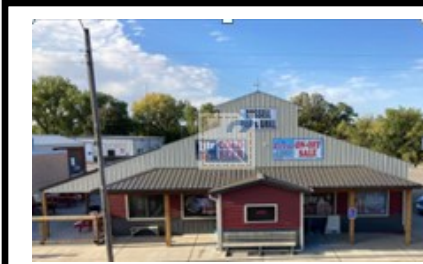




# Russell Newsletter

May 2026



**Russell Bar & Grill**  
**Open Monday thru Saturday**  
**at 11:00 a.m.**  
**If you would like to order**  
**take out, call 507-823-9766**

**Would you like us to email you your newsletter? As long as you're not a Russell Boxholder we can email you the Russell Newsletter.**

Email your request to:  
[russellnews@fibmn.com](mailto:russellnews@fibmn.com)

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

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**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.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing will be held before the City Council on June 3, 2026, at the Russell City Hall located at 106 River Street, Russell, Minnesota 56169, at 5:30 p.m. to consider the passage of an ordinance repealing portions of Sections 10.01 and 10.02 of the Russel City Code. This is to repeal the code stating Russell operates a municipal bar & grill.

**NOTICE!** Upcoming dates for Russells regular city council meetings are **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, July 15** all meetings are at 5:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room.

**ANNUAL DOG TAGS**  
Per city code dog licenses are required for all dogs in City limits. Dog tags will be available in the City office beginning April 1st during business hours. Licenses are \$10.00 per dog until May 31<sup>st</sup>. Dog licenses are required annually and expire on the last day of May. Any license for a dog present within the City, which is not purchased on or before the last day of May, shall be subject to an additional surcharge of \$25.00. The City keeps a record of dog tags in the office. If you have had a license in the past and no longer have a dog, please call the office at 507-823-4366.

## 2026 Graduation Announcements



Graduation Open House For Tyson Burns  
Please join us Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-8pm at the Russell Community Center (200 Front Street) for an open house party.



Open House:  
Please help us celebrate Jack-Johnson's graduation from RTR High School May 16<sup>th</sup> 4pm  
Our home: 215 Central Ave,  
Russell



Please join us for a Graduation Open House as we celebrate Brezlyn Buchert on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. @ 102 Miller Ave. Russell



Please join Tyler Wichmann for an open house celebrating his upcoming graduation from RTR High School. Join us at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds in Tyler starting at 4:00 on May 16<sup>th</sup>.



Please join us for a Graduation Open House as we celebrate Jaeryn Buchert on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 @ 102 Miller Ave. Russell

Join us for an open house honoring Jade Williams Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m. at her home. 1371 170<sup>th</sup> St. Russell, MN



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# RUSSELL BANDWAGON Days

**ENTERTAINMENT  
FOR THE WHOLE  
FAMILY!**

## JUNE 5, 6, & 7, 2026

### FRIDAY • JUNE 5

- NEW** 9:00 am ..... Golf Scramble at Tyler Golf Course - Registration at 8:00 Register with TGC, \$100/person. Shotgun start. DD available.
- 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm ... Kids Inflatables at the school park
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm ... Birch Coulee Ranch Rodeo Sign Up
- 6:30 pm ..... Ranch Rodeo - FREE ADMISSION!  
Food & Beverages available!
- NEW** 8:00 pm - Midnight .. Local Artist: Blake Schmitz under the Tent

**DD BUS AVAILABLE**  
15 Mile Radius from Russell  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENINGS**

### SATURDAY • JUNE 6

- 9:00 am ..... Kickball Tournament at the City Ball Field - sign up @ 507-530-0115
- 9:00 am - Noon ..... Coffee & Rolls served by Ladies of Grace First Parish at the Community Center
- 9:00 am - 1:00 pm ... Vendor Event at the Community Center
- 9:30 am ..... Kid's Tractor Pull 9:30 sign up, 10:00 start time (on South 2nd Street by the school park)
- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm ... Kids Inflatables at the school park
- 10:00 am - 3:00 pm .. Bloody Mary Bar at the Russell Bar & Grill
- Noon until gone ..... Hog Roast sponsored by the Russell Fire Department under the Tent
- Noon ..... Cow Bingo!
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm ... Bingo under the Tent
- 2:00 pm ..... Bandwagon Days & Russell Fire Dept, Raffle Drawing under the Tent
- 5:00 pm ..... Bierema Rodeo Bull Riding & Mini Bull Riding  
Admission: \$20 Adults; \$10 Youth ages 7-17; Kids 6 & under Free  
Food & Beverages Available!
- 8:00 pm - Midnight .. IV Play - Under the Tent - \$15 Admission

### SUNDAY • JUNE 7

- 8:00 am - 11:00 am ... Breakfast under the Tent - Free Will Donation
- 9:00 am ..... Community Church Service at Grace First Parish
- 10:00 am - Noon ..... Kids Fishing Tournament at the Russell Lake  
Parking Lot
- 11:00 am ..... Russell Bar & Grill opens
- 1:00 pm ..... Russell Bandwagon Days Parade
- After the parade ..... Car Show on Front Street by the Russell Community Center.

**THE RUSSELL BAR & GRILL**  
ALONG WITH MULTIPLE FOOD TRUCKS  
AND OTHER FOOD OPTIONS  
WILL BE AVAILABLE ALL WEEKEND LONG!

1st Annual Russell Bandwagon Days  
Golf Tournament

# GOLF

~4 person ~18 hole scramble ~  
\$100 per person ~ lunch included  
Cash prizes to top 3 in each flight  
& Pin Prizes!

Tyler Golf Course ~ 420 Cty Rd 7 ~ Tyler, MN 56178

Friday, June 5th

8-8:45 a.m. Registration  
9:00 Shotgun Start

## REGISTER & RESERVE A CART!

Call TGC between April 12 and May 30th to reserve your spot!  
507-247-3242 \*Cart rental is a separate charge.

**Cow Bingo** squares are available for sale! Pick the right square for a chance to win \$1000 CASH! Contact the Russell Bandwagon Days committee to sign up!

# HOLE IN ONE CHALLENGE

## Russell Bandwagon Days

HOLE #8  
**\$10,000**

.....  
Golf Tournament  
.....

165 YARDS OUT

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>  
during the  
4 person • 18 hole scramble

Register your golf team  
NOW to have a chance  
at \$10,000 hole in ONE

507.247.3242

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## RUSSELL BANDWAGON DAYS CAR SHOW!

EXPERIENCE THE ROAR OF ENGINES AND THE BRILLIANCE OF AUTOMOTIVE DESIGN AT THE MOST ANTICIPATED CAR SHOW OF THE YEAR!



### Russell Bandwagon Days Car Show

Sunday, June 7th  
**AFTER THE 1:00 PARADE**  
**until 3:30**

**THIS YEAR'S LOCATION:**  
**ALONG FRONT STREET BY THE**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER**

### Join Grace First Parish for church every Sunday

8:30 fellowship  
Church service at  
9:00 a.m.

Sunday School to  
follow church





Jake will be performing Friday, June 5th under the tent for Bandwagon days from 8:00 to midnight!

23-year-old Independent singer/song writer **Blake Schmitz**, is a farmer from southwest Minnesota. On June 1st, 2023 he released his first EP “All Of You & Me” jumpstarting his music career. Blake has a feel for many different genres including his two primary genres **Country & Pop**, as well as sub-genres in **Hip-Hop, EDM, and Christian**. Blake has crafty rhymes along with catchy choruses that will leave you singing his sweet melodies throughout the day. Farming all day & performing all night! Blake brings the small town to the big stage!

Follow along & check out [blakeschmitz.com](http://blakeschmitz.com), as well as all the other social media accounts to stay up to date with **Blake!**



The band **IV Play** is once again gracing us with their musical entertaining presence on Saturday, June 6th starting at 8:00 p.m. for Russell Bandwagon Days!  
\$15 admission at the gate.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 25th. There will be a reading of roll call and placing of flags at 10:00 a.m. at the Russell Cemetery.

happy  
**MEMORIAL**  
day

**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.

***Thank you!***

Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, was Russell clean up days. There was a lot of things to pick up that needed some man power. A special thank you Jason Alberts, Marlo Williams, Larry Siekmann, Larry Olson, Mike Sanow, Glen Grant and Hilary Buchert. Your help was greatly appreciated!

**Swanson Estate Sale - Russell, MN**

**Address: 100 Hillside Ct**

Lots of antiques, furniture, kitchen wares, tools, Schwan's memorabilia, Christmas decorations, crafts, home goods, home decor, riding lawnmower, tools, 3 queen sized beds, antique dressers, round oak table with claw feet and 4 chairs, kitchen table with 4 chairs, minnow buckets, wooden Coke cases, planters, bird feeders/houses, lawn decor and lots more!! Home is for sale also!

May 28 - 30

Thursday & Friday 9-7

Saturday 9-4

**Minnesota Memories May 2026...a Volunteer and more...**

More years ago than I care to admit (in the 1940s), my grandfather Burckhardt initiated for me a subscription to the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer. He had received it for years and I read it cover to cover when visiting, hence he arranged for me to receive my very own copy. I have received it, off and on, ever since (off and on because at one time the publishers decided that not being a resident of Minnesota, I shouldn't be receiving a free publication from Minnesota). I do not recall how often it was published back then, but now it is published bimonthly. It is published under the auspices of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and describes itself as "A reader supported magazine encouraging conservation and the sustainable use of Minnesota's natural resources." This description sounds a bit boring and does not do justice to this little gem. Its articles are informative short reads and illustrated with beautiful photographs of outdoor Minnesota. As an example the current May/June issue includes articles addressing Lynx (the animal, not the basketball team), Swainson's Thrush, surfing on Lake Superior, and the emerald ash borer. Check it out at [mndnr.gov/mcvmagazine](http://mndnr.gov/mcvmagazine), you won't be disappointed. Moving on, the weather here in South-Central Pennsylvania has ranged from too warm to too cold in recent weeks which portends a paltry fruit harvest as fruit trees blossomed early and then suffered a hard frost. This could be a serious blow to local big fruit orchards, to me not so much. We have some new neighbors, a nice young couple with three young boys who should keep things interesting around here. Anyway, they have established a flock of chickens which, when free ranging, mingle with my small flock. This is fine with me because it takes some of the predator pressure off my birds. Additionally, one of their roosters is romancing my hens...will keep you advised on the course of the wooing. In regard to wild birds our last seasonal migrants (grackles, gray catbirds, and mockingbirds) have arrived...more birdseed will be needed. Finally, we have our new trees planted and hope the same is true of you. Be careful out there, and remember; while Knowledge is Power, Wisdom is the appropriate product of hat power. © Marland J. Burckhardt

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