



Russell Newsletter

September 2026

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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.

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

Let the little children come to me...
MATTHEW 19:14

SUNDAY SCHOOL!

LEARNING • GROWING • FAITH • FRIENDS • FUN!

BEGINS OCTOBER 4TH!

CHILDREN AGES 3 YEARS THRU 5TH GRADE

JOIN US AFTER CHURCH SERVICES!

CHURCH SERVICE
9:00 AM
Come worship with us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 - 11:00 AM
Learning God's Word, growing in faith, and having fun!

AT GRACE FIRST PARISH IN RUSSELL
We can't wait to see your child grow in faith with us!

QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO ALLIE SANDERSON | 507-920-0137

Join Grace First Parish for church every Sunday
8:30 fellowship
Church service at 9:00 a.m.



Russell Bandwagon Days Bingo is back!

Friday, October 15th starting at 6:30
at the Russell Town Hall!

\$400 Jackpot
in 53 numbers or less!



Animal Waste Reminder

Please remember to bring a bag with you when walking your dog and to clean up after your pet. Keeping sidewalks, parks, and private property clean helps everyone enjoy our beautiful city. Russell City Code Section 9:017 states that owners or caretakers are responsible for collecting and properly disposing of all animal waste or feces left on public or private property by animals under their control.

Failure to clean up after your animal is a violation of city code and is a misdemeanor. Thank you for doing your part to keep Russell clean, safe, and enjoyable for neighbors and visitors.

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.

The Russell City council held their regular meeting on Thursday August 13th, at 5:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room. Present were Mayor Hilary Buchert, Council members Matt Kerkaert, Dawn Garbe, Glen Grant and Joel VanDamme. Also present were Laurie Millner, Clerk, Matt Gross, City Attorney, Lyon Co Sheriff deputy, and Darci Anderson from Kinner & Co.

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

M/S/C Dawn Garbe / Joel VanDamme to approve the addition of Carter Buchert special use permit to remove concrete and grind it on the old elevator lot.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to approve the agenda with the addition of Carter Buther special use permit.

M/S/C Hilary Bucher /Dawn Garbe t to approve the minutes from the July 8th Regular meeting.

Darci Anderson from Kinner & Co present the audit. The 2025 audit was unmodified, meaning it is a clean audit.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Matt Kerkaert to move forward with accepting the donation of the old Woodstock telephone building on Front Street. Matt Gross will have documents ready for the September meeting.

During the public works report the council instructed Jason to take the plow truck to Mikes repair in Ghent to have the plow looked at and bring a quote back to the September meeting.

The building permit for BP Enterprises was tabled until the September meeting after zoning has been addressed.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert/ Glen Grant to hold a public hearing before the September council meeting regarding the special use zoning permit from BP Enterprises to put apartments in the old bar building.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme/Hilary Buchert to hold a public hearing before the September council meeting regarding the special use permit for Scott Williams to mine gravel in the city limits.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Matt Kerkaert to hold a public hearing before the September Council meeting for Joel VanDamme to have 2 horses and chickens inside the city limits.

M/S/C Dawn Garbe / Joel VanDamme to hold a public hearing before the September Council meeting for Carter Buchert to remove and grind concrete at the old elevator site in city limits.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert/ Dawn Garbe to pre-buy 1500 gallons of propane at \$1.69 for the fire hall.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Joel VanDamme to accept the sealed bid in the amount of \$1.00 from the Bandwagon committee for the 10 X 10 Eagle Peak Canopy with 1 side wall.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Glen Grant to pay Cecelia Williams \$17.00 per hour as head election judge and all other judges \$15.00 per hour.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Matt Kerkaert to pay Rob Buehler for 21 hours accrued vacation at \$21.00 per hour.

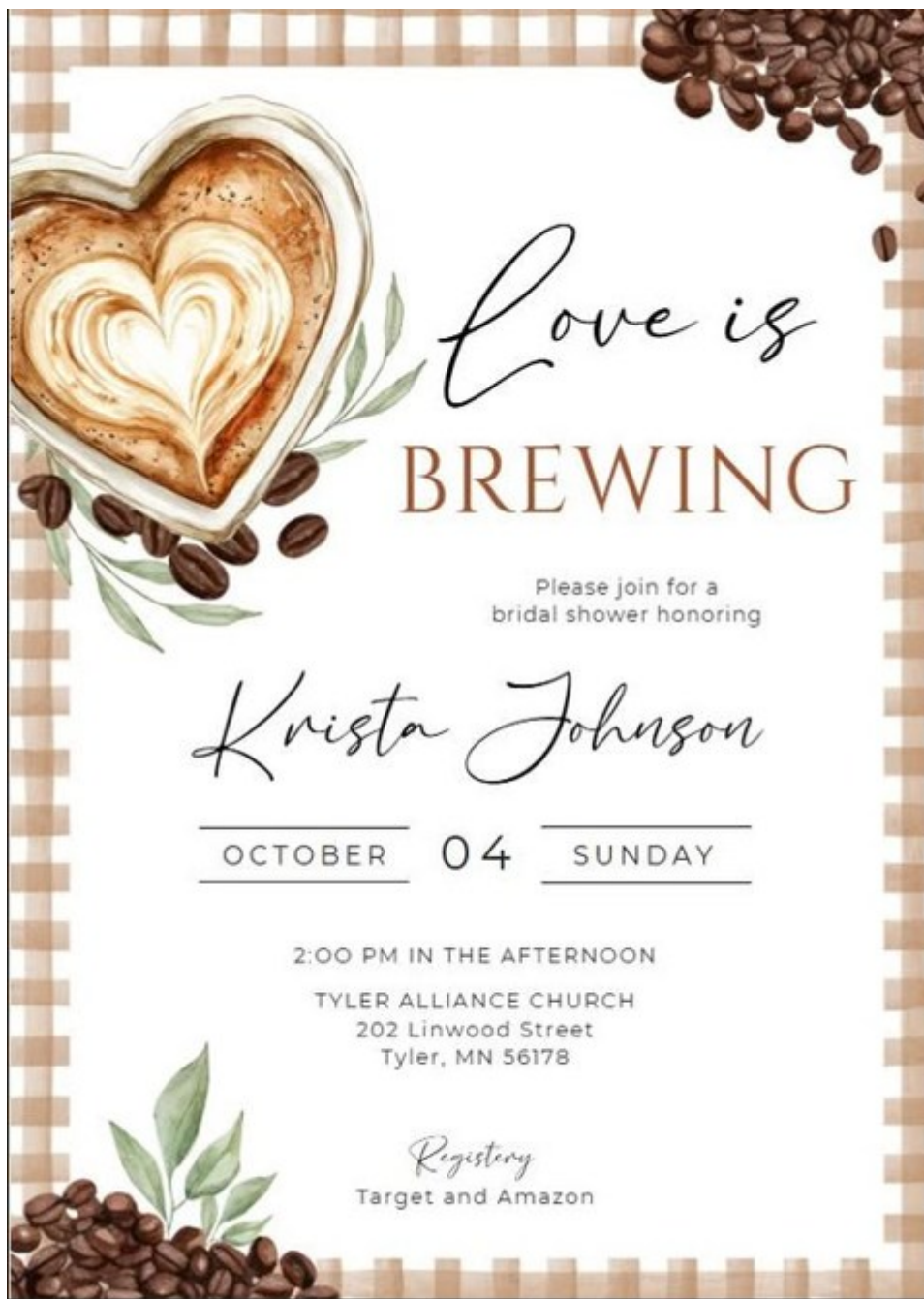
M/S/C Matt Kerkaert/ Hilary Buchert to approve the monthly bills as presented.

The next regular meeting will be September 8th in the City Hall meeting room beginning at 5:30 pm.

M/S/C Matt Kerkaert / Glen Grant to adjourn the meeting.

Laurie Millner

City Clerk



To make things
easier for the
bride-to-be,
gifts may be sent
directly to her home.

Your presence at the show-
er is the
greatest gift of all.

Parents of Brad and Dianne
Johnson

**RUSSELL
BANDWAGON DAYS
KIDS
HALLOWEEN
PARTY!**

RUSSELL
BANDWAGON DAYS WILL
BE HOSTING A HALLOW-
EEN PARTY FOR KIDS ON
OCTOBER 31ST AT THE
RUSSELL COMMUNITY
CENTER!

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

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

Thank you to everyone who came to Ron's funeral and prayer service, shared kind words, sent flow-
ers, cards, or message's and kept our family in your thoughts and prayers.

Your presence and support during this very difficult time meant more to me and my family than words
can express. Every hug, phone call, message, food, and thoughtful gesture brought comfort and re-
minded us how loved he was.

We are truly grateful to everyone who took the time to honor his memory and celebrate the life he
shared with all of us.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your love, kindness, and support.

*Carol Jensen, Chad & Sandy Jensen, Shawna & Terry Christianson,
Jeremy & Kristi Jensen and families*



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at 11:00 a.m.
If you would like to order
take out, call 507-823-9766



Minnesota Memories September 2026...the Farm Report...

Recently I discovered the “Farm Report” TV program. Many of you are probably well acquainted with said program. I believe it to be a weekly program and I watch it here at 0500 on Saturday mornings. It is well produced and chuck full of interesting and current national and international agricultural news...prices, trends, shortages, expected crop yields, etc., finishing up with a short “tractor tales” human interest vignette (5 September focused on a farm spouse and her Oliver 88 tractor). Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakotas are frequently mentioned to include field reports featuring real farm folks. All that stuff stirs up memories of long ago for an old farm kid, to include radio farm news reports listened to by my father and grandfather for the latest prices being paid for grain, beans, corn and livestock. Current farming appears to be far different from what I experienced as a youngster. I recommend the program for a down to earth point of view that you won’t get on the national news programs. One of the “Farm Report” sponsors is the Pioneer Seed Company. I remember Pioneer, along with Pride and Funk’s G Hybrid seed companies from my farm youth. The Pioneer Company has existed for about 100 years, and claims to have brought the first commercial hybrid seed corn to market in 1926. One of Grandfather Burckhardt’s side gigs was selling Pride seed corn (turns out that Pride is a Canadian company – don’t know if that was true back then, but guess Grandpa would now have to deal with Trump’s tariffs, don’t think he would much like that). Anyway, I remember accompanying him about the country side as he gave his sales pitch to prospective customers. According to the Pioneer website the average corn yield in 1925 was 25.7 bushels per acre – in 2017 the average yield was 176.6 bushels per acre – a 587.16 percent increase. Of course the seed companies cannot take credit for all of this amazing increase as new fertilizers, methods and equipment also contributed. Enough for now, may your corn yield be above average, and do be careful out there.

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Help Wanted:

First Independent Bank in Russell is looking to hire someone for snow removal this winter. Must be able to clear sidewalks and drive thru before business hours. If you are interested and able, please contact Justin at 507-823-4391.

The City of Russell is accepting sealed bids for a True cooler. Bids will be accepted until 4 pm on Wednesday October 14th at the Russell City Clerks office. The item may be viewed by contacting Jason or Laurie.



Meeting Notice

Russell Area Historical Society Reorganizational Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 17

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Russell Community Center

The Russell Area Historical Society will hold a reorganizational meeting on Thursday, September 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Russell Community Center.

All officer positions will be up for election. The group will also discuss a potential move to the Old Woodstock Telephone Building.

Following the meeting, the society will be pursuing tax-exempt status so it can accept donations for building updates.

Volunteers will also be needed to help move and organize items, as well as assist with updates to the building.

Community members interested in local history and the future of the society are encouraged to attend.

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