



Russell Newsletter

April 2026



Russell Bar & Grill
Open Monday thru Saturday
at 11:00 a.m.
If you would like to order
take out, call 507-823-9766

*****Notice of change in hours: May 4th-8th and May 11th and 12th the Russell Bar & Grill will open at 5:30 p.m. due to employee shortage. Thank you for your understanding and continued patronage.**

Now hiring at Russell Bar & Grill!

Bar & Grill Manager — Are you a natural leader who thrives in a fast-paced environment? We're looking for an experienced, hands-on manager to help lead our locally loved establishment. Duties include scheduling, training and leading staff, inventory, ordering, and vendor coordination.

Also hiring: Servers and Cooks (flexible day/night shifts as needed).

Apply: Call 507-823-4366, email clerkcityofrussell@gmail.com, mail to **City of Russell, PO Box 357, Russell, MN 56169**, or pick up an application at **106 River Street, Russell, MN.**

ANNUAL DOG TAGS

Per city code dog licenses are required for all dogs in City limits. Dog tags will be available in the City office beginning April 1st during business hours. Licenses are \$10.00 per dog until May 31st.

Dog licenses are required annually and expire on the last day of May. Any license for a dog present within the City, which is not purchased on or before the last day of May, shall be subject to an ***additional*** surcharge of \$25.00.

The City keeps a record of dog tags in the office. If you have had a license in the past and no longer have a dog, please call the office at 507-823-4366.



The City of Russell is accepting **Sealed bids** on the following items:

Rubbermaid Storage Cabinet

Sandwich / Pizza warmer

3 sink stainless steel counter

Globe fryer (only 1 side works)

4 tires 11 R 24.5

A Fimco pull behind sprayer

A door with frame 32X 80

Door with knob and hinges 32X 80

All items may be viewed by contacting Laurie or Jason at the City office.

Bids will be accepted until 4 pm on Wednesday

May 13th and will be opened at the May 13th City council meeting.

The City of Russell is accepting **sealed bids** for the old lumberyard lot with a minimum bid of \$15,000 to be considered. The council reserves the right to refuse all bids. Bids are accepted until 4 pm on May 13th at the City Clerk's office. Please include your name, phone number and a description of the intended use of the property in your bid.

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.

NOTICE! Upcoming dates for Russells regular city council meetings are **Wednesday, May 13th**, **Wednesday, June 10th** and **Wednesday, July 15** all meetings are at 5:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room.



CITY CLEAN-UP!
Saturday, MAY 9th, 2026

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Meet at the Fire Hall

All volunteers are Welcome!



Volunteers will be picking up curbside.

Residents are encouraged to set items out for pick up on Friday, May 8th.

The following items will not be picked up:

Tires, Batteries, Appliances, TVs, Paint, Computer Monitors, fluorescent bulbs, motor oil, mattress or box springs

Call Lyon County Landfill (507)865-4615 for information as to how to dispose of these items.



RTR Go Local Class Visit

The Mayor of Russell was invited to the RTR School to speak with some 8th grade students in their Go Local Class. The kids had a lot of great questions regarding how a city operates as well as what it takes to join a city council. They were very intrigued as to how a council meeting runs, what kind of topics the council discusses, how the council makes decisions, how long a mayor and council member term is as well as a lot of other very good questions.



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

NOTICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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.

The Russell City council held their regular meeting on Tuesday April 14th at 5:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room. Present was Mayor Hilary Buchert, Council members Joel VanDamme, Dawn Garbe, and Glen Grant. Also present were Laurie Millner, Clerk, Michelle Sanow, RBG, Matt Gross, City Attorney, Deputy Steve Louwagie, Lyon Co Sheriff's office.

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

M/S/C Dawn Garbe/ Joel VanDamme / Matt Kerkaert to approve the addition of RBG liquor license the agenda.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to approve the agenda with the addition of the RBG liquor license.

M/S/C Hilary Buchert / Dawn Garbe to approve the minutes from the March 10th regular meeting.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to approve pay application number 2 in the amount of \$692,432.01

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Dawn Garbe to approve resolution 2026-9, A resolution supporting the purchase of an extractor for the fire department.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Dawn Garbe to pay for half of the tent for Bandwagon days in the amount of \$833.00. Hilary Buchert abstained.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Dawn Garbe to approve the purchase and installation of a new door on the kitchen at RBG in the amount of \$4880.00

M/S/C Dawn Garbe / Joel VanDamme to purchase a new prep table for the kitchen in the amount of \$145.99 from Amazon.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to give Shane Heinis a \$1.00 per hour raise.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Hilary Buchert to accept sealed bids at the May 13th meeting for the old fryer, Rubbermaid storage cabinet, pizza/sandwich warmer, and 3 sink stainless steel counter. Bids are accepted until 4 pm on May 13th.

M/S/C Dawn Garbe / Joel VanDamme to issue a one-year liquor license to Russell Bar & Grill.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to accept sealed bids at the May 13th meeting for the old lumberyard lot with a minimum bid of \$15,000 to be considered. The council reserves the right to refuse all bids. Bids are accepted until 4 pm on May 13th.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme hire SW Dust control Inc to apply dust control to the southernmost 400 feet of gravel on Park Road. Bids are accepted until 4 pm on May 13th.

M/S/C Dawn Garbe / Joel VanDamme to accept sealed bids at the May 13th meeting on a pull behind Fimco sprayer, pre-hung door and frame, a door and 4 tires 11R 24.5. Bids are accepted until 4 pm on May 13th.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to accept the sealed bid from Alan Benz in the amount of \$100.00 for the old Christmas decorations.

M/S/C Glen Grant/ Hilary Buchert to approve resolution 2026-10 accepting a donation of a batting cage to the city of Russell.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Hilary Buchert to allow volunteers to paint the lines on the basketball court and continue to clean the area. If no paint is available in the shop, we will purchase it for them.

M/S/C Dawn Garbe / Glen Grant to disconnect the phone at the community center.

M/S/C Hilary Buchert / Joel VanDamme to allow full-time employees to make necessary purchases up to amount of \$500.00.

M/S/C Hilary Buchert / Dawn Garbe to pay the League of MN Cities insurance bill in the amount of \$54,857.00

M/S/C Joel Van Damme / Hilary Buchert to approve the monthly bills as presented.

M/S/C Hilary Buchert / Glen Grant to hold the regular monthly meeting in May, June and July on the second Wednesday of month at 5:30 in the city hall meeting room.

The next regular meeting will be on May 13th in the City Hall meeting room beginning at 5:30 pm.

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

Laurie Millner
City Clerk

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RUSSELL BANDWAGON Days

**ENTERTAINMENT
FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY!**

JUNE 5, 6, & 7, 2026

FRIDAY • JUNE 5

- NEW** 9:00 am Golf Scramble at Tyler Golf Course - Registration at 8:00 Register with TGC, \$100/person. Shotgun start. DD available.
- 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm ... Kids Inflatables at the school park
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm ... Birch Coulee Ranch Rodeo Sign Up
- 6:30 pm Ranch Rodeo - FREE ADMISSION!
Food & Beverages available!
- NEW** 8:00 pm - Midnight .. Local Artist: Blake Schmitz under the Tent

DD BUS AVAILABLE
15 Mile Radius from Russell
FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENINGS

SATURDAY • JUNE 6

- 9:00 am Kickball Tournament at the City Ball Field - sign up @ 507-530-0115
- 9:00 am - Noon Coffee & Rolls served by Ladies of Grace First Parish at the Community Center
- 9:00 am - 1:00 pm ... Vendor Event at the Community Center
- 9:30 am Kid's Tractor Pull 9:30 sign up, 10:00 start time (on South 2nd Street by the school park)
- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm ... Kids Inflatables at the school park
- 10:00 am - 3:00 pm .. Bloody Mary Bar at the Russell Bar & Grill
- Noon until gone Hog Roast sponsored by the Russell Fire Department under the Tent
- Noon Cow Bingo!
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm ... Bingo under the Tent
- 2:00 pm Bandwagon Days & Russell Fire Dept, Raffle Drawing under the Tent
- 5:00 pm Bierema Rodeo Bull Riding & Mini Bull Riding
Admission: \$20 Adults; \$10 Youth ages 7-17; Kids 6 & under Free
Food & Beverages Available!
- 8:00 pm - Midnight .. IV Play - Under the Tent - \$15 Admission

SUNDAY • JUNE 7

- 8:00 am - 11:00 am ... Breakfast under the Tent - Free Will Donation
- 9:00 am Community Church Service at Grace First Parish
- 10:00 am - Noon Kids Fishing Tournament at the Russell Lake
Parking Lot
- 11:00 am Russell Bar & Grill opens
- 1:00 pm Russell Bandwagon Days Parade
- After the parade Car Show on Front Street by the Russell Community Center.

THE RUSSELL BAR & GRILL
ALONG WITH MULTIPLE FOOD TRUCKS
AND OTHER FOOD OPTIONS
WILL BE AVAILABLE ALL WEEKEND LONG!

*1st Annual Russell Bandwagon Days
Golf Tournament*

GOLF

**~4 person ~ 18 hole scramble ~
\$100 per person ~ lunch included
Cash prizes to top 3 in each flight
& Pin Prizes!**

Tyler Golf Course ~ 420 Cty Rd 7 ~ Tyler, MN 56178

Friday, June 5th



8-8:45 a.m. Registration
9:00 Shotgun Start

REGISTER & RESERVE A CART!

Call TGC between April 12 and May 30th to reserve your spot!

507-247-3242 *Cart rental is a separate charge.

2026 Graduation Announcements



Graduation Open House For Tyson Burns
Please join us Sunday, May 24th from 4pm-8pm at the Russell Community Center (200 Front Street) for an open house party.

Open House:
Please help us celebrate Jack-Johnson's graduation from RTR High School
May 16th
4pm
Our home: 215 Central Ave,
Russell

Please join us for a Graduation Open House as we celebrate Jaeryn Buchert on Saturday, May 30th from 4:00-8:00 @ 102 Miller Avenue.



Join Grace First Parish for church every Sunday
8:30 fellowship
Church service at 9:00 a.m.
This Sunday is Senior Recognition Day!
Sunday School to follow church



Thank you

We would like to thank all of our family and friends for the prayers, cards, visits and food brought in for us when I got home from the hospital. A special thank you to our family for their constant care and support!
Love you all!
Karen and Darrel Johnson

Reminder: If you have an **upcoming senior who is graduating this spring** and want their open house announcement in the Russell Newsletter please email it to russellnews@fibmn.com by **Friday, April 10th**. I will make sure to get it into the newsletter in April and May.

Thank you!



TOM OLSON

First Independent Bank is thrilled to welcome Tom Olson to our team as our newest Vice President and Business Banker! Olson specializes in agricultural lending and will play a critical role in serving the Russell area and surrounding communities.

Tom has a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Business from South Dakota State University and has been in banking since 2008. He previously worked at First Bank & Trust in Brookings, SD. As he steps into his role at First Independent Bank, he says, "I am looking forward to being part of the FIB team because of the focus on community and the small-town feel." Tom, his wife, and his 3 children live near Hendricks, MN. In his free time, he enjoys sports, farming, hunting, and fishing.

We feel fortunate to welcome another banker to our team who aligns closely with our community bank values. He will continue to be an incredible asset to our team as he works with more community members like you to ensure you receive the best banking experience in the area.

If you are interested in connecting with Tom Olson regarding your banking needs, please don't hesitate to contact him during regular business hours at 507-823-4391 to get started today.

First Independent Bank is a community bank currently serving the thriving communities of Marshall, Russell, Balaton, Wood Lake, Hanley Falls, Lucan, Beardsley, Ruthton, Cottonwood, Vesta, Tyler, and Hendricks, Minnesota. We're big enough to know business, small enough to know you. With the expertise and resources of a large bank and over 100 years of banking leadership, we offer a wide variety of personal, commercial, and agricultural financial solutions. We're your local experts, advocates, and neighbors ready to provide personal care for you! Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.

RUSSELL BANDWAGON DAYS CAR SHOW!

EXPERIENCE THE ROAR OF ENGINES AND THE
BRILLIANCE OF AUTOMOTIVE DESIGN AT THE MOST
ANTICIPATED CAR SHOW OF THE YEAR!



*Russell Bandwagon Days
Car Show*

Sunday, June 7th
AFTER THE PARADE
until 3:30
THIS YEAR'S LOCATION:
ALONG FRONT ST



November 25, 1937 — April 2, 2026

Russell, MN

The funeral service for Wayne Livingston, 88, of Russell, will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at the Grace First Church in Russell. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 8, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 5:30 p.m. at the Horvath Remembrance Center in Marshall. Visitation will continue on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Grace First Church in Russell. Interment will follow the service at the Russell Cemetery.

Wayne William Livingston was born on November 25, 1937, in Balaton, Minnesota, to Lee and Lucille (Wood) Livingston. He grew up in Russell and graduated from Russell High School. Wayne obtained his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from South Dakota State University and was a lifelong fan and self-appointed recruiter of the Jackrabbits in both athletics and academics. Wayne was a Vietnam-era member of both the South Dakota and Minnesota National Guards. He and Marian Williams were united in marriage on August 26, 1961. They lived in Maple Grove and Wayne worked for the Bemis Company in Minneapolis. Wayne transferred to the Curwood Company, and later to Bemis Converter Films, and the family relocated to New London, Wisconsin in 1978. Wayne specialized in designing machinery and factories that made extruded plastic products. Work provided Wayne with the opportunity to travel to Europe, which he was able to share with Marian on occasion. Wayne retired in 2000 and they moved back home to Russell.

In 1967, Wayne built a rustic family cabin in Northern Minnesota which has been and continues to be a gathering space for the family. The cabin was updated by Wayne and son Chad in the early 2000's to better serve Wayne and Marian post Wayne's retirement and their return to Minnesota. They developed many close relationships at the cabin. Time spent with family and close friends was very valuable to Wayne.

Wayne loved the outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, trapping, watching birds, and watching Marian fight with squirrels at their birdfeeders. He learned much of his ingenuity and love of the outdoors as a child of the Great Depression. He trapped to make money as a youth and to finance his college education. He worked construction jobs in the summer, occasionally with his father. Wayne was a faithful steward of resources, natural and financial; fiscally responsible yet very generous. Wayne's formative years covered the Second World War, the Korean War, and the Vietnam conflict, instilling him with fierce patriotism and a love of service.

Some of Wayne's greatest feats of engineering were his stories, and we still remain wondering which parts were true and which parts were fabricated from his imagination. Wayne had an innate sense for exactly how much truth was required to support a good story. Perhaps a disservice to this legend, the recounting of the events of his life here is largely accurate.

Wayne passed on Thursday, April 2, 2026, in Tyler, MN, and was reunited with his son, after a long journey with health problems. Wayne is survived by his wife, Marian Livingston of Russell, with whom he enjoyed almost 65 years of marriage, daughter Kristi (Brian) Fischer of Duluth, daughter Danna (Bobby) Livingston- Matherly of Lake Nebagamon, WI, nine granddaughters and two great- grandchildren, sister Barbara (Marland) Burckhardt of Carlisle, PA, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Chad Livingston, in-laws Alfred and Jeanette Williams, brother Darwin (Mary Jane) Livingston, beloved nieces and nephews, and other relatives. Wayne has found his comfort, peace, and great reward with those he had lost and wishes solace to those who survive him.

In God we trust.

In lieu of flowers or memorials, please consider a donation to a non-profit of your choosing.



Joyce Heinis, 89, of Russell, Minnesota, died peacefully and surrounded by family on Monday, March 30, 2026, at the Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center in Marshall, Minnesota. A Memorial Gathering of family and friends will be Friday, June 5, 2026, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the Hamilton Funeral Home in Marshall. Private interment will be held at the Russell Cemetery.

Joyce Dellene Pochardt was born to Ralph and Agnes (Matthews) Pochardt on November 20, 1936, in Coon Creek Township. Joyce was baptized and confirmed at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Island Lake Township. Her family moved to Minneapolis where she attended Seward Elementary School. After a couple of years, the family returned to the Russell area, and Joyce attended the Matthews Country School near Goose Lake. She went from the City with electricity, street cars, ice cream shops, and indoor plumbing to a farm on the county line with none of those conveniences; but she had horses. Joyce graduated from Russell Public School in 1954, continued her education at South Dakota State University, and later attended nursing school in Anoka County. After a year at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, she moved back to the Russell area and started working at Farmers State Bank. On June 26, 1958, Joyce was united in marriage to Eugene "Gene" Heinis at St. Dionysus Catholic Church in Tyler. The couple farmed with Gene's dad and lived in a tiny house on the farmstead. In 1959 they purchased the land to the north where they moved in the fall of 1960. Joyce would spend the next 65 years on the land where she raised her family and built a successful farming business with her husband. During her retirement years, she worked at Bud Rose Floral, Shopko, and later Walmart where you could find her in the holiday and garden departments. She was a longtime member of St. Dionysus Catholic Church where she volunteered and served on various committees. After Gene retired, they joined Holy Redeemer in Marshall and were members there until her death. Joyce was active with the Russell Historical Society, Ruthton Bowling leagues, various card clubs, and was a founding member of the Russell Yacht Club where she and friends would go "sale-ing" at local estate sales. Many of the local auctioneers knew her well for her attendance and purchasing prowess. Joyce also served as a Cub Scout leader. Her other enjoyments in life included gardening, Christmas, watching birds, horses, and attending her children's and grandchildren's sporting events. Joyce was her family's biggest and most vocal fan at all of their many activities.

Joyce reached the age of 89 years, four months, and ten days. She lived until her last hours on the farm she loved, accepting every visitor who turned into her driveway. Joyce made everyone feel at home and loved. She would put you to work without question, then feed you and ask you to stay. Joyce taught her family hard work, humility, unceasing love, and perfecting dry humor. She cared for her indoor and outdoor animals as lovingly as family, and she took great pride in her gardens and grounds. Joyce was a supportive and loving mother, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Joyce improved the lives of everyone she met. Blessed and eternal be her memory. She is survived by her seven children, Mark Heinis (Darla Anderson) of Russell, Brian (Mary) Heinis of Saint Anthony Village, Lisa Heinis of Russell, Jolene (Larry) Labat of Marshall, Darin (Carol Ann) Heinis of Los Angeles, CA, Daryl (Jackie) Heinis of Vergas, Patrick (Emily) Heinis of Mankato; 17 grandchildren, Erin (Dustin) Beam, Chad (Reina Cisneros) Heinis, Adam (Luna Bloom) Heinis, Neisha Heinis, Cortney (Cory Hooten) Heinis, Jacalyn (Nick) Hustings, Derek Heinis, Radley Heinis, Shane (Chelsea) Heinis, Justine Heinis, Jordan Labat, Brandon Labat, Kacy (Alex) Behrns, Olivia Heinis, Nathan Heinis, Allen (Tara) Koosmann, Denny (Samantha) Koosmann; 27 great-grandchildren, Corte, Emmalynn, Wren, Blue, Elio, Nora, Alexis, Kailey, Wyatt, Ariannah, Sutton, Jaeda, Ehver, Kirstin, Jaxon, Kora, Bastian, Lainzley, Brooklyn, Lincoln, Logan, Jack, Cooper, Will, Alex, Luke, Marshall, and another on the way; nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Eugene "Gene" Heinis; parents, Ralph "Swede" & Agnes Pochardt; parents-in-law, Lawrence "L. J." & Susan Heinis; brother, Keith Pochardt; fourteen brothers- and sisters-in-law; and a son-in-law, Kris Lastine.



Jerry Platt was born to Louis and Doris (Bose) Platt on May 19th, 1951 at home in Lake Wilson MN. He passed away unexpectedly at his home on March 27th, 2026 at the age of 74. Jerry attended Lake Wilson Elementary School and graduated from Lake Wilson High School in 1969.

Jerry was united in marriage to Donna Erpelding on January 9th, 1971 at St Martin's Church in Woodstock MN. They made their home in Lake Wilson for their entire marriage. He started his truck driving career with Grain Belt out of Slayton. He then worked for a few years at Johnson Ditching, Lake Wilson. After that he spent 39+ years hauling milk; first in cream cans, then eventually moving to bulk trucks with Southwest Dairy Association in Russell. He also drove over the road for Bose Brothers Trucking. Jerry was a life long truck driver, receiving an award for driving over one million miles without an accident. Over the years he also sold night crawlers & started his own frozen pizza business-Genadori's Pizza. He finished up his career working at the Russell Mini-Mart before retiring.

Jerry was a member of the Lake Wilson Fire Department for 21 years. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, gardening and taking a spin through town to visit with people. Jerry was well known for his never ending snacks that he shared with everyone, in case you needed "something to chew on" Jerry is survived by his wife Donna of 55 years, son Chad (Patrice) Platt of Avoca, daughter Angie (Robert) Ford of Lake Wilson; 4 grandchildren, Sawyer (Audra) Canfield of Williston, ND, Schuyler Canfield and partner Amy Skluzacek of Oakdale, MN, Taylor Ford and Brady Ford of Lake Wilson; one great-grandson Desmond Canfield; sister Connie (Ron) Dirks of Slayton, and many nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Mick, Bill and Fred and sister Shirley.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, April 10th from 5-8pm at the Lake Wilson American Legion in Lake Wilson, MN.

Minnesota Memories April 2026..."Spider"...

How do we acquire nicknames? Sometimes it is obvious, "Red" for example, when one has red hair, others, like "Spider" not so much. My first "Spider" memory goes back to Russell Bulldog basketball games when "Spider", an upperclassman who was a tenacious high energy player who zipped up and down the court, was a good dribbler and passer...I don't recall if he was much of a shooter or not. Nearly four years his junior, I had no premonition the number of my "Spider" memories which would accumulate. "Spider" was Wayne William Livingston, my wife Barbara's older brother. No one seems to know how he acquired his nickname, and it is one of the questions I would have liked to ask him. To my knowledge the nickname did not follow him into his adult and professional life. As most will know he passed away earlier this month. As brothers in law we stayed in contact over the years and we shared an interest in trapping. Our telephone conversations invariably started with the question, "Did you check your traps this morning?" It didn't matter if it was trapping season or not, or even if it was well after we were both less than active trappers. We always had a good catch and never spoke of the ones that got away, sort of like the gambler who is eager to announce winnings but seldom mentions losses. His sense of humor was contagious and his tall tale telling beyond compare. Wayne, assisted and guided by wife Marian (his champion skunk skinner), was always a great host when we and/or our children found ourselves in Russell for a few days. "Spider" will be remembered and missed, his was a life well lived. Now, playing off last months memories, our Robins are busy building nests and our tree planting plans are made. We hope the same is true for you and yours. When May comes, start looking for those first fireflies. Be careful out there. ©

Marland J. Burckhardt

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