

NEWSLETTER



Village of Bertrand September 2022

Even though the temperatures are still hanging out in the 90's, Fall is right around the corner. I have been assured that I can soon break out my pumpkin candles and chunky scarves... I am a little excited! However, I will be sad to see the Summer go. Especially this Summer. It was an exciting season this year with the opening of the new Bertrand Aquatic Center! The Village Board and employees are extremely proud of this project and I wanted to share some of our main bragging points...

First and foremost, we would like to say a big THANK YOU to Julie Nelson, the Pool Manager! We would not have had the success that we had without her and her wonderful staff! The staff included: Addison Andersen, Lifeguard; Chloe Anderson, Lifeguard; Chonsey Bieker, Lifeguard; Kenzy Drain, Assistant Manager; Ashlynn Edgren, Cashier; Addie Hansen, Lifeguard; Autumn Holt, Lifeguard; Aslin Kidder, Lifeguard; Aden Matejka, Assistant Manager; Jonah Nelson, Assistant Manager; and Addison Oeltjen, Cashier. Again, ThAnK YoU for all of your hard work and dedication!!

The pool had over 4,420 swimmers in the 63 days that it was open for business this year! With the addition of the Blue Bunny ice cream freezer, concessions were at an all time high. And even with everyone within corporate limits of the Village getting in for free, season passes sales increased. Here is a comparison

	2019	2022
Daily Pool Passes	\$1,492.50	\$5,464.00
Season Passes	\$2,625.00	\$3,530.00
Concessions	\$1,357.57	\$6,128.68
Pool Parties, Lessons, Aerobics	\$1,230.75	\$1,250.00
Total	\$6,705.82	\$16,372.68

of the pool's earnings compared to the last year it was open... The Village also received several grants for this wonderful center. To purchase a robotic vacuum and tables and chairs, Southern Public Power granted \$2,500 and the Phelps County Visitor Committee granted \$5,000. To construct the lighting system for longer operating

hours and after-hour pool parties, the Phelps County Community Foundation granted \$32,300 and Phelps Memorial Health Center granted \$5,000. The Bertrand Area Community Foundation donated \$600 for the prizes and treats for the Bertrand Days Pool Games. FNIC, Aurora Coop, and JEO Consulting donated prizes and treats for the Open House. Phelps Memorial Health Center hosted a 'Free Swim' day. The 1st Annual Doggie Swim Day was held on the last day of the season, bringing in donations over \$120!

Thank you to everyone—staff, swimmers, donors, and doggies—for making this the BEST First Season of the Bertrand Aquatic Center we could



NOTICES

Village of Bertrand

Upcoming Board Meetings:

**second Tuesday of the month*

September 13

October 11

November 8

7:30 PM at the Village Hall

Board of Trustees:

TJ Wilcox, Chairman; Bob Dahlgren,
Lucas Evans, Brian Schroeder, Fred Spiegel



Calendar of Events



September 30 Fall Festival (downtown businesses)

October 15 Bertrand Craft Show

November 17 Give to Grow

November 18 Hollidazzle - *Ladies Night Out*

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm (if you would like to be a vendor



please contact Jennifer Weber 308-991-4699)

Village Office Closings

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

Labor Day **Monday, September 5**

Columbus Day **Monday, October 10**

Veterans Day **Friday, November 11**

Thanksgiving **Thursday, November 24**

We will resume normal business hours on the

2022 Bertrand Blood Drives

All Blood Drives located at the
Bertrand Community Building

Tuesday October 11, 2022

Tuesday December 13, 2022

12:00 PM—6:00 PM (both dates)

**Give the gift of life
Donate blood**



Drop-In Kid Care

Fridays ONLY from 10am-5pm

Ages 1-4 Fee: \$25/child

CPR & First Aide Certified

10 yrs. of managing home Daycare experience

Contact: Mel 308-474-8022

302 Medina Ave - Bertrand



A Special Thank You

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

Joey Kugler

Jennifer Weber

Beverly Hansen

Michelle McNierney

Kathy Weber

Lori Vinzant

Kylee Wilken

Pamela Hansen

Young at Heart Senior Center

Bertrand is very fortunate to have our Senior Center that provide meals, activities, medical equipment loan services, and much more. To this success grants thankfulness to those that support financially and with volunteering. The Young at Heart Senior Center **always** welcome all ages of volunteers for many daily and weekly tasks. Whether you have 15 minutes to a few hours in a day or even in a week that you can spare to lend some support for the center, it would be greatly appreciated. Stop by, have some lunch or stop in for a visit with others.

Every third Sunday the center has a Fundraiser to help support the day to day costs of operation.

Sunday, September 17th we will be having a Baked Potato Bar from 11am to 1pm.

Stop by to get a meal for dine-in or take-out. It's a great way to help support our center.

As the giving months approach, please remember to include us in the *give2GROW* campaign on November 17th. Below is our direct link for give2GROW.

<https://www.give2growhelps.org/nonprofits/bertrand-young-at-heart-senior-center-1>



BERTRAND AREA CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT



Bertrand area groups and churches invite you to participate in the 9th annual Bertrand Area Community Gift Project to help Bertrand students and their families who are in need. This project is supported by many of the 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. Additional information will be available in late November or early December.

If a donation is of interest to any readers, please contact Janice Gengenbach at 308-325-1268 or Kim Johnson at 308-991-2372. Thank you for your support.

Bertrand Lions Club

School has started back up again and soon the leaves will be falling and harvest taking place.

Thank you to those who purchased peaches and pears this year from the Lions Club.

We will once again be doing the *give2GROW* to help with purchasing school supplies for the kids next school year. Provided below is our direct link for *give2GROW*:

<https://www.give2growhelps.org/nonprofits/bertrand-lions-foundation>

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

We are always looking for more members, please consider joining this club! Reach out to any member for more information or check out our Facebook page. Our next upcoming function will be the Hunter's Breakfast in November, but keep your eyes open, we are always out there doing something. If there is anyone in need of assistance with something, please let us know. We will see if we can help you out!

Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living

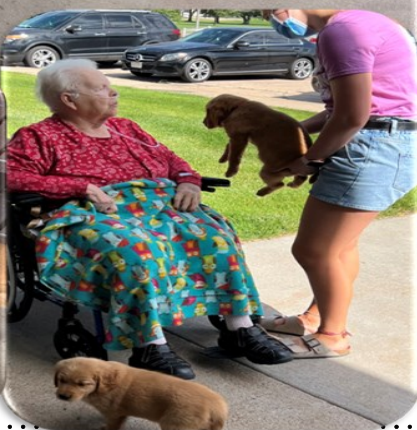
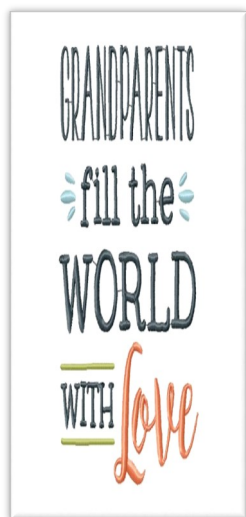
September is here and there will soon be a little coolness in the air.

It has been a very eventful few months here at the Bertrand Nursing Home & Assisted Living.

We would like to wish a **Happy Grandparent's Day on Sunday, September 11th** to all the wonderful **Grandpas and Grandmas!**

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

- Joey Kugler, Office Manager



On Veterans Day we honor all,
Who answered to a service call,
Soldiers young and soldiers old,
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.
Some have lived, while others have died.
All of them deserve our pride.
We're proud of all the soldiers who
Kept thinking of red, white, and blue.
They fought for us and all our rights.
They fought through many days and nights.
And though we may not know each by name,
We thank ALL Veterans just the same.
Happy Veterans Day

Important Dates

September 5	Labor Day
September 11	Patriot Day
September 11	Grandparents Day
September 16	Guacamole Day
September 22	First Day of Fall
October 4	National Taco Day
October 10	Columbus Day
October 31	Halloween
November 6	Daylight Savings End
November 8	Election Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 13	World Kindness Day
November 18	give2GROW
November 24	Thanksgiving

Bertrand Area Community Fund (BACF)

VISION—Empowering people of all ages to build the good life now and for generations to come.

MISSION—Connecting passionate people with resources to accomplish dreams for a thriving Bertrand.

Fall 2021 Grant News

The Bertrand Area Community Fund reviews Grant Applications twice a year. Applications are continually available and must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the closing date for this cycle, October 31, 2022. Fall grants are awarded in November. BACF grants to 501(c)(3) organizations, government entities or other types of organizations using the funds for a charitable purpose. Please contact us before you prepare your application so we can verify that the purpose for which you wish to use the funds is charitable according to IRS guidelines.

Contact us at:

bertrandfoundation@gmail.com or call 308.991.7777



BACF is a participating agency in the 2022 *give2GROW*. This year your charitable gifts to BACF will fund grants to enhance Bertrand now and foster a bright future. Since 2012, more than twenty Bertrand-area partners have exercised more than \$196,000 in grants in our town. These entities are: Bertrand Community School; Bertrand Lions Club; Bertrand Fire and Rescue Department; Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living; Bertrand Swimming Pool; Bertrand Holiday Project; Young at Heart Senior Center; Bertrand Area Communities for Kids; and Village of Bertrand special projects.

To all our supporters ~ Thank you for making past, present and future partnerships possible! We hope you will consider contributing again.

FUND ADVISORY MEMBERS:

Christopher Davison, Chair @ 402.984.4345; Scott Schwarz, Vice Chair @ 308.991.8209; Beverly Hansen, Treasurer @ 308.991.7777; Liz Ford, Secretary @308.991.6853; Melissa Vinzant; Alysia Kuck; Karen Nelson; Colby Gardine; Jessie Olesen; Pam Long; and Tanner Nelson.

Contact Information

Bertrand Area Community Fund, PO Box 153, Bertrand NE 68927

www.bertrandfoundation@gmail.com

BERTRAND AREA CHAMBER NEWS

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for your dedication and hours of service to Bertrand Days 2022.

It was a HUGE success!

The Chamber officers and committee members greatly appreciate you all!



BERTRAND COMMUNITY, RETURNING FAMILIES & FRIENDS, AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting the fishing tournaments, youth baseball and softball programs, 2022 Bertrand Days Events, Cruise Night, and the Bertrand Chamber Golf Tournament!

Mark your calendars for next year!

BERTRAND DAYS 2023

June 24th—June 27th





S A V E T H E D A T E

give2GROW

www.give2growphelps.org

11.17.22

On November 17, 2022 the Village of Bertrand will participate in **give2GROW** hosted by Phelps County Community Foundation. **give2GROW** is a countrywide giving challenge designed to raise dollars for local nonprofit organizations like the Village of Bertrand. During this one-day event, donations can be made to the Village of Bertrand and a share of every contribution will be matched through an incentive pool of funds provided by generous donors and the Phelps County Community Foundation. **give2GROW** will be held from 12:00 AM until 11:59 PM on Thursday, November 17. Credit/Debit card and e-check donations made at www.give2growphelps.org during this time will be counted as **give2GROW** donations. Offline contributions will also be accepted at Phelps County Community Foundation office at 424 Garfield in Holdrege from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM or at the Village Office at 507 Minor Avenue in Bertrand from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Pre-giving for **give2GROW** will begin October 17 and can be done through the **give2GROW** web-site or by dropping off donations at the Phelps County Community Foundation office.

Bertrand participating organizations: Village of Bertrand: give2growphelps.org/nonprofits/village-of-bertrand

Bertrand Community Schools: give2growphelps.org/nonprofits/bertrand-community-school

Bertrand Ag Society: give2growphelps.org/nonprofits/bertrand-agricultural-society

Bertrand Area Community Fund: give2growphelps.org/nonprofits/bertrand-area-community-fund

Bertrand Fire Department: give2growphelps.org/nonprofits/bertrand-fire-department

Bertrand Lions Foundation: give2growphelps.org/nonprofits/bertrand-lions-foundation



The Bertrand Ag Society

Fall and Winter are around the corner and that means the October 15th Bertrand Craft Show is coming up! We still have a few booths left if you are interested. Please contact Pamela Hansen at 308.991.3318, for more information.

Mark your calendars to attend this years craft show on October 15th. We have a lot of amazing vendors and unique items coming!

Bertrand Ag Society will be participating in the **give2GROW** on November 17th. Your donation will be going towards updating the floors in the Community Building and replacing/adding more folding chairs. We appreciate all the help we get financially to make these repairs and updates happen. We wouldn't be able to do them without you.

Speaking of the Community Building, are you looking for a place to host a meeting, gathering, maybe you have a wedding in the future, well look no further. The Bertrand Community Building is the perfect spot for any occasion. For more information, please contact Kamie Ackerman at 308-991-2447.

I know its not something on your radar just yet, but the Bertrand Christmas Tree Walk will be here before we know it and we want you to know that we have something new and fun in the works. We will be announcing the details





48th Annual

BERTRAND CRAFT SHOW

OCTOBER 15, 2022
9 AM - 3 PM

BERTRAND PUBLIC SCHOOL | 503 SCHOOL ST.
BERTRAND COMMUNITY BUILDING | 405 NELSON ST.

**TWO
BUILDINGS!**

~ Food Available at the
Craft Show Cafe, located in
the Community Building
9 am - 2 pm ~



We will also be collecting Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, and Kleenex
for the Bertrand Area Christmas Project!

~ Sponsored by PCVC ~



Bertrand Area Communities for Kids (C4K)

As a community we all care about the kids in Bertrand. There is a lot of community support through school, sporting events, and church activities throughout the year. The one thing that our community has a shortage of is childcare! We LOVE and greatly appreciate our current providers, but that fact is...their capacity is FULL, and they have waiting lists for children to get in. This leaves parents with tough decisions to make. Possible solutions for them; quit their jobs, haul kids to care out of town, change their jobs, move out of town, transfer to a different school...none of these solutions support Bertrand. In most homes, both parents work outside of the home, so it is necessary to have childcare. To maintain an adequate workforce and opportunity for our town to grow, it is essential to ensure there is childcare available when needed.

The Bertrand Area Communities for Kids (C4K) Core Team has been working hard to meet the childcare needs in the area. Within the past year we have provided support, resources, and supplies for our current providers, as well as planning possible solutions to help solve current and future childcare needs.

We have compiled a short survey that will help us address the age of children in the area in need of childcare, along with the time of day the childcare is needed.

If you are parents (or future parents) of children ages 0-9 years,
please scan the QR code to take our brief survey ONLINE!



If you prefer a paper form, there will be paper copies available at the City Office. Also, be on the lookout for them in your kids' backpacks as they will be sent home with elementary school students! The team will be using the data collected to put forth a plan to address our community's childcare needs.

Please check out Bertrand Area Communities for Kids on Facebook! The survey can be found on there as well at <https://www.facebook.com/BertrandAreaC4K>

If you have any questions or would like more info, please contact Melissa Nevarez at 308-455-0579 or send us a message on our Facebook page. Thank you for your participation in our survey and thank you for your support as we continue to move forward with our plans! IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

THE BERTRAND COMMUNITY BENEVOLENT FUND

Our thanks and appreciation to all the community contributors and the Ministerial Association for the offering from the Community Church Service on June 26, 2022 – 'BERTRAND THE GOOD LIFE' is certainly a wonderful community to be a part of and proud of at all times. This is a blessing for so many of those in our community who need support and help in an emergency situation.

Also thank you to Joe Wilken for his inspiring message, The Hock Family for their wonderful music and Scott Schwartz for setting up everything we needed to make this service go so well. You are all the BEST and God bless you all for your time and service to God.

~The Bertrand Community Benevolent Fund

Bertrand Days Fair Serving

Bertrand Area Volunteers—THANK YOU SO MUCH! Your dedication and support to 'Bertrand Days Fair Serving' is so appreciated.

4H Members • Lexington Regional Health Center Volunteers • Bertrand • Loomis • Smithfield • Community & Church Members • Visiting Family Members: we could not be successful without YOU!

To our sponsors we say, 'WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!' Thanks to your assistance, we were able to keep the menu prices reasonable for everyone.

And to the hundreds of people who came and purchased sandwiches, sides, desserts and drinks—
"It was our pleasure to provide food and serve you! See you again in 2023!"

2022 Net Proceed Donations

Bertrand Community Building	\$3,800
Bertrand Area Chamber (2023 Carnival)	\$500
Bertrand Fire Department	\$500
Young at Heart Senior Center	\$300
Bertrand High School Scholarships (2-\$250)	\$500
Bertrand Nursing Home & Assisted Living	\$200
Bertrand Lions Foundation	\$200
Village of Bertrand (Swimming Pool)	\$200
Bertrand Food Pantry	\$200
Loomis Community Building	\$150
Smithfield Community Club	\$150

BERTRAND DAYS FAIR SERVING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Liz Ford, Adullam, Lutheran Church

Joyce Wissmann, First United Methodist Church

Emma Jean Gennrich, Hope Lutheran Church

Heidi High, Immanuel Lutheran Church

Mary Gardine, St. John's Catholic Church

Anna Gardine, St. John's Catholic Church

Celeste Cox, St. Paul Lutheran Church

Renee Davis, Westmark Church

Mary Wallander, Westmark Church

Kathy Weber, Lions Club

Kristy Hock, Community Member

Lindsey Robison, Community Member

Mandy Sand, Community Member

Andrea Rabe, First United Methodist Church

Kamie Ackerman, Bertrand Agricultural Society, Inc.

Beverly Hansen, BACF and Bertrand Area Chamber

Stacie Schwarz, First State Bank



Classes & upcoming Events

- Yoga Classes
- Strength & Stretching Classes
- Sound Therapy
- Reiki Healing Workshop
- Nutrition Classes
- Smudging Workshop
- Healing Tea Workshop
- Community Craft Classes
- Vitamin Q&A Workshops



Studio 607
Mel McNierney
Instructor

607 Minor Ave ~ Bertrand
308-474-8029



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HOLIDAZZLE

2022

Downtown Bertrand

Ladies Night Out

November 18th 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Boutique Alley
ON MINOR AVE.
SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH
9 am - 3 pm
BERTRAND, NE

Ad Sponsor Phelps Co. Visitors Committee

hot chocolate.
crunchy leaves.
cozy knits.
pumpkins.

Bertrand Girl Scout Bake Sale

NOVEMBER 18TH
5PM TO 8PM

STUDIO 607
607 MINOR AVE

COMING SOON

FALL PRODUCTS SALES

BEGIN SEPT. 23-OCT. 23

Thanksgiving Word Search



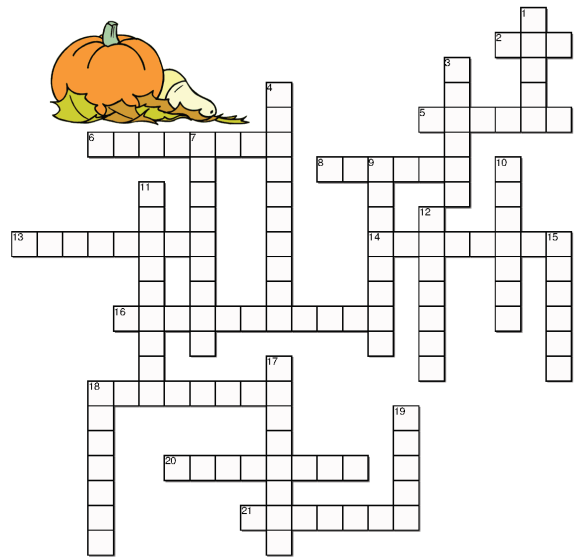
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| Thanksgiving | pilgrim | pumpkin | turkey | dressing | cranberries |
| pilgrim | indian | autumn | pie | cornucopia | feast |
| mayflower | november | stuffing | rolls | cornbread | drumstick |
| gratitude | thankful | Massachusetts | Plymouth | squash | wishbone |
| yams | grandma | grandpa | uncle | aunt | cousin |
| family | mother | father | brother | sister | carve |
| gobble | traditions | fall | leftovers | acorns | |

Thanksgiving

Complete the crossword below



Across

2. Turkey alternative
5. Thanksgiving bird
6. Month
8. Internal organs of a fowl
13. Sport commonly watched
14. Seasoned bread or fillings inside poultry
16. Special activities that commemorate something
18. one of the oldest towns in SE Massachusetts
20. Sauce for salads etc.
21. Season when crops are collected

Down

1. Synonym for corn; pale yellow
3. Plenty
4. Horn stuffed with foods, berries etc.
7. Name of ship that sailed to the New World (1620)
9. Valued praise, favor or benefit
10. Term also meaning Native American
11. Small, sour and dark red berry
12. Orange vegetable used in pie
15. Distinct cry of the male turkey
17. Day of the week
18. One of the band of Puritans who journeyed to America
19. Unusually abundant meal

522 Minor Avenue

CROSS COUNTRY MARKET

7:30AM-6:00PM
 Mon-Sat
 closed Sunday

PARTY TRAYS
SPECIALTY COFFEES & SMOOTHIES
FRESH FLOWERS
CANDY BOUQUETS

CROSS DIAMOND MEAT
SMALL BLESSINGS CUPCAKES

every Tuesday is Senior Day
 In-Town Grocery Delivery

BERTRAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

SPIRIT WEEK

SEPTEMBER 19TH-23RD

<p>"TIME FLYS" GENERATIONAL DAY</p> <p>MONDAY</p>	<p>"TAKE A WALK IN OUR SWAMP" REDNECK DAY</p> <p>TUESDAY</p>
<p>"LIFELONG DECISIONS" CAREER DAY</p> <p>WEDNESDAY</p>	
<p>"CHASE DOWN THE OPPOSITION" COPS AND ROBBERS DAY (NO TOY GUNS/WEAPONS ALLOWED)</p> <p>THURSDAY</p>	<p>"CAN'T HIDE THAT VIKING PRIDE" BLUE AND WHITE DAY</p> <p>FRIDAY</p>

