



Russell Newsletter

September 2025



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

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NOTICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
TO ENSURE YOUR AD
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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 NEWS-
LETTER GOING!**

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



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.

With all the rain we have had this summer our lawns are looking beautiful! Thank you for the pride you take in our community.

This is a friendly reminder that when mowing grass, it **DOES NOT GO IN THE STREETS!**

In Minnesota discharging grass clippings onto public roads is illegal. This is addressed in Minnesota Statute 169.42, which classifies this action as a misdemeanor. Grass clippings can create dangerous conditions for vehicles, particularly for motorcyclists and bicyclists, making them slippery and hazardous.

Thank you!

Donations are still being accepted for new Christmas decorations for Russell's main street. **Please note**, this is not the City of Russell asking for Donations.

This is a separate group where donations are made to Tough Enough to Play and will be purchased by Tough Enough to Play.

Thank you!

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, September 29, 2025
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please call Robbyn at (507) 829-1373 to schedule an appointment.

Scan to be directed to RussellFall

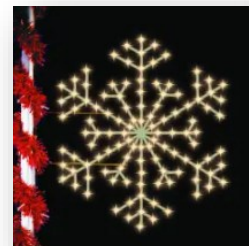
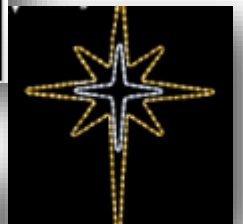
Come to give blood Sept. 22-Oct. 19 for a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email! See rcblood.org/fall

Scan to schedule an appointment

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Russell City Council meeting

August 12, 2025

The Russell City Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday August 12th in the City Hall Meeting room at 5:30 pm. Present at the meeting were Mayor Hilary Buchert council members, Glen Grant, Matt Kerkaert, Joel VanDamme, and Dawn Garbe. Also present were Laurie Millner, City clerk, Shelly Sanow, RBG Lead, Darci Anderson, Kinner & Co, Paul Jurek, Bollig Engineering, Lyon County Sheriff Eric Wallen, 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 as presented.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Dawn Garbe to approve the minutes of the July 7th regular meeting.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Glen Grant to approve the minutes of the July 21st Special meeting.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to award the bridge project to Prahm Construction Inc., low bidder in the amount of \$1,095,170.35.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to approve a service agreement with Silversmith data for asset management software. The first year's cost is covered by a technical assistance grant for lead service inventory. Linda Escher requested that the portion of Miller Street starting at her driveway to the dead end be vacated. Council instructed Laurie to have the area surveyed. Once that is done, we will schedule a public hearing.

M/S/C Hilary Buchert / Dawn Garbe to purchase six (6) water meters from Ferguson for \$2,100.00

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Glen Grant to buy a pallet of cold mix bags to fix potholes.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert/ Joel VanDamme to move forward with Nuvei for online utility bill payments.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Joel VanDamme to contract with Lake's gas to pre buy propane at \$1.599 per gallon contract for 4335 gallons for a total of \$6,073.27

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Glen Grant to hold a public hearing on September 9th at 5:30 regarding the special use permit for Scott Williams to mine gravel.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to hold a public hearing on September 9th at 5:30 regarding the special use permit for Ritchie Petersen to graze cows in City limits.

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

The next meeting will be September 9th at 5:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to adjourn the meeting.

Laurie Millner
City Clerk

REMINDER:

We have had several calls recently about dogs and cats. All dogs in town are to have dog tags issued by the City Clerks office. Ordinance 9.0124 states No person shall keep more than four (4) dogs and more than four (4) cats at a single residence.

The City of Russell has for sale 3 lots in Bulldog Addition (the old school house lot). Please contact Laurie in the Clerks office to make an offer.

Minnesota Memories September 2025....life long learning

Ok, for openers let me assure you that this was not generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI), indeed, some may ponder if intelligence of any type was involved. On occasion google and wikipedia are employed to check on some elusive fact which my stressed memory cannot recall. Generally, however, what you read here is dredged up from youthful memory and what I have read/experienced over many years. The grade school teachers in our old school on the hill, my mother, and my natural inclination combined, serendipitously, to foster my enjoyment of reading, books, and life long learning. In regard to books, and with our country's 250th Birthday coming this next year, I highly recommend Rick Atkinson's *The British are Coming* and *Fate of the Day*. These are the first two books of his trilogy covering the American Revolution. The books bring history alive...the good guys don't always win and the bad guys don't always lose...a perspective I don't recall gaining from many high school and college history classes. As for life-long learning I have been auditing courses at a local college for the past 10 years (Italian, political science, history, etc.). Auditing a course is inexpensive and (depending upon the course) does not require one to take tests and write papers – you don't receive a college credit, but you can learn some interesting stuff, not only about the subject matter, but also about today's students, instructors and educational methods...eye opening to me. This semester I am auditing an introductory "Cognitive Psychology" course entitled "Perception, Memory and Thought"...three class sessions into the course have again convinced me that there is a lot I don't know about a lot of stuff...anyway, if you have the time I heartily endorse auditing to exercise that grey matter between your ears. Revisiting O.B.E., I recently ordered a hamburger "with the works" at one of the fast food franchise establishments...the youngster taking my order had no idea what "with the works" meant. Finally, of historical note, on 16 September 1945, the USS Coontz rode out a Typhoon in the vicinity of Okinawa...Seaman Edward D. Burckhardt was probably quite seasick. Be careful out there all. © Marland J. Burckhardt

Russell Fire & Ambulance participated in National Night Out Aug 5th in Tyler along with Tyler Fire Dept, Tyler Ambulance, Ruthton Fire Dept & Ambulance, Tyler PD and Lincoln County SO.

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign held on the first Tuesday of August that promotes stronger relationships between neighbors and local law enforcement to create safer communities.





Patricia Ann Minett

July 11, 1936 — August 26, 2025

Russell

Patricia “Patty” Minett, age 89, of Russell, Minnesota, died on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at Prairie View Senior Living in Tracy, Minnesota. Memorial Services are 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 12, 2025, at the Balaton United Methodist Church. Following a reception for attendees, interment will be in the Russell Cemetery. Visitation will be held just prior to her celebration, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12, also at the church in Balaton, Minnesota.

Patricia Ann Winders was born on July 11, 1936, in Russell, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Myles and Elsie (Greve) Winders. Patty grew up in Russell where she was baptized in the Christian faith on March 17, 1953, and was later confirmed at the Russell Presbyterian Church. She graduated from Russell High School in 1954 and then moved to Minneapolis where she worked for the next 10 years at the Prudential Insurance Company.

On May 11, 1957, Patty was united in marriage to Marvin Minett in St. Paul, Minnesota. They were married by the same pastor and in the same church where her parents were married in December of 1925! The couple moved back to Marshall area in 1971 when Marv began working in the Minett family well-drilling business. They built their home and settled in Russell. Patty was a homemaker and mother for many years before going to work at Schwan’s ice cream plant in 1991. She retired in May of 1999.

Patty was a longtime member of the Presbyterian Church in Russell and had an extensive collection of anything related to owls. In her spare time, she enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles, bird watching, tracing her family genealogy, watching TV, and above all spending time with her family.

Patricia Minett died on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, in Tracy, Minnesota with family by her side. She reached the age of 89 years, 1 month, and 15 days. Blessed be her memory.

She is survived by her 3 children, Craig (and Sheila) Minett of Tracy, Lisa Towne of Tracy, Steven (and Jennie) Minett of Balaton; 8 grandchildren, Emily (and Cody) Nelson, Cody Minett, Michaela (and Jeremy) Miller-Schreier, Eric (and Caitlyn) Minett, Trent Minett, Paige Minett, Merci Minett, Connor Towne; 5 great-grandchildren, Jaeda, Hadli, Skylar, Creed, Hayes; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

Patty was preceded in death by her parents, Myles & Elsie Winders; husband, Marvin Minett (who died on March 6, 1986), and sister, Arlene (and Bob) Sorensen.

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!



Russell Bar & Grill

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

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



***Help wanted!
Russell Bar & Grill
Cooks!***

***Stop in and grab an
application today to
join our team!***

City of Russell
Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 17th

5:30 p.m. at the City Office Meeting Room

Agenda
Bridge Contract
Preliminary Levy
Sand Truck



*Open House, come and go
bridal shower for
Elizabeth Swift
at the
Russell Community Center
Saturday Sept. 27 from 10-1.*

Please come and celebrate Elizabeth's upcoming marriage
to Jeff Reisdorfer.

She is registered at Amazon.
Lunch will be served. Hope to see you there.

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!

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