



Russell Newsletter

July 2025

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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.

Join Grace First Parish for church every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Communion is the first Sunday of each month.



The Russell Bar & Grill would like to thank everyone that has stopped by to see us this summer! We hope you have enjoyed the company, food & beverages! We would love to see you again!

**Open Monday thru Saturday
at 11:00 a.m.**

Thank you to everyone that has already donated to the City of Russell's new Christmas Light fund! EKG Club, Donna & Joel VanDamme, The Class of 1960, Russell Historical Society, in honor of Jerry & Jean Fulton, in honor of Nancy & Lloyd Klukas and Allan Burckhardt from the Klukas Family & JoAnn Walter,

There is still time to donate if you are interested! Donations can be dropped off to Laurie at the City office or Hilary at the bank. Please write checks to Tough Enough to Play.

Thank you!

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.

City of Russell

Campsite fees: \$20/Night with electric

\$15/night for Non-Electric

Fees may be deposited in the white box at the park entrance or taken to the city office and left in the night drop box. Please include the number of nights you stayed and your camper license number.

Thank you!

Thank you to our family, especially Lisa for spreading the word and all the cards we received, and to our friends too for making our anniversary so special and fun! We are truly blessed to live in Russell and all the caring people here!

God Bless you all.
Leon & Linda Sand

Help Wanted:

Widow on a fixed income looking for a reliable house cleaner. Also looking for a reliable person to help with yard work. Landscaping knowledge is a plus.
Please call 507-530-4971 if you are interested.



Russell Community

Sponsor Group

June 30th

Date of Drive

19

Total Number of Donors

0

First Time Donors

60

Potential Lives Saved

20

Units Collected

One single blood donation can help save more than one life.
Thank you for supporting our lifesaving mission!

Minnesota Memories July 2025.....things OBE

OBE (Overcome By Events) is an acronym I picked up somewhere/sometime during more than 33 years of military service. It has come to my attention that one of the “rules of thumb” from my Minnesota farm youth is now OBE. The old rule that ‘corn needs to be knee high by the fourth’ is OBE and probably has been for some years. For example, around the 4th my sources informed me that this year’s crops look good in the Russell area, with corn currently taller than some of the town’s senior citizens. What events contributed to the retirement of the knee high rule? I opine that improved varieties of corn, better and more fertilizer, improved weed control, and a bit of climate change are the events that have overcome the old rule – thus OBE. Some of the younger folks have probably never heard the knee high rule. Is there a new rule to replace the knee high rule? Fireflies continue their fluttering flirtatious flights and lights about our small acreage each evening. It is relaxing to sit and sip a libation while watching them flit around as dusk ends the day. This is especially the case when the day’s news has irritated my sense of what is right and what is wrong. Anyway, by the time you read this the 4th of July 2025 will be a memory. I remember the Fourth as a welcome break from field work (some corn still needed cultivating) and a time to enjoy the carnival, dance and fireworks at Lyndwood. Sometimes there was also a family gathering and picnic, maybe on the shore of a lake for a little fishing. Uncle Gerald frequently brought some ‘illegal’ fireworks from South Dakota, putting our fingers in danger. Holidays lend themselves to memory making and reminiscing...we hope your Fourth was a memory maker. Farmers here are combining small grain (mostly wheat and barley) which demonstrates another case of OBE – “threshing” has been replaced by “combining” and what youngster can describe a “threshing ring” to you? So, be careful out there, we don’t want you to become OBE! © Marland J. Burckhardt



Russell's well known friend Eugene "Boss" Staniszewski had quite the turnout for his auction in June! Many cars lined up all the way down both sides of the street. Boss would've loved it!



Shady Oaks ATV Trails have had people visit from all over the US this summer! If you have a chance, stop out and visit the hidden gem located on the outskirts of Russell!

Stuff the BUS



Please donate NEW school supplies to help local students!

SUPPLIES NEEDED

Backpacks	Markers	Folders
Black & Blue Pens	Notebooks	Glue Bottles
Cap Erasers	Pencils	Glue Sticks
Colored Pencils	Pink Erasers	Highlighters
Crayons	Rulers	Index Cards
Dry Erase Markers	Scissors	Kleenex

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Canby	Lake Benton	Murray County Central
Dawson-Boyd	Lakeview	St. Edward's
Echo Charter	Lincoln Elementary	St. Mary's
Fulda	Lynd	St. Peter's
Hendricks	Marshall	Tracy Area
Holy Redeemer	Milroy	True Light
Hope Harbor	Minneota	Westbrook-Walnut Grove
		Yellow Medicine East

To learn more or make a donation, visit UnitedWaySWMN.org/STB



First Independent Bank is participating in United Way of Southwest Minnesota's Stuff the Bus School Supply drive! If you would like to donate anything on the list you can drop it off at our Russell First Independent Bank location.



The Russell Bandwagon Days Kid's Fishing tournament was a big success again this year! There were over 50 kids participating! They all received a free gift and even had some fish catching winners! Can't wait to see all of them again next year and maybe even more!

Thank you for coming & everyone that donated & volunteered their time to help put this tournament together!



Russell City Council meeting

June 10th, 2025

The Russell City Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday June 10th in the City Hall meeting room at 5:30 pm. Present at the meeting were council members Hilary Buchert, Glen Grant, Matt Kerkaert and Joel VanDamme. Also present were Laurie Millner, City clerk, Lyon County Sheriff Deputy Matthew Boettger, Matt Gross, City attorney Paul Jurek, Bollig Engineering, and members of the community.

M/S/C Glen Grant/ Joel VanDamme to open the public hearing for the special use permit for Kerkaert's to have chickens. Matt Kerkaert abstained.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to close the public hearing for the special use permit for Kerkaert's to have chickens. Matt Kerkaert abstained.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Glen Grant to open the public hearing for the special use permit for VanDamme's to board 2 horses and keep chickens. Joel Van Damme abstained.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Matt Kerkaert to close the public hearing for the special use permit for VanDamme's to board 2 horses and keep chickens. Joel VanDamme abstained.

M/S/C Hilary Buchert / Matt Kerkaert to approve the addition of a teams meeting with Jeff Van Buren and Mary Zahnow regarding the loan closing.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to approve the agenda with the addition of the teams meeting with Jeff Van Buren and Mary Zahnow with Rural Development regarding the closing of the loan.

M/S/C Glen Grant /Joel VanDamme to approve the minutes from the May 13th regular meeting.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to withdraw the amount needed for loan closing from CD 5908 on Friday June 13th.

M/S/C Glen Grant /Joel VanDamme to approve pay application No 10 in the amount of \$155,630.07 pending RD approval.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert /Hilary Buchert to approve bidding for the bridge replacement project.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Matt Kerkaert to approve resolution 2025-9 A resolution of the City council of the City of Russell, MN supporting the request for state bonding for infrastructure improvements.

Glen Grant left the meeting at 6:10 pm.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert /Joel VanDamme to pay \$823 which is half the tent cost from Bandwagon days out of the bar funds. Hilary abstained.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Joel VanDamme to surplus the McCormick CX 85 tractor and research trade options for a new mower or sale options.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Joel VanDamme to cash in CD 5908 at maturity and move to the 4M fund. Hilary abstained.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Joel VanDamme to authorize Laurie to move money between the 4M fund and First Independent bank as needed up to \$20,000.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Joel VanDamme to open a new checking account at First Independent Bank to be used for the Small Cities Grant. Hilary abstained.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme/ Hilary Buchert to approve the Special use permit for Kerkaert's to keep chickens. Matt Kerkaert abstained.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Hilary Buchert to approve the Special use permit for VanDamme's to board 2 horses and keep chickens. Joel Van Damme abstained.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Matt Kerkaert to accept the monthly bills as presented.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Joel VanDamme to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 7th beginning at 5:30 pm at the Community Center.

Laurie Millner

City Clerk

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