

# LEISURE

## FUN IN BORDERLAND

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## Singer with local roots to perform on TV

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Katie Ray Murray, a singer/songwriter with local roots, will be among featured acts on a nationally televised program.

Murray, the granddaughter of former Falls Mayor Jack Murray and Donna Murray and Ray and Lolita Moone of International Falls, will perform two of her original songs on Shotgun Red Variety Show. The show first airs at 6 p.m. April 10 and again at noon April 13.

A release described the Shotgun Red Variety Show as “an exciting show featuring great talent from 6 to 96 years young.” The show reviews more than 1,200 CDs and DVDs every year from acts all around the United States and Canada looking for acts that are different and performers viewers would love.

The show is recorded in front of a live studio audience on The General Jackson Showboat in Nashville, Tenn. The show is made up of singers, dancers, magicians and many more.

Murray is a singer/songwriter, performing acoustic country and pop in small to medium venues, in Nashville, Tenn., the Twin Cities, and great



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Katie Ray Murray

er Minnesota. She has released two full albums of original songs that are available on iTunes, Amazon, and Google Play. Listeners can also stream her music on Pandora and Spotify.

The 18-year-old started performing as a child in Baudette. She has performed on stages across Minnesota, including the Minnesota State Fair,

### Where to watch the Shotgun Red Variety Show:

- Dish Network Channel 231, 9398 and 231HD
- DirecTV channel 345
- Sjoberg's Cable TV Channel 226

Minnesota Irish Fair, Anoka Riverfest, Moon-Dance Jammin' Country Fest, and Carlos Creek

Winery. She has also played at the Bluebird Cafe and Tootsie's Orchid Lounge in Nashville.

## Scholastic Book Fair Fiesta coming to Indus School

INDUS SCHOOL REPORT

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Like most skills we acquire as children and adults, the more we practice, the better we perform. Conversely, the more children practice reading, the better readers they will become.

During the week of April 7-11, students at the Indus School will have the opportunity to participate in the Spring Scholastic Book Fair Fiesta. Parents and other family members are welcome to join the Fiesta and visit the Indus School Book Fair from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. I want books! Let's Go Read! Yo Quiero Libros! Vamos a Leer!

Other special events are also planned for that week, as well. Lois Lewis and the Indus Student Council are busy preparing for the annual “Talent Show” set for 7 p.m. Tuesday. Wade Sutton and the “Education First” tour students are also planning a free-will donation “Burrito Bar” that will be available from 5 to 6:30. Proceeds from this event will be used by the students to help fund an overseas trip this summer that includes stops in Spain, France and England.

In addition, student council members will serve “Shamrock Shakes” before the talent show. Last, but certainly not least, Suzanne

Mathews and Tom Van Damme are busy working with students on the Science Fair exhibits, which will also be on display in the library and the school hallways.

On Wednesday, Indus Elementary will host the annual “Grand Event.” This day is specifically set aside for grandparents and other “special” people to visit the school, the library, and enjoy classroom time with their grandchildren.

The week winds down with an all-expense paid trip to the Science Museum in St. Paul for fourth and fifth graders Thursday and Friday. The Indus School was one of 18 schools in the state that was selected by the Science Museum for the overnight visit. There will be plenty of time to enjoy reading on the charter bus trip down and back.

Indus School recognizes that reading is vital to every child's success. School officials are proud of the fact that the preschool program at Indus was recently awarded a Reading Corps grant. This enables the preschool teacher to receive intensive training this summer, as well as provides the school with additional resources to facilitate giving preschoolers a head start on learning to read. Beginning next fall, 3 and 4 year olds will reap the rewards of this grant.

# Learning the vocabulary every gardener should know

Just like every other segment of our society, gardening has a vocabulary of its own. Without an understanding of this vocabulary, there's no way we can speak the language. This makes it difficult to know what's what.

Most gardeners know the difference between annual and perennial plants, but do you know there's also a biennial plant? It grows green foliage the first year and sets flowers and fruit the next. Then it dies. We often confuse biennials with perennials because they are adept at reseeding themselves. Examples of common biennials are hollyhocks, parsley, foxglove and raspberries. If your hollyhocks that



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bloomed last year don't appear this spring, it's because they didn't start new plants last season.

Hybrid versus heirloom leads to confusion, particularly for those of us who like to save seeds. A hybrid plant is the result of the purposeful crossing of two pure lines to get

desirable traits from both parents. An heirloom plant, on the other hand, is one that has been around for at least 50 years, and isn't specifically crossed with any other plant, is the result of natural selection from year to year, and usually produces plants with the same traits as the parent plant.

What about the difference between determinate and indeterminate tomatoes? By knowing this difference, we can understand the growth habit and thereby, the needs of the plants we are growing. A determinate (bush) tomato grows to a certain size and then puts its energy into ripening fruit. Fruits will then

ripen over a concentrated period of time. Plants are compact and don't require huge trellises or tall cages. Indeterminate (vining) tomatoes continue to grow until frost, flowering and setting new fruit continuously. They require elaborate methods to support and contain the plant, and also benefit from pruning. Heirloom tomatoes are in this category. Many of us are buying seeds this month.

Will you buy treated seeds? They may have a coating of fungicides and/or insecticides that protect the seeds from rotting or insect damage. If you don't like this idea, be sure to read the packet information closely so you know what you're buying.

Pelleted or coated seeds, on the other hand, are seeds enclosed in simple clay to bulk them up and make them easier to handle and see. Sometimes these seeds are also “primed”, a hydration treatment bringing seeds to the brink of germination followed by drying. This makes them germinate more quickly but decreases their storage life.

The verb bolt often appears in descriptions of salad greens. From the dictionary's definition, we may expect the lettuce to suddenly take off running into our neighbor's yard. This term refers to the tendency of a plant to send

up a flower/seeds, usually as a result of too much heat. Purchasing lettuce seeds, for instance, with a resistance to bolting, is a real plus since our summers can be too hot for these cool-loving plants.

How much stock should we put in the days to maturity line on seed packets? Some, but not too much. Use this phrase as a guideline in selecting varieties of plants. Keep in mind that our growing season is often three months (90 days). Maturity days rely heavily on the season's weather, and we know all too well that we can't count on Mother Nature in that department.

*Thank You*

to all Students and Community Members  
who participated in the 5th Annual

**BORDERLAND MUSICAL SHOWCASE**

A Special Thanks to  
Tuesday Musicale Summer Music Camp Scholarship Students  
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**Concert Premiere**

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Vocal Ensemble from  
Concordia College – Moorhead, MN

Join **TACTUS** for an evening of  
**American Folk Music – Renaissance Favorites**

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**Saturday, April 5 • 7 p.m.**

Zion Lutheran Church  
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Free Will Offering  
Reception Following

**MINNESOTA DEER HUNTERS ASSOCIATION**  
Trails End Chapter's 33rd  
**ANNUAL BANQUET**

**Friday,  
April 11, 2014**

**Backus  
Community Center -  
International Falls**

**Social Hour - 5:30**  
**Program - 7:00**  
**Buffet Dinner**  
**Catered by Backus**

**DOOR PRIZES**

- 7 mm .08 Rifle
- Silver Eagle 12 Ga.
- \$300 Grocery Card
- Trail Camera
- \$300 Gas Card
- Plus Many More!

**Forms available at the following businesses,  
must be returned by April 3, 2014**

- *Outdoorsman's Headquarters*
- *Sportsman's Service*
- *Loon's Nest*
- *Polkinghorne's Hardware Hank*
- *Y-Knot - Junction*
- *Rainy Lake One Stop*
- *Promersberger's Corner*

**BANQUET TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**  
(Ticket Price Includes Meal, Door Prize Draws and New/Renewal Membership)  
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**QUESTIONS**

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