

NEWSLETTER



Village of Bertrand March 2025

You know you are from Nebraska when you recognize these as the actual seasons...

- Winter
- Fool's Spring
- Second Winter
- Spring of Deception
- Third Winter
- Mud Season
- Actual Spring (1 Day)
- Summer
- False Fall
- Second Summer (1 Week)
- Actual Fall



Realistically, though, we could just have one big season called **WIND**. Did you know that Nebraska is rated as the 5th windiest state in the United States? Only losing out to Alaska, Wyoming, Michigan, and Montana.

Did you also know that Arbor Day (a holiday which literally translates to “tree” day) originated in Nebraska? Although Arbor Day may not have the same clout as holidays like Valentine’s Day or St. Patrick’s Day, it has history with strong roots that branched across multiple nations. Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 28, 2023.

With that being said, we just wanted to remind you of the tree ordinance for Bertrand. The Village asks that every owner of any tree overhanging any street or right-of-way to prune the branches so they do not obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there is a clear space of 8 feet above and 2 feet back from any sidewalk and 12 feet above any street. All dead, broken, or dangerous branches should be removed from any tree or shrub when it interferes with the proper spread of light along the street from a street light, interferes with any utility wire or device, or interferes with visibility of any traffic control sign. The Village employees reserve the right to prune any tree or shrub on private property, providing notice has been given to the property owner, at the property owner’s expense. If you have any questions about the tree ordinance, please contact the Village Office.

-Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer
308-472-3455

NOTICES

Village of Bertrand

Upcoming Board Meetings:
**second Tuesday of the month*

March 11

April 8

May 13

6:00 PM at the Village Hall

Board of Trustees:

TJ Wilcox, Chairman; Lucas Evans

Brian Schroeder, Jason McNierney, Fred Spiegel

Online Bill Pay

The Village of Bertrand 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/bertrandvillage>



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 Village is NOT allowed. (Ordinance No. 674)



Cat and Dog License

DUE, MAY 1, 2025

\$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, 2025

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

The Village of Bertrand follows the guidelines of the Fair Housing Act. It prohibits discrimination by direct providers of housing whose discriminatory practices make housing unavailable to persons because of race or color, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability.



A Special Thank You

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

Lori Vinzant	Matt Gregg	Marcus Schwarz
Shannon Payne		Karen Nelson
Pamela Hansen		Joey Kugler
Shelly Nelsen		Aaron Long
Bev Hansen		Mel McNierney
Heidi High		ACE Energy
Julie Nelson		Southern Power
Brenda Johnson		Meredith Cable



Did you know that Southern Public Power District offers a wide range of energy wise resources with incentives and rebates to help you save money and energy? Checkout their website at: <https://southernpd.energywisenebraska.com/> for more information on their programing for your home, business, ag operation, lawn & garden, and electric vehicle.

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Bertrand Days Fair Serving

Watch this newsletter, the Bertrand Fair & Rodeo Facebook page and at www.bertrandareachamber.com for up-to-date information.

Bertrand Days 2025 is June 28–July 1st

New committee members are always welcome!

Bertrand Craft Show

SAVE THE DATE for the Bertrand Craft Show that will be held on October 18, 2025.

Contact Pamela Hansen at 308-991-3318 or email bertrandcraftshow@gmail.com for booth info.

~Pamela Hansen

Bertrand Area Chamber News

BERTRAND DAYS 2025:

Saturday, June 28nd—Tuesday, July 1st

A complete list of all activities will be posted in the June Newsletter.

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

- ◆ **Summer Softball and Baseball Programs**
- ◆ **Dan McCracken Memorial Fishing Tournament:** Johnson Lake, June 7th; Contact Randy Hock at 308-325-0897
- ◆ **Family Fishing Tournament:** Sam Phillips Lake, June 15th Contact Randy Hock at 308-325-0897
- ◆ **Cruise Night:** Date to be Determined
- ◆ **Annual Chamber Golf Tournament:** August 16, 2025 Contact Brent Samuelson at 308-472-3411 or 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.

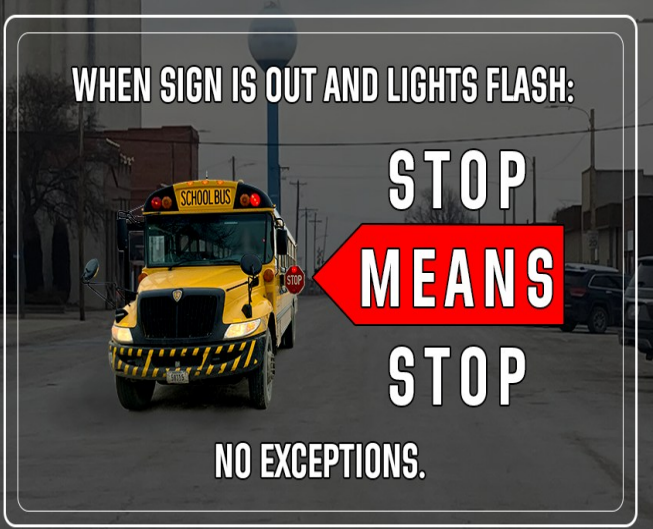
Chamber Links:

Email: bertrandareachamber@yahoo.com

Facebook: Bertrand Area Chamber of Commerce

Website: www.bertrandchamber.com

Watch your mailbox for our Annual Membership Drive!



Mark your calendars!!

Bertrand Garage Sale Date
Saturday July 26th, 2025

Sign-up for Garage Sales will be available early July at the Village Office or for info call the Village Office.

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



Consider the Future

Communicate Your Plan

Is it time for you, or perhaps your family as a whole, to create or update a long-term financial plan? If so, there's no time like the present, but there's also nothing like doing it the right way. Here are some handy guidelines from Nebraska Community Foundation:

1. Before you discuss estate planning with other family members, **get your own plan up to date.** Meet with an attorney and make sure your plan reflects your wishes and values. This would be a good time to consider your charitable objectives and how they might be included in your plan.
2. **Make a list of all your documents and where to find them.** Your family needs to know where your will, trust, powers of attorney, and advanced directives are located. It would also be helpful for them to know where to find your financial documents and other relevant paperwork.
3. **Develop a communication plan.** It might be as simple as writing a letter outlining your thought process and reasoning. You might decide to invite your attorney or financial advisor to be involved. This might be the time to pull the family together in one location for a dinner table conversation.

Values-based estate planning creates a legacy for those you love. If you are interested in planning an estate gift to Bertrand Area Community Fund to celebrate your life in the community, contact any member of the advisory committee to get started.

Memorial Gift Designation

Many people will know a story of an unexpected death and of the family setting aside a box of cards from friends, later finding it, with all the memorial funds, gathering dust. To avoid this, consider allowing people to donate directly to a designated recipient that reflects values held by your family and communicated through the obituary or service folder.

Certainly, BACF would love to be a designated recipient. Donations grow our endowment, and the increased interest income enables BACF to make larger, more effective grants. Many memorial gift decisions are rooted in connection to the community and personal history within it, but the main thing in choosing a recipient is to reflect what is important to your loved one and your family.

Similarly, if a friend passes away and a memorial recipient is not specified, you can choose to make a memorial gift to BACF. Gifts are tax deductible and are acknowledged whenever possible.

Memorial gifts may be mailed to BACF, P.O. Box 157, Bertrand, NE 68927, or made online at www.nebcommfound.org/give/bertrand-area-community-fund using a card.

Apply Any Time for Grants

BACF's advisory committee has committed significant support to the village-wide bleacher project, but we divvied it up so that we continue to have grant funds available should something arise before the end of our fiscal year, which comes June 30.

This is a major bonus of the continuous grant cycle – it allows the fund to be more responsive to community needs in a timely manner.

The bleacher project is a great example of a project sure to be supported by BACF. Successful grant applications reinforce the fund's values:

- **Strategic:** Intentional and purposeful about connecting passionate people with our resources to build a thriving Bertrand for the present and into the future.
- **Collaborative:** Inviting people and ideas to strengthen our community and empowering others by building ownership.
- **Innovative:** Open and responsive to new opportunities while honoring the past.

Request a grant application by emailing bertrandfoundation@gmail.com.

BACF operates in an area roughly the same as the Bertrand school district. Government entities, 501(c)(3) organizations, and other groups intending to use grant funding for charitable purposes are invited to apply.

Committee Members

Scott Schwarz, 308-991-8209

Colby Gardine, 308-991-7836

Liz Ford, 308-991-6853

Beverly Hansen, 308-991-7777

Beverly Hansen is also a member of the Nebraska Community Foundation Board.

Karen Nelson, 308-325-0448

Pam Long, 308-627-7288

Rosanna Meyer, 308-999-3457

Meredith Cable, 402-741-0833

Brandon Moon, 402-961-0244

Jake Gregg, 308-991-9752

Nye Pelton, 308-962-6317

Staff Wanted!



It's getting close to that time of year again and our incredible pool needs staff! Application deadline is April 15th; stop by the school office, the Village Office between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday-Friday or call Julie Nelson, Pool Manager, at 308-991-5136. **Applicants must be 15 years of age by May 25th and must be able to obtain Lifeguard and CPR/First Aid Certification. Other positions are available: Cleaning, inside clerk, water aerobics instructor.**

Lifeguard Certification is in May at the Bertrand Aquatic Center dates TDB.

Questions?

Call Julie Nelson, Pool Manager, at 308.991.5136



With 2025 well under way, JuneBug and I are making some fun plans for this year. We will be starting up our day camps for first through sixth graders in April. With our day camps come crafting, time with JuneBug, story-time, games, creativity, and more. We will also be offering some pre-K through kindergarten day camps this summer.

New this year we will be offering one day a week with selected hours open for adults. During this time it will be come and go as you would like, stop by 15 minutes or stay for two hours.

Life these days can be very stressful and we all have our own struggles. Take this year to take heart and find renewal within yourself. Stop by to renew your mind and transform your thoughts. The only one that can really take care of you is you. Let's prioritize taking care of yourself this year.

Spending time in nature and with a horse helps with: creative thinking, personal growth, communication, energy, respect, leadership, development, courage, connection, motivation, alertness, trust, problem-solving, self-confidence, responsibility, and kindness. It also helps with overcoming sadness, loneliness, depression, and stress.

Like our previous years, we are still offering personal life coaching one on one sessions. If interested in this please call for more details.

Stay tune for days and times for all the upcoming events by watching for Flyers and following us on Facebook.

Brenda Johnson - 308-991-3824.



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yoga studio

Mel McNierney • 720-401-0058 • 607 Minor Ave

www.607studio.com

Studio 607 Spring Events

- March 8 Bravenly Sample Event with Jenna Wheat at 3 pm, RSVP, cost is \$5.
- March 12 Sounds Bowls at 6 pm
- March 30 Sounds Bowls at 6 pm
- April 26 DIY roll on essential oil workshop at 4 pm, cost \$20

Coming this summer!

Poolside yoga! Offering classes Mon-Wed. at 5:00 pm at the Bertrand Aquatic Center.

Cost is \$5.00 pp/per class

Stay tuned for more details to come!

Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and check out our website for class schedules



Back by popular demand, seeking vendors for a Bertrand Farmer's Market.

Please reach out to Meredith at 402-741-0833.

Choice Gas selection period is April 3-23

The 2025 Nebraska Choice Gas program selection period will run from April 3 through April 23. 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, 2026.

ACE is the only community-owned natural gas supplier in the program and is in its 27th year as a competing supplier. At the direction of the ACE Board of Directors, ACE returns money to its member communities, which includes Bertrand. ACE has returned more than \$45,000 to Bertrand for community betterment use.

Formed by Nebraska communities to ensure competition and to serve as a customer advocate, ACE offers several pricing options and encourages customers to actively choose a supplier. Pricing during the selection period is available on ACE's website:

www.ACEenergy.org or by calling (800) 454-4759.



NOTICE TO ALL HI-LINE GOLFERS

Dues for 2025 Golf Season

Family (Married with children up to age 25 if in school)	\$515.00
Couples (2 persons married, engaged or romantically paired)	\$455.00
Singles	\$395.00
Student	\$150.00

DUE MARCH 15, 2025

*2 payment plan available by application: 1st payment—March 15th, 2nd payment—June 15th. Late Fee \$50.00 after March 15, 2025.

Cart Stall Rent

Gas Cart	\$150.00
Electric Cart	\$165.00

DUE MAY 1, 2025

*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

DUE MAY 1, 2025

*Excludes tournaments, 18 holes only on holidays and weekends

Seasonal Trail Fee

Members own carts \$50.00

DUE JUNE 1, 2025

**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 \$7! member substitutes must pay greens fees. Contact Josh @ 308-999-9256 to register or for more information. League is limited to 30 teams & is full.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the ANNUAL MEETING on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse. We will elect 4 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 Golf Course News

Golf season is here! We're looking forward to a great golf season.

If you have any questions about memberships, contact Aaron Long. Be sure to follow our website and Facebook page for updates, event announcements, and course news throughout the season. We'll see you on the course soon! 🏌️

Golf Etiquette/Rules:

Golf is more than just a game—it's about respect for the course, fellow players, and the traditions of the sport. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just starting out, following proper etiquette and rules ensures an enjoyable round for everyone.

A new rule this year from the board of directors:

- Rental Golf Cart Return Rule - All rental golf carts must be returned to the cart shed at least 15 minutes before sunset—no exceptions. Plan your round accordingly.
- Keep Pace with Play – Stay aware of your speed. If you're falling behind, allow faster groups to play through.
- Repair the Course – Always fix ball marks on the green, replace divots, and rake bunkers after use to keep the course in great shape.
- Watch Your Shadow – When putting, make sure your shadow doesn't cross another player's putting line.
- Keep carts 30 feet away from greens (Fringes are considered part of greens) and 30 feet from tee boxes or use cart paths when available.
- No sunflower seeds are allowed on the course, and that means in the rental carts also.
- Group Size Limit – Groups must not exceed five players unless approved by the golf course superintendent. This helps maintain pace of play and fairness on the course.
- If you use a rental cart, please clean it out when returned to the shed. Your mom doesn't work at the course!
- Start on hole #1 and try to stay in order.

Please call Patrick Berry, course superintendent, with any suspicious activity.

- Hi-Line Course Board of Directors

Bertrand Nursing Home & Assisted Living

The year does not slow down one bit, does it? We just celebrated the holiday season and now just finish up the events for Valentine's Day! It's hard to believe that spring is around corner.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first annual Valentine Card Shower. It was hit! The residents loved all the different cards and special gifts they received!



2025 Valentine Royalty: Shirley Ford & Henry Newman



Join us for
Community Coffee
March 7 @ 9:30
April 4 @ 9:30



Have you ever considered volunteering? If you, a family member or a friend would be interested in spending some time chatting, helping with group activities or the bigger outings. Please come and see us! Volunteers are much valued and appreciated by all at the Bertrand Nursing Home & Assisted Living.

~Joey Kugler, Office Manager



Young at Heart Senior Center

It's been a busy year so far at Young at Heart Senior Center. It all started out with a bang with a New Years Eve Dinner Fund raiser with games after. The turnout was amazing, and everyone had such a great time playing games and some new games were also introduced. In February we had our 3rd annual Valentines Day Party Fundraiser. The Hocks sang for our entertainment with some great songs. Lots of memories from the past at least for me. It's already March, sounds like its coming in like a Lion. Just a reminder if Bertrand Schools are closed due to weather we are also closed. So back to March, at this time there are no special speakers but watch our face book account for updates. We are also trying out a new adventure on the 4th and the 18 after lunch we will be having game afternoons. So, if you like games come check us out. Our monthly Fundraiser will be held March 30th at 11 to 1 with Spaghetti, Salad and desserts. If you would like to volunteer, we can always use some help. This is open to the public, so everyone is welcome.

April we will be having a bake sale on the 17 and 18. Once again Cinnamon Rolls and Buns will be available to order ahead of time by April 10th by calling 308-472-5010. Make sure you talk to someone personally; the answering machine doesn't work. Please don't leave messages. Lots of information, if you have questions or would like to join us for lunch please call us by 10 am to reserve a lunch. We also have many crutches, wheelchairs and commodes to use for a donation. Let us know what you need.

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.**

The Ultimate Sacrifice

*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 brave 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

Important Dates

March 9	Daylight Savings Time
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	First Day of Spring
March 23	National Chip & Dip Day
April 1	April Fools Day
April 5	National Nebraska Day
April 18	Good Friday
April 20	Easter
April 22	Earth Day
April 23	Admin Professional's Day
May 1	May Day
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 11	Mother's Day
May 17	National Armed Forces Day
May 26	Memorial Day

BerMis FFA 

Appreciation Breakfast

FFA MEMBERS WILL BE SERVING
PANGAKES AND SAUSAGE FOR OUR
LOCAL SUPPORTERS



March 17, 2025 @ Loomis School
From 6:30-7:30 am

March 19, 2025 @ Bertrand School
From 6:30-7:30 am



Let us help you take
the stress out of
supper time!

HEAD OVER TO [CROSSDIAMONDMEATS.COM](https://crossdiamondmeats.com)
AND CHECK OUT WHAT FREEZER MEALS ARE ON
THE MENU THIS WEEK!

Checkout our website at:
crossdiamondmeats.com/

Join us for
Bertrand Days
yearly tradition

2025

Save The Date
June 28 -
July 1st



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Are you missing the food delivery service here in the Bertrand area? You are in luck!

Shannon Payne from Bertrand can help bring bulk grocery items delivered right here in Bertrand. Shannon is a Representative for Alison's Pantry. "Alison's Pantry has been in business for over 30 years providing premium, foodservice-quality products served by restaurants and chefs." Contact Shannon for a catalog or use this link <https://www.alionspantry.com/about-us> and enter your zip code to find Shannon. You can also reach Shannon by calling: 970-819-2654 or by email at shannonp@alipantry.com.



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 as 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.

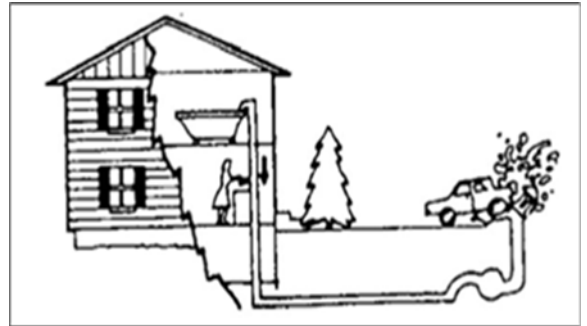
B. *Cause of Reverse Flow:* An automobile breaks a nearby fire hydrant, causing negative pressure in the service line to the house, sucking dirty water out of the bathtub.

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 caused 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 back siphonage. 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 well must be completely and permanently disconnected from the public water supply system.

How to Prevent Entry Contamination

When the hazard of contamination exists, effective steps 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.

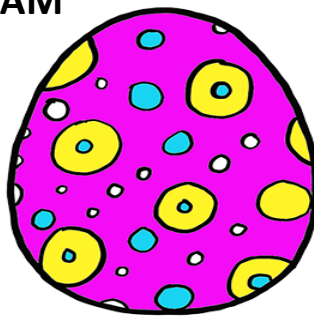
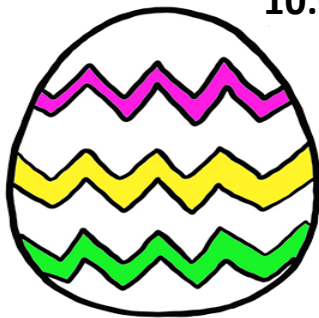
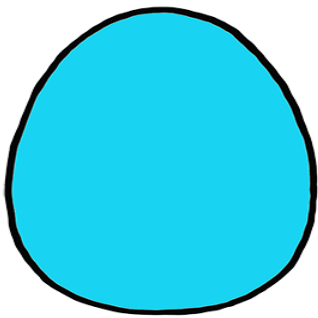
Matt Gregg, Utilities Superintendent: (308)991-8045

Village Office: (308)472-3455

Bertrand Annual
easter egg hunt

Saturday, April 19, 2025

10:00 AM



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