

Village of Bertrand

March 2022

On a daily basis, we are overrun with reasons to say thank you to the people around us. Maybe someone held the door for you when you had your hands full, the cashier chipped in \$0.36 because you were short, your colleague helped you on a difficult project. We are lucky to have so many reasons to say "thanks" every day, but sometimes we need some new words or expressions to adequately express the gratitude we feel...

"We are so grateful" *Thanks* is an expression of gratitude, so just cut to the chase. Tell someone you are grateful for whatever way in which they helped you.

"We appreciate it" It's always nice to feel appreciated. When someone does something to help you out or make your life easier, be sure to say how much it means to you that they went out of their way to help.

"We couldn't have done it without you" If you couldn't have made something without another person's help, then they should definitely know that. Don't hold back in telling them how vital they are.

"Your support means the world to us" *Support* means to bear or hold up or to serve as a foundation for. The people who do that for you deserve to know that their efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

On behalf of the Pool Committee and the Village Board of Trustees, I would like to say "Many Thanks" to those who attended the First Annual New Year's Eve Celebration! (I don't think that just one "Thanks" will cover it!) Through private donations, auction items, and ticket sales, we were able to raise over \$50,000!!! Generous gifts from citizens like you provide the financial and moral support needed to continue with the swimming pool project. The Village is inspired by the dedication and generosity of those of you that answer the call to support our community. The proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to lower the property taxes in the near future!

I would also like to give a standing ovation to all of the students (and parents) and staff of the Bertrand Community Schools. This year was by far the largest food pantry drive that I have ever witnessed. The Village Hall was packed with so much canned and dry goods that it took four of us

2 days to sort and put away. Our hearts, as well as our storerooms, are extremely full from everyone's thoughtfulness and generosity. These donations will go to those that are having a hard time. We know the families in our community appreciate your kindness when things get a little tough.

I am extremely proud to call Bertrand my home. And it is all because of you! So... I am grateful! I appreciate it! I couldn't have done it without you! And your support means the world to me! SPRING!

- Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer



WWW.607studio.com

Come Visit Us & Try Yoga!

Studio 607 on Minor Ave in Bertrand would like to invite you to stop by. After some construction and lots of hard work by Jason McNierney the yoga studio is ready for the community! We have tried to create a space that is safe, clean, comfortable and judgment free for anyone to come have a positive healthy experience. We are excited to meet everyone who stops by and look forward to helping people reach their health goals. No experience or equipment needed. Simply come as you are, we support whole body wellness through nutrition, movement and breath.

Current classes offered are Chair Yoga, Gentle Yoga, PiYo, Trauma Yoga and Bootcamp. Workshops coming this Spring!

Studio 607 Mel McNierney 720.401.0058

Find a schedule of classes at <u>www.607studio.com</u>





Mark your calendars!! Bertrand Garage Sale Date Saturday July 30th, 2022

What to do with any unwanted items? Take advantage of a Goodwill trailer that will be located at the Bertrand Community Building 405 Nelson Street

July 28—August 4th Sign-up for Garage Sales will be available early July at the

Village Office or for info call the Village Office.

The Bertrand Aquatic Facility is hiring lifeguards! Applications are available at the Village Office.

Apply SOON!! Deadline is March 10th Village Office hours are 8:30-4:30 Mon-Fri Call us for more info at 308.472.3455



NOTICES

Village of Bertrand

Upcoming Board Meetings: *second Tuesday of the month

> March 8 April 12 May 10

7:30 PM at the Village Hall

<u>Board of Trustees:</u> TJ Wilcox, Chairman; Bob Dahlgren, Lucas Evans, Brian Schroeder, Fred Spiegel

Online Bill Pay

The Village of Bertrand now has online Bill Pay to offer on our website:

http://bertrandne.com

Or you can pay directly on the PayPort website:

http://ne.gov/go/bertrandvillagene





Golf Cart License

\$15.00 per vehicle *proof of insurance required

An all-terrain vehicle, scooter, UTV or golf cart may be operated on the streets and highways, within the

corporate limits of the Village of Bertrand only if the operator complies with the rules of the road set by the State of Nebraska. Operator must be at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's license. Operators and passengers must be restrained in the vehicle or seated at all time. Parking on the sidewalks of the

Bertrand Blood Drives

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Tuesday, June 14, 2022 Tuesday, August 9, 2022 Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Tuesday, December 13, 2022 Held at the Bertrand Community Building. Visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.



Cat and Dog License DUE MAY 1, 2022

\$5.00 per animal if spayed/neutered \$10.00 per animal if NOT spayed/neutered

Proof of Rabies Shot Required

A fee of \$100.00 will be assessed if not paid by May 31,2022

*Reminder letters will be sent out at a later date for all animals registered at the Village Office.

A Special Thank You

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

Lori Vinzant Marcus Schwarz Pamela Hansen Coni Park Heidi High Rudy I SC

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HOLTHUS HOMETOWN CHALLENGE Jhank you for making the Holthus Challenge a resounding success!

This \$450,000 brings the Unrestricted Endowment fund to \$900,587. You might be wondering what this will do for Bertrand. Our grant making ability increased to nearly \$40,000 for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. Just think how impactful that becomes! Remember – the balance of the fund may not be spent. Only a portion of the interest earnings is available for grants.

-Bertrand Area Community Fund

2022 Bertrand Baseball & Softball Fundraiser



Join us for a Free Will Donation Hamburger & hotdog lunch and turn in signup forms!

Where: Bertrand Community Building (small room) When: Sunday March 20th 11:30am – 2pm

There will also be a Sign up to Raffle:

- 4 \$25 gift certificates to Concessions
- Bertrand Baseball/Softball Shirts
- * C+ Gift Card
- Various Baseball Goodies

This will be your child's last opportunity to sign up if they have not already. Commissioner will be available to answer any general questions. Including concession schedule, and player safety. We will also have Coaches information.

Questions: Call Matt Hernandez 308-293-2841



HOLDREGE/PHELPS COUNTY

Wanted

In need of a volunteer to be a Phelps County Crime S toppers Director for the west half of Phelps County

Contact Rudy Mattson @ 308-991-3833



Young At Heart Senior Center

"I'm not old enough to eat at the Senior Center."

If I had a dollar for every time, I have heard that, I would be incredibly rich. Just to clarify how the Senior Center works, I want you to know that ANYONE is old enough to eat at the Senior Center. The only difference is the cost of your meal. Those under 60 are charged \$6 per meal. That can be dine-in or take-out. Those over 60 are asked to pay \$4.50 per meal. Our menu is printed in our monthly newsletter and posted on our Facebook page. My goal is to make sure that everyone in Bertrand and the surrounding area know that they are welcome to join us for lunch and to participate in the activities we offer. Plus, we have a new cook so if you have not been in for a while, you need to stop in for lunch and meet our new cook!

Finding a new cook was quite an adventure! After almost 3 months with no applications, a fabulous cook came walking through our door one Friday to volunteer her time helping in the kitchen. Little did she know that a few hours of volunteer time would end up being a new job. If you have not been in to eat lately, you should stop in for lunch and say hello to Kimberly.

- Coni Parks, Manager

The Ultímate Sacrífice

We set aside Memorial Day Each and every year To honor those who gave their lives Defending what we hold dear. In all the dark and deadly wars, Their graves prove and remind us, Our brace Americans gave their all To put danger far behind us. They made the ultimate sacrifice Fighting for the American way' We admire them and respect them On every Memorial Day.

-Joann Fuchs

Spring Grant Application Information

The BACF Spring Grant Cycle is open March 1 – 31, 2022. For an application – send a request to: <u>www.bertrandfoundation@gmail.com</u>. Please include the name of your non-profit organization and contact information. Applications will be reviewed in April with notifications made by April 30th.

What We Fund

Bertrand Area Community Fund restricts its support to 501(c)(3) organizations, government entities or other types of organizations using the funds for a charitable purpose. If your organization is not a 501(c)(3) or government organization, please contact us before you prepare your grant application so we can verify that the purpose for which you wish to use the funds is charitable.

We encourage grant requests for projects or programs that are consistent with our vision, mission and values and:

- Will have a broad impact on the quality of life for a significant number of people in our community
- Propose ways to address community issues and problems
- Leverage other sources of support
- Encourage others to get involved in addressing community needs
- Are creative in their approach to solving problems or capturing opportunities
- Are responsive to changing or emerging community needs
- Help develop community leadership
- Engage young people in the community
- Support innovative approaches to economic development
- Are sustainable over time

What We Don't Fund

The Bertrand Area Community Fund does not make grants to individuals, for political purposes including lobbying or legislative activity, to retire indebtedness, for payment of interest or taxes or for regranting. We do not usually give priority to funding for:

- Operating or maintenance expenses
- Membership fees
- Banquet or luncheon expenses
- Ticket sales for charitable fund-raising expenses
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- Travel expenses for groups such as school classes, clubs or sports teams

Bertrand Area Community Fund—Advisory Members

| I | Melissa Vinzant, Member |
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| I | Alysia Kuck, Member |
| I | Karen Nelson, Member |
| I | Aryn Schwarz, Member |
| I | Colby Gardine, Member |
| I | Jessie Olesen, Member |
| I | Joel High, Ex-officio Chair |
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Bertrand Area Community Fund PO Box 153, Bertrand, NE 68927

bertrandfoundation@gmail.com



NOTICE TO ALL HI-LINE GOLFERS

Dues for 2022 Golf Season

Family\$485.00(Married with children up to age 25 if in school)Couples\$425.00(2 persons married, engaged or romantically paired)Singles\$365.00Student\$150.00

DUE MARCH 15, 2022

*2 payment plan available by application: 1st payment—March 15th, 2nd payment—June 15th. Late Fee \$50.00 after March 15, 2022.

Cart Stall Rent

| Gas Cart | |
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| Electric Cart | |

DUE MAY 1, 2022

*If not paid by June 1st, the rate will increase to \$175 (gas) or \$190 (electric). Any cart rent not paid by June 15th will require removal of your cart. No notice will be given, so please make payment before deadline.

Annual Cart Rental

Members (upon availability)

\$400.00

\$150.00

\$165.00

× × DUE MAY 1, 2022

*Excludes tournaments, 18 holes only on holidays and weekends

Seasonal Trail Fee

Members own carts

\$50.00

DUE JUNE 1, 2022

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Hi-Line Golf Association PO Box 276 Bertrand, NE 68927

[×] Josh Vinzant will be in charge of league play this season. All league participants must be course [×] members. The fee to play is \$75 per person, and all non-member substitutes must pay greens fees. [×] Contact Josh @ 308-999-9256 to register or for more information. League is limited to 30 teams.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the ANNUAL MEETING on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. We will elect 3 new board members at this meeting. We need 25% of members voting, so if you are unable to attend, please mail in your proxy.

- Hi-Line Course Board of Directors

Bertrand Nursing Home & Assisted Living

A cat strayed his way into the hearts of people at the nursing home and assisted living. He came to the place one day and decided to work here! Meet Opie the cat! This cat showed up outside the Nursing Home a few years back mostly hanging out on the front porch with the elders. Now he shows up daily for visits! The friendly feline quickly crept his way into everyone's heart, and before they knew it they had a cat sitting by the nurse's station helping his human friends with day to day work. "He is like family here. He helps the residents, he helps the employees, and we just love him," Ivan Samuelson, Carolyn Rischling, and Betty McCracken tells everyone. Most of the residents at the facility grew up with pets or had a pet. Opie reminds them of home. This caring little feline has brought so much joy to everyone at the facility. We are so grateful!

Just a friendly reminder:

With the new guidelines for Nursing Home and Assisted Living, we are now able to have visitors anytime following the guidelines! Hope to see you soon!

- Joey Kugler, Office Manager



Spring Cleaning Time May 1^{s+} to June 1^{s+}

- There will be a roll-off dumpster located at the Bertrand Community Building.
- If you have items that can fit in the dumpsters throughout the alleys, please do so. This will save space for larger items, such as couches, mattresses, etc. in the roll-off dumpsters.
- The Yard Waste Site is open 7 days a week. Use your key card to gain access.
- Please haul your own items to those locations if you are able. If you need assistance, please call the Village Office at 308-472-3455 for pick-up (limit to one pick up per household).
- Metal, appliances, and white goods can be taken to the Yard Waste Site.
- Tires, Paint and Batteries are <u>NOT</u> allowed in either the Alley Dumpsters or the Yard Waste Site.
- Please follow all the dumping instructions outlined in the policies and site map. Anyone violating these regulations will be fined up to \$250. Copies of policies and maps are available at the Village Office.



Bertrand Agricultural Society, Inc.

The Bertrand Ag Society held its annual meeting in February. Our officers are as follows: President—Julie Nelson; Vice President—Jennifer Weber; Secretary—Tiffany Langford; Treasurer—Kamie Ackerman, and Vice Treasurer—Grace Jasnoch.

Come spring time, you will see Tillotson Enterprises fixing the community building roof as we met our goal with fundraising, grants, and all your generous donations!

We still have booths available for the Bertrand Craft Show that will be held on October 15, 2022. Contact Pamela Hansen at 308-991-3318 or email bertrandcraftshow@gmail.com for details.

The community building is a great place to hold family gatherings, birthday parties, meetings, weddings, graduation receptions, and more. Contact Kamie Ackerman at 308-991-2447 for more information.

Fair is coming up and that means we will be looking for volunteers to help June 25th through June 28th, so watch our Facebook page for more details or call Kamie Ackerman.

If you have not liked our Facebook page, please do so you can stay up to date with future activities.

-Pamela Hansen and the Bertrand Ag Society

Yard Waste Rules and Regulations

- Only grass. Leaves, garden waste, branches, trees and white goods will be allowed at the site. *White Goods Include: refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, and hot water heaters.
- No more than three (3) vehicles will be allowed in the dumping area at the same time.
- All items must be separated before dumping.
- The pit is for trees, twigs, small branches, and untreated wood ONLY. If you are dumping coals in the pit, make sure they have been soaked and cooled before they enter the pit.
- The grass pile is for grass, leaves, garden and yard waste. If these items are brought out in plastic bags, they will have to be dumped out and the bag or container taken back. Absolutely no cans, plastic, paper, or other trash can be mixed with the grass, leaves, or garden/yard waste.
- Batteries, tires, and chemicals/paints are NOT allowed at the Site.
- Wire, bedsprings, furniture, TVs, and small appliances are allowed in the large dumpster located at the Site.
- Any shingles, siding, or other building materials that might contain asbestos must be bagged and taken to the Holdrege landfill site.
- Card holders are prohibited from lending their card to anyone who is not a member of their immediate household. Business owners are prohibited from lending their card to anyone who is not employed by the business.
- All loads from outside of the Village of Bertrand must obtain a permit and pay a deposit and dumping fee at the Village Office.

Notice: Any abuse at the site can be tracked. Video cameras are installed at the site, and the Municipal Superintendent can view the violation as it is being committed. The Municipal Superintendent is authorized to asses a fine of up to, but no more than \$250 per violation. A second violation and/or failure to pay a fine on or before it is due shall be subject to an immediate loss of privileges to access and use of the Yard Waste Site.

Bertrand Area Chamber News

BERTRAND DAYS 2022:

Saturday, June 25—Tuesday, June 28. A complete list of all activities will be posted in the June Newsletter.

Ozark Amusements from Springfield, Missouri has signed a contract with the chamber and will be coming for Bertrand Days!

Attractions are :

Bumper cars, sizzler, go gator, fun house, bounce house, paratrooper, big slide and more. They will be open Saturday through Tuesday. Hours of operation will be announced later.

The Bertrand Area Chamber continues to host/fund these events:

- Summer Softball and Baseball Programs: (for Kindergarten—8th Grade Children)
- Dan McCracken Memorial Chamber Fishing Tournament: June 11, 2022
 Johnson Lake, 1 to 5:30 pm.
 Contact Randy Hock at 308-325-0897
- Family Fishing Tournament: June 19, 2022
 Sam Phillips Lake, 1:30-5:30 pm.
 Contact Randy Hock at 308-325-0897
- Cruise Night: Date to be Determined
- Bertrand Area Night Out: August 10, 2022
 City Park at 6:30 pm
- Annual Chamber Golf Tournament: August 20, 2022 Contact Brent Samuelson at 308-472-3411 or his cell 308-991-1961

In addition to the above events, the Chamber helps support:

Post Prom Event; Bertrand Area Christmas Project; BERMIS FFA Fall Breakfast, Rockin' Brews and BBQ, and other events held during the year in the Bertrand area.

Chamber Links:

Email: <u>bertrandareachamber@yahoo.com</u> Facebook: Bertrand Area Chamber of Commerce Website: <u>www.bertrandchamber.com</u>



Choice Gas Selection Period

The 2022 Nebraska Choice Gas program selection period will run from April 1 through April 21, 2022. During this period, natural gas customers can choose their natural gas supplier and pricing option for the upcoming gas year, which begins June 1 and runs through May 31, 2023.

ACE, the only community-owned natural gas supplier in the program, will again be among the competing suppliers. ACE was formed by Nebraska communities to ensure competition in the program and to serve as an advocate for customers.

At the direction of the ACE Board, ACE returns money to its member communities, which includes Bertrand. ACE has returned more than \$38,000 to Bertrand for community betterment use.

ACE encourages customers to actively make a selection and offers several competitive pricing options. Pricing during the selection period is available on ACE's website: <u>www.ACEenergy.org</u> or by calling (800) 454-4759.

Important Dates

| March 13 | Daylight Savings Time | |
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| March 17 | St. Patrick's Day | |
| March 20 | First Day of Spring | |
| April 1 | April Fools Day | |
| April 15 | Good Friday | |
| April 17 | Easter | |
| April 21 | Administrative Professional's Day | |
| April 22 | Earth Day | |
| May 1 | May Day | |
| May 5 | Cinco de Mayo | |
| May 8 | Mother's Day | |
| May 15 | National Armed Forces Day | |
| May 30 | Memorial Day | |
| Bertrand Days Fair Serving | | |

Watch this newsletter, the Bertrand Fair & Rodeo Facebook page and at <u>www.bertrandareachamber.com</u> for the announcement of our 2022 meeting dates. New committee members are always welcome! Bertrand Area Churches-Select your committee representatives, we will be contacting you soon!

A Note from the Utilities Superintendent

Public health officials have always been concerned about cross connections and backflow in plumbing systems and in public drinking water supply distribution systems. People have utmost confidence in the water they drink. Open a faucet and we drink what comes out. If, however, the water is contaminated, sickness and even death can be the result. There are documented cases where cross connections have been responsible for contamination of drinking water. Many cross connections have resulted in the spread of disease; some cases have even resulted in death.

What is a cross connection?

A plumbing cross connection is defined s the actual or potential connection between a public water supply and a source of contamination or pollution.

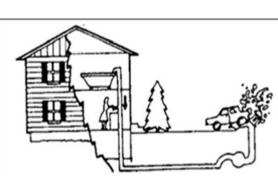
In other words, a cross connection is the link through which it is possible for a contaminating material to enter the drinking water supply system. Such links, or possible links, pose a serious public health hazard. Because of the hazards of cross connections, you and every other customer of the public water supply system have a responsibility to help safeguard your system and the public water supply system (city or rural water district) from cross connections.

How does contamination occur?

When a cross contamination exists, it is possible for a contaminant to enter the drinking water system when the pressure of the polluted source exceeds the pressure of the potable source. This may result in either a backsiphonage or backflow. Basically, either is a reversal in the normal direction of the water flow. Such situations can be produced through a variety of circumstances within plumbing systems, generally a drop in water pressure.

One example of backflow/backsiphonage:

- A. Contact Point: A submerged inlet in the second floor bathtub.
- B. *Cause of Reverse Flow:* An automobile breaks a nearby fire hydrant, causing negative pressure in the service line to the bouse, sucking dirty water out of the bathtub.
- C. *Suggested Correction:* The hot and cold water inlets to the bathtub should be above the rim of the tub.



D. How can you be affected?

"Stomach flu" (gastroenteritis) is perhaps the most common ailment suffered by those drinking contaminated water. The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, and the US Environmental Protection Agency have documented many cases directly attributing the following illnesses and others to contaminated drinking water: *Brucellosis, Campylobacter, Chemical Poisoning, Diarrhea Enteritis, Dysentery, Giardiasis, Hepatitis, Hookworm, Paratyphoid Fever, Typhoid, Polio.*

Sources of Contamination Which Require Attention at Home:

Any area with plumbing fixtures...

Kitchen: Sink, Dishwasher, Garbage Disposal Bathroom: Toilet, Wash Basin, Bathtub Shower Outdoors: Hose Bib, Faucet to Which a Hose May Be Attached, Buried Yard Hydrants

Sources of Contamination Which Require Attention at Work:

Industrial, commercial, and health facilities are subject to many types of cross connections...

Bottling Plants; Fire Systems; Heating and Cooling Systems; Mixing Tanks; Paint and Ink Mills; Planting Works; Mortuaries; Printing Plants; Vet Clinics; Hydraulically Operated Equipment

Sources of Contamination Which Require Attention at Leisure Areas:

Many recreational facilities have separate water systems and plumbing connections, which also may be improperly installed and maintained...

Campgrounds; County Fairgrounds; Parks and Playgrounds; Golf Courses; Swimming Pools; Fountains; Recreational Waterfront Areas; Travel Trailer Connections

Examples of Residential Contamination

Occasional water pressure disorders can occur in the public water supply distributions system or within your own residence. These disorders can be cause by high uses of water, such as occurs when fire or flush hydrants are opened, or when a line breaks, or when there are equipment failures. Because of reduced pressure, the flow of the water in the system may be reversed. As a result, contaminants may flow backwards or be sucked into your plumbing system through unprotected hoses or other possible cross connections. Approved cross connection control devices are available which will prevent backflow or backsiphonage. Some water customers may also have private wells. If an old well remains in operation, with valves to allow its use in the customer's water supply system, the potential exists for backpressure from that well water into the municipal or rural water distribution system. The private will must be completely and permanently disconnected from the public water supply system.

How to Prevent Entry Contamination

When the hazard of contamination exists, effective stapes should be taken to correct the condition. *If the conditions cannot be corrected, then an appropriate backflow prevention device must be installed on the internal plumbing system.* This is generally the responsibility of the water user. Everyone should want to eliminate possible cross connections. Those who drink water on your premises will likely be the first to be injured if water becomes contaminated in your system.

An awareness of how contamination can enter a system is important. We must work together to keep everyone's water safe.

The people who are in charge of your water supply system are aware of the dangers of cross connections. Your public water supply system has adopted a policy on cross connection control to comply with Nebraska regulations.

One of the most effective and the most inexpensive controls is to always keep an air gap between any potential contaminant and the water system. Don't allow garden hoses or other hoses connected to the water system to drop into sources of contamination. Hydrants drain back even when shut off and contaminants can be siphoned into the hose or hydrant.

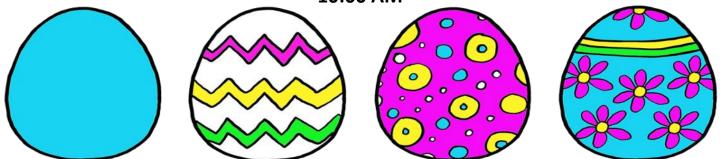
If you need further information or need assistance in determining what devices are appropriate, contact your public water system.

Matt Gregg, Utilities Superintendent: (308)991-8045 Village Office: (308)472-3455 **Bertrand Annual**

easter egg hunt

Saturday, April 16, 2022

10:00 AM



Preschool and Under—Bertrand Nursing Home Kindergarten and Up—Following in the Bertrand Park

Sponsored by the Reflections Club