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June 2023



Mark your calendars for the July 1st Fireworks Show!

Planning for the 2023 Fireworks show to be held July 1st at 10:00 pm is well underway! J and M Displays has a show choreographed that is sure to delight!

Pictured right is Dan Ankebrant, the Lead Pyrotechnician for the 2023 show, conversing with Lee Munson, the Lead Pyrotechnician for the 2022 show.



Fun Facts about Fireworks

- Mineral Elements provide the color in fireworks
- The person who shoots the fireworks is called a pyrotechnician.
- 90% of all fireworks originate from China.
- Fireworks originated in China over 2000 years ago
- The Lake Ponderosa Fireworks show will be held July 1, at 10:00PM. Cost of the program is \$22,000. This money is raised through donations and the tireless effort of our volunteers who sort donated cans! THANK YOU!

Proceeds from Can/Bottle Donations Help Pay For Fireworks!

Please donate to the annual fireworks show by placing your refundable cans and bottles in the can cage located near the boat ramp. Please follow the guidelines below on what can or can't go into the can cage.



Below is a photo of lake residents sorting/bagging cans for redemption. **THANK YOU** to all of those weekly volunteers who come to sort the cans. Volunteers are always welcome to help sort and bag the cans/bottles for pick up.



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LPA Calendar of Events:

LPA Annual Meeting
June 10, 2023 @ 10:00am
Association Building

Kids Fishing Derby
Saturday, June 17, 2023

Lake Ponderosa Fireworks
Saturday, July 1, 2023

Lake Ponderosa Association Board Meetings

Lake Association Board meetings are held in the Association building, located at 175 W. Woodland Rd., beginning at 7:00PM, the second Thursday of the following months: **January, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October**

All lake property owners are encouraged to attend the meetings. The board members would like to hear your ideas, suggestions, feedback and/or concerns during the Open Forum portion of the monthly meeting. Hope to see you there!



LPA Annual Meeting • June 10th 10:00AM

Association Building, 175 W. Woodland Dr.

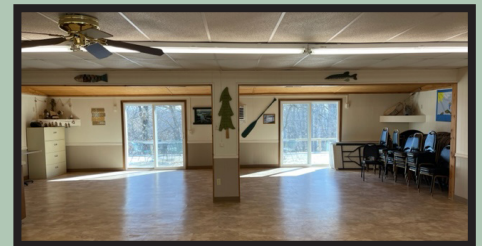
Lake property owners are encouraged to attend!



RENT THE ASSOCIATION BUILDING

The Association building may be rented by any LPA dues paying member for \$100.00 plus a refundable deposit of \$65.00. Cost to non dues paying members is \$135.00. The deposit will

only be refunded if the building is left in the same or better condition as before you rented it. The Association building is located at 175 West Woodland Road, Montezuma, IA 50171. For additional information please contact Tom Bates at 319-330-0635.



NOTICE TO ALL LOT OWNERS from Ponderosa Utilities, Inc.

Effective July 1st, 2023, water usage rates will increase 5%, from the current rate of \$8.19/1000 gallons, to the new rate of \$8.60/1000 gallons.

The increase is a result of increasing chemical costs used to treat water at the plant. To pay water usage at the current rate, meter readings must be submitted no later than June 30th, 2023, via email to bjahrens@zumatel.net, text to 641-891-6344, or call in to 641-623-3009.

Support these young entrepreneurs!



Did you meet these young entrepreneurs at the Fisherama event that took place here at the lake on May 20th? Interested in purchasing new fishing lures? Greyson Miers and his buddies (ages 13-14) were at the Fisherama selling lures they started making in Greyson's garage beginning back in December.



Greyson Miers (a friend of Jim Knoblauch's grandkids) lives at Easter Lake (near Des Moines), loves to fish and decided to try to make his own lures. Greyson asked for the necessary supplies via his Christmas wish list last year and once he had what he needed recruited a few of his buddies to join him in setting up tables, microwaves, etc. When making the lures the boys wear protective clothing, gloves and respirators while they melt and handle hot plastic. They melt the plastic in larger cups in the microwaves and then using thermometers and syringes they suck the melted plastic out of large cups and insert it into the lure molds. The remaining steps in the process also involve hardening/cooling off the molds which produce the lures shown in these pictures.

Greyson has named the business Hogsbait "Catch em' Big With Hogs Bait". Greyson has generously donated over 100 lures to be given to kids at the lake Ponderosa Fishin' Derby, thank you Greyson!



Hogsbait: (left to right) Ben Lancaster, Kristian Ruiz, Isaac Burk and Greyson Miers

If you would like to order lures from Hogsbait you can find them on Etsy or contact Greyson via email at hogsbait@gmail.com.

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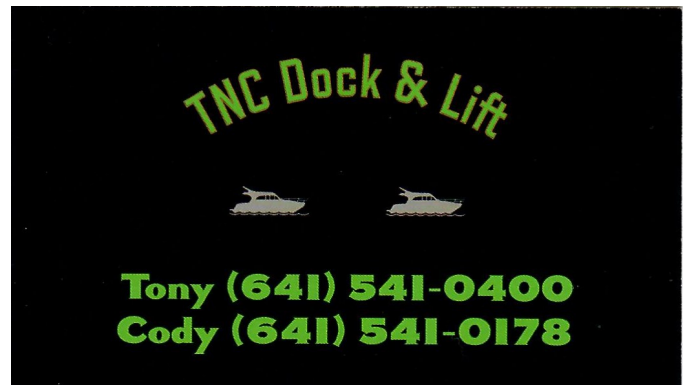


BUOYS & NO WAKE:

No Wake - A no wake policy is in effect for most inlet areas around the lake. No wake means in these designated areas boats should travel at a very slow (nearly idle) speed, to minimize the wake created behind the boat. Speeds should be slow enough that by the time the wake wave reaches the shore line there is NO WAKE! Going slower, but not slow enough, will still result in waves reaching the shorelines eroding the sand/soil and potentially damaging docks.

Buoys - Please RESPECT THE BUOYS! No wake buoys are important for the safety of individuals swimming in the area and the protection of our shorelines, docks, etc.

DO NOT TIE YOUR BOAT OR LILY PAD ONTO THE BOUYS! Avoid hitting the buoys and never tie a watercraft onto a buoy. Cracking or damaging a buoy will result in the buoy taking on water and needing to be replaced, replacement cost is a few hundred dollars each (materials and labor). If you see someone damaging a buoy please note their sticker number and contact the lake office.



Soon TNC Dock & Lift will be placing the no wake buoys back into the water and performing repairs on the boat ramp docks. Thank you TNC Dock & Lift!



A LOOK at the BUDGET

Treasurers Corner

The LPA annual membership fund drive mailing was sent out in February. Membership fees and voluntary donations are in-line with expectations and for most funds, donations were a little better than the previous year. Balances were as follows:

Unrestricted Fund - Available Balance \$53, 949 (\$58,900 less the amount advanced to the Boat Ramp Fund of \$4,951). The prior year's balance was \$39,416.

Restricted Boat Ramp Fund – Available Balance \$-0- (This fund is obligated to the Unrestricted Fund in the amount of \$4,951 for the new gate upgrade).

The prior year's balance was \$7,437.

Restricted Contingency Fund – Available Balance \$41,927. The prior year's balance was \$41,287.

Restricted Fireworks Fund – Available Balance \$41,993. The prior year's balance was \$41,543.


Restricted Fish Management Fund – Available Balance \$6,633. The prior year's balance was \$5,058.

Restricted Fishing Derby Fund – Available Balance \$6,961. The prior year's balance was \$5,957.

Restricted Lake Beautification Fund – Available Balance \$1,708. The prior year's balance was \$609.

We continue to encourage property owners to make voluntary donations beyond the annual membership fee to the unrestricted fund, or target donations to the fund of their choice. As indicated above, the Boat Ramp Fund needs the most current support to fully fund for the recent security gate upgrade and to provide funds for additional security enhancements being considered by the board.

Thanks to everyone for their donations of both money and time to make our Association successful.



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RENEWAL REMINDER

Time to Renew your LPA Membership!

The LPA (Lake Ponderosa Association) is separate from Ponderosa Development/Utilities. Even if you have paid your annual fees at the lake office that does NOT include membership or donations to the Lake Association. Please use the membership form enclosed and along with your

\$35 membership fee. Please consider supporting one or more of our very important activities listed on the form. For more information about the LPA please visit our website www.lakeponderosa.org



Protect our waters!!!! Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

Since it's spring and we'll all be getting our boats out for another glorious summer here at Lake Ponderosa it's important to remind all about aquatic hitchhikers. Top of the damaging species is the Zebra Mussel, followed by Hydrilla, Whirling Disease, Spiny Water Fleas, and Water Hyacinth.

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While most of us don't move our boats from waterway to waterway this is most important to the lakes property owners and GUESTS that do travel with their boats and toys. Yes toys, a floating mat is just as likely to bring unwanted species to our lake as a boat would.

Clean. Drain. Dry.

- These are the steps needed to be done after each removal from a different water body before entering another. Clean your boat, trailer, and equipment (power wash if possible at home or the car wash).
- Drain all areas that can hold water, live wells, bait buckets, anything.
- Dry completely before entering another waterway.
- NEVER dump your minnow bucket that has been in another waterway into Lake Ponderosa.

Zebra mussels have now invaded Clear Lake, Rathbun Reservoir, the Okobogi /Spirit Lake complex, several private ponds and several eastern Iowa rivers.

Public awareness and action are the keys to preventing the spread of invasive hitchhikers! Research shows that 97 percent of boaters and anglers are willing to take action to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species after they were exposed to Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! and its Clean, Drain, Dry prevention message. Of those that have not seen the campaign's logo, nine of 10 respondents knew what it meant. This is the mark of an effective brand.

Do your part. Everyone is doing it. It's easy. It works. We are very fortunate to have clearly the best fishery in the state of Iowa and with just a little bit of effort we can guaranty it's bounty of fun and great fishing for our grandchildren and on.

Any questions or concerns contact Ed Hartman 641-226-6128 IA DNR IOWATER Water Quality monitor.

Links:

www.startribune.com/lakes-with-zebra-mussels-are-goners-lock-the-trouble-there/422144543
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The Lake Ponderosa Association encourages all lake residents to purchase a 911 roadside address sign. These signs are very helpful to emergency service and delivery drivers to assist them in locating the address provided quickly and accurately. Please consider purchasing a 911 sign even if you currently have your address numbers displayed on your home or mail box, those may be difficult to see during poor visibility (night, fog, etc.). The blue/white reflective roadside signs will assist these drivers, and your family/friends, in finding your home.

Send a check in the amount of \$35.00, payable to the Lake Ponderosa Association and mail to the Lake Ponderosa Association and mail to PO Box 751, Montezuma, IA 50171. Please note "911 Sign" in the memo of the check. Include your full name, lake address and your phone number.

Once you receive your sign it should be placed within a few feet of the driveway close to the road. Sign should be perpendicular to the road and visible from either direction. Please call 811 for line locates around 48 hours prior to installation.



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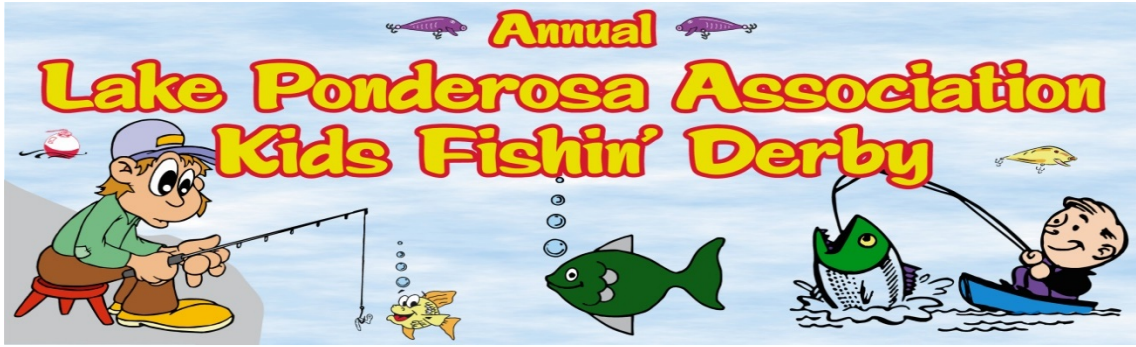
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25TH ANNUAL KID'S FISH'N DERBY

Saturday, June 17th, 2023

Association Boat Ramp

Derby Fishing Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

Weigh-In: 11:00am - Noon

Lunch will start at 11:00am

AWARDS AND PRIZES AFTER WEIGH-IN!

The derby is open to kids up to 14 years old. At least one adult who is 21 years old and a lake property owner or guest must accompany kids. Individual anglers can fish from shore or in a boat and there can be more than one angler per boat. Anglers will be fishing for **TWO** Categories, Crappie/Bluegill and Catfish. Trophies will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place for the heaviest total weight of 5 fish of each of the two categories and for Small Fry (smallest fish of all species). **Only Bluegill, Crappie, and Catfish can be caught. NO BASS OR WALLEYES!**

We will also give away many great prizes, so everyone can be a winner!

Please do all you can to keep fish alive if you are not going to keep them. If you use a stringer, never hook through the gills, only the mouth.

To volunteer, contact Sunni Kegebein at (319) 427-1592 or by email: kegebeins55@gmail.com

There will be no same day registration. All entries must be received no later than June 9th, 2023. Please complete and submit the following form. There is no cost to participate in the Fishin' Derby however please consider making a freewill donation to be put towards stocking fish in the lake. **Anglers must be present to collect his or her t-shirt and gift bag.**

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM • DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 9, 2023!

This form is needed so we know how many prizes to buy. To pre-register by email, please email this form to: **kegebeins55@gmail.com**, or phone **Sunni at (319) 427-1592** or drop off at the lake office. Freewill donations can be mailed to: LPA, P.O. Box 751, Montezuma, IA 50171 or brought to the boat ramp the day of the Derby.

Sponsor's Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____

Names and Ages of Kids

Name (First and Last)	Age	Name (First and Last)	Age
_____	_____	_____	_____
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25th YEAR FOR THE KID'S FISHIN DERBY!!!!!!!

2023 is the 25th anniversary of the kid's fishing derby. Here is a little history.

The idea for the fishing derby was made during a winter board meeting in 1997, Harry Meek, Larry Bergeson, Bob Helmick, and Norm Huisman were the board members who served at that time. The first fishing derby was held in July 1998. Mike's Bait shop donated many items and many items for the derby were purchased from him. The Marina also donated items. There were eight kids who participated that first year. The next two years twelve kids participated both years. In 2001, the derby was moved to Father's Day weekend and the participation increased to around forty kids and the numbers have steadily increased every year since. At some point the tent was purchased and we started serving lunch. Many other items were added through the years including the prizes, the sponsor t-shirts, the fish tank, participants and fish weights spreadsheet. Bass Pro has donated in the past.

We now have 150 plus kids that participate in the derby. We now get as many of the items we can locally. Many local merchants and individuals donate food, prizes, supplies, their time and so much more. Each participant receives a t-shirt. These are donated by the sponsors on the back. Make sure when you see them to thank them for their generous donations. We also receive donations at the time of membership renewal. It takes an ARMY of volunteers to make this event happen. A HUGE thank you to everyone who has ever helped or donated to make this such a successful event. A big shout out to Harry Meek, Larry Bergeson, Bob Helmick, and Norm Huisman for starting this event.

Check out the CHILDREN'S ROCKIN' GARDEN!

(brought to you by the Lake Beautification Committee)



On Saturday, May 27th children were provided an opportunity to paint rocks, creating a Rockin' Garden. Take a rock, leave a rock, it's up to you!

Come check out the Rockin' Garden located at the boat ramp. BIG thanks to Terri & Jim Pothast for helping facilitate this fun Lake Beautification Committee event!



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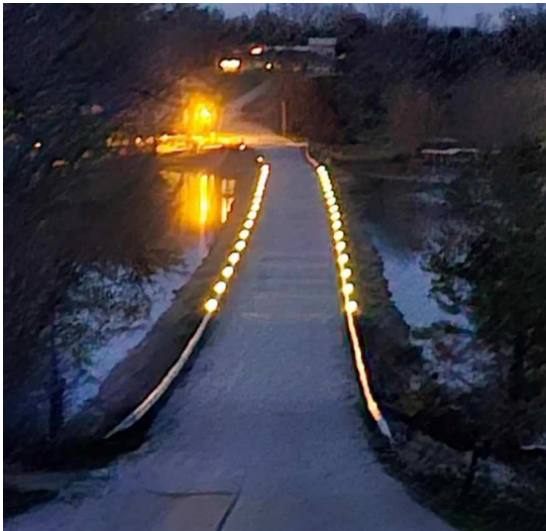


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Improvements on the Causeway!

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TRIVIA NIGHT WAS A SUCCESS!

On Friday, April 28th the Montezuma Country Club held the first ever 10th hole trivia night.

The committee of Bonnie Cox, Jeff Delvaux, Dave Elbert and Susan Hayes worked diligently to prepare for a night FULL of fun!

Shout out to all participants, whether they be trivia participants, 50/50 purchasers, silent auction bidders or those who donated items for the event- we had many lake members, and non-members attend this fun event!

The fun, fellowship, and laughter was something I have never experienced at an event at MCC, and we loved the fact that we had members and non-members participating. It was a diversified group that brought new dynamics to our great club!

We look forward to holding more events like this in the future! So be looking on our Lake Ponderosa facebook pages for upcoming events, that are sometimes open to the public. If you're interested in becoming a MCC member, they offer social, pool, individual and family golf memberships! Don't hesitate to call them, or to pick up a magazine/calendar explaining what memberships they offer.

Please share any ideas you might have with us and let us know if you'd ever like to be on an organizational committee to bring these fun events to our community!

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On Saturday, July 1st please consider decorating your boat and joining the Lake Ponderosa Boat Parade!

To start, all boats should meet at the south end of West Lake around 6:30PM. The parade will circle both west and east side lakes. The route usually lasts approx. 90 mins. Happy Boating!

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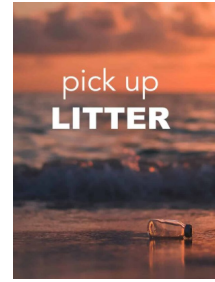
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The Lake Beautification Committee trash pick-up teams (led by Terri Pothast) have been doing a wonderful job keeping the lake roads cleaner.

This team is looking for someone who lives here at the lake (full or part time) to lead their efforts for the next year. If you are interested in helping lead this effort, please contact an LPA board member (info on page 2) who will put you in contact with Terri Pothast for more information.

Terri is currently working on putting together a team for each road to ensure coverage all around the lake. Thanks Terri for your time and efforts and thanks to everyone who picks up trash when they see it!

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2022 WATER QUALITY REPORT

FOR

Ponderosa Utilities, Inc.

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is surface water. All of the water is purchased. Purchased water comes from Montezuma Municipal Water Supply and is drawn from Diamond Lake.

Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	DETECTED LEVEL	DATE SAMPLED	RANGE OF DETECTION	VIOLATION	SOURCE
Turbidity (NTU)	N/A	TT	100% of the samples met requirements	2022	.05 - .25	No	Soil runoff
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	.032	2021	ND-.0367	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.70	2022	.31 – 1.06	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead (ppb)	0	AL=15	1.30	2021	ND-1	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate [as N] (ppm) S/EP Diamond Lake	10	10	.700	2022	N/A	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM (ppb) [Total trihalomethanes]	N/A	80	19.00	12/31/2022	8 - 31	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Sodium (ppm) S/EP Diamond Lake	N/A	N/A	8.99	1/04/2022	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N/A	60	26.00	12/31/2022	17 - 35	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG=4.0	MRDL=4.0	2.3	2022	1.17 – 2.58	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorine dioxide (ppb)	MRDLG=800	MRDL=800	238	2022	20 - 390	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorite (ppm)	0.8	1.0	.59	2022	.11 - .87	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (ppm)	N/A	TT 15%-35% Removal	40% Removal	2022	27% - 49%	No	Naturally present in the Environment
Barium (ppm) S/EP Diamond Lake	2	2	0.0977	1/4/2022	N/A	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (ppb) S/EP Diamond Lake	0	10	1.60	1/4/2022	N/A	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm) S/EP Diamond Lake	4	4	.2	1/4/2022	N/A	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Montezuma Muni Water Supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [Http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains water from one or more surface waters. Surface water sources are susceptible to sources of contamination within the drainage basin.

Original Supply ID	Original Supply Source
IA7950097	Montezuma Muni Water Supply

OTHER INFORMATION

Turbidity is an indicator of treatment filter performance and is regulated as a treatment technique.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact Ponderosa Utilities, Inc. at 641-623-5675.

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