



# Russell Newsletter

June 2025

**Attention!** Lyon Lincoln Electric will be doing some maintenance in Russell on Thursday, June 19th. Due to this, the North side of Russell will be out of power from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Russell Bar & Grill be opening around 4:00 that day and will not be open before that. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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)  
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**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.



A Memorial Day Roll Call was held on Memorial Day at the Russell Cemetery. Thank you for everyone who came to remember our heroes!



Thank you for the honor given to me on being the Grand Marshal for the Bandwagon Days parade. I am proud to be part of this community. Thanks again. Marlo



Memorial day  
Remember and Honor

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



**NOTICE of council meeting date change for July:** The meeting will be held for July on **MONDAY, July 7th at 5:30** at the **COMMUNITY CENTER**. If there is something you would like them to address, please contact the city office at least a few days before the meeting.

**NOTICE TO OUR RESIDENTS:** Effective July 1st for June usage water and sewer rates will be increasing to the following rates:  
Residential Water base will be \$40 per connection. Additional water will be \$9.00 per thousand gallons.  
Commercial Water base will be \$40 per connection. Additional water will be \$9.00 per thousand gallons.  
Sewer base will be \$41 per connection. Additional usage will be \$5.00 per thousand gallons of water usage.

- The City of Russell is offering for sale three buildable lots in Bulldog addition (the old school land). Please contact the clerk for more information.

**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.

The City of Russell is in need of new **Christmas decorations** for the light poles on main street.  
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.

**Thank you to the ones that have already donated!**

**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!**

**The City of Russell has a new website!!**

Make sure to check out all it has to offer including signing up for our new alert system via text or email. You must sign up for these alerts even if you had them in the past as this is a new system.  
With the infrastructure project still going on there will be important alerts going out.  
Go to the City of Russell website @ [www.russellmn.gov](http://www.russellmn.gov)

***The Russell Bar & Grill is open Monday thru Saturday  
starting at 11:00 a.m.  
Stop in for some good food, cold drinks and friendly faces!***





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## NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

### CELEBRATE WITH FREE ICE CREAM



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All locations will share treats on Friday, June 13, 2025, and Friday, June 27, 2025.

They will be available while supplies last!



#### ENJOY LOCAL LINGEN DAIRY

Build-your-own soft serve cup at our Tyler location on Friday, June 13, 2025, or our Marshall location on Friday, June 27, 2025.



#### CELEBRATE WITH OUR TEAM

Visit with our team and check out some of our products and services while you're here!

Big enough to know business. Small enough to know you.



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**FDIC**  
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LENDER

## Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

**American Red Cross**



### Blood Drive Russell Community Center

200 Front St  
Russell, MN

**Monday, June 30, 2025**  
**1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Please call Robbyn at (507) 829-1373 to make your appointment.



Scan to be directed to Russell Center



Come give June 1 to 30 for \$15 Gift Card emailed plus chance to win \$7K prize. See [rcblood.org/Count](http://rcblood.org/Count)



Scan to schedule an appointment

## Happy 50th Anniversary!

It's a Card Shower!

Let's celebrate **Leon & Linda Sand's 50th Wedding Anniversary** by sending them well wishes, an old picture or two, or words of gratitude it's up to you. Let's shower them with a card of congratulations and make their day extra special this year!

Please mail your card directly to Leon and Linda

P.O Box 85  
Russell, MN 56169

Before their Big Day June 28th!



Cow Bingo Winners this year were Deb Carlson and Jared McChesney! Thank you to all who tried their luck on cow bingo this year! We hope to do it again next year for your chance to win!!!





Russell 2025 62 kids  
**LITTLE SCRAPPER** Pedal Pull Winners

4 YEARS OLD

1ST Tripp G Russell  
2ND Rakorra P Tracy  
3RD Julia K Minnesota

8 YEARS OLD

1ST Eden D Canby  
2ND Stetson T Russell  
3RD Keuper K Marshall

5 YEARS OLD

1ST Ryanne C Garvin  
2ND Austin G Balaton  
3RD Blaine D Russell

9 YEARS OLD

1ST Reed B Taunton  
2ND Cora M Russell  
3RD Maverick B Marshall

6 YEARS OLD

1ST Bowen M Russell  
2ND Crew G Russell  
3RD Harper K Russell

10 YEARS OLD

1ST Cooper B Taunton  
2ND Elaina D Canby  
3RD Mykaylah D Marshall

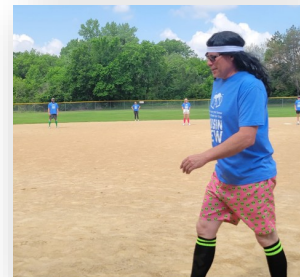
7 YEARS OLD

1ST Beau B Taunton  
2ND Reid C Garvin  
3RD Stanley P Balaton

11 YEARS OLD

1ST Alexa G Balaton  
2ND Riley W Florence  
3RD Ruby C Marshall

## Little Scrappers Pedal Pull



The Gooning Goblins were the 2025 Russell Bandwagon Days Kickball CHAMPS! Fun was had by all teams!



The 2025 Russell Bandwagon Days Car Show winners!

1st Place: Shantel Pattison, 2nd Place: Bob Williams, 3rd Place: Amber & Sawyer Louwagie! There were 20 cars that participated in the car show this year! Thank you to all who came to participate! Hope to see you and more next year!





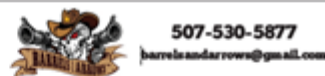
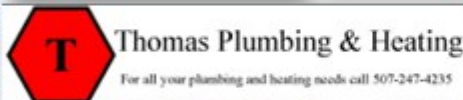
All of the businesses that sponsor, whether it be at the rodeo grounds or the banners on the hill that we display in town, we truly appreciate all of your support! Without all of you we couldn't make this happen! **THANK YOU!**

Russell Bandwagon Days had a lot of positive feedback in regards to IV Play at Russell Bandwagon Days. We had a great crowd! **Look for them to perform again next year during Russell Bandwagon Days!** Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed and supported!

Bulls were ridden and fun was had by all! Thank you to all who supported this event! Hope you all had a great time!



The Ranch Rodeo was so much fun to watch as usual! Thank you for everyone who came out and enjoyed all of the entertainment at the VanDamme Ranch throughout the weekend! A huge thank you to everyone that helped get this all together! We couldn't do it without all of you!



## Minnesota Memories June 2025...First firefly 1 June and more

Our first firefly/lightening bug of 2025 was sighted on the evening of 1 June. A few days earlier than last year...you should be seeing them soon, if not already. We have been busy since the last Newsletter making new memories...which always evoke old memories. The 'busy' included attendance of Grandson Ayden's high school graduation in North Carolina...he was one in a class of 400 which graduated in a local college basketball facility...the seated class nearly filled the court...a bit different than my 1959 Russell High School class of 19 (or my wife's 1960 class 26) graduating in the Russell Town Hall. This segues to why we visited Russell over Bandwagon Days...to celebrate Barbara's 65<sup>th</sup> High School graduation reunion...you can imagine the memories that filled the Russell Bar and Grill as we met and dined on 6 June. Reminiscing and catching up on all those years was the order of the evening...and most everyone (by evening's end) remembered everyone. Barbara deemed the reunion a success which made the trip to and from Pennsylvania worth the aggravations of changing planes in Chicago. Bandwagon Days summoned up other memories of the bygone Dairy Day celebrations and the summer Wednesday evenings when the town band entertained us from the original Bandwagon parked on Main Street. Additionally, Band Wagon Days provided opportunity to learn of a new athletic competition (kick ball), to meet and greet family and old friends (and make new acquaintances...such as Trevor Carlson, the kickball DJ), and I would be remiss if I made no mention of the fine Saturday night music (which rattled windows well into the countryside...I have recorded proof) and drew hundreds to town. Our short visit allowed me time to visit with Mr. Bill Palmer of Marshall who is compiling stories of Vietnam service from local folks and having them published in local newspapers...if you or yours have Vietnam service, look him up and be written into history. Also, I was privileged to spend some time with my 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Miss Norwood (Muriel Cadwell), a delightful lady who regaled me with her memories...I never knew that my First Grade teacher, Mrs. Rick's name was Dixie, nor that there was a hint of scandal in her regard (my lips are sealed), and that Mr. Point (School Superintendent) had a softer side. Finally, I helped water Wayne and Marian Livingston's newly planted trees (I take some credit for encouraging tree planting), and witnessed Wayne's acquisition of new scooter (ask him about it). Be careful out there, you never know when a scooter might come roaring down the road. © Marland J. Burckhardt

Lyll Kay Buchert, son of Arlene & Everett Buchert, was born 05/11/1940, in Russell, MN. Lyll attended trade school to become a Cement Mason. He was a proud union member of Local 633 for 60 years. Lyll met the love of his life, Marlene, when he was 17. They were married on 09/30/1961, and spent 62 years traveling, wintering in AZ, and spending time with family & friends. Lyll & Marlene lived in Crystal, where they raised their family and made weekly trips to their cabin on Mule Lake. They built their dream lake home on Bowstring, in Deer River, where they lived for 24 years. Lyll was an avid fisherman/hunter, known for his adventurous six-wheeler rides with the grandkids, and enjoyed life on the lake. Lyll passed away peacefully on 05/02/2025, at the age of 84 years while at J.A. Wedum Residential Hospice in Brooklyn Park, MN. He will be missed by his wife, Marlene, three children; Gail (Joe) LeClair, Gary (Tammy) Buchert, and Gene (Leslie) Buchert; eight grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and brother David (Aloha) Buchert. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Blessed be his memory.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to J.A. Wedum Hospice.

Memorial Service Wednesday 5/14 at 2:00pm with visitation 1 hour prior at: [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)

Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643

5125 West Broadway, Crystal



Gene Staniszewski, age 72, of Russell, Minnesota, died on Monday, May 19, 2025, at the Avera Tyler Hospital in Tyler, Minnesota. Memorial Services are 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at the Hamilton Funeral Home in Marshall, Minnesota. Following a reception at the AmericInn Hotel, interment with military honors will be at the Russell Cemetery in Russell, Minnesota. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the Hamilton Funeral Home. The evening will conclude with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will then continue one hour prior to the service, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, also at Hamilton Funeral Home.

Eugene Lawrence Staniszewski was born on December 15, 1952, in Tyler, Minnesota. He was the son of Eugene and Phyllis (Ross) Staniszewski. Gene was baptized as an infant, received first communion, and was confirmed in his youth at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ivanhoe, Minnesota. He grew up near Arco and attended school in Ivanhoe, graduating with the class of 1971. Gene then served in the United States Army for 2 years, primarily deployed in Korea.

Following his honorable discharge, Gene returned to Minnesota and attended the Canby Vocational School to study parts management. He worked for the local John Deere Implement and later took a position with Pittsburgh Paint and Glass. Eventually Gene opened his own business, Gene's Auto, where he dealt with antique cars and tractors as well.

Gene was a proud member of the Russell American Legion and the Ivanhoe VFW. He has vast collections including guns, ash trays, and match books. Gene enjoyed frequenting auctions where many came to know him as "Boss". Gene had a big heart (though he didn't always show it) and a fantastic memory for all his treasures. Many will remember the silent wave of his pointer finger when he wanted something out of reach.

Gene died on Monday, May 19, 2025, in Tyler, Minnesota. He reached the age of 72 years, 5 months, and 4 days. Blessed be his memory.

He is survived by his mother, Phyllis Taveirne of Marshall; 6 nieces and nephews, Melanie Staniszewski, Rhea (Brent Schumacher) Staniszewski, Neil (Erin) Staniszewski, Scott Staniszewski (Rena Berg), Heather Kasper, Heidi (Kyle) Nickles; 10 great-grand-nieces and nephews; siblings, Bonnie (Randy) Demuth of Sioux Falls, SD, Tom (Kathy) Staniszewski of Brookings; long-time friend, Tom Hodges of Russell; other relatives and many friends.

Gene was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Staniszewski; his beloved cat of 14 years, Smokey; aunts; uncles; and several good friends.

## *Thank you!*

Gene Staniszewski's family would like to thank everyone for all of the kind words, hugs and condolences. We were not prepared for his illness progressing so quickly, but are thankful that his suffering has ended.

God's Blessing to each of you.

Phyllis Taveirne, Tom & Kathy Staniszewski, Bonnie & Randy Demuth.





Robert L. "Bob" Petersen, 89, formerly of North Platte, NE, passed away peacefully on May 20, 2025, surrounded by loved ones in Kansas City, MO.

Bob was born June 30, 1935, in Norcross, MN, to Lloyd R. and Mildred M. (Winders) Petersen. He grew up in Russell, MN, graduating from Russell High School in 1953. Bob attended South Dakota State University for two years before joining the U.S. Air Force, progressing to the rank of captain. Following active duty, he enrolled at North Dakota State University, graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering while flying for the North Dakota Air National Guard. On July 27, 1957, Bob married Arleen J. Larson in Tyler, MN. Together, they raised three boys, Todd, Jon, and Marc. In 1963, the family moved to North Platte. Bob worked at Nebraska Dept. of Roads for two years, followed by a 30-plus year career with Nebraska Public Power District, retiring in 1996.

Bob was very active in his church and community. He was a 60-year member of First Lutheran Church in North Platte, with many of those years as a member of the church council. Bob enjoyed being involved in his community, he was a member of the Elks Club, Platte Valley Lodge #32 AF & AM and North Platte Shrine Club, various barbershop quartet groups, and the North Platte Community Playhouse. After retirement from NPPD, he served on the board of directors of the Central Nebraska Public Power District from 1997 until 2020. He was preceded in death by his wife, Arleen; son, Jon; his parents; and great-grandson, Nolan Petersen.

Bob is survived by his children, Todd (Diana) of Kansas City, and Marc of North Platte; four grandchildren, Sarah (Sean) Hull of Southington, CT, Carey (Ka'Ron) Johnson of Chicago, IL, Matthew (Angela) Petersen of St. John, KS, and Alanna (Matt Hardiek) Petersen, of Auburn, NE; brother, Richard (Ilene Wilson) Petersen of Westminster, CO; great-grandchildren, Alexander Hull, Abbigail Hull, Katelynn Hull, Willa Petersen, and Crosby Petersen; and his nieces and nephews.

Bob's steady presence will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Memorials are suggested to the American Red Cross in Bob's memory.

Services will be held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church at 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 2. Burial with military honors is 2 p.m. at Fort McPherson National Cemetery. Visitation is 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 1 at Odean Colonial Chapel at C & Sycamore, which is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at [odeanchapel.com](http://odeanchapel.com).



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