during the summer to fall transition period.

"It's a good segue from the end of summer to the smells and colors of fall and the colder season," she said. "People love the music, the food, and the mood."

Lederhosen and dirndl skirts aren't required for entry, but Whitbeck said they do encourage people to get into the spirit of the event by dressing up. The meal is cooked by the chamber, and Whitbeck said they cooked for 150 people last year and served all the food, so they expect a similar turnout this year.

The meal is for all ages, and last year Whitbeck said they saw kids, grandparents, and everyone in between attend.

## Library hosts free musical show Oct. 26

**JOURNAL STAFF REPORT**

Alabaster Falls will perform a free musical show 11 a.m. Oct. 26 at the International Falls Public Library.

Alabaster Falls is an acoustic folkgrass band, based in the Minnesota northwoods, and consists of four accomplished musicians with a variety of talents. Each song arrangement allows for the musicians to share in singing lead, giving the listener a variety of sound.

According to a release, Alabaster Falls has knack for connecting with an audience, and will grab listeners at the first sound and hold on until the final chord is played.

This event is sponsored by the Arrowhead Library System and funded by money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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**More information**

For more information about Alabaster Falls, visit www.alabasterfalls.com.

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