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TO ENSURE YOUR AD GETS IN THE PAPER PLEASE SEND TO THE ABOVE EMAIL BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE NEWSLETTER WEEK.

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HAS DONATED MONEY TO THE RUSSELL NEWSLETTER LATELY! YOUR DONATIONS KEEP THIS NEWSLETTER GOING!

Russell Newsletter,
PO Box 360,
Russell, MN 56169.

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April 2025



Join Grace First Parish for church every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School after church
Communion is the first Sunday of each month.

No Sunday School Easter Sunday
Confirmation Sunday is April 27th



Check out the Russell Bar & Grill Facebook page for daily specials!
We would love to see you!

Help wanted for bartenders/servers. Must be 18 years of age and willing to work days, nights and weekend shifts.

Stop into the Russell Bar & Grill to pick up an application.
Thank you!



CITY CLEAN-UP!
Saturday, MAY 10th, 2025
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM



Meet at the Fire Hall
volunteers are Welcome!



Volunteers will be picking up curbside. Residents are encouraged to set items out for pick up on Friday, May 9th. The following items will not be picked up. Tires, Batteries, Appliances, TVs, Paint, Computer Monitors, fluorescent bulbs, motor oil, mattress or box springs
Call Lyon County Landfill (507)865-4615 for information as to how to dispose of these items.

CITY NEWS

Notice: The Public Works Director for Russell's email address is:
publicworkscityofrussell@gmail.com

The City of Russell Clerk email address:
clerkcityofrussell@gmail.com

Did you know???

Did you know the City of Russell has a
FaceBook page?
Search
City of Russell Minnesota!

NOTICE! The City of Russell Council Meetings are set for the second Tuesday of every month.

May's meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13th at 5:30 in the city meeting room.

Board of Appeal meeting is set for Tuesday, April 22nd at 7:00 at the Community Center.

City of Russell Clerk Office Hours:

Monday 6:30 am-2:00 pm
Tuesday: 11:00 am-5:30 pm
Wednesday: 6:30 am-2:00 pm
Thursday: 6:30 am-2:00 pm
Friday: 6:30 am-2:00 pm

Hours are subject to change due to appointments. If you have any questions, please leave a message at 823-4366 for Laurie.

Russell City Council meeting

March 11, 2025

The Russell City Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday March 11th in the City Hall meeting room at 5:30 pm. Present at the meeting were council members Hilary Buchert, Glen Grant, Matt Kerkaert and Dawn Garbe. Also present were Laurie Millner, City clerk, Jason Alberts, Public works director, Shelly Sanow, RBG lead bartender, Lyon County Sheriff Eric Wallen, Matt Gross, City attorney, and members of the community.

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance by Mayor Buchert.

M/S/C Glen / Dawn to approve the agenda as presented.

M/S/C Dawn / Hilary to approve the minutes from the February 11th regular meeting.

M/S/C Glen / Dawn to set a public hearing for April 8th at 5:30 pm to discuss the project and how the SCDP grant funds will be utilized.

M/S/C Matt/ Glen to approve Resolution 2025-3 A Resolution adopting the Lyon County 2024 Hazard Mitigation plan.

The council instructed the clerk to work with Southwest Sanitation to set a date for City Wide clean up. The council also instructed the clerk to work with Marshall Animal Clinic to set up an animal clinic.

M/S/C Matt /Dawn to cash in CD 9412 in the amount of \$53,565.18. Hilary abstained.

M/S/C Glen / Matt to transfer \$15,000 from the Permanent Improvement fund at First Independent Bank to the checking account to pay the DSI bill for Grant Administration.

M/S/C Matt / Dawn to approve the bills as presented.

The next meeting will be held in the City Hall meeting room on April 8th at 5:30.

M/S/C Matt / Glen to adjourn

Laurie Millner
City Clerk

Minnesota Memories April 2025.....tariffs and scratching legs

One of my memories is learning a wee bit about tariffs during United States history classes in our School on the Hill. As I recall tariffs were initiated to protect fledgling industries from foreign competition in the early years of the United States. Sometime later I learned that they were also a primary source of income for our early Federal Government (now greatly surpassed by income taxes...do remember April 15th looms). What I think I know now is that tariffs are import taxes and generally make any imported stuff I buy more expensive. This is because it is not the foreign producer who pays the tariff/tax to our government; it is the importer who pays that tariff/tax to our government. Hence, the increased expense of my imported stuff is where the tariff/tax is ultimately paid. The foregoing makes my head hurt. Further, I don't remember learning much about economics in our venerable school except that it was unwise to try to spend more money than earned. I bring up economics (fondly referred to as the "dismal science" by generations of students) because economists cannot agree on the advantages and or disadvantages of tariffs. All that said, it appears that we, the people will soon know which economists are right (or wrong)...I wish us all good luck. On a somewhat lighter note, some readers will recall that I keep a small flock of chickens on our seven Pennsylvania acres (in memory of farm days past)...we have not bought an egg for many years which has recently been economically rewarding...but don't ask me how much expense has not been spared on the flock...anyway, I recently began to wonder if chickens had a right or left leg preference when scratching for food. Our chickens get some free range time nearly every day, so I set out to do some research. I settled in a chair near a gaggle of hens busy scratching (3 to 5 – hens were frequently distracted/disturbed by an amorous rooster). After about 15 minutes of careful observation I came to the conclusion that chickens do not have a preferred scratching leg. Admittedly, this was a short study with a small sample, thus further research is welcomed. Let me know of conclusions reached. Finally, it is near time to plant those trees, and do be careful out there...pay those tariffs/taxes, and watch those chickens. © Marland J. Burckhardt

JOIN US FOR THE 30th Annual Hospice Benefit and Auction

**FRIDAY,
APRIL 25
4:30 – 7 p.m.**

Tyler Golf Club
420 County Road 7
Tyler, MN 56178

Avera 
Tyler

The Gathering

Let's get together! This year's event will take place at the Tyler Golf Club. Come enjoy delicious food, live music and a fantastic auction.

The Menu

Drip beef sandwiches, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, and Lingon Dairy ice cream for dessert.

\$20 for adult meal

\$10 for youth meal

To-Go Meals

Available from 4:30 – 7 p.m. (or until food runs out)

Online Auction

Opens Thursday, April 24
Closes April 25 at 6:45 p.m.
Live auction begins at 7 p.m.

Scan to view silent auction items



KENTUCKY DERBY



Spring Fling

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TYLER GOLF CLUB

STARTS @ 5:30 PM

DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT FROM IMPROVONAPOLIS,
HORSE-RACING GAMES, TICKET INCLUDED FOR
A MINT JULEP OR A BLOODY MARY



TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH
DIANE BORRESON OR CHERYL VOS

Proceeds will go to support care delivered through Avera@Home
Southwest Minnesota in Tyler and the surrounding region.
For more information, email SpecialEvents@avera.org



Graduation Open Houses

Kason Dybdahl



Graduation Open House for Drew Chandler, son of Troy and Gayle Chandler.

**Friday, May 16th start-
ing at 5pm. Pavilion
Building, Tyler Fair-
grounds, 200 Strong St.
Tyler, MN.**



**Please join us for an
Open House to celebrate
Chase Christianson's
graduation.
Son of Terry and Shawna
Sunday, May 25th from 4p-8p.
1572 Edgewater Dr,
Lake Benton, MN**

**Graduation Open House for Seth
Cowell,
son of Shane and Amy Cowell.
Friday, May 16th starting at 5pm.
Pavilion Building, Tyler Fair-
grounds, 200 Strong St. Tyler, MN.**



DRIVE THRU BURGER FUNDRAISER

**CLASS
OF
2025**

Let this year's RTR Seniors serve you hamburgers, chips and bars as you drive through RTR School's South parking lot. No need to even leave your vehicle as your order will be delivered directly to your car.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 23, 2025

FROM 5:00 PM UNTIL BURGERS ARE GONE

RTR HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH PARKING LOT (FOLLOW THE SIGNS AND/OR TRAFFIC GUIDES)

**APR
23**

GLUTEN FREE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

DONATIONS:

**FREE WILL
DONATION**

We are asking for FREE WILL donations to help support the RTR Scholarship Fund in assisting students who choose to further their education after graduation. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, please mail your donation to:
RTR Scholarship Fund -- PO Box 401 -- Tyler, MN 56178

This year will be the **23rd Anniversary** of the RTR Scholarship Fund.
THANK YOU to everyone for all of your support over the years.

**23RD
ANNIVERSARY**

**QUESTIONS
CONTACT:**

Ryck Jorgensen 507-247-3823
Julie Bedow 507-530-6144

ATTENTION: Effective May 1st for April usage water and sewer rates will be increasing to the following rates: Residential Water base including 1000 gallons will be \$20 per connection. Additional water will be \$8.00 per thousand gallons.
 Commercial Water base including 1000 gallons will be \$25 per connection. Additional water will be \$8.00 per thousand gallons.
 Sewer base including 1000 gallons will be \$23 per connection. Additional usage will be \$5.00 per thousand gallons of water usage.

City Of Russell Utilities

Approved 2/12/25 EFFECTIVE 5/1/25 FOR APRIL USAGE

New Utility Users		\$	100.00		
Reconnection fee		\$	50.00		
Unpaid utilities					
Winter Disconnection		\$	50.00		
Late Payment		\$	10.00		
Water Main Connection	NEW	\$	700.00	EXISTING	\$ 75.00
Sewer Connection	NEW	\$	700.00	EXISTING	\$ 75.00
Residential Water Rates		\$	20.00	each connection	
* Base includes first 1000 gallons		\$	8.00	per 1,000 gallons	
Commercial Water		\$	25.00		
* Base includes first 1000 gallons		\$	8.00	per 1,000 gallons	
Sewer Rates		\$	23.00	1st 1,000 gallons	
* Base includes first 1000 gallons		\$	5.00	per 1000 gallons	
EXTRA WATER METER				Current price of a new one	
STORM SEWER		\$	16.26	per month	
GARBAGE RATES		\$	15.50	35 gallon bin	
		\$	18.50	65 gallon bin	
		\$	20.50	95 gallon bin	
RECYCLE BIN		FREE		from Lyon County	

Option of disconnecting and saddling water hookups in lieu of paying the required monthly \$20.00 water connection charge in which case the service would not be available until a new connection would be installed at the cost set at reinstallation.

Looking for a nice, comfortable place to host an event? Check out the Russell Community Center!
If you would like to reserve a date, please contact Laurie at the City Office at 507-823-4366.
See current charges for rent below.

RUSSELL COMMUNITY CENTER

RENT EFFECTIVE DATE 1/14/2025

NO RENT FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES

Legion and Auxiliary Meetings

4-H

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts

All Church Activities

Community Club Events

Bloodmobile

Russell Housing Board

Russell Development Authority

Benefits (if approved by council)

\$200.00 deposit required 1 month in advance for the following events.

\$200.00 will be returned if the Community Center is left as it was found.

(Garbage picked up, nothing broken, or missing)

Showers	\$ 75.00
Dances	\$ 250.00
Wedding Reception and Dance	\$ 500.00
Sales and Auctions	\$ 250.00
All Other EVENTS with out the bar	\$ 100.00
All the events with the bar	\$ 250.00

Community Center Bar closes at Midnight.

Events serving alcohol must provide a certificate of insurance.

Vincent F. Lange of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Legends on Lake Lorraine Senior Living, surrounded by his family. He was 99 years old.

A service to celebrate his life will be held at 10 am on Friday, April 11, 2025, at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, with family present at 9 am. There will be a luncheon following the service and an interment of ashes at Hills of Rest Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

Vincent Ferdinand Lange was born in Curry, MN, on October 11, 1925, to Fred Lange and Ella (Voss) Lange at their farmhouse. He joined an older sister, Evelyn, and a brother, John. The family lived there until Vince was three years old, when they moved to a farm near Osseo, MN. A few years later, the family moved closer to home and began farming near Russell, MN. In 1940, they moved to their own farm near Balaton, MN, where Vince resided for the rest of his life. He attended country schools in the area until the 8th grade, at which time he began helping his father farm the land. He attended catechism classes and was confirmed a member at Sillerud Lutheran Church near their farm. The family then began attending Grace Lutheran Church in Russell.

At age 20, his father passed away from cancer, and Vince began his lifelong career of farming the family land and taking care of his mother, Ella. They lived together in the farmhouse there until his mother passed away in 1974. They spent holidays and Sunday afternoons with family members near Slayton, MN, and had many happy times together.

Vince also enjoyed spending a few winters in Texas traveling with friends.

In 1975, he met and married Arlene Mary (Reichmuth) Buckmaster from Chokio, MN. Arlene's sister, Marlys, introduced them at a family Fourth of July gathering nearby, and they began dating. He was 50 years old and had always been a bachelor, taking care of his family farm and his mother. But, on April 26th, 1975, he and Arlene were married in Chokio, and he became a loving husband and father to three young children. They traveled to Alexandria, MN, for their honeymoon in a spring blizzard. After their honeymoon, Vince arrived in Chokio in a grain truck to haul Arlene and her three children and household belongings to his farm near Russell.

Vince and Arlene had many happy days together and were married for 49 wonderful years! They farmed together until Vince retired from farming in 1990. They began spending winters in Weslaco, TX, and spent many good winters there with friends doing fun activities. In retirement, they also enjoyed working for 8 years in the South Dakota State Park System, spending most of their summers working in Custer State Park. They continued wintering in Texas for many years. They loved square-dancing together and made many friends traveling to square-dances. They also enjoyed traveling and were able to visit many countries around the world.

Faith was always an important part of Vince's life, and they appreciated their church communities and friends in Russell, MN, Weslaco, TX, and Sioux Falls, SD, at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church.

In 1999, Vince and Arlene moved to Sioux Falls to be near their daughter and her family. In 2019, the couple moved to Legends on Lake Lorraine Senior Living Center, where they resided until Vince's passing.

Grateful for sharing his life are his two sons, Scott Buckmaster and Bradley Buckmaster, and his daughter, Kristin Snyder (Craig); six grandchildren - Colbie, Jordyn, Ammon (Lisa), Elizabeth (Gabe Messler), Jonah (Alison) and Benjamin and nine great-grandchildren - Gauge, Stella, Scarlett, Lilyjana, Jude, Carolyn, Lucy, Sylvia and Ivy.

He was preceded in death by his wife Arlene, his parents, and his sister and brother.

The City of Russell is in need of new **Christmas decorations** for the light poles on main street. The morning coffee group is planning to donate some. If you are interested in helping contributions can be made to the group or left with Laurie at the City office or Hilary at the bank. Checks can be written to Tough Enough to Play. There will also be a collection box in the City Hall meeting room in the upcoming days and possibly in other spots around town this summer. If you have any questions please contact Hilary or Laurie.

Let's make our city shine

during the holidays!

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