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October 2025



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

RUSSELL BANDWAGON DAYS KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY!

RUSSELL BANDWAGON DAYS WILL BE HOSTING A LITTLE HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR KIDS ON OCTOBER 31ST AT THE RUSSELL COMMUNITY CENTER!

COME AND ENJOY HOTDOGS, CHIPS, JUICE, CANDY & GAMES FROM 5-7!

EVERYONE WELCOME!



NOTCIE: The City of Russell Council Meeting will be on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH** at 5:30 in the City Conference room.

Everyone is welcome. If you would like to speak at the meeting, please let Laurie know ahead of time and also sign in when you get there so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

Would you like to be part of the Russell Bandwagon Committee? **No need to be at every event.**

If you are willing to help out when you can, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Hilary Buchert if you are interested!

129TH ANNUAL

ELECTION DAY DINNER

GRACE FIRST PARISH
RUSSELL, MN

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
SERVING: 4:30 - 7:00

ADULTS - \$15.00
YOUTH 5 - 12 - \$10.00
AGES 4 AND YOUNGER - FREE

MENU

TURKEY WITH DRESSING
POTATOES / GRAVY
CORN, COLESLAW, CRANBERRY RELISH
HOMEMADE ROLLS, DESSERT
BEVERAGE

HANDICAPPED SEATING
CARRYOUT AVAILABLE



VISIT OUR
COUNTRY STORE!



Holiday Lights Contest!

Russell Bandwagon Days is sponsoring a Holiday Lights Contest in Russell!

Light up your home & businesses and enter to win some great prizes!

Homes and businesses must be located in the City of Russell.

Deadline to enter is December 15th. Judging will be based on overall design and appeal no matter the amount of lights. There is no charge to enter.

Please email hbuchert@fibmn.com if you would like to enter the contest.



Watch for details in January about our new downtown Christmas lights. We are still accepting donations but are waiting to purchase them until January so that we are able to get them at a phenomenal discount. Thank you to all that have donated so far! Tough Enough to Play greatly appreciates this! We are still accepting donations as these lights are not cheap. So if you are still interested in donating, please make your check payable to Tough Enough to Play. Thank you!

Russell Bar & Grill
Open Monday thru Saturday
at 11:00 a.m.

If you would like to order
take out,
call 507-823-9766

Halloween Party at the RBG on Friday, October 31st.
Drink & Appetizer specials!
Come in your best Halloween Costume!
There will be a Costume contest!



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.

Help Wanted:

Looking for someone to do snow removal at 107 Miller Ave. There are others in this area that might be interested in your service too. If interested please call 823-4477.

Notice: If you live on or drive on a gravel road in Russell, please be considerate of your neighbors and slow down. All of that dust gets on the outside of our homes and anything outside. It also seeps inside our homes and yours too. Thank you! Your thoughtfulness is appreciated! I really hate getting that dust in my beer! HA!

Sincerely, Concerned Citizen of Russell



The City of Russell is offering for sale 3 buildable lots in Bulldog Addition. Please contact the City office at 507-823-4366 for more information.

The clerk's office will be closed November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. Laurie will be out of the office November 10th through the 14th. The office will be open from noon until 2 pm in her absence.

Russell City Council

Special meeting September 17, 2025

The Russell City Council held a special meeting on Wednesday September 17th, 2025, in the City Hall Meeting room at 5:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Mayor Hilary Buchert, Council members Matt Kerkaert, Glen Grant, Joel VanDamme, and Dawn Garbe. Also, present were Laurie Millner, City clerk, Jason Alberts, Public Works Director and members of the community.

Mayor Hilary Buchert called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to approve the agenda with the addition of selecting a date for the Truth in taxation meeting and verbal offer on the snowplow.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to approve the bridge contract with Prahm construction.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Glen Grant to set the preliminary levy at 60%.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme too hold the Truth in Taxation meeting on Tuesday, November 25th at 6:00 pm in the Community Center.

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

Laurie Millner
City Clerk

Russell City Council meeting

September 9, 2025

The Russell City Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday September 9th in the City Hall Meeting room at 5:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Acting Mayor Matt Kerkaert, Council members Glen Grant, Joel VanDamme, and Dawn Garbe. Also present were Laurie Millner, City clerk, Shelly Sanow, RBG, Matt Gross, City Attorney, Paul Jurek, Bollig Engineering, Lyon County Sheriff Deputy Connor, and members of the community.

Acting Mayor Matt Kerkaert called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to open the public hearing regarding Scott Williams special use permit application.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to close the public hearing regarding Scott Williams special use permit application.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Joel VanDamme to open the public hearing regarding Ritchie Petersen special use permit application.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Dawn Garbe to close the public hearing regarding Ritchie Petersen special use permit application.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Glen Grant to approve the agenda with the addition of preliminary levy to be added under the clerk's report.

M/S/C/ Joel VanDamme / Dawn Garbe to expand the coverage area for the ambulance to match the current coverage area of the fire department.

M/S/C Joel Van Damme / Dawn Garbe to approve the minutes from the August 12th regular meeting.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Dawn Garbe to approve the grant agreement resolutions for the LBRP and LRIP agreements.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to approve Task order 6 for Construction administration, construction staking

and observation for approach grading for bridge 42584 LRIP Grant.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to approve Task order 6A for Construction administration, construction staking

and observation for approach grading for bridge 42584 LBRP Grant.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Glen Grant to approve the AET Geotechnical proposal for Bridge 42854.

M/S/C Dawn Garbe / Joel VanDamme to set a public hearing for October 14th at 5:30 pm regarding vacating a portion of Miller Street.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Glen Grant for Shelly Sanow and Dawn Garbe to attend the MMBA region meeting in Marshall on October 23rd.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme for Shelly to attend Food Protection Manager Certification training with the food guy.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Dawn Garbe to give Shelly Sanow a key to the City / Fire Hall building.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to have Kesteloot sell the tractor on consignment and list the tractor for sale in Tractor house. The consignment will be 10% of the sales price, Tractor house listing is estimated at \$400.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Joel VanDamme to declare the 1999 Ford F550 as excess equipment.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Dawn Garbe to hold a truth in taxation meeting in December.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Dawn Garbe to have a special meeting on September 17th at 5:30 in the City Hall meeting room to discuss the Prahm bridge contract, Preliminary levy and sale of the Ford f550.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Glen Grant to approve the special use permit for Scott Williams to mine gravel for personal use only

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Dawn Garbe to approve the special use permit for Ritchie Petersen to keep cows in city limits with the condition of nuisance weed control being added.

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

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday October 14th at 5:30 in the City Hall meeting room

M/S/C Glen Grant / Dawn Garbe to adjourn

Laurie Millner

City Clerk



Lonny Turner

October 24, 1950 - October 13, 2025

Lonny Dale Turner, age 74 of Tracy, passed away Monday, October 13, 2025 at Sanford Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 18, 2025 at the Breezy Barn, rural Tracy.

Lonny "Lon" Dale Turner was born to Warren and Marcella (Smith) Turner on October 24, 1950 in Tracy, Minnesota. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary Catholic Church in Tracy and graduated from Tracy High School in 1968. On October 25, 1970, he was united in marriage to Peg Radke. The couple made their home in Garvin and were blessed with two children. During and following high school, Lon farmed with his dad. Lon also worked for Nackerud Trucking where he hauled grain and livestock. He then bought the petroleum/gas station business in Garvin. In 1980, Lonny began working for Lyon County Co-op where he worked until his retirement in 2016. Lon and Peg spent their winters in Mesa, Arizona where he was a member of the Eagles, American Legion, and the Moose Lodge. Lon enjoyed golfing, pool and horseshoe. He also enjoyed many deer camps at the "ranch." He loved to camp with his family and friends. Lon was a "jack of all trades" he could fix most things or was determined to figure it out. He had a great work ethic and was known to be a hardworking man. Lon enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was very dedicated and took pride in his family.

Lon is survived by his wife Peg; daughter Tammy Peterson and son Chad (Angie) Turner; grandchildren: Nick (Alyssa) Peterson, Jada (Leighton) Turner, Jake (Jayden) Turner and Josh Anderson; great grandchildren: Aiden, Ayla, Elliot and Xviaha; siblings: Jerry (Patty) Turner and Joan (Terry) Nackerud; siblings-in-law: Earl Radke, Floyd (Gail) Radke, Debbie (Brian) Buchert, Nancy (Terry) Carlson, Sandy (Randy) Radke and Roy (Ronda) Radke; and many other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister and brother-in-law Judy and Gene Brosseau, parents-in-law Martha & Bud Radke, sister-in-law Barb Radke, son-in-law David "Petey" Peterson and nephew Shane Carlson.



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Steven

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Mass of Christian Burial for Steven “Steve” Przymus, 60, of Minneota, will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at St. Edward Catholic Church in Minneota. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 22, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 4:00 p.m. and a Parish Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. at the Horvath Remembrance Center in Minneota. Visitation will continue on Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at St. Edward Catholic Church. Interment will follow the service at St. Edward Catholic Cemetery in Minneota. Steven Michael Przymus was born on March 10, 1965, in Canby, MN, to Bernard Sr. and Ruth (Kamrath) Przymus. He was baptized and confirmed into the Christian faith, and for most of his life, he lived and worked in the Minneota area. Steve attended Minneota Public School, graduating from Minneota High School in 1983. He was very passionate about sports and was an outstanding athlete. While he was a strong competitor in wrestling and basketball early on, Steve especially excelled in football and baseball throughout high school. On April 13, 1985, Steve was united in marriage to Ann DeCock. Two children — Heather and Brett — were born to this union. Steve worked at Dalager’s during his high school years. He then worked for a handful of years at PPG Industries in Marshall. After working for Thompson Construction for several years, he transitioned to working as an independent handyman for the rest of his life. He was quite talented and could paint, build, or remodel just about anything. Steve continued to be a top-notch competitor as an adult, whether it was on the golf course or the softball field. He thoroughly loved golf and was a longtime member of Countryside Golf Club in Minneota, among other local golf clubs. Steve was also extremely active in adult softball leagues in Marshall and oftentimes anchored superior teams in various tournaments around the area. Recently, Steve was among other members of the 1985 football team to be inducted into the 2025 Minneota Viking Hall of Fame. He served as an assistant coach on that team 40 years ago — the first Minneota football team to reach the state tournament. Steve was always competitive but he was a good sport, too. He also had a great sense of humor and was a bit of a prankster. But perhaps most memorable of all was his big smile and infectious laugh. Later in life, Steve enjoyed playing cards, bocce ball, and pool, while continuing to be passionate about golf. He loved visiting with and being around people, and he came to really appreciate time spent with family, especially his four grandchildren: Quentin Gilbertson, Lin Gilbertson, Charlotte Przymus and Lewis Przymus. Steve died at the age of 60 on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, in Minneota, MN, after a very short but courageous battle with cancer. He was under the care of Avera @ Home Hospice. He is survived by daughter Heather (Nicholas) Gilbertson of Lakeville and son Brett Przymus of Sartell; brothers John (Kathy Tykwinski) Przymus of Milaca, Paul (Fran) Przymus of Princeton, IN, Dick (Patty) Przymus of Gaylord, Bob (Julie Parulski) Przymus of Ivanhoe and Bernie (Jenny Kirk) Przymus of Balaton; sister Nancy (Jim Benz) Przymus of Minneapolis; former wife Ann DeCock of Minneota; special friend Cory Palmer of Minneota; former in-laws Mary (Jim) Myhre of Minneota, Janice (Ken) Noyes of Marshall, Cathy (Paul) Veiseth of Spencer, IA, Dave DeCock of Marshall, Beth (Jeff) Danberry of Mankato, John (Denise) DeCock of North Mankato, Julie (Tom) Hager of Rochester, Patrick (Lori) DeCock of Maple Grove, Paul (Dani) DeCock of Salisbury, MD, and Fidelia Przymus of Wheaton; mother-in-law Corky DeCock of Minneota; grandchildren Quentin Gilbertson, Lin Gilbertson, Charlotte Przymus and Lewis Przymus, along with many other relatives and friends. Steve is preceded in death by his parents, brother Chuck Przymus, sister-in-law Colleen Przymus and father-in-law Jim DeCock.



Betty Vos

November 12, 1937 — September 18, 2025
Balaton, Minnesota

Betty Joyce Vos was born on November 12, 1937, to Albert and Valborg (Christensen) Olsen at the family home in Aetna Township, Pipestone County. The family farm was located near Ruthton, Minnesota, where Betty graduated from the Ruthton High School in 1955. While growing up, Betty was baptized on December 12, 1937, at the Hope Lutheran Church in Ruthton, where she was later confirmed on April 29, 1951. On February 3, 1956, shortly after graduating, Betty was united in marriage to the love of her life, Melvin Vos, in Tyler, Minnesota. Together the couple lived in the Ruthton and Woodstock, Minnesota, area and welcomed seven children. While the kids were growing up, Betty wore many hats. She was a homemaker, a daycare provider for many years and was a bookkeeper for Vos Trucking in Florence, Minnesota. Betty was employed by Schwan's Food for over 10 years. She retired from working in 2001.

During her retirement years, Betty enjoyed baking and will always be remembered for her 'Grandma Betty Buns'. She was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church in Ruthton, where she was on the Social Committee and was a part of the St. Marks Circle. Betty also enjoyed spending time working diligently on puzzles, reading and watching TV. Everyone knew not to bother her while Wheel of Fortune or when polka dancing was on. Betty always made sure to stay connected with her family and friends with her cell phone. Her family was the center of her world, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were frequent visitors in her home. Every holiday was celebrated with lots of good food and laughter. Summer holidays were spent gathered outside for cookouts. Betty always made sure her home was decorated for each season, especially for fall. She also loved a good game of Scrabble - owning at least four Scrabble dictionaries and played monthly with the DDU Card Club. Betty passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at the Lakeview Senior Housing in Balaton, Minnesota, at the age of 87 years, 10 months and six days.

Betty is lovingly remembered by her children, Gary Vos of Lake Benton, Minnesota, Mike Vos of Lake Benton, Joyce (Mike) Garrow of Ruthton, Minnesota, Susan Stensgaard of Florence, Minnesota, Karen (Dave) Keifer of Tyler, Minnesota and Dale (Julie) Vos of Ruthton; grandchildren, Kristy (Joe) Ebbers, Jon (Angie) Vos, Dan (Holly) Vos, Cade (Abbie) Wurster, Eric (Laura) Wurster, Kyle Stensgaard, Jackie (Brian) Cludy, Josh (Stacy) Keifer, Jordan Keifer, Bobbie (Brian) Lensing, Charlie (Jason) Vos, Kaitlin (Zach) Vos and Emily Vos; great-grandchildren, Lydia, Madelyn, Nataley, Owyn, Payge, Quentyn, Renay, and Symon Ebbers, Elliott, Corbitt Vos, Gracie, Cash, June, Hank, Clayton Vos, Hudson, Jameson, and Jack Wurster, Colby, Candace, Emery, and Easton Wurster, Madelyn and Benjamin Cludy, Leah and Hailey Keifer, Carson, Bentley, Samuel, Sawyer, and Camden Lensing; siblings, Alice (Dan) Mikel of St. Paul, Minnesota, Helen (Gary) Jorgensen of Arco, Minnesota, and Nancy Greenfield of Balaton, Minnesota; in-laws, Beva Vos, Beverly Vos, Marian (Paul) Everett, Marlene (Charlie) Jorgenson, Linda Vos and Lynda (Paul) Steen.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Vos; infant daughter; granddaughters, Alicia Vos and Megan Stensgaard; parents, Albert and Valborg Olsen; sister, Carol Remme; daughter-in-law, Diane Vos; son-in-law, Randy Stensgaard; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Bill, Eddie, Marvin Vos, Dallas and Margaret Bruemmer, Art and Betty Fritz, Janet and Jack Hook, Marlo Remme and Kenny Greenfield; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Avera@Home Hospice in Marshall, Minnesota; American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice in Betty's memory.

Minnesota Memories October 2025....memory thoughts

Again, artificial intelligence (AI) has not knowingly been used in the preparation of this memory manuscript. First, the annual wooly bear report: Seeing only solid black wooly bears this year, have no idea what that might portend for the coming winter weather. Moving on, some opine that we are our memories. Can you remember the first time you put your hand on something hot enough to burn you, I certainly can. I wasn't much more than a toddler, and it was on the old cast iron kitchen stove in my grandparent's farmhouse. That experience was burned (pun intended) into my memory and became part of who I am and how I approach hot stoves to this day. Suspicions are that all you readers have analogous memories. In other thoughts about memory, a friend once told me that as long as you can remember that you forgot, your memory is still good enough. Another thought (somewhat darker?) is that as long as you can be remembered by someone, you are still present. I like both of those ideas. Fortunately, I inherited a number of old family scrapbooks and hard copy photo albums which provide memory snapshots of family and friends. I understand that "scrap-booking" has made a comeback among some younger folks...I strongly encourage such efforts because while their primary aim is to preserve family history, they also serve to preserve history as a whole. Many of you have seen the Burns Civil War documentary. It made use of Civil War photographs and documents to introduce viewers to scenes and people which made that effort more than a boring history of an old war. Many of the photographs and documents used are preserved right here in Carlisle, PA, at the U.S. Army Historical and Education Center (AHEC). Many donated from family albums and scrapbooks created during the Civil war era. Like it or not we are all destined to be part of history, and no individual's role is so small to be recorded for posterity. So print out those photos from your phone, cut out those newspaper articles and put them in a scrap book you can page through on your lap and show to children and grandchildren. Finally, of historical note (courtesy of my mother's scrapbook), on 24 October 1945, the USS Coontz was underway from Tacoma to Nagasaki, Japan...Seaman Edward D. Burckhardt was getting a lot of more time afloat than he wanted. Be careful out there all. © Marland J. Burckhardt

Blood Drive at the Russell Community Center Monday, November 24th from 1:00—6:30

****There will be Root Beer Floats and Homemade goodies being served!****



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