

NEWSLETTER



Village of Bertrand

December 2021

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TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,614,591.91	Operating Expense		746,016.00
			Supplies		143,396.00
DISBURSEMENTS:			Note Payment & Interest Expense		36,509.00
Salaries/Benefits		\$317,288.30	Purchase of Equipment		<u>54,772.00</u>
Operating Expense		310,258.82	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		2,056,929.00
Supplies		24,717.08			
Capital Outlay		197,964.53	Cash Balance on Hand	6/30/2021	\$183,109.00
Debt Service		300,260.27			
Grants/ARP Funds		12,456.38			
Pool Project		<u>475,724.07</u>			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,638,669.45			
Cash Balance on Hand	9/30/2021	\$2,867,059.46			

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December 4	Bertrand Hallmark Christmas
December 21	First Day of Winter
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Year's Day
January 4	National Spaghetti Day
January 17	Martin Luther King Day
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 21	President's Day

Bertrand Area Chamber

wishes you



Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year.

Bertrand Ag Society

Bertrand Craft Show and Café 2021 was a big success. Thank you to all the volunteers for all your help with setup, preparing food and cleanup. Thank you to the vendors for being a part of this years event and bringing all the wonderful products. Thank you to the shoppers for supporting the vendors and the café. We can't wait to see you all next year on October 15th, 2022. If you have any questions, please call Pamela Hansen at 308-991-3318.

The Christmas Tree Walk is right around the corner. This year we are working with all the organizations here to make one amazing & blessed day for everyone. The Bertrand Ag Society will start serving at 4:30 pm and end at 8 pm on December 4th in the Community Building. We will be serving chicken noodle soup, chili, hot dogs, polish dogs and many desserts for an on site suggested donation. Then at 7pm Pastor Noah Tyler is going to read the Christmas Story to all those that want to attend! We will have decorated Christmas trees on display for everyone to enjoy. If you would like more information about decorating a tree, please contact Kami Ackerman at 308-991-2447.

Project updates: we have received \$15,000 in grants to help with the repair of the Bertrand Community Building roof! WAHOO! Tillotson is going to be doing the repairs which will hopefully start early spring depending on the weather. Our total estimate to repair the roof is \$17,819. We are already in the planning stages of addressing the sidewalk on the north side of the community building.

We all hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

~Pamela Hansen and the Bertrand Ag Society



15th Annual Christmas Tree Walk
Christmas Tree Display and Soup Supper
(part of the Hallmark Christmas)
December 4, 2021 4pm-8pm
Bertrand Community Building

Young at Heart Senior Center

As the holiday season approaches, we all find ourselves busy, busy, busy. Like many other employers, Young at Heart Senior Center is lacking personnel. That will be having an effect on how much involvement you see from the Senior Center in the community during the holiday season. **Starting Monday, November 29th, we will closed on Mondays.** It is our hope that we will be able to open 5 days a week again after the first of the year. During this time, we would greatly appreciate any and all volunteer support. If you are willing to help with cooking or kitchen clean-up after a lunch, help with some cleaning or provide your support in any other way, please contact Coni at 472-5010. Regardless of our currant staffing issue, it is our plan to continue to support the downtown Bertrand activities during the holiday season. Our normal participation in the Ladies Night Out will be followed by sugar cookies to decorate being available for the first 250 kids who in during Bertrand's Hallmark Family Christmas on Saturday December 4th. Then we will host our **Annual Bake Sale on Thursday, December 16th and Friday, December 17th from 8am to 2pm both days.** In addition to helping support us by coming in during these activities, we would love to see you all for a lunch or two to volunteer your time or talents.

-Coni Park, Manager



Bertrand Area Christmas Gift Project



Bertrand area groups and churches invite you to participate in the 8th annual Bertrand Area Community Gift Project to help Bertrand students and their families who are in need. This project is supported by many Bertrand area churches and community groups with the focus on Bertrand area students and their families in need of children’s winter clothing, simple children’s Christmas gifts, and a simple holiday family meal. Brightly-colored gift tags with simple gift requests for the children of the families who participate in this project are on Christmas trees or bulletin boards in many Bertrand area churches. The gifts are donated by the participating Bertrand Area churches. A traditional family holiday meal is funded by Bertrand area groups through this project.

Anyone wishing to donate a gift to the Bertrand Area Community Christmas (Gift) Project may:

1. Take a brightly-colored gift tag off of a tree or bulletin board at a church, ect. Marked with a “Bertrand Area Christmas (Gift) Project” sign, for people to see the description of the project (you’re welcome to include this note, also)
2. Select and wrap the gift listed on the tag, (see info on reverse of tag, for reminders)
3. Gather the gifts at the church, then have a group bring the wrapped gifts to Immanuel Church with all the gift tags attached and gift receipts enclosed for clothing items (in case a size-exchange is needed) by Sunday, Dec. 13, after 11:45am (after church service)

Gifts taken to Immanuel will be sorted and organized into the participating families after 11:45am on Sunday, December 13.

Most Bertrand families in need are two-parent families with two low-income jobs that do not sufficiently support the family. (Therefore, the family qualifies for free/reduced school meals.)

Please help these families doing their best to try to take care of their children by donating simple gifts (see gift tags on tree), or by donating funds towards a simple traditional holiday meal and household items.

Please contact Janice Gengenbach at (308)325-1268 if interested in donating funds towards purchase of food. Bulk purchasing is planned and has started for most effective use of funds donated.

Last year’s project was a big success due to the generosity of the community with providing Christmas gifts for children in our area who are in need. The simple gifts and food were much appreciated by all families involved! If there are questions, please call or text Kim Johnson at (308)991-2372. Thank you to all who are helping with the Bertrand Area Christmas Project!

-Beverly Hansen

Building/Fence Permits
Adding a fence or adding to your dwelling? Stop by the Village Office for a Building Permit. All Permits are due at the office the 1st Monday of the month for approval.

Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living

To ensure that our Residents have a wonderful Christmas we are asking that our community please help by donating a gift. The giving tree will be located at the Cross Country Market. Stop by and pick an ornament off the tree. Gifts need returned to the Bertrand Nursing Home by December 17th, with the ornament attached.

We would also like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone that donated for *give2Grow* in November!

THANK YOU for your thoughtfulness during this season of giving!

Residents and Staff would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season!



-Joey Kugler, Office Manager



Having troubles with your Yard Waste Card (Dump Card)?

Come see us at the Village Office.

We have improved our system at the site and old cards will no longer be accepted.

We will replace all old cards free of charge.

Office Hours are M-F 7:30 AM-4:30 PM



Bertrand Fire & Rescue Department

The Bertrand Fire Department hosted a Grain Bin Rescue class on September 12 which was sponsored by the Phelps County Mutual Aid Association. 24 firefighters and EMS personnel from Bertrand, Holdrege, Funk, Loomis, and Elwood logged 8 hours of training. The class was taught by Mid Plains Community College of McCook and funded by the former Nebraska Feed and Grain, Phelps Memorial Health Center, Titan Machinery -Holdrege, an anonymous donor, Keri Maloley, and CHS. Lunch for the attendees and instructors was provided by Aurora Coop of Bertrand. We cannot thank our sponsors enough for providing us with this training.

For the last year, members of your fire department have been working to raise funds for an air compressor that will be used to fill air pack tanks and our cascade system. We are happy to report that our goal of \$25,120 has been reached. This is going to be a new acquisition as the department hasn't had one in the past. We wish to thank all who gave to support this project and the agencies that provided us with grants.

Nearly 7 in 10 firefighters in the United States are volunteer firefighters. If you live in almost any small town in America, your local fire department is more than likely staffed with volunteers. Volunteer firefighters are crucial to emergency response capabilities for those communities but there is a growing shortage of volunteer firefighters that has many fire chiefs across the county scrambling to recruit new volunteers. The major contributing factor to the volunteer firefighter shortage is quite simple. It is hard to recruit candidates when the job will inevitably not pay what their work is worth. Most volunteer firefighters has full-time jobs, so the idea of taking on another full-time job with little to no pay is a hurdle volunteer fire departments have had to deal with for years. Other reasons for the shortage aren't as obvious but illustrate how the fire service profession has evolved over the last few decades. Today, firefighters respond to more medical calls for service than any other emergency call. The allure of being a volunteer firefighters may lose its luster as candidates realize that the job may be far less exciting than they imagined.

Furthermore, the requirements to become a firefighter have become tougher and requires a major commitment of time for training. Fire departments are aging and it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit young people. Right now, the Bertrand department as 24 members on a 30 person roster, 6 of which are EMT's. Thirty years ago, we had 18 EMT's on a full 25 person roster. Please consider supporting your community by becoming an EMT or volunteer firefighter. Contact Kevin Stehl at 308-991-4574 for more information.

-Kevin Stehl, Fire Chief



Santa Claus will be visiting the Bertrand Fire Hall December 4th from 2pm -4pm!

There will be fire truck rides for a fun-filled afternoon with Santa and the members of Bertrand Fire Department.

If you can't fly,
then run,
If you can't run,
then walk,
If you can't walk,
then crawl,
But by all means,
keep moving.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day,
January 17, 2022



OPEN HEARTS — OPEN ARMS

Sunday June 27th, 2021

Community Worship 2021

Hosted by Adullam and Immanuel

Would like to Thank You...

Our thanks and appreciation to all the community contributors and the Ministerial Association for the offering from the Community Fair Church Service. This is a blessing for so many of those in our community who need our help in an emergency situation. May God Bless all of you.

- The Bertrand Community Benevolent Fund



Bertrand ❄️ **Hallmark Christmas**

Saturday, December 4, 2021

❄️ **Downtown Bertrand 2pm-5pm** ❄️

Bertrand Community Building 4:30-8

Santa & Fire Truck Rides

@ Bertrand Fire Hall
2pm-4pm

❄️ **Christmas Tree Lighting**

@ Veterans Park at dusk!

Special Appearances



**Snowman
Reindeer
Elf**

**Christmas Cookie
Decorating for Kids**

@ Bertrand Senior Center

Snacks & Raffles

@ Bertrand City Hall

KID ACTIVITIES

@ The Gallery, Divine Boutique,
Pretty & Fabulous, Studio 607

**Christmas Tree Walk
& Soup Dinner**

@ Bertrand Community Building
4:30-8:00 PM

Shopping

@ Local Businesses

Extended Hours - Specials - Drawings

Christmas Story Reading

@ Bertrand Community Building
6:00-8:00 PM

For More Details

❄️ **Check out Facebook**

Bertrand Lions

Bertrand Chamber

Bertrand Ag Society

Bertrand Fire Dept

1st ANNUAL

New Year's Eve Celebration

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 6PM

LIVE MUSIC • DINNER •
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

GENERAL ADMISSION \$50 per person

Contact the Village Office for reserved table information

Contact the Village of Bertrand for ticket information 308.472.3455

Live Music provided by Strings Attached

Cash Bar provided by Blue Moose

BERTRAND COMMUNITY BUILDING
405 NELSON ST

Cocktail Attire

Proceeds will go to the Bertrand Aquatic Facility

**NEW YEARS
EVE PLANS?**

**Call today for
tickets!**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

2022

The Pool Committee has been working very hard in preparing an unforgettable night of fun, food, drinks, music and many amazing items to bid on to help raise money for our new swimming pool!

Call today for more info!

308-472-3455



BRENDA JOHNSON

Providing a supportive environment for personal development and growth for others through horse interaction



Seniors

A horse's touch can go a long way with our seniors- increase confidence, reduce stress, help with better emotional awareness, and greater empathy.

Horses bring a joy and companionship to seniors by reducing loneliness, (which has been a major issue in the recent times), increasing sense of purpose, and sparking conversation.

We offer one-on-one sessions and group sessions for all ages, including nursing home residents. We will also do birthday party appearances. We volunteer our time for a children's reading program and other visits.

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Helping those that suffer from stress, anxiety, self-confidence, depression, lack of motivation, ADD, ADHD, and autism.

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- leadership development
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- trust
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- punctuality
- sportsmanship

Bertrand Area Community Fund (BACF)

As 2021 edges to an end, so, too, does the Holthus Hometown Challenge. BACF was challenged to raise \$300,000 by December 31, 2021. Once matched through the generosity of Kelly and Virginia Holthus, this becomes \$450,000.

The community fund committee has found the final 10 percent to be the toughest step, whether because of the pandemic or some other reason. Please consider a gift toward meeting the last \$30,000 of the challenge, and if your employer has a charitable donation matching program, please seek that match as well. We would love to cross the finish line with donations well above the goal!

To ensure adequate processing time, BACF requests that gifts arrive by December 24. With questions, reach out via email to bertrandfoundation@gmail.com. As always, your donation is tax deductible and confidential.

Here's how to give:

- In Person by contacting any member of the advisory committee
- By mail to BACF, P.O. Box 153, Bertrand, NE 68927
- Online through the secure Nebraska Community Foundation portal

At www.nebcommfound.org/give/bertrand-area-community-fund

Fund Advisory Members

Christopher Davison, Chair; Scott Schwarz, Vice Chair; Beverly Hansen, Treasurer; Liz Ford, Secretary; Melissa Vinzant; Alysia Kuck; Karen Nelson; Aryn Schwarz; Colby Gardine; Jessie Olesen.

give2GROW

BACF advisory members wish to thank everyone (individuals and businesses) that graciously supported our fund during the 2021 give2GROW.

Closing

With Thanksgiving only a few days away, we are thankful for family, friends, our caring and supportive Bertrand Area Community. We truly are blessed! May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Beverly Hansen

Bertrand Lions Club

The Bertrand Lions hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving. We would like to say Thank You to all those who donated to the Lions Foundation during the give2Grow event. We would also like to thank everyone who came and supported the Early Bird Breakfast. Hope to see you during the Hallmark Christmas December 4th. Lots of activities planned for that day for the whole family. The Lions will be having a fundraiser raffle to purchase tickets for.

Thank you for supporting the Bertrand Lions this year. We are always looking to add new members! Have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

- Kathy Weber, Bertrand Lions Club

NOTICES

Village of Bertrand Board of Trustees

Upcoming Board Meetings:

**second Tuesday of the month*

December 14, 2021

January 11, 2022

February 8, 2022

7:30 PM at the Village Hall

Board of Trustees:

TJ Wilcox, Bob Dahlgren, Lucas Evans,
Brian Schroeder, and Fred Spiegel



We would like to say THANK YOU to all of the individuals that donated to the Bertrand organizations during *give2GROW*.

Food Pantry

The Village of Bertrand's Food Pantry is located at 507 Minor Avenue. This is available for anyone with a need. Individuals may use this service up to 3 times per year. Please contact the Village Office at 472-3455 with any questions.

Forms for Christmas Boxes through the Phelps Community Pantry are also available at the Village Hall.



2021-2022 Bertrand Blood Drives

*All Blood Drives located at the
Bertrand Community Building*

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Walk Ins Welcome!

**Give the gift of life
Donate blood**



Village Office Closing

The Village Office will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Christmas Eve December 24, 2021

New Year's (observed) January 3, 2022

President's Day February 21, 2022

We will resume normal business hours on the following day.

A Special Thank You

I just wanted to say Thank You to everyone that contributed to this newsletter!

Kathy Weber

Pam Hansen

Marcus Schwarz

Kevin Stehl

Beverly Hansen

Coni Park

Joey Kugler

Vickie Hunt

Lori Vinzant



Thank You

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The generosity of our community members continues to amaze us! We are truly blessed to live in a caring community such as this!

Thanks again!



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-Beverly Hansen

Building/Fence Permits
Adding a fence or adding to your dwelling? Stop by the Village Office for a Building Permit. All Permits are due at the office the 1st Monday of the month for approval.

Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living

To ensure that our Residents have a wonderful Christmas we are asking that our community please help by donating a gift. The giving tree will be located at the Cross Country Market. Stop by and pick an ornament off the tree. Gifts need returned to the Bertrand Nursing Home by December 17th, with the ornament attached.

We would also like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone that donated for *give2Grow* in November!

THANK YOU for your thoughtfulness during this season of giving!

Residents and Staff would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season!



-Joey Kugler, Office Manager



Having troubles with your Yard Waste Card (Dump Card)?

Come see us at the Village Office.

We have improved our system at the site and old cards will no longer be accepted.

We will replace all old cards free of charge.

Office Hours are M-F 7:30 AM-4:30 PM



Bertrand Fire & Rescue Department

The Bertrand Fire Department hosted a Grain Bin Rescue class on September 12 which was sponsored by the Phelps County Mutual Aid Association. 24 firefighters and EMS personnel from Bertrand, Holdrege, Funk, Loomis, and Elwood logged 8 hours of training. The class was taught by Mid Plains Community College of McCook and funded by the former Nebraska Feed and Grain, Phelps Memorial Health Center, Titan Machinery -Holdrege, an anonymous donor, Keri Maloley, and CHS. Lunch for the attendees and instructors was provided by Aurora Coop of Bertrand. We cannot thank our sponsors enough for providing us with this training.

For the last year, members of your fire department have been working to raise funds for an air compressor that will be used to fill air pack tanks and our cascade system. We are happy to report that our goal of \$25,120 has been reached. This is going to be a new acquisition as the department hasn't had one in the past. We wish to thank all who gave to support this project and the agencies that provided us with grants.

Nearly 7 in 10 firefighters in the United States are volunteer firefighters. If you live in almost any small town in America, your local fire department is more than likely staffed with volunteers. Volunteer firefighters are crucial to emergency response capabilities for those communities but there is a growing shortage of volunteer firefighters that has many fire chiefs across the county scrambling to recruit new volunteers. The major contributing factor to the volunteer firefighter shortage is quite simple. It is hard to recruit candidates when the job will inevitably not pay what their work is worth. Most volunteer firefighters has full-time jobs, so the idea of taking on another full-time job with little to no pay is a hurdle volunteer fire departments have had to deal with for years. Other reasons for the shortage aren't as obvious but illustrate how the fire service profession has evolved over the last few decades. Today, firefighters respond to more medical calls for service than any other emergency call. The allure of being a volunteer firefighters may lose its luster as candidates realize that the job may be far less exciting than they imagined.

Furthermore, the requirements to become a firefighter have become tougher and requires a major commitment of time for training. Fire departments are aging and it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit young people. Right now, the Bertrand department as 24 members on a 30 person roster, 6 of which are EMT's. Thirty years ago, we had 18 EMT's on a full 25 person roster. Please consider supporting your community by becoming an EMT or volunteer firefighter. Contact Kevin Stehl at 308-991-4574 for more information.

-Kevin Stehl, Fire Chief



Santa Claus will be visiting the Bertrand Fire Hall December 4th from 2pm -4pm!

There will be fire truck rides for a fun-filled afternoon with Santa and the members of Bertrand Fire Department.

If you can't fly,
then run,
If you can't run,
then walk,
If you can't walk,
then crawl,
But by all means,
keep moving.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day,
January 17, 2022



OPEN HEARTS — OPEN ARMS

Sunday June 27th, 2021

Community Worship 2021

Hosted by Adullam and Immanuel

Would like to Thank You...

Our thanks and appreciation to all the community contributors and the Ministerial Association for the offering from the Community Fair Church Service. This is a blessing for so many of those in our community who need our help in an emergency situation. May God Bless all of you.

- The Bertrand Community Benevolent Fund



Bertrand ❄️ **Hallmark Christmas**

Saturday, December 4, 2021

❄️ **Downtown Bertrand 2pm-5pm** ❄️

Bertrand Community Building 4:30-8

Santa & Fire Truck Rides

@ Bertrand Fire Hall
2pm-4pm

Special Appearances



**Snowman
Reindeer
Elf**

Snacks & Raffles

@ Bertrand City Hall

**Christmas Tree Walk
& Soup Dinner**

@ Bertrand Community Building
4:30-8:00 PM

Christmas Story Reading

@ Bertrand Community Building
6:00-8:00 PM

Christmas Tree Lighting

@ Veterans Park at dusk!

**Christmas Cookie
Decorating for Kids**

@ Bertrand Senior Center

KID ACTIVITIES

@ The Gallery, Divine Boutique,
Pretty & Fabulous, Studio 607

Shopping

@ Local Businesses

Extended Hours - Specials - Drawings

For More Details

❄️ **Check out Facebook**

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1st ANNUAL

New Year's Eve Celebration

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 6PM

LIVE MUSIC • DINNER •
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

GENERAL ADMISSION \$50 per person

Contact the Village Office for reserved table information

Contact the Village of Bertrand for ticket information 308.472.3455

Live Music provided by Strings Attached

Cash Bar provided by Blue Moose

BERTRAND COMMUNITY BUILDING
405 NELSON ST

Cocktail Attire

Proceeds will go to the Bertrand Aquatic Facility

**NEW YEARS
EVE PLANS?**

**Call today for
tickets!**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

2022

The Pool Committee has been working very hard in preparing an unforgettable night of fun, food, drinks, music and many amazing items to bid on to help raise money for our new swimming pool!

Call today for more info!

308-472-3455



BRENDA JOHNSON

Providing a supportive environment for personal development and growth for others through horse interaction



Seniors

A horse's touch can go a long way with our seniors- increase confidence, reduce stress, help with better emotional awareness, and greater empathy.

Horses bring a joy and companionship to seniors by reducing loneliness, (which has been a major issue in the recent times), increasing sense of purpose, and sparking conversation.

We offer one-on-one sessions and group sessions for all ages, including nursing home residents. We will also do birthday party appearances. We volunteer our time for a children's reading program and other visits.

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Bertrand Area Community Fund (BACF)

As 2021 edges to an end, so, too, does the Holthus Hometown Challenge. BACF was challenged to raise \$300,000 by December 31, 2021. Once matched through the generosity of Kelly and Virginia Holthus, this becomes \$450,000.

The community fund committee has found the final 10 percent to be the toughest step, whether because of the pandemic or some other reason. Please consider a gift toward meeting the last \$30,000 of the challenge, and if your employer has a charitable donation matching program, please seek that match as well. We would love to cross the finish line with donations well above the goal!

To ensure adequate processing time, BACF requests that gifts arrive by December 24. With questions, reach out via email to bertrandfoundation@gmail.com. As always, your donation is tax deductible and confidential.

Here's how to give:

- In Person by contacting any member of the advisory committee
- By mail to BACF, P.O. Box 153, Bertrand, NE 68927
- Online through the secure Nebraska Community Foundation portal

At www.nebcommfound.org/give/bertrand-area-community-fund

Fund Advisory Members

Christopher Davison, Chair; Scott Schwarz, Vice Chair; Beverly Hansen, Treasurer; Liz Ford, Secretary; Melissa Vinzant; Alysia Kuck; Karen Nelson; Aryn Schwarz; Colby Gardine; Jessie Olesen.

give2GROW

BACF advisory members wish to thank everyone (individuals and businesses) that graciously supported our fund during the 2021 give2GROW.

Closing

With Thanksgiving only a few days away, we are thankful for family, friends, our caring and supportive Bertrand Area Community. We truly are blessed! May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Beverly Hansen

Bertrand Lions Club

The Bertrand Lions hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving. We would like to say Thank You to all those who donated to the Lions Foundation during the give2Grow event. We would also like to thank everyone who came and supported the Early Bird Breakfast. Hope to see you during the Hallmark Christmas December 4th. Lots of activities planned for that day for the whole family. The Lions will be having a fundraiser raffle to purchase tickets for.

Thank you for supporting the Bertrand Lions this year. We are always looking to add new members! Have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

- Kathy Weber, Bertrand Lions Club

NOTICES

Village of Bertrand Board of Trustees

Upcoming Board Meetings:

**second Tuesday of the month*

December 14, 2021

January 11, 2022

February 8, 2022

7:30 PM at the Village Hall

Board of Trustees:

TJ Wilcox, Bob Dahlgren, Lucas Evans,
Brian Schroeder, and Fred Spiegel



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Food Pantry

The Village of Bertrand's Food Pantry is located at 507 Minor Avenue. This is available for anyone with a need. Individuals may use this service up to 3 times per year. Please contact the Village Office at 472-3455 with any questions.

Forms for Christmas Boxes through the Phelps Community Pantry are also available at the Village Hall.



2021-2022 Bertrand Blood Drives

*All Blood Drives located at the
Bertrand Community Building*

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Walk Ins Welcome!

**Give the gift of life
Donate blood**



Village Office Closing

The Village Office will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Christmas Eve December 24, 2021

New Year's (observed) January 3, 2022

President's Day February 21, 2022

We will resume normal business hours on the following day.

A Special Thank You

I just wanted to say Thank You to everyone that contributed to this newsletter!

Kathy Weber

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Marcus Schwarz

Kevin Stehl

Beverly Hansen

Coni Park

Joey Kugler

Vickie Hunt

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Thank You

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The generosity of our community members continues to amaze us! We are truly blessed to live in a caring community such as this!

Thanks again!



Wishing you
a season of gladness,
a season of cheer,
and to top it all off -
a wonderful year.

From the
Village of Bertrand
Board of Trustees
and Staff

NEWSLETTER



Village of Bertrand

December 2021

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my jo, for auld lang syne,

We'll tak' cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

Every New Year's Eve, the streets ring with this lilting song. Sweet, nostalgic, hopeful: "Auld Lang Syne" has become an absolute tradition in New Year's Eve celebrations. And so, we sing. Or at least, we sing the first couple of lines and then politely mumble the rest into our champagne glasses. But did you know some of these traditions exist for New Year's Eve as well...

- ◆ Dressing Up. When you look back photos of generations past, you see that everyone is dressed to the nines! And realistically, what better occasion than New Year's to break out a cocktail dress or a suit?
- ◆ Eat New Year's Food. Different cultures consider certain foods to be fortuitous for the New Year's, especially when eaten right as the clock strikes. In Chile, it's lentils. While in Spain, it's 12 white grapes. In case you want to indulge in pretzels or donuts, some cultures believe ring-shaped foods represent coming full circle. And on New Year's Day, the traditional Southern spread consist of black-eyed peas and collard greens (symbols for wealth), ham or pork (prosperity), and cornbread (gold).
- ◆ Toast With a Traditional Drink. Sure, champagne has become New Year's Eve drink of choice. But back in the day, people have clinked coupes with *wassail*, a special cider-like punch with English origins; a "hot pint", the Scottish spin; or mulled wine, Holland's traditional drink.
- ◆ Make Some Noise. There's a long-standing tradition of starting the new year off with a bang. Only, instead of shooting guns as was common in the American colonies, people also blow horns, ring bells, and set off fireworks.

So... let's ring in 2022 with these long-standing traditions! Please join us for the New Year's Eve pool fundraiser on December 31, 2021, at the Bertrand Community Building. Break out those glittery cocktail dresses or throw on a tie to dance the night away with a live band, provided by Strings Attached. We won't have donuts on hand, but we will be serving a prime rib dinner with goodies for dessert! So that we may all toast with a traditional drink, a bottle of champagne will be provided for every table. And don't worry, we will also provide party hats and necklaces! But we won't be providing fireworks. Sorry!

And for the really fun part... there will be a live auction including a fishing trip to Wisconsin, a hand-made fire pit, and a mystery item worth over \$500. There will be a silent auction including a Ring doorbell, electric scooters, coolers, gift baskets, homemade goodies, and tools. We even have a 70" Vizio TV that will be raffled off. If you purchase a VIP table, you are entered into when a trip voucher for \$3,000! There are so many more items (but I don't have enough room to list them all). Contact the Village Office to purchase tickets for this amazing event. They are selling quick!

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer

WINTER AND SNOW PREPARATION

-Marcus Schwarz

Well, summer and fall have come and gone. And now it is time for us to start preparing for the winter ahead. We all know, here in Nebraska, winters can get a little rough and very unpredictable. So we try to be prepared at all times to have the streets cleared and safe for the community to drive on.

In preparing for winter, there are a number of things we try to do to be sure things run smooth and as effective as possible, such as servicing all vehicles that will be used in moving and removing snow, applying snow wax in all dump trucks to allow for snow to slide out, and installing a good set of chains for the road grader to get through heavy covered areas.

For us and the community, it is best to start clearing snow early in the morning to avoid traffic and to allow many of the priority streets, Fire Hall pad, and Nursing Home to be cleared and ready for everyone. We do ask that you remove vehicles from the side of the roads to give us a chance to clear as much snow as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Also, we ask that you please remove any low hanging trees that are above sidewalks and hanging over the street. THANK YOU!!

We have a set of Emergency Snow Routes and a few priority streets that we like to clear first. Here is the list of streets and places:

Nursing Home

Fire Department Pad

Minor Avenue—Business District

Kellogg Avenue

Kossuth Street—East Towards Highway 23

Kennett Street

Minor Avenue—South

Medina Avenue—South

School Street

Please know that we try to clear all streets in a timely matter. Thank you for working with us! Everyone have a safe winter.

SIDEWALKS AND PARKED CARS

When cleaning your sidewalks and driveways, please do not put the snow in the street! You need to put it on your yard. When putting it in the street, you are making it harder for the Street Department to get things cleaned up. By piling snow in your curb line, you are creating drainage issues which can lead to icing and street damage.

If you do not want your vehicle buried in the snow by the snow removal crew, please move your vehicle as soon as possible so that the snow can be removed in front of your house without causing stress for anyone.

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Annual Treasurer's Report

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Bertrand Area Community Fund (BACF)

As 2021 edges to an end, so, too, does the Holthus Hometown Challenge. BACF was challenged to raise \$300,000 by December 31, 2021. Once matched through the generosity of Kelly and Virginia Holthus, this becomes \$450,000.

The community fund committee has found the final 10 percent to be the toughest step, whether because of the pandemic or some other reason. Please consider a gift toward meeting the last \$30,000 of the challenge, and if your employer has a charitable donation matching program, please seek that match as well. We would love to cross the finish line with donations well above the goal!

To ensure adequate processing time, BACF requests that gifts arrive by December 24. With questions, reach out via email to bertrandfoundation@gmail.com. As always, your donation is tax deductible and confidential.

Here's how to give:

- In Person by contacting any member of the advisory committee
- By mail to BACF, P.O. Box 153, Bertrand, NE 68927
- Online through the secure Nebraska Community Foundation portal

At www.nebcommfound.org/give/bertrand-area-community-fund

Fund Advisory Members

Christopher Davison, Chair; Scott Schwarz, Vice Chair; Beverly Hansen, Treasurer; Liz Ford, Secretary; Melissa Vinzant; Alysia Kuck; Karen Nelson; Aryn Schwarz; Colby Gardine; Jessie Olesen.

give2GROW

BACF advisory members wish to thank everyone (individuals and businesses) that graciously supported our fund during the 2021 give2GROW.

Closing

With Thanksgiving only a few days away, we are thankful for family, friends, our caring and supportive Bertrand Area Community. We truly are blessed! May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Beverly Hansen

Bertrand Lions Club

The Bertrand Lions hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving. We would like to say Thank You to all those who donated to the Lions Foundation during the give2Grow event. We would also like to thank everyone who came and supported the Early Bird Breakfast. Hope to see you during the Hallmark Christmas December 4th. Lots of activities planned for that day for the whole family. The Lions will be having a fundraiser raffle to purchase tickets for.

Thank you for supporting the Bertrand Lions this year. We are always looking to add new members! Have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

- Kathy Weber, Bertrand Lions Club

NOTICES

Village of Bertrand Board of Trustees

Upcoming Board Meetings:

**second Tuesday of the month*

December 14, 2021

January 11, 2022

February 8, 2022

7:30 PM at the Village Hall

Board of Trustees:

TJ Wilcox, Bob Dahlgren, Lucas Evans,
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Food Pantry

The Village of Bertrand's Food Pantry is located at 507 Minor Avenue. This is available for anyone with a need. Individuals may use this service up to 3 times per year. Please contact the Village Office at 472-3455 with any questions.

Forms for Christmas Boxes through the Phelps Community Pantry are also available at the Village Hall.



2021-2022 Bertrand Blood Drives

*All Blood Drives located at the
Bertrand Community Building*

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

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Walk Ins Welcome!

**Give the gift of life
Donate blood**



Village Office Closing

The Village Office will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Christmas Eve December 24, 2021

New Year's (observed) January 3, 2022

President's Day February 21, 2022

We will resume normal business hours on the following day.

A Special Thank You

I just wanted to say Thank You to everyone that contributed to this newsletter!

Kathy Weber

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Thank You

The Village of Bertrand would like to express our appreciation for every donation that was raised during give2Grow on November 18, 2021. These donations will go a long way to support the new swimming pool project.

The generosity of our community members continues to amaze us! We are truly blessed to live in a caring community such as this!

Thanks again!



Wishing you
a season of gladness,
a season of cheer,
and to top it all off -
a wonderful year.

From the
Village of Bertrand
Board of Trustees
and Staff

NEWSLETTER



Village of Bertrand

December 2021

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my jo, for auld lang syne,

We'll tak' cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

Every New Year's Eve, the streets ring with this lilting song. Sweet, nostalgic, hopeful: "Auld Lang Syne" has become an absolute tradition in New Year's Eve celebrations. And so, we sing. Or at least, we sing the first couple of lines and then politely mumble the rest into our champagne glasses. But did you know some of these traditions exist for New Year's Eve as well...

- ◆ Dressing Up. When you look back photos of generations past, you see that everyone is dressed to the nines! And realistically, what better occasion than New Year's to break out a cocktail dress or a suit?
- ◆ Eat New Year's Food. Different cultures consider certain foods to be fortuitous for the New Year's, especially when eaten right as the clock strikes. In Chile, it's lentils. While in Spain, it's 12 white grapes. In case you want to indulge in pretzels or donuts, some cultures believe ring-shaped foods represent coming full circle. And on New Year's Day, the traditional Southern spread consist of black-eyed peas and collard greens (symbols for wealth), ham or pork (prosperity), and cornbread (gold).
- ◆ Toast With a Traditional Drink. Sure, champagne has become New Year's Eve drink of choice. But back in the day, people have clinked coupes with *wassail*, a special cider-like punch with English origins; a "hot pint", the Scottish spin; or mulled wine, Holland's traditional drink.
- ◆ Make Some Noise. There's a long-standing tradition of starting the new year off with a bang. Only, instead of shooting guns as was common in the American colonies, people also blow horns, ring bells, and set off fireworks.

So... let's ring in 2022 with these long-standing traditions! Please join us for the New Year's Eve pool fundraiser on December 31, 2021, at the Bertrand Community Building. Break out those glittery cocktail dresses or throw on a tie to dance the night away with a live band, provided by Strings Attached. We won't have donuts on hand, but we will be serving a prime rib dinner with goodies for dessert! So that we may all toast with a traditional drink, a bottle of champagne will be provided for every table. And don't worry, we will also provide party hats and necklaces! But we won't be providing fireworks. Sorry!

And for the really fun part... there will be a live auction including a fishing trip to Wisconsin, a hand-made fire pit, and a mystery item worth over \$500. There will be a silent auction including a Ring doorbell, electric scooters, coolers, gift baskets, homemade goodies, and tools. We even have a 70" Vizio TV that will be raffled off. If you purchase a VIP table, you are entered into when a trip voucher for \$3,000! There are so many more items (but I don't have enough room to list them all). Contact the Village Office to purchase tickets for this amazing event. They are selling quick!

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer

WINTER AND SNOW PREPARATION

-Marcus Schwarz

Well, summer and fall have come and gone. And now it is time for us to start preparing for the winter ahead. We all know, here in Nebraska, winters can get a little rough and very unpredictable. So we try to be prepared at all times to have the streets cleared and safe for the community to drive on.

In preparing for winter, there are a number of things we try to do to be sure things run smooth and as effective as possible, such as servicing all vehicles that will be used in moving and removing snow, applying snow wax in all dump trucks to allow for snow to slide out, and installing a good set of chains for the road grader to get through heavy covered areas.

For us and the community, it is best to start clearing snow early in the morning to avoid traffic and to allow many of the priority streets, Fire Hall pad, and Nursing Home to be cleared and ready for everyone. We do ask that you remove vehicles from the side of the roads to give us a chance to clear as much snow as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Also, we ask that you please remove any low hanging trees that are above sidewalks and hanging over the street. THANK YOU!!

We have a set of Emergency Snow Routes and a few priority streets that we like to clear first. Here is the list of streets and places:

Nursing Home

Fire Department Pad

Minor Avenue—Business District

Kellogg Avenue

Kossuth Street—East Towards Highway 23

Kennett Street

Minor Avenue—South

Medina Avenue—South

School Street

Please know that we try to clear all streets in a timely matter. Thank you for working with us! Everyone have a safe winter.

SIDEWALKS AND PARKED CARS

When cleaning your sidewalks and driveways, please do not put the snow in the street! You need to put it on your yard. When putting it in the street, you are making it harder for the Street Department to get things cleaned up. By piling snow in your curb line, you are creating drainage issues which can lead to icing and street damage.

If you do not want your vehicle buried in the snow by the snow removal crew, please move your vehicle as soon as possible so that the snow can be removed in front of your house without causing stress for anyone.

The Village does not clean sidewalks or driveways.



Annual Treasurer's Report

Village of Bertrand			Bertrand Nursing Home/Assisted Living		
Cash Balance on Hand	10/1/2020	\$2,891,137.00	Cash Balance on Hand	7/1/2020	\$340,099.00
RECEIPTS:			RECEIPTS:		
Property Tax/Motor Vehicle/Equalization, Etc.		\$372,299.02	Nursing Home Income		\$1,454,124.00
Highway Allocation		120,835.61	Assisted Living Income		314,989.00
Fees/Permits/Licenses/Other Tax		36,787.50	Interest Income		486.00
Water/Sewer/Garbage		373,280.88	Donations		5,432.00
Lease Pymts (Cellular One/Southern Power)		105,417.81	CARES Act Grant Receipts		74,908.00
Franchise Tax (Black Hills Energy/Charter)		9,069.45	Nebraska Stabilization Grants		<u>50,000.00</u>
Local Sales Tax Receipts		139,897.42	TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,899,939.00
Grants/ARP Funds		81,242.16			
Pool Project		—	DISBURSEMENTS:		
Other Income		<u>375,762.06</u>	Salaries/Benefits		1,076,236.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,614,591.91	Operating Expense		746,016.00
DISBURSEMENTS:			Supplies		143,396.00
Salaries/Benefits		\$317,288.30	Note Payment & Interest Expense		36,509.00
Operating Expense		310,258.82	Purchase of Equipment		<u>54,772.00</u>
Supplies		24,717.08	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		2,056,929.00
Capital Outlay		197,964.53			
Debt Service		300,260.27	Cash Balance on Hand	6/30/2021	\$183,109.00
Grants/ARP Funds		12,456.38			
Pool Project		<u>475,724.07</u>			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,638,669.45			
Cash Balance on Hand	9/30/2021	\$2,867,059.46			

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December 4	Bertrand Hallmark Christmas
December 21	First Day of Winter
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Year's Day
January 4	National Spaghetti Day
January 17	Martin Luther King Day
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 21	President's Day

Bertrand Area Chamber

wishes you



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Bertrand Craft Show and Café 2021 was a big success. Thank you to all the volunteers for all your help with setup, preparing food and cleanup. Thank you to the vendors for being a part of this years event and bringing all the wonderful products. Thank you to the shoppers for supporting the vendors and the café. We can't wait to see you all next year on October 15th, 2022. If you have any questions, please call Pamela Hansen at 308-991-3318.

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~Pamela Hansen and the Bertrand Ag Society



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Young at Heart Senior Center

As the holiday season approaches, we all find ourselves busy, busy, busy. Like many other employers, Young at Heart Senior Center is lacking personnel. That will be having an effect on how much involvement you see from the Senior Center in the community during the holiday season. **Starting Monday, November 29th, we will closed on Mondays.** It is our hope that we will be able to open 5 days a week again after the first of the year. During this time, we would greatly appreciate any and all volunteer support. If you are willing to help with cooking or kitchen clean-up after a lunch, help with some cleaning or provide your support in any other way, please contact Coni at 472-5010. Regardless of our currant staffing issue, it is our plan to continue to support the downtown Bertrand activities during the holiday season. Our normal participation in the Ladies Night Out will be followed by sugar cookies to decorate being available for the first 250 kids who in during Bertrand's Hallmark Family Christmas on Saturday December 4th. Then we will host our **Annual Bake Sale on Thursday, December 16th and Friday, December 17th from 8am to 2pm both days.** In addition to helping support us by coming in during these activities, we would love to see you all for a lunch or two to volunteer your time or talents.

-Coni Park, Manager



Bertrand Area Christmas Gift Project



Bertrand area groups and churches invite you to participate in the 8th annual Bertrand Area Community Gift Project to help Bertrand students and their families who are in need. This project is supported by many Bertrand area churches and community groups with the focus on Bertrand area students and their families in need of children’s winter clothing, simple children’s Christmas gifts, and a simple holiday family meal. Brightly-colored gift tags with simple gift requests for the children of the families who participate in this project are on Christmas trees or bulletin boards in many Bertrand area churches. The gifts are donated by the participating Bertrand Area churches. A traditional family holiday meal is funded by Bertrand area groups through this project.

Anyone wishing to donate a gift to the Bertrand Area Community Christmas (Gift) Project may:

1. Take a brightly-colored gift tag off of a tree or bulletin board at a church, ect. Marked with a “Bertrand Area Christmas (Gift) Project” sign, for people to see the description of the project (you’re welcome to include this note, also)
2. Select and wrap the gift listed on the tag, (see info on reverse of tag, for reminders)
3. Gather the gifts at the church, then have a group bring the wrapped gifts to Immanuel Church with all the gift tags attached and gift receipts enclosed for clothing items (in case a size-exchange is needed) by Sunday, Dec. 13, after 11:45am (after church service)

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- ◆ Dressing Up. When you look back photos of generations past, you see that everyone is dressed to the nines! And realistically, what better occasion than New Year's to break out a cocktail dress or a suit?
- ◆ Eat New Year's Food. Different cultures consider certain foods to be fortuitous for the New Year's, especially when eaten right as the clock strikes. In Chile, it's lentils. While in Spain, it's 12 white grapes. In case you want to indulge in pretzels or donuts, some cultures believe ring-shaped foods represent coming full circle. And on New Year's Day, the traditional Southern spread consist of black-eyed peas and collard greens (symbols for wealth), ham or pork (prosperity), and cornbread (gold).
- ◆ Toast With a Traditional Drink. Sure, champagne has become New Year's Eve drink of choice. But back in the day, people have clinked coupes with *wassail*, a special cider-like punch with English origins; a "hot pint", the Scottish spin; or mulled wine, Holland's traditional drink.
- ◆ Make Some Noise. There's a long-standing tradition of starting the new year off with a bang. Only, instead of shooting guns as was common in the American colonies, people also blow horns, ring bells, and set off fireworks.

So... let's ring in 2022 with these long-standing traditions! Please join us for the New Year's Eve pool fundraiser on December 31, 2021, at the Bertrand Community Building. Break out those glittery cocktail dresses or throw on a tie to dance the night away with a live band, provided by Strings Attached. We won't have donuts on hand, but we will be serving a prime rib dinner with goodies for dessert! So that we may all toast with a traditional drink, a bottle of champagne will be provided for every table. And don't worry, we will also provide party hats and necklaces! But we won't be providing fireworks. Sorry!

And for the really fun part... there will be a live auction including a fishing trip to Wisconsin, a hand-made fire pit, and a mystery item worth over \$500. There will be a silent auction including a Ring doorbell, electric scooters, coolers, gift baskets, homemade goodies, and tools. We even have a 70" Vizio TV that will be raffled off. If you purchase a VIP table, you are entered into when a trip voucher for \$3,000! There are so many more items (but I don't have enough room to list them all). Contact the Village Office to purchase tickets for this amazing event. They are selling quick!

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer

WINTER AND SNOW PREPARATION

-Marcus Schwarz

Well, summer and fall have come and gone. And now it is time for us to start preparing for the winter ahead. We all know, here in Nebraska, winters can get a little rough and very unpredictable. So we try to be prepared at all times to have the streets cleared and safe for the community to drive on.

In preparing for winter, there are a number of things we try to do to be sure things run smooth and as effective as possible, such as servicing all vehicles that will be used in moving and removing snow, applying snow wax in all dump trucks to allow for snow to slide out, and installing a good set of chains for the road grader to get through heavy covered areas.

For us and the community, it is best to start clearing snow early in the morning to avoid traffic and to allow many of the priority streets, Fire Hall pad, and Nursing Home to be cleared and ready for everyone. We do ask that you remove vehicles from the side of the roads to give us a chance to clear as much snow as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Also, we ask that you please remove any low hanging trees that are above sidewalks and hanging over the street. THANK YOU!!

We have a set of Emergency Snow Routes and a few priority streets that we like to clear first. Here is the list of streets and places:

Nursing Home

Fire Department Pad

Minor Avenue—Business District

Kellogg Avenue

Kossuth Street—East Towards Highway 23

Kennett Street

Minor Avenue—South

Medina Avenue—South

School Street

Please know that we try to clear all streets in a timely matter. Thank you for working with us! Everyone have a safe winter.

SIDEWALKS AND PARKED CARS

When cleaning your sidewalks and driveways, please do not put the snow in the street! You need to put it on your yard. When putting it in the street, you are making it harder for the Street Department to get things cleaned up. By piling snow in your curb line, you are creating drainage issues which can lead to icing and street damage.

If you do not want your vehicle buried in the snow by the snow removal crew, please move your vehicle as soon as possible so that the snow can be removed in front of your house without causing stress for anyone.

The Village does not clean sidewalks or driveways.



Annual Treasurer's Report

Village of Bertrand			Bertrand Nursing Home/Assisted Living		
Cash Balance on Hand	10/1/2020	\$2,891,137.00	Cash Balance on Hand	7/1/2020	\$340,099.00
RECEIPTS:			RECEIPTS:		
Property Tax/Motor Vehicle/Equalization, Etc.		\$372,299.02	Nursing Home Income		\$1,454,124.00
Highway Allocation		120,835.61	Assisted Living Income		314,989.00
Fees/Permits/Licenses/Other Tax		36,787.50	Interest Income		486.00
Water/Sewer/Garbage		373,280.88	Donations		5,432.00
Lease Pymts (Cellular One/Southern Power)		105,417.81	CARES Act Grant Receipts		74,908.00
Franchise Tax (Black Hills Energy/Charter)		9,069.45	Nebraska Stabilization Grants		<u>50,000.00</u>
Local Sales Tax Receipts		139,897.42	TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,899,939.00
Grants/ARP Funds		81,242.16			
Pool Project		—	DISBURSEMENTS:		
Other Income		<u>375,762.06</u>	Salaries/Benefits		1,076,236.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,614,591.91	Operating Expense		746,016.00
			Supplies		143,396.00
DISBURSEMENTS:			Note Payment & Interest Expense		36,509.00
Salaries/Benefits		\$317,288.30	Purchase of Equipment		<u>54,772.00</u>
Operating Expense		310,258.82	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		2,056,929.00
Supplies		24,717.08			
Capital Outlay		197,964.53	Cash Balance on Hand	6/30/2021	\$183,109.00
Debt Service		300,260.27			
Grants/ARP Funds		12,456.38			
Pool Project		<u>475,724.07</u>			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,638,669.45			
Cash Balance on Hand	9/30/2021	\$2,867,059.46			

Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer

December 4	Bertrand Hallmark Christmas
December 21	First Day of Winter
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Year's Day
January 4	National Spaghetti Day
January 17	Martin Luther King Day
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 21	President's Day

Bertrand Area Chamber

wishes you



Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year.

Bertrand Ag Society

Bertrand Craft Show and Café 2021 was a big success. Thank you to all the volunteers for all your help with setup, preparing food and cleanup. Thank you to the vendors for being a part of this years event and bringing all the wonderful products. Thank you to the shoppers for supporting the vendors and the café. We can't wait to see you all next year on October 15th, 2022. If you have any questions, please call Pamela Hansen at 308-991-3318.

The Christmas Tree Walk is right around the corner. This year we are working with all the organizations here to make one amazing & blessed day for everyone. The Bertrand Ag Society will start serving at 4:30 pm and end at 8 pm on December 4th in the Community Building. We will be serving chicken noodle soup, chili, hot dogs, polish dogs and many desserts for an on site suggested donation. Then at 7pm Pastor Noah Tyler is going to read the Christmas Story to all those that want to attend! We will have decorated Christmas trees on display for everyone to enjoy. If you would like more information about decorating a tree, please contact Kami Ackerman at 308-991-2447.

Project updates: we have received \$15,000 in grants to help with the repair of the Bertrand Community Building roof! WAHOO! Tillotson is going to be doing the repairs which will hopefully start early spring depending on the weather. Our total estimate to repair the roof is \$17,819. We are already in the planning stages of addressing the sidewalk on the north side of the community building.

We all hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

~Pamela Hansen and the Bertrand Ag Society



15th Annual Christmas Tree Walk
Christmas Tree Display and Soup Supper
(part of the Hallmark Christmas)
December 4, 2021 4pm-8pm
Bertrand Community Building

Young at Heart Senior Center

As the holiday season approaches, we all find ourselves busy, busy, busy. Like many other employers, Young at Heart Senior Center is lacking personnel. That will be having an effect on how much involvement you see from the Senior Center in the community during the holiday season. **Starting Monday, November 29th, we will closed on Mondays.** It is our hope that we will be able to open 5 days a week again after the first of the year. During this time, we would greatly appreciate any and all volunteer support. If you are willing to help with cooking or kitchen clean-up after a lunch, help with some cleaning or provide your support in any other way, please contact Coni at 472-5010. Regardless of our currant staffing issue, it is our plan to continue to support the downtown Bertrand activities during the holiday season. Our normal participation in the Ladies Night Out will be followed by sugar cookies to decorate being available for the first 250 kids who in during Bertrand's Hallmark Family Christmas on Saturday December 4th. Then we will host our **Annual Bake Sale on Thursday, December 16th and Friday, December 17th from 8am to 2pm both days.** In addition to helping support us by coming in during these activities, we would love to see you all for a lunch or two to volunteer your time or talents.

-Coni Park, Manager



Bertrand Area Christmas Gift Project



Bertrand area groups and churches invite you to participate in the 8th annual Bertrand Area Community Gift Project to help Bertrand students and their families who are in need. This project is supported by many Bertrand area churches and community groups with the focus on Bertrand area students and their families in need of children’s winter clothing, simple children’s Christmas gifts, and a simple holiday family meal. Brightly-colored gift tags with simple gift requests for the children of the families who participate in this project are on Christmas trees or bulletin boards in many Bertrand area churches. The gifts are donated by the participating Bertrand Area churches. A traditional family holiday meal is funded by Bertrand area groups through this project.

Anyone wishing to donate a gift to the Bertrand Area Community Christmas (Gift) Project may:

1. Take a brightly-colored gift tag off of a tree or bulletin board at a church, ect. Marked with a “Bertrand Area Christmas (Gift) Project” sign, for people to see the description of the project (you’re welcome to include this note, also)
2. Select and wrap the gift listed on the tag, (see info on reverse of tag, for reminders)
3. Gather the gifts at the church, then have a group bring the wrapped gifts to Immanuel Church with all the gift tags attached and gift receipts enclosed for clothing items (in case a size-exchange is needed) by Sunday, Dec. 13, after 11:45am (after church service)

Gifts taken to Immanuel will be sorted and organized into the participating families after 11:45am on Sunday, December 13.

Most Bertrand families in need are two-parent families with two low-income jobs that do not sufficiently support the family. (Therefore, the family qualifies for free/reduced school meals.)

Please help these families doing their best to try to take care of their children by donating simple gifts (see gift tags on tree), or by donating funds towards a simple traditional holiday meal and household items.

Please contact Janice Gengenbach at (308)325-1268 if interested in donating funds towards purchase of food. Bulk purchasing is planned and has started for most effective use of funds donated.

Last year’s project was a big success due to the generosity of the community with providing Christmas gifts for children in our area who are in need. The simple gifts and food were much appreciated by all families involved! If there are questions, please call or text Kim Johnson at (308)991-2372. Thank you to all who are helping with the Bertrand Area Christmas Project!

-Beverly Hansen

Building/Fence Permits
Adding a fence or adding to your dwelling? Stop by the Village Office for a Building Permit. All Permits are due at the office the 1st Monday of the month for approval.

Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living

To ensure that our Residents have a wonderful Christmas we are asking that our community please help by donating a gift. The giving tree will be located at the Cross Country Market. Stop by and pick an ornament off the tree. Gifts need returned to the Bertrand Nursing Home by December 17th, with the ornament attached.

We would also like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone that donated for *give2Grow* in November!

THANK YOU for your thoughtfulness during this season of giving!

Residents and Staff would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season!



-Joey Kugler, Office Manager



Having troubles with your Yard Waste Card (Dump Card)?

Come see us at the Village Office.

We have improved our system at the site and old cards will no longer be accepted.

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Bertrand Fire & Rescue Department

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For the last year, members of your fire department have been working to raise funds for an air compressor that will be used to fill air pack tanks and our cascade system. We are happy to report that our goal of \$25,120 has been reached. This is going to be a new acquisition as the department hasn't had one in the past. We wish to thank all who gave to support this project and the agencies that provided us with grants.

Nearly 7 in 10 firefighters in the United States are volunteer firefighters. If you live in almost any small town in America, your local fire department is more than likely staffed with volunteers. Volunteer firefighters are crucial to emergency response capabilities for those communities but there is a growing shortage of volunteer firefighters that has many fire chiefs across the county scrambling to recruit new volunteers. The major contributing factor to the volunteer firefighter shortage is quite simple. It is hard to recruit candidates when the job will inevitably not pay what their work is worth. Most volunteer firefighters has full-time jobs, so the idea of taking on another full-time job with little to no pay is a hurdle volunteer fire departments have had to deal with for years. Other reasons for the shortage aren't as obvious but illustrate how the fire service profession has evolved over the last few decades. Today, firefighters respond to more medical calls for service than any other emergency call. The allure of being a volunteer firefighters may lose its luster as candidates realize that the job may be far less exciting than they imagined.

Furthermore, the requirements to become a firefighter have become tougher and requires a major commitment of time for training. Fire departments are aging and it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit young people. Right now, the Bertrand department as 24 members on a 30 person roster, 6 of which are EMT's. Thirty years ago, we had 18 EMT's on a full 25 person roster. Please consider supporting your community by becoming an EMT or volunteer firefighter. Contact Kevin Stehl at 308-991-4574 for more information.

-Kevin Stehl, Fire Chief



Santa Claus will be visiting the Bertrand Fire Hall December 4th from 2pm -4pm!

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Sunday June 27th, 2021

Community Worship 2021

Hosted by Adullam and Immanuel

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- The Bertrand Community Benevolent Fund



Bertrand ❄️ **Hallmark Christmas**

Saturday, December 4, 2021

❄️ **Downtown Bertrand 2pm-5pm** ❄️

Bertrand Community Building 4:30-8

Santa & Fire Truck Rides

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❄️ **Christmas Tree Lighting**

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Special Appearances



**Snowman
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Elf**

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@ Bertrand Senior Center

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KID ACTIVITIES

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For More Details

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Supplies		24,717.08			
Capital Outlay		197,964.53	Cash Balance on Hand	6/30/2021	\$183,109.00
Debt Service		300,260.27			
Grants/ARP Funds		12,456.38			
Pool Project		<u>475,724.07</u>			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,638,669.45			
Cash Balance on Hand	9/30/2021	\$2,867,059.46			

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December 4	Bertrand Hallmark Christmas
December 21	First Day of Winter
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January 17	Martin Luther King Day
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February 21	President's Day

Bertrand Area Chamber

wishes you



Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year.

Bertrand Ag Society

Bertrand Craft Show and Café 2021 was a big success. Thank you to all the volunteers for all your help with setup, preparing food and cleanup. Thank you to the vendors for being a part of this years event and bringing all the wonderful products. Thank you to the shoppers for supporting the vendors and the café. We can't wait to see you all next year on October 15th, 2022. If you have any questions, please call Pamela Hansen at 308-991-3318.

The Christmas Tree Walk is right around the corner. This year we are working with all the organizations here to make one amazing & blessed day for everyone. The Bertrand Ag Society will start serving at 4:30 pm and end at 8 pm on December 4th in the Community Building. We will be serving chicken noodle soup, chili, hot dogs, polish dogs and many desserts for an on site suggested donation. Then at 7pm Pastor Noah Tyler is going to read the Christmas Story to all those that want to attend! We will have decorated Christmas trees on display for everyone to enjoy. If you would like more information about decorating a tree, please contact Kami Ackerman at 308-991-2447.

Project updates: we have received \$15,000 in grants to help with the repair of the Bertrand Community Building roof! WAHOO! Tillotson is going to be doing the repairs which will hopefully start early spring depending on the weather. Our total estimate to repair the roof is \$17,819. We are already in the planning stages of addressing the sidewalk on the north side of the community building.

We all hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

~Pamela Hansen and the Bertrand Ag Society



15th Annual Christmas Tree Walk
Christmas Tree Display and Soup Supper
(part of the Hallmark Christmas)
December 4, 2021 4pm-8pm
Bertrand Community Building

Young at Heart Senior Center

As the holiday season approaches, we all find ourselves busy, busy, busy. Like many other employers, Young at Heart Senior Center is lacking personnel. That will be having an effect on how much involvement you see from the Senior Center in the community during the holiday season. **Starting Monday, November 29th, we will closed on Mondays.** It is our hope that we will be able to open 5 days a week again after the first of the year. During this time, we would greatly appreciate any and all volunteer support. If you are willing to help with cooking or kitchen clean-up after a lunch, help with some cleaning or provide your support in any other way, please contact Coni at 472-5010. Regardless of our currant staffing issue, it is our plan to continue to support the downtown Bertrand activities during the holiday season. Our normal participation in the Ladies Night Out will be followed by sugar cookies to decorate being available for the first 250 kids who in during Bertrand's Hallmark Family Christmas on Saturday December 4th. Then we will host our **Annual Bake Sale on Thursday, December 16th and Friday, December 17th from 8am to 2pm both days.** In addition to helping support us by coming in during these activities, we would love to see you all for a lunch or two to volunteer your time or talents.

-Coni Park, Manager



Bertrand Area Christmas Gift Project



Bertrand area groups and churches invite you to participate in the 8th annual Bertrand Area Community Gift Project to help Bertrand students and their families who are in need. This project is supported by many Bertrand area churches and community groups with the focus on Bertrand area students and their families in need of children’s winter clothing, simple children’s Christmas gifts, and a simple holiday family meal. Brightly-colored gift tags with simple gift requests for the children of the families who participate in this project are on Christmas trees or bulletin boards in many Bertrand area churches. The gifts are donated by the participating Bertrand Area churches. A traditional family holiday meal is funded by Bertrand area groups through this project.

Anyone wishing to donate a gift to the Bertrand Area Community Christmas (Gift) Project may:

1. Take a brightly-colored gift tag off of a tree or bulletin board at a church, ect. Marked with a “Bertrand Area Christmas (Gift) Project” sign, for people to see the description of the project (you’re welcome to include this note, also)
2. Select and wrap the gift listed on the tag, (see info on reverse of tag, for reminders)
3. Gather the gifts at the church, then have a group bring the wrapped gifts to Immanuel Church with all the gift tags attached and gift receipts enclosed for clothing items (in case a size-exchange is needed) by Sunday, Dec. 13, after 11:45am (after church service)

Gifts taken to Immanuel will be sorted and organized into the participating families after 11:45am on Sunday, December 13.

Most Bertrand families in need are two-parent families with two low-income jobs that do not sufficiently support the family. (Therefore, the family qualifies for free/reduced school meals.)

Please help these families doing their best to try to take care of their children by donating simple gifts (see gift tags on tree), or by donating funds towards a simple traditional holiday meal and household items.

Please contact Janice Gengenbach at (308)325-1268 if interested in donating funds towards purchase of food. Bulk purchasing is planned and has started for most effective use of funds donated.

Last year’s project was a big success due to the generosity of the community with providing Christmas gifts for children in our area who are in need. The simple gifts and food were much appreciated by all families involved! If there are questions, please call or text Kim Johnson at (308)991-2372. Thank you to all who are helping with the Bertrand Area Christmas Project!

-Beverly Hansen

Building/Fence Permits

Adding a fence or adding to your dwelling? Stop by the Village Office for a Building Permit. All Permits are due at the office the 1st Monday of the month for approval.

Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living

To ensure that our Residents have a wonderful Christmas we are asking that our community please help by donating a gift. The giving tree will be located at the Cross Country Market. Stop by and pick an ornament off the tree. Gifts need returned to the Bertrand Nursing Home by December 17th, with the ornament attached.

We would also like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone that donated for *give2Grow* in November!

THANK YOU for your thoughtfulness during this season of giving!

Residents and Staff would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season!



-Joey Kugler, Office Manager



Having troubles with your Yard Waste Card (Dump Card)?

Come see us at the Village Office.

We have improved our system at the site and old cards will no longer be accepted.

We will replace all old cards free of charge.

Office Hours are M-F 7:30 AM-4:30 PM



Bertrand Fire & Rescue Department

The Bertrand Fire Department hosted a Grain Bin Rescue class on September 12 which was sponsored by the Phelps County Mutual Aid Association. 24 firefighters and EMS personnel from Bertrand, Holdrege, Funk, Loomis, and Elwood logged 8 hours of training. The class was taught by Mid Plains Community College of McCook and funded by the former Nebraska Feed and Grain, Phelps Memorial Health Center, Titan Machinery -Holdrege, an anonymous donor, Keri Maloley, and CHS. Lunch for the attendees and instructors was provided by Aurora Coop of Bertrand. We cannot thank our sponsors enough for providing us with this training.

For the last year, members of your fire department have been working to raise funds for an air compressor that will be used to fill air pack tanks and our cascade system. We are happy to report that our goal of \$25,120 has been reached. This is going to be a new acquisition as the department hasn't had one in the past. We wish to thank all who gave to support this project and the agencies that provided us with grants.

Nearly 7 in 10 firefighters in the United States are volunteer firefighters. If you live in almost any small town in America, your local fire department is more than likely staffed with volunteers. Volunteer firefighters are crucial to emergency response capabilities for those communities but there is a growing shortage of volunteer firefighters that has many fire chiefs across the county scrambling to recruit new volunteers. The major contributing factor to the volunteer firefighter shortage is quite simple. It is hard to recruit candidates when the job will inevitably not pay what their work is worth. Most volunteer firefighters has full-time jobs, so the idea of taking on another full-time job with little to no pay is a hurdle volunteer fire departments have had to deal with for years. Other reasons for the shortage aren't as obvious but illustrate how the fire service profession has evolved over the last few decades. Today, firefighters respond to more medical calls for service than any other emergency call. The allure of being a volunteer firefighters may lose its luster as candidates realize that the job may be far less exciting than they imagined.

Furthermore, the requirements to become a firefighter have become tougher and requires a major commitment of time for training. Fire departments are aging and it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit young people. Right now, the Bertrand department as 24 members on a 30 person roster, 6 of which are EMT's. Thirty years ago, we had 18 EMT's on a full 25 person roster. Please consider supporting your community by becoming an EMT or volunteer firefighter. Contact Kevin Stehl at 308-991-4574 for more information.

-Kevin Stehl, Fire Chief



Santa Claus will be visiting the Bertrand Fire Hall December 4th from 2pm -4pm!

There will be fire truck rides for a fun-filled afternoon with Santa and the members of Bertrand Fire Department.

If you can't fly,
then run,
If you can't run,
then walk,
If you can't walk,
then crawl,
But by all means,
keep moving.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day,
January 17, 2022



OPEN HEARTS — OPEN ARMS

Sunday June 27th, 2021

Community Worship 2021

Hosted by Adullam and Immanuel

Would like to Thank You...

Our thanks and appreciation to all the community contributors and the Ministerial Association for the offering from the Community Fair Church Service. This is a blessing for so many of those in our community who need our help in an emergency situation. May God Bless all of you.

- The Bertrand Community Benevolent Fund



Bertrand ❄️ **Hallmark Christmas**

Saturday, December 4, 2021

❄️ **Downtown Bertrand 2pm-5pm** ❄️

Bertrand Community Building 4:30-8

Santa & Fire Truck Rides

@ Bertrand Fire Hall
2pm-4pm

Special Appearances



**Snowman
Reindeer
Elf**

Snacks & Raffles

@ Bertrand City Hall

**Christmas Tree Walk
& Soup Dinner**

@ Bertrand Community Building
4:30-8:00 PM

Christmas Story Reading

@ Bertrand Community Building
6:00-8:00 PM

Christmas Tree Lighting

@ Veterans Park at dusk!

**Christmas Cookie
Decorating for Kids**

@ Bertrand Senior Center

KID ACTIVITIES

@ The Gallery, Divine Boutique,
Pretty & Fabulous, Studio 607

Shopping

@ Local Businesses

Extended Hours - Specials - Drawings

For More Details

❄️ **Check out Facebook**

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1st ANNUAL

New Year's Eve Celebration

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 6PM

LIVE MUSIC • DINNER •
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

GENERAL ADMISSION \$50 per person

Contact the Village Office for reserved table information

Contact the Village of Bertrand for ticket information 308.472.3455

Live Music provided by Strings Attached

Cash Bar provided by Blue Moose

BERTRAND COMMUNITY BUILDING
405 NELSON ST

Cocktail Attire

Proceeds will go to the Bertrand Aquatic Facility

**NEW YEARS
EVE PLANS?**

**Call today for
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NEW YEAR'S EVE

2022

The Pool Committee has been working very hard in preparing an unforgettable night of fun, food, drinks, music and many amazing items to bid on to help raise money for our new swimming pool!

Call today for more info!

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Seniors

A horse's touch can go a long way with our seniors- increase confidence, reduce stress, help with better emotional awareness, and greater empathy.

Horses bring a joy and companionship to seniors by reducing loneliness, (which has been a major issue in the recent times), increasing sense of purpose, and sparking conversation.

We offer one-on-one sessions and group sessions for all ages, including nursing home residents. We will also do birthday party appearances. We volunteer our time for a children's reading program and other visits.



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Bertrand Area Community Fund (BACF)

As 2021 edges to an end, so, too, does the Holthus Hometown Challenge. BACF was challenged to raise \$300,000 by December 31, 2021. Once matched through the generosity of Kelly and Virginia Holthus, this becomes \$450,000.

The community fund committee has found the final 10 percent to be the toughest step, whether because of the pandemic or some other reason. Please consider a gift toward meeting the last \$30,000 of the challenge, and if your employer has a charitable donation matching program, please seek that match as well. We would love to cross the finish line with donations well above the goal!

To ensure adequate processing time, BACF requests that gifts arrive by December 24. With questions, reach out via email to bertrandfoundation@gmail.com. As always, your donation is tax deductible and confidential.

Here's how to give:

- In Person by contacting any member of the advisory committee
- By mail to BACF, P.O. Box 153, Bertrand, NE 68927
- Online through the secure Nebraska Community Foundation portal

At www.nebcommfound.org/give/bertrand-area-community-fund

Fund Advisory Members

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give2GROW

BACF advisory members wish to thank everyone (individuals and businesses) that graciously supported our fund during the 2021 give2GROW.

Closing

With Thanksgiving only a few days away, we are thankful for family, friends, our caring and supportive Bertrand Area Community. We truly are blessed! May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Beverly Hansen

Bertrand Lions Club

The Bertrand Lions hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving. We would like to say Thank You to all those who donated to the Lions Foundation during the give2Grow event. We would also like to thank everyone who came and supported the Early Bird Breakfast. Hope to see you during the Hallmark Christmas December 4th. Lots of activities planned for that day for the whole family. The Lions will be having a fundraiser raffle to purchase tickets for.

Thank you for supporting the Bertrand Lions this year. We are always looking to add new members! Have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

- Kathy Weber, Bertrand Lions Club

NOTICES

Village of Bertrand Board of Trustees

Upcoming Board Meetings:

**second Tuesday of the month*

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January 11, 2022

February 8, 2022

7:30 PM at the Village Hall

Board of Trustees:

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2021-2022 Bertrand Blood Drives

*All Blood Drives located at the
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Tuesday, December 14, 2021

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Walk Ins Welcome!

**Give the gift of life
Donate blood**



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We will resume normal business hours on the following day.

A Special Thank You

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Thanks again!



Wishing you
a season of gladness,
a season of cheer,
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From the
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Board of Trustees
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NEWSLETTER



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THANK YOU for your thoughtfulness during this season of giving!

Residents and Staff would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season!



-Joey Kugler, Office Manager



Having troubles with your Yard Waste Card (Dump Card)?

Come see us at the Village Office.

We have improved our system at the site and old cards will no longer be accepted.

We will replace all old cards free of charge.

Office Hours are M-F 7:30 AM-4:30 PM



Bertrand Fire & Rescue Department

The Bertrand Fire Department hosted a Grain Bin Rescue class on September 12 which was sponsored by the Phelps County Mutual Aid Association. 24 firefighters and EMS personnel from Bertrand, Holdrege, Funk, Loomis, and Elwood logged 8 hours of training. The class was taught by Mid Plains Community College of McCook and funded by the former Nebraska Feed and Grain, Phelps Memorial Health Center, Titan Machinery -Holdrege, an anonymous donor, Keri Maloley, and CHS. Lunch for the attendees and instructors was provided by Aurora Coop of Bertrand. We cannot thank our sponsors enough for providing us with this training.

For the last year, members of your fire department have been working to raise funds for an air compressor that will be used to fill air pack tanks and our cascade system. We are happy to report that our goal of \$25,120 has been reached. This is going to be a new acquisition as the department hasn't had one in the past. We wish to thank all who gave to support this project and the agencies that provided us with grants.

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Furthermore, the requirements to become a firefighter have become tougher and requires a major commitment of time for training. Fire departments are aging and it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit young people. Right now, the Bertrand department as 24 members on a 30 person roster, 6 of which are EMT's. Thirty years ago, we had 18 EMT's on a full 25 person roster. Please consider supporting your community by becoming an EMT or volunteer firefighter. Contact Kevin Stehl at 308-991-4574 for more information.

-Kevin Stehl, Fire Chief



Santa Claus will be visiting the Bertrand Fire Hall December 4th from 2pm -4pm!

There will be fire truck rides for a fun-filled afternoon with Santa and the members of Bertrand Fire Department.

If you can't fly,
then run,
If you can't run,
then walk,
If you can't walk,
then crawl,
But by all means,
keep moving.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day,
January 17, 2022



OPEN HEARTS — OPEN ARMS

Sunday June 27th, 2021

Community Worship 2021

Hosted by Adullam and Immanuel

Would like to Thank You...

Our thanks and appreciation to all the community contributors and the Ministerial Association for the offering from the Community Fair Church Service. This is a blessing for so many of those in our community who need our help in an emergency situation. May God Bless all of you.

- The Bertrand Community Benevolent Fund



Bertrand ❄️ **Hallmark Christmas**

Saturday, December 4, 2021

❄️ **Downtown Bertrand 2pm-5pm** ❄️

Bertrand Community Building 4:30-8

Santa & Fire Truck Rides

@ Bertrand Fire Hall
2pm-4pm

Special Appearances



**Snowman
Reindeer
Elf**

Snacks & Raffles

@ Bertrand City Hall

**Christmas Tree Walk
& Soup Dinner**

@ Bertrand Community Building
4:30-8:00 PM

Christmas Story Reading

@ Bertrand Community Building
6:00-8:00 PM

Christmas Tree Lighting

@ Veterans Park at dusk!

**Christmas Cookie
Decorating for Kids**

@ Bertrand Senior Center

KID ACTIVITIES

@ The Gallery, Divine Boutique,
Pretty & Fabulous, Studio 607

Shopping

@ Local Businesses

Extended Hours - Specials - Drawings

For More Details

❄️ **Check out Facebook**

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Bertrand Chamber

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1st ANNUAL

New Year's Eve Celebration

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 6PM

LIVE MUSIC • DINNER •
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

GENERAL ADMISSION \$50 per person

Contact the Village Office for reserved table information

Contact the Village of Bertrand for ticket information 308.472.3455

Live Music provided by Strings Attached

Cash Bar provided by Blue Moose

BERTRAND COMMUNITY BUILDING
405 NELSON ST

Cocktail Attire

Proceeds will go to the Bertrand Aquatic Facility

**NEW YEARS
EVE PLANS?**

**Call today for
tickets!**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

2022

The Pool Committee has been working very hard in preparing an unforgettable night of fun, food, drinks, music and many amazing items to bid on to help raise money for our new swimming pool!

Call today for more info!

308-472-3455



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Providing a supportive environment for personal development and growth for others through horse interaction



Seniors

A horse's touch can go a long way with our seniors- increase confidence, reduce stress, help with better emotional awareness, and greater empathy.

Horses bring a joy and companionship to seniors by reducing loneliness, (which has been a major issue in the recent times), increasing sense of purpose, and sparking conversation.

We offer one-on-one sessions and group sessions for all ages, including nursing home residents. We will also do birthday party appearances. We volunteer our time for a children's reading program and other visits.

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Bertrand Area Community Fund (BACF)

As 2021 edges to an end, so, too, does the Holthus Hometown Challenge. BACF was challenged to raise \$300,000 by December 31, 2021. Once matched through the generosity of Kelly and Virginia Holthus, this becomes \$450,000.

The community fund committee has found the final 10 percent to be the toughest step, whether because of the pandemic or some other reason. Please consider a gift toward meeting the last \$30,000 of the challenge, and if your employer has a charitable donation matching program, please seek that match as well. We would love to cross the finish line with donations well above the goal!

To ensure adequate processing time, BACF requests that gifts arrive by December 24. With questions, reach out via email to bertrandfoundation@gmail.com. As always, your donation is tax deductible and confidential.

Here's how to give:

- In Person by contacting any member of the advisory committee
- By mail to BACF, P.O. Box 153, Bertrand, NE 68927
- Online through the secure Nebraska Community Foundation portal

At www.nebcommfound.org/give/bertrand-area-community-fund

Fund Advisory Members

Christopher Davison, Chair; Scott Schwarz, Vice Chair; Beverly Hansen, Treasurer; Liz Ford, Secretary; Melissa Vinzant; Alysia Kuck; Karen Nelson; Aryn Schwarz; Colby Gardine; Jessie Olesen.

give2GROW

BACF advisory members wish to thank everyone (individuals and businesses) that graciously supported our fund during the 2021 give2GROW.

Closing

With Thanksgiving only a few days away, we are thankful for family, friends, our caring and supportive Bertrand Area Community. We truly are blessed! May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Beverly Hansen

Bertrand Lions Club

The Bertrand Lions hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving. We would like to say Thank You to all those who donated to the Lions Foundation during the give2Grow event. We would also like to thank everyone who came and supported the Early Bird Breakfast. Hope to see you during the Hallmark Christmas December 4th. Lots of activities planned for that day for the whole family. The Lions will be having a fundraiser raffle to purchase tickets for.

Thank you for supporting the Bertrand Lions this year. We are always looking to add new members! Have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

- Kathy Weber, Bertrand Lions Club

NOTICES

Village of Bertrand Board of Trustees

Upcoming Board Meetings:

**second Tuesday of the month*

December 14, 2021

January 11, 2022

February 8, 2022

7:30 PM at the Village Hall

Board of Trustees:

TJ Wilcox, Bob Dahlgren, Lucas Evans,
Brian Schroeder, and Fred Spiegel



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Food Pantry

The Village of Bertrand's Food Pantry is located at 507 Minor Avenue. This is available for anyone with a need. Individuals may use this service up to 3 times per year. Please contact the Village Office at 472-3455 with any questions.

Forms for Christmas Boxes through the Phelps Community Pantry are also available at the Village Hall.



2021-2022 Bertrand Blood Drives

*All Blood Drives located at the
Bertrand Community Building*

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Walk Ins Welcome!

**Give the gift of life
Donate blood**



Village Office Closing

The Village Office will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Christmas Eve December 24, 2021

New Year's (observed) January 3, 2022

President's Day February 21, 2022

We will resume normal business hours on the following day.

A Special Thank You

I just wanted to say Thank You to everyone that contributed to this newsletter!

Kathy Weber

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Marcus Schwarz

Kevin Stehl

Beverly Hansen

Coni Park

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Vickie Hunt

Lori Vinzant



Thank You

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The generosity of our community members continues to amaze us! We are truly blessed to live in a caring community such as this!

Thanks again!



Wishing you
a season of gladness,
a season of cheer,
and to top it all off -
a wonderful year.

From the
Village of Bertrand
Board of Trustees
and Staff

NEWSLETTER



Village of Bertrand

December 2021

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my jo, for auld lang syne,

We'll tak' cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

Every New Year's Eve, the streets ring with this lilting song. Sweet, nostalgic, hopeful: "Auld Lang Syne" has become an absolute tradition in New Year's Eve celebrations. And so, we sing. Or at least, we sing the first couple of lines and then politely mumble the rest into our champagne glasses. But did you know some of these traditions exist for New Year's Eve as well...

- ◆ Dressing Up. When you look back photos of generations past, you see that everyone is dressed to the nines! And realistically, what better occasion than New Year's to break out a cocktail dress or a suit?
- ◆ Eat New Year's Food. Different cultures consider certain foods to be fortuitous for the New Year's, especially when eaten right as the clock strikes. In Chile, it's lentils. While in Spain, it's 12 white grapes. In case you want to indulge in pretzels or donuts, some cultures believe ring-shaped foods represent coming full circle. And on New Year's Day, the traditional Southern spread consist of black-eyed peas and collard greens (symbols for wealth), ham or pork (prosperity), and cornbread (gold).
- ◆ Toast With a Traditional Drink. Sure, champagne has become New Year's Eve drink of choice. But back in the day, people have clinked coupes with *wassail*, a special cider-like punch with English origins; a "hot pint", the Scottish spin; or mulled wine, Holland's traditional drink.
- ◆ Make Some Noise. There's a long-standing tradition of starting the new year off with a bang. Only, instead of shooting guns as was common in the American colonies, people also blow horns, ring bells, and set off fireworks.

So... let's ring in 2022 with these long-standing traditions! Please join us for the New Year's Eve pool fundraiser on December 31, 2021, at the Bertrand Community Building. Break out those glittery cocktail dresses or throw on a tie to dance the night away with a live band, provided by Strings Attached. We won't have donuts on hand, but we will be serving a prime rib dinner with goodies for dessert! So that we may all toast with a traditional drink, a bottle of champagne will be provided for every table. And don't worry, we will also provide party hats and necklaces! But we won't be providing fireworks. Sorry!

And for the really fun part... there will be a live auction including a fishing trip to Wisconsin, a hand-made fire pit, and a mystery item worth over \$500. There will be a silent auction including a Ring doorbell, electric scooters, coolers, gift baskets, homemade goodies, and tools. We even have a 70" Vizio TV that will be raffled off. If you purchase a VIP table, you are entered into when a trip voucher for \$3,000! There are so many more items (but I don't have enough room to list them all). Contact the Village Office to purchase tickets for this amazing event. They are selling quick!

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer

WINTER AND SNOW PREPARATION

-Marcus Schwarz

Well, summer and fall have come and gone. And now it is time for us to start preparing for the winter ahead. We all know, here in Nebraska, winters can get a little rough and very unpredictable. So we try to be prepared at all times to have the streets cleared and safe for the community to drive on.

In preparing for winter, there are a number of things we try to do to be sure things run smooth and as effective as possible, such as servicing all vehicles that will be used in moving and removing snow, applying snow wax in all dump trucks to allow for snow to slide out, and installing a good set of chains for the road grader to get through heavy covered areas.

For us and the community, it is best to start clearing snow early in the morning to avoid traffic and to allow many of the priority streets, Fire Hall pad, and Nursing Home to be cleared and ready for everyone. We do ask that you remove vehicles from the side of the roads to give us a chance to clear as much snow as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Also, we ask that you please remove any low hanging trees that are above sidewalks and hanging over the street. THANK YOU!!

We have a set of Emergency Snow Routes and a few priority streets that we like to clear first. Here is the list of streets and places:

Nursing Home

Fire Department Pad

Minor Avenue—Business District

Kellogg Avenue

Kossuth Street—East Towards Highway 23

Kennett Street

Minor Avenue—South

Medina Avenue—South

School Street

Please know that we try to clear all streets in a timely matter. Thank you for working with us! Everyone have a safe winter.

SIDEWALKS AND PARKED CARS

When cleaning your sidewalks and driveways, please do not put the snow in the street! You need to put it on your yard. When putting it in the street, you are making it harder for the Street Department to get things cleaned up. By piling snow in your curb line, you are creating drainage issues which can lead to icing and street damage.

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Bertrand Area Community Fund (BACF)

As 2021 edges to an end, so, too, does the Holthus Hometown Challenge. BACF was challenged to raise \$300,000 by December 31, 2021. Once matched through the generosity of Kelly and Virginia Holthus, this becomes \$450,000.

The community fund committee has found the final 10 percent to be the toughest step, whether because of the pandemic or some other reason. Please consider a gift toward meeting the last \$30,000 of the challenge, and if your employer has a charitable donation matching program, please seek that match as well. We would love to cross the finish line with donations well above the goal!

To ensure adequate processing time, BACF requests that gifts arrive by December 24. With questions, reach out via email to bertrandfoundation@gmail.com. As always, your donation is tax deductible and confidential.

Here's how to give:

- In Person by contacting any member of the advisory committee
- By mail to BACF, P.O. Box 153, Bertrand, NE 68927
- Online through the secure Nebraska Community Foundation portal

At www.nebcommfound.org/give/bertrand-area-community-fund

Fund Advisory Members

Christopher Davison, Chair; Scott Schwarz, Vice Chair; Beverly Hansen, Treasurer; Liz Ford, Secretary; Melissa Vinzant; Alysia Kuck; Karen Nelson; Aryn Schwarz; Colby Gardine; Jessie Olesen.

give2GROW

BACF advisory members wish to thank everyone (individuals and businesses) that graciously supported our fund during the 2021 give2GROW.

Closing

With Thanksgiving only a few days away, we are thankful for family, friends, our caring and supportive Bertrand Area Community. We truly are blessed! May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Beverly Hansen

Bertrand Lions Club

The Bertrand Lions hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving. We would like to say Thank You to all those who donated to the Lions Foundation during the give2Grow event. We would also like to thank everyone who came and supported the Early Bird Breakfast. Hope to see you during the Hallmark Christmas December 4th. Lots of activities planned for that day for the whole family. The Lions will be having a fundraiser raffle to purchase tickets for.

Thank you for supporting the Bertrand Lions this year. We are always looking to add new members! Have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

- Kathy Weber, Bertrand Lions Club

NOTICES

Village of Bertrand Board of Trustees

Upcoming Board Meetings:

**second Tuesday of the month*

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January 11, 2022

February 8, 2022

7:30 PM at the Village Hall

Board of Trustees:

TJ Wilcox, Bob Dahlgren, Lucas Evans,
Brian Schroeder, and Fred Spiegel



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Food Pantry

The Village of Bertrand's Food Pantry is located at 507 Minor Avenue. This is available for anyone with a need. Individuals may use this service up to 3 times per year. Please contact the Village Office at 472-3455 with any questions.

Forms for Christmas Boxes through the Phelps Community Pantry are also available at the Village Hall.



2021-2022 Bertrand Blood Drives

*All Blood Drives located at the
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Walk Ins Welcome!

**Give the gift of life
Donate blood**



Village Office Closing

The Village Office will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Christmas Eve December 24, 2021

New Year's (observed) January 3, 2022

President's Day February 21, 2022

We will resume normal business hours on the following day.

A Special Thank You

I just wanted to say Thank You to everyone that contributed to this newsletter!

Kathy Weber

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Marcus Schwarz

Kevin Stehl

Beverly Hansen

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Vickie Hunt

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Thank You

The Village of Bertrand would like to express our appreciation for every donation that was raised during give2Grow on November 18, 2021. These donations will go a long way to support the new swimming pool project.

The generosity of our community members continues to amaze us! We are truly blessed to live in a caring community such as this!

Thanks again!



Wishing you
a season of gladness,
a season of cheer,
and to top it all off -
a wonderful year.

From the
Village of Bertrand
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and Staff

NEWSLETTER



Village of Bertrand

December 2021

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my jo, for auld lang syne,

We'll tak' cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

Every New Year's Eve, the streets ring with this lilting song. Sweet, nostalgic, hopeful: "Auld Lang Syne" has become an absolute tradition in New Year's Eve celebrations. And so, we sing. Or at least, we sing the first couple of lines and then politely mumble the rest into our champagne glasses. But did you know some of these traditions exist for New Year's Eve as well...

- ◆ Dressing Up. When you look back photos of generations past, you see that everyone is dressed to the nines! And realistically, what better occasion than New Year's to break out a cocktail dress or a suit?
- ◆ Eat New Year's Food. Different cultures consider certain foods to be fortuitous for the New Year's, especially when eaten right as the clock strikes. In Chile, it's lentils. While in Spain, it's 12 white grapes. In case you want to indulge in pretzels or donuts, some cultures believe ring-shaped foods represent coming full circle. And on New Year's Day, the traditional Southern spread consist of black-eyed peas and collard greens (symbols for wealth), ham or pork (prosperity), and cornbread (gold).
- ◆ Toast With a Traditional Drink. Sure, champagne has become New Year's Eve drink of choice. But back in the day, people have clinked coupes with *wassail*, a special cider-like punch with English origins; a "hot pint", the Scottish spin; or mulled wine, Holland's traditional drink.
- ◆ Make Some Noise. There's a long-standing tradition of starting the new year off with a bang. Only, instead of shooting guns as was common in the American colonies, people also blow horns, ring bells, and set off fireworks.

So... let's ring in 2022 with these long-standing traditions! Please join us for the New Year's Eve pool fundraiser on December 31, 2021, at the Bertrand Community Building. Break out those glittery cocktail dresses or throw on a tie to dance the night away with a live band, provided by Strings Attached. We won't have donuts on hand, but we will be serving a prime rib dinner with goodies for dessert! So that we may all toast with a traditional drink, a bottle of champagne will be provided for every table. And don't worry, we will also provide party hats and necklaces! But we won't be providing fireworks. Sorry!

And for the really fun part... there will be a live auction including a fishing trip to Wisconsin, a hand-made fire pit, and a mystery item worth over \$500. There will be a silent auction including a Ring doorbell, electric scooters, coolers, gift baskets, homemade goodies, and tools. We even have a 70" Vizio TV that will be raffled off. If you purchase a VIP table, you are entered into when a trip voucher for \$3,000! There are so many more items (but I don't have enough room to list them all). Contact the Village Office to purchase tickets for this amazing event. They are selling quick!

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer

WINTER AND SNOW PREPARATION

-Marcus Schwarz

Well, summer and fall have come and gone. And now it is time for us to start preparing for the winter ahead. We all know, here in Nebraska, winters can get a little rough and very unpredictable. So we try to be prepared at all times to have the streets cleared and safe for the community to drive on.

In preparing for winter, there are a number of things we try to do to be sure things run smooth and as effective as possible, such as servicing all vehicles that will be used in moving and removing snow, applying snow wax in all dump trucks to allow for snow to slide out, and installing a good set of chains for the road grader to get through heavy covered areas.

For us and the community, it is best to start clearing snow early in the morning to avoid traffic and to allow many of the priority streets, Fire Hall pad, and Nursing Home to be cleared and ready for everyone. We do ask that you remove vehicles from the side of the roads to give us a chance to clear as much snow as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Also, we ask that you please remove any low hanging trees that are above sidewalks and hanging over the street. THANK YOU!!

We have a set of Emergency Snow Routes and a few priority streets that we like to clear first. Here is the list of streets and places:

Nursing Home

Fire Department Pad

Minor Avenue—Business District

Kellogg Avenue

Kossuth Street—East Towards Highway 23

Kennett Street

Minor Avenue—South

Medina Avenue—South

School Street

Please know that we try to clear all streets in a timely matter. Thank you for working with us! Everyone have a safe winter.

SIDEWALKS AND PARKED CARS

When cleaning your sidewalks and driveways, please do not put the snow in the street! You need to put it on your yard. When putting it in the street, you are making it harder for the Street Department to get things cleaned up. By piling snow in your curb line, you are creating drainage issues which can lead to icing and street damage.

If you do not want your vehicle buried in the snow by the snow removal crew, please move your vehicle as soon as possible so that the snow can be removed in front of your house without causing stress for anyone.

The Village does not clean sidewalks or driveways.



Annual Treasurer's Report

Village of Bertrand			Bertrand Nursing Home/Assisted Living		
Cash Balance on Hand	10/1/2020	\$2,891,137.00	Cash Balance on Hand	7/1/2020	\$340,099.00
RECEIPTS:			RECEIPTS:		
Property Tax/Motor Vehicle/Equalization, Etc.		\$372,299.02	Nursing Home Income		\$1,454,124.00
Highway Allocation		120,835.61	Assisted Living Income		314,989.00
Fees/Permits/Licenses/Other Tax		36,787.50	Interest Income		486.00
Water/Sewer/Garbage		373,280.88	Donations		5,432.00
Lease Pymts (Cellular One/Southern Power)		105,417.81	CARES Act Grant Receipts		74,908.00
Franchise Tax (Black Hills Energy/Charter)		9,069.45	Nebraska Stabilization Grants		<u>50,000.00</u>
Local Sales Tax Receipts		139,897.42	TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,899,939.00
Grants/ARP Funds		81,242.16	DISBURSEMENTS:		
Pool Project		—	Salaries/Benefits		1,076,236.00
Other Income		<u>375,762.06</u>	Operating Expense		746,016.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,614,591.91	Supplies		143,396.00
DISBURSEMENTS:			Note Payment & Interest Expense		36,509.00
Salaries/Benefits		\$317,288.30	Purchase of Equipment		<u>54,772.00</u>
Operating Expense		310,258.82	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		2,056,929.00
Supplies		24,717.08	Cash Balance on Hand		
Capital Outlay		197,964.53		6/30/2021	\$183,109.00
Debt Service		300,260.27			
Grants/ARP Funds		12,456.38			
Pool Project		<u>475,724.07</u>			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,638,669.45			
Cash Balance on Hand	9/30/2021	\$2,867,059.46			

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December 4	Bertrand Hallmark Christmas
December 21	First Day of Winter
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Year's Day
January 4	National Spaghetti Day
January 17	Martin Luther King Day
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 21	President's Day

Bertrand Area Chamber

wishes you



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Bertrand Craft Show and Café 2021 was a big success. Thank you to all the volunteers for all your help with setup, preparing food and cleanup. Thank you to the vendors for being a part of this years event and bringing all the wonderful products. Thank you to the shoppers for supporting the vendors and the café. We can't wait to see you all next year on October 15th, 2022. If you have any questions, please call Pamela Hansen at 308-991-3318.

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Project updates: we have received \$15,000 in grants to help with the repair of the Bertrand Community Building roof! WAHOO! Tillotson is going to be doing the repairs which will hopefully start early spring depending on the weather. Our total estimate to repair the roof is \$17,819. We are already in the planning stages of addressing the sidewalk on the north side of the community building.

We all hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

~Pamela Hansen and the Bertrand Ag Society



15th Annual Christmas Tree Walk
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Young at Heart Senior Center

As the holiday season approaches, we all find ourselves busy, busy, busy. Like many other employers, Young at Heart Senior Center is lacking personnel. That will be having an effect on how much involvement you see from the Senior Center in the community during the holiday season. **Starting Monday, November 29th, we will closed on Mondays.** It is our hope that we will be able to open 5 days a week again after the first of the year. During this time, we would greatly appreciate any and all volunteer support. If you are willing to help with cooking or kitchen clean-up after a lunch, help with some cleaning or provide your support in any other way, please contact Coni at 472-5010. Regardless of our currant staffing issue, it is our plan to continue to support the downtown Bertrand activities during the holiday season. Our normal participation in the Ladies Night Out will be followed by sugar cookies to decorate being available for the first 250 kids who in during Bertrand's Hallmark Family Christmas on Saturday December 4th. Then we will host our **Annual Bake Sale on Thursday, December 16th and Friday, December 17th from 8am to 2pm both days.** In addition to helping support us by coming in during these activities, we would love to see you all for a lunch or two to volunteer your time or talents.

-Coni Park, Manager



Bertrand Area Christmas Gift Project



Bertrand area groups and churches invite you to participate in the 8th annual Bertrand Area Community Gift Project to help Bertrand students and their families who are in need. This project is supported by many Bertrand area churches and community groups with the focus on Bertrand area students and their families in need of children’s winter clothing, simple children’s Christmas gifts, and a simple holiday family meal. Brightly-colored gift tags with simple gift requests for the children of the families who participate in this project are on Christmas trees or bulletin boards in many Bertrand area churches. The gifts are donated by the participating Bertrand Area churches. A traditional family holiday meal is funded by Bertrand area groups through this project.

Anyone wishing to donate a gift to the Bertrand Area Community Christmas (Gift) Project may:

1. Take a brightly-colored gift tag off of a tree or bulletin board at a church, ect. Marked with a “Bertrand Area Christmas (Gift) Project” sign, for people to see the description of the project (you’re welcome to include this note, also)
2. Select and wrap the gift listed on the tag, (see info on reverse of tag, for reminders)
3. Gather the gifts at the church, then have a group bring the wrapped gifts to Immanuel Church with all the gift tags attached and gift receipts enclosed for clothing items (in case a size-exchange is needed) by Sunday, Dec. 13, after 11:45am (after church service)

Gifts taken to Immanuel will be sorted and organized into the participating families after 11:45am on Sunday, December 13.

Most Bertrand families in need are two-parent families with two low-income jobs that do not sufficiently support the family. (Therefore, the family qualifies for free/reduced school meals.)

Please help these families doing their best to try to take care of their children by donating simple gifts (see gift tags on tree), or by donating funds towards a simple traditional holiday meal and household items.

Please contact Janice Gengenbach at (308)325-1268 if interested in donating funds towards purchase of food. Bulk purchasing is planned and has started for most effective use of funds donated.

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- ◆ Toast With a Traditional Drink. Sure, champagne has become New Year's Eve drink of choice. But back in the day, people have clinked coupes with *wassail*, a special cider-like punch with English origins; a "hot pint", the Scottish spin; or mulled wine, Holland's traditional drink.
- ◆ Make Some Noise. There's a long-standing tradition of starting the new year off with a bang. Only, instead of shooting guns as was common in the American colonies, people also blow horns, ring bells, and set off fireworks.

So... let's ring in 2022 with these long-standing traditions! Please join us for the New Year's Eve pool fundraiser on December 31, 2021, at the Bertrand Community Building. Break out those glittery cocktail dresses or throw on a tie to dance the night away with a live band, provided by Strings Attached. We won't have donuts on hand, but we will be serving a prime rib dinner with goodies for dessert! So that we may all toast with a traditional drink, a bottle of champagne will be provided for every table. And don't worry, we will also provide party hats and necklaces! But we won't be providing fireworks. Sorry!

And for the really fun part... there will be a live auction including a fishing trip to Wisconsin, a hand-made fire pit, and a mystery item worth over \$500. There will be a silent auction including a Ring doorbell, electric scooters, coolers, gift baskets, homemade goodies, and tools. We even have a 70" Vizio TV that will be raffled off. If you purchase a VIP table, you are entered into when a trip voucher for \$3,000! There are so many more items (but I don't have enough room to list them all). Contact the Village Office to purchase tickets for this amazing event. They are selling quick!

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer

WINTER AND SNOW PREPARATION

-Marcus Schwarz

Well, summer and fall have come and gone. And now it is time for us to start preparing for the winter ahead. We all know, here in Nebraska, winters can get a little rough and very unpredictable. So we try to be prepared at all times to have the streets cleared and safe for the community to drive on.

In preparing for winter, there are a number of things we try to do to be sure things run smooth and as effective as possible, such as servicing all vehicles that will be used in moving and removing snow, applying snow wax in all dump trucks to allow for snow to slide out, and installing a good set of chains for the road grader to get through heavy covered areas.

For us and the community, it is best to start clearing snow early in the morning to avoid traffic and to allow many of the priority streets, Fire Hall pad, and Nursing Home to be cleared and ready for everyone. We do ask that you remove vehicles from the side of the roads to give us a chance to clear as much snow as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Also, we ask that you please remove any low hanging trees that are above sidewalks and hanging over the street. THANK YOU!!

We have a set of Emergency Snow Routes and a few priority streets that we like to clear first. Here is the list of streets and places:

Nursing Home

Fire Department Pad

Minor Avenue—Business District

Kellogg Avenue

Kossuth Street—East Towards Highway 23

Kennett Street

Minor Avenue—South

Medina Avenue—South

School Street

Please know that we try to clear all streets in a timely matter. Thank you for working with us! Everyone have a safe winter.

SIDEWALKS AND PARKED CARS

When cleaning your sidewalks and driveways, please do not put the snow in the street! You need to put it on your yard. When putting it in the street, you are making it harder for the Street Department to get things cleaned up. By piling snow in your curb line, you are creating drainage issues which can lead to icing and street damage.

If you do not want your vehicle buried in the snow by the snow removal crew, please move your vehicle as soon as possible so that the snow can be removed in front of your house without causing stress for anyone.

The Village does not clean sidewalks or driveways.



Annual Treasurer's Report

Village of Bertrand			Bertrand Nursing Home/Assisted Living		
Cash Balance on Hand	10/1/2020	\$2,891,137.00	Cash Balance on Hand	7/1/2020	\$340,099.00
RECEIPTS:			RECEIPTS:		
Property Tax/Motor Vehicle/Equalization, Etc.		\$372,299.02	Nursing Home Income		\$1,454,124.00
Highway Allocation		120,835.61	Assisted Living Income		314,989.00
Fees/Permits/Licenses/Other Tax		36,787.50	Interest Income		486.00
Water/Sewer/Garbage		373,280.88	Donations		5,432.00
Lease Pymts (Cellular One/Southern Power)		105,417.81	CARES Act Grant Receipts		74,908.00
Franchise Tax (Black Hills Energy/Charter)		9,069.45	Nebraska Stabilization Grants		<u>50,000.00</u>
Local Sales Tax Receipts		139,897.42	TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,899,939.00
Grants/ARP Funds		81,242.16			
Pool Project		—	DISBURSEMENTS:		
Other Income		<u>375,762.06</u>	Salaries/Benefits		1,076,236.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,614,591.91	Operating Expense		746,016.00
			Supplies		143,396.00
DISBURSEMENTS:			Note Payment & Interest Expense		36,509.00
Salaries/Benefits		\$317,288.30	Purchase of Equipment		<u>54,772.00</u>
Operating Expense		310,258.82	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		2,056,929.00
Supplies		24,717.08			
Capital Outlay		197,964.53	Cash Balance on Hand	6/30/2021	\$183,109.00
Debt Service		300,260.27			
Grants/ARP Funds		12,456.38			
Pool Project		<u>475,724.07</u>			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,638,669.45			
Cash Balance on Hand	9/30/2021	\$2,867,059.46			

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December 4	Bertrand Hallmark Christmas
December 21	First Day of Winter
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Year's Day
January 4	National Spaghetti Day
January 17	Martin Luther King Day
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 21	President's Day

Bertrand Area Chamber

wishes you



Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year.

Bertrand Ag Society

Bertrand Craft Show and Café 2021 was a big success. Thank you to all the volunteers for all your help with setup, preparing food and cleanup. Thank you to the vendors for being a part of this years event and bringing all the wonderful products. Thank you to the shoppers for supporting the vendors and the café. We can't wait to see you all next year on October 15th, 2022. If you have any questions, please call Pamela Hansen at 308-991-3318.

The Christmas Tree Walk is right around the corner. This year we are working with all the organizations here to make one amazing & blessed day for everyone. The Bertrand Ag Society will start serving at 4:30 pm and end at 8 pm on December 4th in the Community Building. We will be serving chicken noodle soup, chili, hot dogs, polish dogs and many desserts for an on site suggested donation. Then at 7pm Pastor Noah Tyler is going to read the Christmas Story to all those that want to attend! We will have decorated Christmas trees on display for everyone to enjoy. If you would like more information about decorating a tree, please contact Kami Ackerman at 308-991-2447.

Project updates: we have received \$15,000 in grants to help with the repair of the Bertrand Community Building roof! WAHOO! Tillotson is going to be doing the repairs which will hopefully start early spring depending on the weather. Our total estimate to repair the roof is \$17,819. We are already in the planning stages of addressing the sidewalk on the north side of the community building.

We all hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

~Pamela Hansen and the Bertrand Ag Society



15th Annual Christmas Tree Walk
Christmas Tree Display and Soup Supper
(part of the Hallmark Christmas)
December 4, 2021 4pm-8pm
Bertrand Community Building

Young at Heart Senior Center

As the holiday season approaches, we all find ourselves busy, busy, busy. Like many other employers, Young at Heart Senior Center is lacking personnel. That will be having an effect on how much involvement you see from the Senior Center in the community during the holiday season. **Starting Monday, November 29th, we will closed on Mondays.** It is our hope that we will be able to open 5 days a week again after the first of the year. During this time, we would greatly appreciate any and all volunteer support. If you are willing to help with cooking or kitchen clean-up after a lunch, help with some cleaning or provide your support in any other way, please contact Coni at 472-5010. Regardless of our currant staffing issue, it is our plan to continue to support the downtown Bertrand activities during the holiday season. Our normal participation in the Ladies Night Out will be followed by sugar cookies to decorate being available for the first 250 kids who in during Bertrand's Hallmark Family Christmas on Saturday December 4th. Then we will host our **Annual Bake Sale on Thursday, December 16th and Friday, December 17th from 8am to 2pm both days.** In addition to helping support us by coming in during these activities, we would love to see you all for a lunch or two to volunteer your time or talents.

-Coni Park, Manager



Bertrand Area Christmas Gift Project



Bertrand area groups and churches invite you to participate in the 8th annual Bertrand Area Community Gift Project to help Bertrand students and their families who are in need. This project is supported by many Bertrand area churches and community groups with the focus on Bertrand area students and their families in need of children’s winter clothing, simple children’s Christmas gifts, and a simple holiday family meal. Brightly-colored gift tags with simple gift requests for the children of the families who participate in this project are on Christmas trees or bulletin boards in many Bertrand area churches. The gifts are donated by the participating Bertrand Area churches. A traditional family holiday meal is funded by Bertrand area groups through this project.

Anyone wishing to donate a gift to the Bertrand Area Community Christmas (Gift) Project may:

1. Take a brightly-colored gift tag off of a tree or bulletin board at a church, ect. Marked with a “Bertrand Area Christmas (Gift) Project” sign, for people to see the description of the project (you’re welcome to include this note, also)
2. Select and wrap the gift listed on the tag, (see info on reverse of tag, for reminders)
3. Gather the gifts at the church, then have a group bring the wrapped gifts to Immanuel Church with all the gift tags attached and gift receipts enclosed for clothing items (in case a size-exchange is needed) by Sunday, Dec. 13, after 11:45am (after church service)

Gifts taken to Immanuel will be sorted and organized into the participating families after 11:45am on Sunday, December 13.

Most Bertrand families in need are two-parent families with two low-income jobs that do not sufficiently support the family. (Therefore, the family qualifies for free/reduced school meals.)

Please help these families doing their best to try to take care of their children by donating simple gifts (see gift tags on tree), or by donating funds towards a simple traditional holiday meal and household items.

Please contact Janice Gengenbach at (308)325-1268 if interested in donating funds towards purchase of food. Bulk purchasing is planned and has started for most effective use of funds donated.

Last year’s project was a big success due to the generosity of the community with providing Christmas gifts for children in our area who are in need. The simple gifts and food were much appreciated by all families involved! If there are questions, please call or text Kim Johnson at (308)991-2372. Thank you to all who are helping with the Bertrand Area Christmas Project!

-Beverly Hansen

Building/Fence Permits
Adding a fence or adding to your dwelling? Stop by the Village Office for a Building Permit. All Permits are due at the office the 1st Monday of the month for approval.

Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living

To ensure that our Residents have a wonderful Christmas we are asking that our community please help by donating a gift. The giving tree will be located at the Cross Country Market. Stop by and pick an ornament off the tree. Gifts need returned to the Bertrand Nursing Home by December 17th, with the ornament attached.

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Residents and Staff would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season!



-Joey Kugler, Office Manager



Having troubles with your Yard Waste Card (Dump Card)?

Come see us at the Village Office.

We have improved our system at the site and old cards will no longer be accepted.

We will replace all old cards free of charge.

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Bertrand Fire & Rescue Department

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For the last year, members of your fire department have been working to raise funds for an air compressor that will be used to fill air pack tanks and our cascade system. We are happy to report that our goal of \$25,120 has been reached. This is going to be a new acquisition as the department hasn't had one in the past. We wish to thank all who gave to support this project and the agencies that provided us with grants.

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-Kevin Stehl, Fire Chief



Santa Claus will be visiting the Bertrand Fire Hall December 4th from 2pm -4pm!

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-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day,
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Sunday June 27th, 2021

Community Worship 2021

Hosted by Adullam and Immanuel

Would like to Thank You...

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- The Bertrand Community Benevolent Fund



Bertrand ❄️ **Hallmark Christmas**

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❄️ **Downtown Bertrand 2pm-5pm** ❄️

Bertrand Community Building 4:30-8

Santa & Fire Truck Rides

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Special Appearances



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Debt Service		300,260.27			
Grants/ARP Funds		12,456.38			
Pool Project		<u>475,724.07</u>			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,638,669.45			
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December 4	Bertrand Hallmark Christmas
December 21	First Day of Winter
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January 17	Martin Luther King Day
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Bertrand Area Chamber

wishes you



Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year.

Bertrand Ag Society

Bertrand Craft Show and Café 2021 was a big success. Thank you to all the volunteers for all your help with setup, preparing food and cleanup. Thank you to the vendors for being a part of this years event and bringing all the wonderful products. Thank you to the shoppers for supporting the vendors and the café. We can't wait to see you all next year on October 15th, 2022. If you have any questions, please call Pamela Hansen at 308-991-3318.

The Christmas Tree Walk is right around the corner. This year we are working with all the organizations here to make one amazing & blessed day for everyone. The Bertrand Ag Society will start serving at 4:30 pm and end at 8 pm on December 4th in the Community Building. We will be serving chicken noodle soup, chili, hot dogs, polish dogs and many desserts for an on site suggested donation. Then at 7pm Pastor Noah Tyler is going to read the Christmas Story to all those that want to attend! We will have decorated Christmas trees on display for everyone to enjoy. If you would like more information about decorating a tree, please contact Kami Ackerman at 308-991-2447.

Project updates: we have received \$15,000 in grants to help with the repair of the Bertrand Community Building roof! WAHOO! Tillotson is going to be doing the repairs which will hopefully start early spring depending on the weather. Our total estimate to repair the roof is \$17,819. We are already in the planning stages of addressing the sidewalk on the north side of the community building.

We all hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

~Pamela Hansen and the Bertrand Ag Society



15th Annual Christmas Tree Walk
Christmas Tree Display and Soup Supper
(part of the Hallmark Christmas)
December 4, 2021 4pm-8pm
Bertrand Community Building

Young at Heart Senior Center

As the holiday season approaches, we all find ourselves busy, busy, busy. Like many other employers, Young at Heart Senior Center is lacking personnel. That will be having an effect on how much involvement you see from the Senior Center in the community during the holiday season. **Starting Monday, November 29th, we will closed on Mondays.** It is our hope that we will be able to open 5 days a week again after the first of the year. During this time, we would greatly appreciate any and all volunteer support. If you are willing to help with cooking or kitchen clean-up after a lunch, help with some cleaning or provide your support in any other way, please contact Coni at 472-5010. Regardless of our currant staffing issue, it is our plan to continue to support the downtown Bertrand activities during the holiday season. Our normal participation in the Ladies Night Out will be followed by sugar cookies to decorate being available for the first 250 kids who in during Bertrand's Hallmark Family Christmas on Saturday December 4th. Then we will host our **Annual Bake Sale on Thursday, December 16th and Friday, December 17th from 8am to 2pm both days.** In addition to helping support us by coming in during these activities, we would love to see you all for a lunch or two to volunteer your time or talents.

-Coni Park, Manager



Bertrand Area Christmas Gift Project



Bertrand area groups and churches invite you to participate in the 8th annual Bertrand Area Community Gift Project to help Bertrand students and their families who are in need. This project is supported by many Bertrand area churches and community groups with the focus on Bertrand area students and their families in need of children’s winter clothing, simple children’s Christmas gifts, and a simple holiday family meal. Brightly-colored gift tags with simple gift requests for the children of the families who participate in this project are on Christmas trees or bulletin boards in many Bertrand area churches. The gifts are donated by the participating Bertrand Area churches. A traditional family holiday meal is funded by Bertrand area groups through this project.

Anyone wishing to donate a gift to the Bertrand Area Community Christmas (Gift) Project may:

1. Take a brightly-colored gift tag off of a tree or bulletin board at a church, ect. Marked with a “Bertrand Area Christmas (Gift) Project” sign, for people to see the description of the project (you’re welcome to include this note, also)
2. Select and wrap the gift listed on the tag, (see info on reverse of tag, for reminders)
3. Gather the gifts at the church, then have a group bring the wrapped gifts to Immanuel Church with all the gift tags attached and gift receipts enclosed for clothing items (in case a size-exchange is needed) by Sunday, Dec. 13, after 11:45am (after church service)

Gifts taken to Immanuel will be sorted and organized into the participating families after 11:45am on Sunday, December 13.

Most Bertrand families in need are two-parent families with two low-income jobs that do not sufficiently support the family. (Therefore, the family qualifies for free/reduced school meals.)

Please help these families doing their best to try to take care of their children by donating simple gifts (see gift tags on tree), or by donating funds towards a simple traditional holiday meal and household items.

Please contact Janice Gengenbach at (308)325-1268 if interested in donating funds towards purchase of food. Bulk purchasing is planned and has started for most effective use of funds donated.

Last year’s project was a big success due to the generosity of the community with providing Christmas gifts for children in our area who are in need. The simple gifts and food were much appreciated by all families involved! If there are questions, please call or text Kim Johnson at (308)991-2372. Thank you to all who are helping with the Bertrand Area Christmas Project!

-Beverly Hansen

Building/Fence Permits
Adding a fence or adding to your dwelling? Stop by the Village Office for a Building Permit. All Permits are due at the office the 1st Monday of the month for approval.

Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living

To ensure that our Residents have a wonderful Christmas we are asking that our community please help by donating a gift. The giving tree will be located at the Cross Country Market. Stop by and pick an ornament off the tree. Gifts need returned to the Bertrand Nursing Home by December 17th, with the ornament attached.

We would also like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone that donated for *give2Grow* in November!

THANK YOU for your thoughtfulness during this season of giving!

Residents and Staff would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season!



-Joey Kugler, Office Manager



Having troubles with your Yard Waste Card (Dump Card)?

Come see us at the Village Office.

We have improved our system at the site and old cards will no longer be accepted.

We will replace all old cards free of charge.

Office Hours are M-F 7:30 AM-4:30 PM



Bertrand Fire & Rescue Department

The Bertrand Fire Department hosted a Grain Bin Rescue class on September 12 which was sponsored by the Phelps County Mutual Aid Association. 24 firefighters and EMS personnel from Bertrand, Holdrege, Funk, Loomis, and Elwood logged 8 hours of training. The class was taught by Mid Plains Community College of McCook and funded by the former Nebraska Feed and Grain, Phelps Memorial Health Center, Titan Machinery -Holdrege, an anonymous donor, Keri Maloley, and CHS. Lunch for the attendees and instructors was provided by Aurora Coop of Bertrand. We cannot thank our sponsors enough for providing us with this training.

For the last year, members of your fire department have been working to raise funds for an air compressor that will be used to fill air pack tanks and our cascade system. We are happy to report that our goal of \$25,120 has been reached. This is going to be a new acquisition as the department hasn't had one in the past. We wish to thank all who gave to support this project and the agencies that provided us with grants.

Nearly 7 in 10 firefighters in the United States are volunteer firefighters. If you live in almost any small town in America, your local fire department is more than likely staffed with volunteers. Volunteer firefighters are crucial to emergency response capabilities for those communities but there is a growing shortage of volunteer firefighters that has many fire chiefs across the county scrambling to recruit new volunteers. The major contributing factor to the volunteer firefighter shortage is quite simple. It is hard to recruit candidates when the job will inevitably not pay what their work is worth. Most volunteer firefighters has full-time jobs, so the idea of taking on another full-time job with little to no pay is a hurdle volunteer fire departments have had to deal with for years. Other reasons for the shortage aren't as obvious but illustrate how the fire service profession has evolved over the last few decades. Today, firefighters respond to more medical calls for service than any other emergency call. The allure of being a volunteer firefighters may lose its luster as candidates realize that the job may be far less exciting than they imagined.

Furthermore, the requirements to become a firefighter have become tougher and requires a major commitment of time for training. Fire departments are aging and it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit young people. Right now, the Bertrand department as 24 members on a 30 person roster, 6 of which are EMT's. Thirty years ago, we had 18 EMT's on a full 25 person roster. Please consider supporting your community by becoming an EMT or volunteer firefighter. Contact Kevin Stehl at 308-991-4574 for more information.

-Kevin Stehl, Fire Chief



Santa Claus will be visiting the Bertrand Fire Hall December 4th from 2pm -4pm!

There will be fire truck rides for a fun-filled afternoon with Santa and the members of Bertrand Fire Department.

If you can't fly,
then run,
If you can't run,
then walk,
If you can't walk,
then crawl,
But by all means,
keep moving.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day,
January 17, 2022



OPEN HEARTS — OPEN ARMS

Sunday June 27th, 2021

Community Worship 2021

Hosted by Adullam and Immanuel

Would like to Thank You...

Our thanks and appreciation to all the community contributors and the Ministerial Association for the offering from the Community Fair Church Service. This is a blessing for so many of those in our community who need our help in an emergency situation. May God Bless all of you.

- The Bertrand Community Benevolent Fund



Bertrand ❄️ **Hallmark Christmas**

Saturday, December 4, 2021

❄️ **Downtown Bertrand 2pm-5pm** ❄️

Bertrand Community Building 4:30-8

Santa & Fire Truck Rides

@ Bertrand Fire Hall
2pm-4pm

❄️ **Christmas Tree Lighting**

@ Veterans Park at dusk!

Special Appearances



**Snowman
Reindeer
Elf**

**Christmas Cookie
Decorating for Kids**

@ Bertrand Senior Center

Snacks & Raffles

@ Bertrand City Hall

KID ACTIVITIES

@ The Gallery, Divine Boutique,
Pretty & Fabulous, Studio 607

**Christmas Tree Walk
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@ Bertrand Community Building
4:30-8:00 PM

Shopping

@ Local Businesses

Extended Hours - Specials - Drawings

Christmas Story Reading

@ Bertrand Community Building
6:00-8:00 PM

For More Details

❄️ **Check out Facebook**

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1st ANNUAL

New Year's Eve Celebration

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 6PM

LIVE MUSIC • DINNER •
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

GENERAL ADMISSION \$50 per person

Contact the Village Office for reserved table information

Contact the Village of Bertrand for ticket information 308.472.3455

Live Music provided by Strings Attached

Cash Bar provided by Blue Moose

BERTRAND COMMUNITY BUILDING
405 NELSON ST

Cocktail Attire

Proceeds will go to the Bertrand Aquatic Facility

**NEW YEARS
EVE PLANS?**

**Call today for
tickets!**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

2022

The Pool Committee has been working very hard in preparing an unforgettable night of fun, food, drinks, music and many amazing items to bid on to help raise money for our new swimming pool!

Call today for more info!

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Providing a supportive environment for personal development and growth for others through horse interaction



Seniors

A horse's touch can go a long way with our seniors- increase confidence, reduce stress, help with better emotional awareness, and greater empathy.

Horses bring a joy and companionship to seniors by reducing loneliness, (which has been a major issue in the recent times), increasing sense of purpose, and sparking conversation.

We offer one-on-one sessions and group sessions for all ages, including nursing home residents. We will also do birthday party appearances. We volunteer our time for a children's reading program and other visits.



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Bertrand Area Community Fund (BACF)

As 2021 edges to an end, so, too, does the Holthus Hometown Challenge. BACF was challenged to raise \$300,000 by December 31, 2021. Once matched through the generosity of Kelly and Virginia Holthus, this becomes \$450,000.

The community fund committee has found the final 10 percent to be the toughest step, whether because of the pandemic or some other reason. Please consider a gift toward meeting the last \$30,000 of the challenge, and if your employer has a charitable donation matching program, please seek that match as well. We would love to cross the finish line with donations well above the goal!

To ensure adequate processing time, BACF requests that gifts arrive by December 24. With questions, reach out via email to bertrandfoundation@gmail.com. As always, your donation is tax deductible and confidential.

Here's how to give:

- In Person by contacting any member of the advisory committee
- By mail to BACF, P.O. Box 153, Bertrand, NE 68927
- Online through the secure Nebraska Community Foundation portal

At www.nebcommfound.org/give/bertrand-area-community-fund

Fund Advisory Members

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give2GROW

BACF advisory members wish to thank everyone (individuals and businesses) that graciously supported our fund during the 2021 give2GROW.

Closing

With Thanksgiving only a few days away, we are thankful for family, friends, our caring and supportive Bertrand Area Community. We truly are blessed! May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Beverly Hansen

Bertrand Lions Club

The Bertrand Lions hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving. We would like to say Thank You to all those who donated to the Lions Foundation during the give2Grow event. We would also like to thank everyone who came and supported the Early Bird Breakfast. Hope to see you during the Hallmark Christmas December 4th. Lots of activities planned for that day for the whole family. The Lions will be having a fundraiser raffle to purchase tickets for.

Thank you for supporting the Bertrand Lions this year. We are always looking to add new members! Have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

- Kathy Weber, Bertrand Lions Club

NOTICES

Village of Bertrand Board of Trustees

Upcoming Board Meetings:

**second Tuesday of the month*

December 14, 2021

January 11, 2022

February 8, 2022

7:30 PM at the Village Hall

Board of Trustees:

TJ Wilcox, Bob Dahlgren, Lucas Evans,
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2021-2022 Bertrand Blood Drives

*All Blood Drives located at the
Bertrand Community Building*

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

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Walk Ins Welcome!

**Give the gift of life
Donate blood**



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We will resume normal business hours on the following day.

A Special Thank You

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Thanks again!



Wishing you
a season of gladness,
a season of cheer,
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a wonderful year.

From the
Village of Bertrand
Board of Trustees
and Staff

NEWSLETTER



Village of Bertrand

December 2021

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Salaries/Benefits		\$317,288.30	Purchase of Equipment		<u>54,772.00</u>
Operating Expense		310,258.82	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		2,056,929.00
Supplies		24,717.08			
Capital Outlay		197,964.53	Cash Balance on Hand	6/30/2021	\$183,109.00
Debt Service		300,260.27			
Grants/ARP Funds		12,456.38			
Pool Project		<u>475,724.07</u>			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,638,669.45			
Cash Balance on Hand	9/30/2021	\$2,867,059.46			

Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer

December 4	Bertrand Hallmark Christmas
December 21	First Day of Winter
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Year's Day
January 4	National Spaghetti Day
January 17	Martin Luther King Day
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 21	President's Day

Bertrand Area Chamber

wishes you



Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year.

Bertrand Ag Society

Bertrand Craft Show and Café 2021 was a big success. Thank you to all the volunteers for all your help with setup, preparing food and cleanup. Thank you to the vendors for being a part of this years event and bringing all the wonderful products. Thank you to the shoppers for supporting the vendors and the café. We can't wait to see you all next year on October 15th, 2022. If you have any questions, please call Pamela Hansen at 308-991-3318.

The Christmas Tree Walk is right around the corner. This year we are working with all the organizations here to make one amazing & blessed day for everyone. The Bertrand Ag Society will start serving at 4:30 pm and end at 8 pm on December 4th in the Community Building. We will be serving chicken noodle soup, chili, hot dogs, polish dogs and many desserts for an on site suggested donation. Then at 7pm Pastor Noah Tyler is going to read the Christmas Story to all those that want to attend! We will have decorated Christmas trees on display for everyone to enjoy. If you would like more information about decorating a tree, please contact Kami Ackerman at 308-991-2447.

Project updates: we have received \$15,000 in grants to help with the repair of the Bertrand Community Building roof! WAHOO! Tillotson is going to be doing the repairs which will hopefully start early spring depending on the weather. Our total estimate to repair the roof is \$17,819. We are already in the planning stages of addressing the sidewalk on the north side of the community building.

We all hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

~Pamela Hansen and the Bertrand Ag Society



15th Annual Christmas Tree Walk
Christmas Tree Display and Soup Supper
(part of the Hallmark Christmas)
December 4, 2021 4pm-8pm
Bertrand Community Building

Young at Heart Senior Center

As the holiday season approaches, we all find ourselves busy, busy, busy. Like many other employers, Young at Heart Senior Center is lacking personnel. That will be having an effect on how much involvement you see from the Senior Center in the community during the holiday season. **Starting Monday, November 29th, we will closed on Mondays.** It is our hope that we will be able to open 5 days a week again after the first of the year. During this time, we would greatly appreciate any and all volunteer support. If you are willing to help with cooking or kitchen clean-up after a lunch, help with some cleaning or provide your support in any other way, please contact Coni at 472-5010. Regardless of our currant staffing issue, it is our plan to continue to support the downtown Bertrand activities during the holiday season. Our normal participation in the Ladies Night Out will be followed by sugar cookies to decorate being available for the first 250 kids who in during Bertrand's Hallmark Family Christmas on Saturday December 4th. Then we will host our **Annual Bake Sale on Thursday, December 16th and Friday, December 17th from 8am to 2pm both days.** In addition to helping support us by coming in during these activities, we would love to see you all for a lunch or two to volunteer your time or talents.

-Coni Park, Manager



Bertrand Area Christmas Gift Project



Bertrand area groups and churches invite you to participate in the 8th annual Bertrand Area Community Gift Project to help Bertrand students and their families who are in need. This project is supported by many Bertrand area churches and community groups with the focus on Bertrand area students and their families in need of children’s winter clothing, simple children’s Christmas gifts, and a simple holiday family meal. Brightly-colored gift tags with simple gift requests for the children of the families who participate in this project are on Christmas trees or bulletin boards in many Bertrand area churches. The gifts are donated by the participating Bertrand Area churches. A traditional family holiday meal is funded by Bertrand area groups through this project.

Anyone wishing to donate a gift to the Bertrand Area Community Christmas (Gift) Project may:

1. Take a brightly-colored gift tag off of a tree or bulletin board at a church, ect. Marked with a “Bertrand Area Christmas (Gift) Project” sign, for people to see the description of the project (you’re welcome to include this note, also)
2. Select and wrap the gift listed on the tag, (see info on reverse of tag, for reminders)
3. Gather the gifts at the church, then have a group bring the wrapped gifts to Immanuel Church with all the gift tags attached and gift receipts enclosed for clothing items (in case a size-exchange is needed) by Sunday, Dec. 13, after 11:45am (after church service)

Gifts taken to Immanuel will be sorted and organized into the participating families after 11:45am on Sunday, December 13.

Most Bertrand families in need are two-parent families with two low-income jobs that do not sufficiently support the family. (Therefore, the family qualifies for free/reduced school meals.)

Please help these families doing their best to try to take care of their children by donating simple gifts (see gift tags on tree), or by donating funds towards a simple traditional holiday meal and household items.

Please contact Janice Gengenbach at (308)325-1268 if interested in donating funds towards purchase of food. Bulk purchasing is planned and has started for most effective use of funds donated.

Last year’s project was a big success due to the generosity of the community with providing Christmas gifts for children in our area who are in need. The simple gifts and food were much appreciated by all families involved! If there are questions, please call or text Kim Johnson at (308)991-2372. Thank you to all who are helping with the Bertrand Area Christmas Project!

-Beverly Hansen

Building/Fence Permits
Adding a fence or adding to your dwelling? Stop by the Village Office for a Building Permit. All Permits are due at the office the 1st Monday of the month for approval.

Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living

To ensure that our Residents have a wonderful Christmas we are asking that our community please help by donating a gift. The giving tree will be located at the Cross Country Market. Stop by and pick an ornament off the tree. Gifts need returned to the Bertrand Nursing Home by December 17th, with the ornament attached.

We would also like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone that donated for *give2Grow* in November!

THANK YOU for your thoughtfulness during this season of giving!

Residents and Staff would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season!



-Joey Kugler, Office Manager



Having troubles with your Yard Waste Card (Dump Card)?

Come see us at the Village Office.

We have improved our system at the site and old cards will no longer be accepted.

We will replace all old cards free of charge.

Office Hours are M-F 7:30 AM-4:30 PM



Bertrand Fire & Rescue Department

The Bertrand Fire Department hosted a Grain Bin Rescue class on September 12 which was sponsored by the Phelps County Mutual Aid Association. 24 firefighters and EMS personnel from Bertrand, Holdrege, Funk, Loomis, and Elwood logged 8 hours of training. The class was taught by Mid Plains Community College of McCook and funded by the former Nebraska Feed and Grain, Phelps Memorial Health Center, Titan Machinery -Holdrege, an anonymous donor, Keri Maloley, and CHS. Lunch for the attendees and instructors was provided by Aurora Coop of Bertrand. We cannot thank our sponsors enough for providing us with this training.

For the last year, members of your fire department have been working to raise funds for an air compressor that will be used to fill air pack tanks and our cascade system. We are happy to report that our goal of \$25,120 has been reached. This is going to be a new acquisition as the department hasn't had one in the past. We wish to thank all who gave to support this project and the agencies that provided us with grants.

Nearly 7 in 10 firefighters in the United States are volunteer firefighters. If you live in almost any small town in America, your local fire department is more than likely staffed with volunteers. Volunteer firefighters are crucial to emergency response capabilities for those communities but there is a growing shortage of volunteer firefighters that has many fire chiefs across the county scrambling to recruit new volunteers. The major contributing factor to the volunteer firefighter shortage is quite simple. It is hard to recruit candidates when the job will inevitably not pay what their work is worth. Most volunteer firefighters has full-time jobs, so the idea of taking on another full-time job with little to no pay is a hurdle volunteer fire departments have had to deal with for years. Other reasons for the shortage aren't as obvious but illustrate how the fire service profession has evolved over the last few decades. Today, firefighters respond to more medical calls for service than any other emergency call. The allure of being a volunteer firefighters may lose its luster as candidates realize that the job may be far less exciting than they imagined.

Furthermore, the requirements to become a firefighter have become tougher and requires a major commitment of time for training. Fire departments are aging and it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit young people. Right now, the Bertrand department as 24 members on a 30 person roster, 6 of which are EMT's. Thirty years ago, we had 18 EMT's on a full 25 person roster. Please consider supporting your community by becoming an EMT or volunteer firefighter. Contact Kevin Stehl at 308-991-4574 for more information.

-Kevin Stehl, Fire Chief



Santa Claus will be visiting the Bertrand Fire Hall December 4th from 2pm -4pm!

There will be fire truck rides for a fun-filled afternoon with Santa and the members of Bertrand Fire Department.

If you can't fly,
then run,
If you can't run,
then walk,
If you can't walk,
then crawl,
But by all means,
keep moving.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day,
January 17, 2022



OPEN HEARTS — OPEN ARMS

Sunday June 27th, 2021

Community Worship 2021

Hosted by Adullam and Immanuel

Would like to Thank You...

Our thanks and appreciation to all the community contributors and the Ministerial Association for the offering from the Community Fair Church Service. This is a blessing for so many of those in our community who need our help in an emergency situation. May God Bless all of you.

- The Bertrand Community Benevolent Fund



Bertrand ❄️ **Hallmark Christmas**

Saturday, December 4, 2021

❄️ **Downtown Bertrand 2pm-5pm** ❄️

Bertrand Community Building 4:30-8

Santa & Fire Truck Rides

@ Bertrand Fire Hall
2pm-4pm

❄️ **Christmas Tree Lighting**

@ Veterans Park at dusk!

Special Appearances



**Snowman
Reindeer
Elf**

**Christmas Cookie
Decorating for Kids**

@ Bertrand Senior Center

Snacks & Raffles

@ Bertrand City Hall

KID ACTIVITIES

@ The Gallery, Divine Boutique,
Pretty & Fabulous, Studio 607

**Christmas Tree Walk
& Soup Dinner**

@ Bertrand Community Building
4:30-8:00 PM

Shopping

@ Local Businesses

Extended Hours - Specials - Drawings

Christmas Story Reading

@ Bertrand Community Building
6:00-8:00 PM

For More Details

❄️ **Check out Facebook**

Bertrand Lions

Bertrand Chamber

Bertrand Ag Society

Bertrand Fire Dept

1st ANNUAL

New Year's Eve Celebration

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 6PM

LIVE MUSIC • DINNER •
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

GENERAL ADMISSION \$50 per person

Contact the Village Office for reserved table information

Contact the Village of Bertrand for ticket information 308.472.3455

Live Music provided by Strings Attached

Cash Bar provided by Blue Moose

BERTRAND COMMUNITY BUILDING
405 NELSON ST

Cocktail Attire

Proceeds will go to the Bertrand Aquatic Facility

**NEW YEARS
EVE PLANS?**

**Call today for
tickets!**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

2022

The Pool Committee has been working very hard in preparing an unforgettable night of fun, food, drinks, music and many amazing items to bid on to help raise money for our new swimming pool!

Call today for more info!

308-472-3455



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Seniors

A horse's touch can go a long way with our seniors- increase confidence, reduce stress, help with better emotional awareness, and greater empathy.

Horses bring a joy and companionship to seniors by reducing loneliness, (which has been a major issue in the recent times), increasing sense of purpose, and sparking conversation.

We offer one-on-one sessions and group sessions for all ages, including nursing home residents. We will also do birthday party appearances. We volunteer our time for a children's reading program and other visits.



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Instagram: @prairieequineexperience

Bertrand Area Community Fund (BACF)

As 2021 edges to an end, so, too, does the Holthus Hometown Challenge. BACF was challenged to raise \$300,000 by December 31, 2021. Once matched through the generosity of Kelly and Virginia Holthus, this becomes \$450,000.

The community fund committee has found the final 10 percent to be the toughest step, whether because of the pandemic or some other reason. Please consider a gift toward meeting the last \$30,000 of the challenge, and if your employer has a charitable donation matching program, please seek that match as well. We would love to cross the finish line with donations well above the goal!

To ensure adequate processing time, BACF requests that gifts arrive by December 24. With questions, reach out via email to bertrandfoundation@gmail.com. As always, your donation is tax deductible and confidential.

Here's how to give:

- In Person by contacting any member of the advisory committee
- By mail to BACF, P.O. Box 153, Bertrand, NE 68927
- Online through the secure Nebraska Community Foundation portal

At www.nebcommfound.org/give/bertrand-area-community-fund

Fund Advisory Members

Christopher Davison, Chair; Scott Schwarz, Vice Chair; Beverly Hansen, Treasurer; Liz Ford, Secretary; Melissa Vinzant; Alysia Kuck; Karen Nelson; Aryn Schwarz; Colby Gardine; Jessie Olesen.

give2GROW

BACF advisory members wish to thank everyone (individuals and businesses) that graciously supported our fund during the 2021 give2GROW.

Closing

With Thanksgiving only a few days away, we are thankful for family, friends, our caring and supportive Bertrand Area Community. We truly are blessed! May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Beverly Hansen

Bertrand Lions Club

The Bertrand Lions hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving. We would like to say Thank You to all those who donated to the Lions Foundation during the give2Grow event. We would also like to thank everyone who came and supported the Early Bird Breakfast. Hope to see you during the Hallmark Christmas December 4th. Lots of activities planned for that day for the whole family. The Lions will be having a fundraiser raffle to purchase tickets for.

Thank you for supporting the Bertrand Lions this year. We are always looking to add new members! Have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year!

- Kathy Weber, Bertrand Lions Club

NOTICES

Village of Bertrand Board of Trustees

Upcoming Board Meetings:

**second Tuesday of the month*

December 14, 2021

January 11, 2022

February 8, 2022

7:30 PM at the Village Hall

Board of Trustees:

TJ Wilcox, Bob Dahlgren, Lucas Evans,
Brian Schroeder, and Fred Spiegel



We would like to say THANK YOU to all of the individuals that donated to the Bertrand organizations during *give2GROW*.

Food Pantry

The Village of Bertrand's Food Pantry is located at 507 Minor Avenue. This is available for anyone with a need. Individuals may use this service up to 3 times per year. Please contact the Village Office at 472-3455 with any questions.

Forms for Christmas Boxes through the Phelps Community Pantry are also available at the Village Hall.



2021-2022 Bertrand Blood Drives

*All Blood Drives located at the
Bertrand Community Building*

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Walk Ins Welcome!

**Give the gift of life
Donate blood**



Village Office Closing

The Village Office will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Christmas Eve December 24, 2021

New Year's (observed) January 3, 2022

President's Day February 21, 2022

We will resume normal business hours on the following day.

A Special Thank You

I just wanted to say Thank You to everyone that contributed to this newsletter!

Kathy Weber

Pam Hansen

Marcus Schwarz

Kevin Stehl

Beverly Hansen

Coni Park

Joey Kugler

Vickie Hunt

Lori Vinzant



Thank You

The Village of Bertrand would like to express our appreciation for every donation that was raised during give2Grow on November 18, 2021. These donations will go a long way to support the new swimming pool project.

The generosity of our community members continues to amaze us! We are truly blessed to live in a caring community such as this!

Thanks again!



Wishing you
a season of gladness,
a season of cheer,
and to top it all off -
a wonderful year.

From the
Village of Bertrand
Board of Trustees
and Staff