



Russell Newsletter

March 2026

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.



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

Kitchen Help Wanted!
Part-time cooks that are willing to work days, nights and weekends.
Stop in to the RBG and pick up an application or call Shelly at
507-530-9220 if interested!



Join Russell Bandwagon Days for BINGO
this Friday, March 20th starting at 6:30
At the Russell Community Center
Jackpot is **\$700** in 56 numbers!
Hope to see you there for a fun night!

All proceeds go towards Russell Bandwagon Days 2026



Bulldog Addition has three lots ready for development. These lots are suitable for either multifamily housing or single family homes. If you are an investor ready to build or just looking for the perfect lot for your new home, contact Laurie in the City office at 507-823-4366 for more information.

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.

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.

Avoid late fees—
pay your utility bill online!

Find the link on the website at
Russellmn.gov

The City of Russell is getting a new bridge!

The completion date is tentatively set for the end of June. Please make sure and follow the detour signs this spring and summer when traveling down to the soft-ball field/City Park. You will need to take the long way around for your safety. Thank you!



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

Sunday School to follow church



GRACE FIRST PARISH LENTEN SERVICES 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18 @ 7 PM SERVICE BY PASTOR ANNE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 6-6:45 LIGHT SUPPER – 7 PM SERVICE BY CONFIRMATION CLASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4-6:45 LIGHT SUPPER – 7 PM SERVICE BY CONFIRMATION CLASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 6-6:45 LIGHT SUPPER – 7 PM SERVICE BY PASTOR ANNE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18-6:45 LIGHT SUPPER – 7 PM SERVICE BY CONFIRMATION CLASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 6-6:45 LIGHT SUPPER – 7 PM SERVICE BY CONFIRMATION CLASS

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday – March 29 - 9 am service – Sunday School Children sing in church

Maundy Thursday – April 2- 7 pm service by Confirmation Class

Good Friday – April 13 – 7 pm service by Pastor Anne

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday – April 5 - 9 am service

The annual Cemetery Association meeting will be held on Monday April 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Russell City Hall, conference room.

Members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Thank you!

Brad Johnson

The City of Russell is accepting bids for the old Christmas light decorations.

There are three trees, 2 candles, and 2 candy canes.

Bids will be accepted until 4 p.m. on April 14th at the clerk's office.



DRIVE THRU BURGER FUNDRAISER

CLASS OF 2026

Let this year's RTR Seniors serve you hamburgers, chips and bars as you drive through RTR School's South parking lot. No need to even leave your vehicle as your order will be delivered directly to your car.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2026

FROM 5:00 PM UNTIL BURGERS ARE GONE
RTR HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH PARKING LOT (FOLLOW THE SIGNS AND/OR TRAFFIC GUIDES)

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GLUTEN FREE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

FREE WILL DONATION

DONATIONS:
We are asking for FREE WILL donations to help support the RTR Scholarship Fund in assisting students who choose to further their education after graduation. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, please mail your donation to:
RTR Scholarship Fund -- PO Box 401 -- Tyler, MN 56178

This year will be the 24th Anniversary of the RTR Scholarship Fund.
THANK YOU to everyone for all of your support over the years.

24TH ANNIVERSARY

QUESTIONS CONTACT:

Julie Bedow 507-530-6144
Lori Grant 507-823-4746

*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.

Minnesota Memories March '26...the Red Robin

I remember that the first Robin sighting in the Spring was always an anticipated and special event and reported to any who would listen...it meant that Spring was definitely soon to arrive. I do not remember when that first Robin was usually spied, but I would bet 'twas in the Merry Month of March. A popular song's lyrics began "When the Red, Red Robin comes Bob, Bob, Bobbin' Along / There will be no more sobbin' when he starts throbbin' his old sweet song". These lines are followed with more cheerful lyrics which energize a person after a long Minnesota winter...you can find them in Wikipedia, and I bet you will be singing/whistling the tune for the rest of the day. Here in south central Pennsylvania we have seen and heard the first robin for a couple of weeks, indeed there may be some hardy individual birds that tough out our whimpy winters in place. One of my favorite sounds of spring here is the trill of a male Redwing Blackbird down along the creek, which I heard for the first time this year on 2 March...another sure sign of Spring is the "spring forward" daylight savings time adjustment...not my favorite sign...losing an hour of sleep at my advanced age is a challenge...I will be groggy and out of sorts for about a week as my old self adapts. March is also a relatively busy birthday month for us...two nephews, a niece, a cousin, son, son-in-law and myself...three of those birthdays fall on the same date, 22 March, which is a bit unique. So, have you decided where you are going to plant your tree(s) this year, part of my plan is a sweet cherry tree near some existing cherries...cherry production has been problematic over the years, but maybe another tree will be the tipping point for more bountiful harvests. We hope you have seen, or will soon see that first robin of spring bob, bob, bobbing along. Don't plant your trees too close together or too far apart...and be careful out there. © Marland J. Burckhardt

Important Information Regarding Property Assessments

This may affect your 2027 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Coon Creek Township will meet on the 9th day of April 2026, at 10:00 AM, at the Russell Community Center. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your value and/or classification and may make changes as needed. You must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

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!

The Russell City council held their regular meeting on Tuesday February 10th at 5:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room. Present were Mayor Hilary Buchert, Council members, Glen Grant, Joel VanDamme and Dawn Garbe. Also present were Laurie Millner, Clerk, Deputy Steve Louwagie, Lyon Co Sheriff's office and Paul Jurek, Bollig.

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

M/S/C Glen Grant / Dawn Garbe to approve the agenda with the addition of two items, resolution 2025-6 declaring two King Kutter 3-point blades surplus equipment and naming a temporary authorized signer for the week of February 22 to February 28th.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Glen Grant to approve the minutes from the January 13th regular meeting.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to approve the minutes from the January 29th special meeting.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Glen Grant to approve resolution 2026-5 declaring 1985 Luverne fire truck as excess property.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Glen Grant to set the fee for a tobacco license in Russell at \$100.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to approve the tobacco license as applied for by Russell Bar and Grill.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Joel VanDamme to approve Resolution 2026-6 declaring two King Kutter 3-point blades excess property and Resolution 2025-7 declaring 60-gallon FIMCO 3-point sprayer as excess property.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Dawn Garbe to advertise the 1985 Luverne Fire truck, the two King Kutter 3-point blades and the 60-gallon FIMCO 3-point sprayer for sale by sealed bids to be opened at the March 10th regular meeting. Bids are to be accepted until 5 pm on March 10th.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme and Dawn Garbe to allow full-time employees to contribute their health care stipend to an HAS account on a pre-tax basis.

M/S/C Glen Grant / Dawn Garbe to notify Phoenix Gibson that the home damaged by fire on his property, declared a total loss by insurance, needs to be raised and the foundation filled to a flat lot, all other structures on the property are to be brought to acceptable appearance or raised, utilities are to be capped on the property if not rebuilding. The \$50 disconnection fee will be charged, and the monthly utility minimums will continue to be charged on the property.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Dawn Garbe to name Glen Grant and the temporary signer for the week of February 22nd to February 28th while Mayor Buchert and Matt Kerkaert are both unavailable.

M/S/C Joel VanDamme / Dawn Garbe to approve resolution 2025-4 declaring the Russell Community Center as the official polling place.

M/S/C Dawn Garbe / Joel VanDamme to approve the monthly bills as presented.

The next regular meeting will be on March 10th in the City Hall meeting room beginning at 5:30 pm.

M/S/C Dawn Garbe/Joel VanDamme to adjourn the meeting.

Laurie Millner
City Clerk



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 8rd.

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.

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