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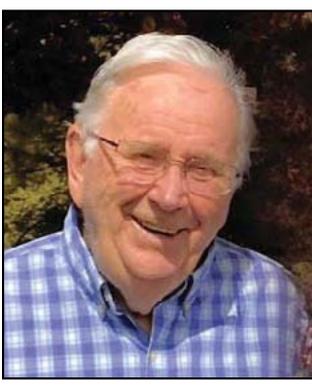
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Obituary



MAX RUTZ went home to be with his Lord and Savior on June 18, 2021 at his home in Albion, Michigan surrounded by his family.

Max was born on May 5, 1936 in Albion, he was the only child born to Carl and Lucille (Drumm) Rutz. Max was raised on a farm in Calhoun County, Michigan and received his diploma from Albion High School in 1955. After attending a year at Ferris State, he entered the U.S. Army in 1959. He served in the 9th Infantry Division and was stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Max was honorably discharged in November 1966. He married Phyllis Irene Budd on May 19, 1962 in Olivet, Michigan. They raised their children in Albion, Michigan, Killen,

Alabama, and then Marshall, Michigan. Max modeled a Christ-like character, was a family man, hard worker, good natured, and had a sense of humor. He held a variety of jobs throughout his life. Early in life he worked at a local green house, A&P grocery store, and farmed in Albion. He went on and worked 25 years at McGraw Edison in Albion, two years at Martin Industries in Florence, Alabama, and 14 years at Air Master in Jackson, Michigan. Max loved hunting, fishing, and camping in northern Michigan. He enjoyed playing euchre, reading a Louis L'Amour western book, watching The Rifleman and The Lone Ranger shows, eating a bowl of ice cream, and his favorite pie (Mom's rhubarb and strawberry). He loved every moment camping with his family in Michigan's upper peninsula. Max shared his faith teaching Sunday School and was a member of the Family Bible Church.

Max is survived by his wife, Phyllis Rutz; children: Calvin Rutz (Ruth) Killen, Alabama, Cheryl Ellenwood (Mark) Middlebury, Indiana., David Rutz (Danna) Florence, Alabama, Connie Kiessling (Doug) Marshall, Michigan; grandchil-

dren: Laurel Smith (Dannon) Florence, Alabama, Brandon Ellenwood (Kim) Goshen, Indiana, Bryce Ellenwood (Chantel) Bowling Green, Kentucky, Kara Denton (Will) Killen, Alabama, Bryan Ellenwood (Myka) Elkhart, Indiana, Caleb Kiessling Ceresco, Michigan, Andrew Kiessling Marshall, Michigan, Daniel Rutz Florence, Alabama, Samuel Kiessling Marshall, Michigan, Madison Rutz Florence, Alabama; great grand-children: Rayleigh Smith, Aiden Denton, Cora Denton, Abby Smith, Maverick Ellenwood, Declan Ellenwood, Madilyn Ellenwood, Bentley Ellenwood, Chloe Ellenwood.

A celebration of Max's life was held Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at Family Bible Church, 725 US HWY 27 N Marshall, Michigan. Internment took place following the service at Rice Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Family Bible Church, 725 US HWY 27 N, Marshall, MI 49068 or Oaklawn Hospice, 13444 Preston Dr, Marshall, MI 49068.

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Terrance



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BK (short for Black Kat) has gorgeous, deep black fur and

stunning eyes. He is a sweet guy but continues to be overlooked because we have several all black cats at the moment. And, unfortunately, people still think black cats mean bad luck – which we know better than anyone, that just simply isn't true! BK loves to be petted but he really loves his food, too! He has quite the personality and we hope people come to meet him and all our black cats! He is neutered, up to date on vaccines and microchipped.

If interested in Aaron or BK please call or come see us at Cascades Humane Society, 1515 Carmen Drive in Jackson, MI.

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by Frank Passic
Albion Historian



DUTCHTOWN SWIMMING HOLE POPULAR IN THE 1950s

During these hot summer months, we are reminded that Albion once had its own "natural" swimming hole, in existence from 1914 until the end of the 1957 season. It was called Dutchtown, and was located on S. Hannah St. across the Kalamazoo River from the Albion College athletic field.

Dutchtown had a changing shelter, and the summer program was operated by the Albion Recreation Department. During the 1950s, the Department would feature a water ballet event each season, and featured various swimmers. There were various props and costumes which swimmers used in their performances. Hundreds of youths lined

the Hannah St. bridge and along the banks of the River to watch these water ballets.

What happened to Dutchtown? On July 2, 1956 at exactly 3 p.m., the summer swimming program came to an abrupt halt. The Albion Flour Mill on E. Cass St., which owned the water rights, lowered the millrace in order to make repairs to its water-powered facility, and Dutchtown was closed for the remainder of the season. The following year, Dutchtown was opened again for the 1957 season. The Albion Flour Mill was closed that year on August 24 after the owner, Gladys Key, failed to find a buyer.

In addition, the health department began pressuring the city to close the park for water quality, sanitary and

safety reasons. Broken glass abounded, as well as blood-suckers, I am told. The 1957 season was therefore the last, although they didn't know it at the time, and Dutchtown did not reopen for the 1958 season. The water rights were subsequently purchased by Albion College and the water level was lowered.

Without any official natural swimming area left in town, Albion youth subsequently sought to go (if they could) swimming at Swain's Lake south of Concord, or at Dudek's along the Kalamazoo River on the way to Concord, or swim at the own risk clandestinely at various places around the Victory Park waterfall. Some swam at the Parker Inn pool, provided that they paid the 50 cent fee each time.



From our Historical Notebook this week we present a photo of the June 12, 1954 Dutchtown season opening showing children happily

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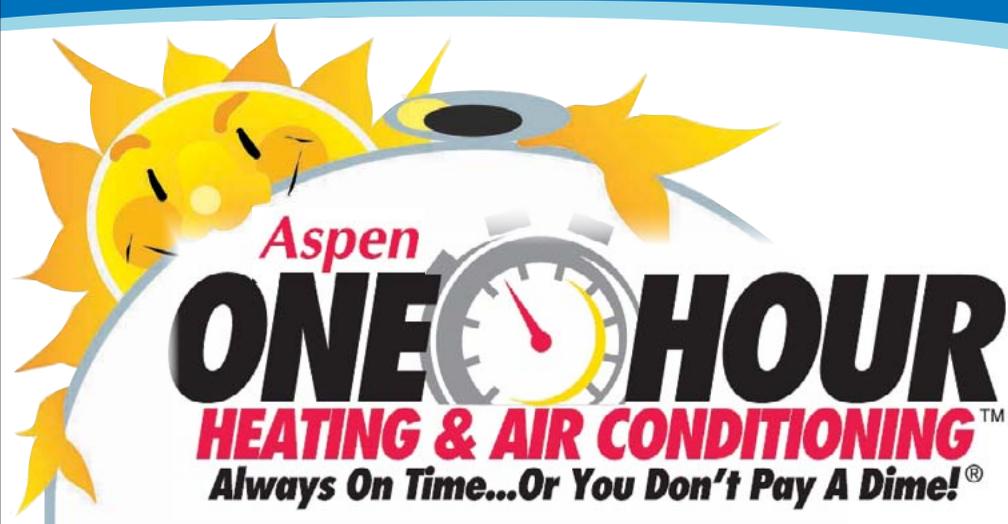
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Total time: 22 minutes
Servings: 24

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2 tablespoons sugar
Lemon Filling:
1/2 cup lemon curd
1/2 cup blueberries, raspberries or combination
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To make mini pecan crusts: Preheat oven to 350 F. Line mini muffin tin with paper liners or spray with nonstick cooking spray.

In food processor, blend pecan pieces, butter and sugar until mixture forms coarse dough.

Scoop about 2 teaspoons pecan mixture in each muffin tin. Use back of wooden spoon or fingers to press mixture evenly along bottom and up sides of each muffin cup.

Bake 12 minutes, or until crusts are golden brown. Allow crusts to cool completely before removing from pan.

To assemble crusts: Spoon 1 teaspoon lemon curd into each mini pecan crust. Top with one raspberry or three small blueberries. Dust with powdered sugar, if desired.

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Total time: 15 minutes
Servings: 30

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1/2 pound (2 cups) sharp cheddar cheese, freshly grated

1 jar (4 ounces) sliced pimentos
2 tablespoons red hot sauce
2 tablespoons mayo
1 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon fresh cracked pepper
1 tablespoon chives, freshly chopped
veggies, for serving
crackers, for serving
Preheat oven to 350 F.

On baking sheet, spread pecans and roast 8-10 minutes, or until golden brown and fragrant, tossing once halfway through. Remove from oven and set aside to cool completely.

In bowl, combine cheddar cheese, pimentos with juice, hot sauce, mayo, salt and pepper. Stir until combined. Add 3/4 of pecan pieces and mix until combined.

Place dip in serving bowl and top with remaining pecan pieces and freshly chopped chives.

Serve with veggies and crackers.



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SYNOPSIS

RIVES TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING was called to order June 15, 2021, at the pavilion, 110 W. Main Street Rives Junction, MI. at 6:01 pm. Motions were made and carried to approve agenda of June 15, 2021. Consent Agenda: Minutes for the fiscal year 21/22 budget hearing of March 16, 2021, 1ST right of refusal, receive financial report, receive revenue and expenditure report May 31, 2021, three-year renewal for website hosting @ \$431.64; Payroll: March \$21,360.35; April \$26,063.18; May \$16,427.16; June \$336.00; Warrants: March \$2,155.54; April \$93,898.42; May \$49,492.88; June \$13,571.31; credit card charges: March 0; April 0; May \$2.90 was adopted. Motions approved: board meeting minutes of March 16, 2021; circuit court case to move forward with township attorney for 3768 Broughwell blight violations; concrete repair for handicap ramp / 201 Palmer Street; appointment to Board of Review and staff; Resolution 2021-14 Board of Review date changes; Fire Department tanker chute for \$3,400 plus freight; M & K to clean and televise gravity sewer line; adopt Industrial Ordinance 2021-01 and Marijuana Ordinance 2021-02; MTA annual membership payment \$2,988.22.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm.

Submitted by Jerry Adams,
Rives Township Supervisor

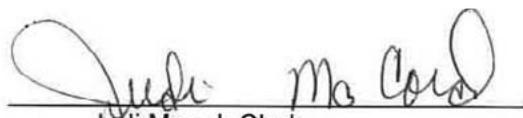
RIVES TOWNSHIP JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ADOPTION ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, MCL §125.3101 et seq., notice is hereby given that on June 15, 2021, Ordinance No. 2021-1, was adopted by the Township Board. The Ordinance is an amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance as incorporated in Chapter 17 of the Rives Township Code of Ordinances. The Ordinance will become effective on the 8th day after publication of this Notice of Adoption, or as otherwise provided by law. The adoption of this Ordinance does not change the existing zoning map of the Township nor the boundaries of existing zoning districts established under the Zoning Ordinance. Instead, certain regulatory provisions in the text of the Zoning Ordinance are amended. A summary of regulatory effects made by adoption of Ordinance 2021-1 follow:

- Section 17.01 of the Ordinance was amended to clarify that conditional use permits are required for uses not specifically listed as permitted under the Zoning Ordinance and may only be granted by the Township Board of Trustees;
- Section 17.23(B)(B) of the Ordinance was amended to clarify that conditional uses are permitted only when a proposed conditional use is listed in the Zoning Ordinance;
- Zoning regulations for industrial districts in the Township were overhauled in an attempt to limit industrial uses to "light" industrial uses compatible with the general rural character of the Township. The list of permitted and conditional uses for the industrial district were revised to exclude heavy manufacturing uses and power plants not considered "light" industrial uses.
- Article 7 of the Zoning Ordinance was amended by adding new required standards and findings that must be made before a conditional use permit may be granted for certain uses, including the following uses: trucking and transit terminal uses; contractor storage yard uses; repair garages and paint shops uses; sales of construction and farm equipment uses; and self-storage facility uses.
- Article 8 of the Zoning Ordinance was amended to require performance guarantees and escrow requirements for certain developments to assure that developers pay all Township costs related to a proposed development project that requires site plan review, and to assure that certain uses are decommissioned and the land restored upon termination of the use.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 2021-1, Zoning Ordinance Amendment, may be inspected or purchased at the Rives Township Offices, 348 E. Main Street, Rives Junction, MI 49277.

Published: June 27, 2021


Judi Mcord, Clerk
Rives Township

RIVES TOWNSHIP JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN MARIJUANA ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 2021-2

[An ordinance to protect the public health, safety and welfare by authority granted under Public Act 246 of 1945, as amended, to prohibit marijuana possession and cultivation in the Township except as authorized under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act and/or the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, and to provide for enforcement, penalties, costs and other remedies for violations hereof.]

THE TOWNSHIP OF RIVES, JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Rives Township Marijuana Ordinance.

SECTION 2 PURPOSE

This Ordinance is intended to promote the public health, safety and general welfare by regulating marijuana possession and cultivation consistent with requirements in the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2018, being MCL 333.27951, et. seq., as amended (MRTMA), and the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2008, being MCL 333.26421, as amended (MMMA), and to allow the Township to enforce state law limitations on the possession and cultivation of marijuana in the Township under local ordinance.

SECTION 4 DEFINITIONS

- "Medical Marijuana Primary Caregiver" or "Caregiver" means a person who is at least 21 years old and who is a registered and qualified caregiver as provided for under the MMMA.
- "Cultivate" means to propagate, breed, grow, harvest, dry, cure, or separate parts of the marijuana plant by manual or mechanical means.
- "Enclosed, locked facility" means a closet, room, or other comparable, stationary, and fully enclosed area equipped with secured locks or other functioning security devices that permit access only by a registered primary caregiver or registered qualifying patient. Marijuana plants grown outdoors are considered to be in an enclosed, locked facility if they are not visible to the unaided eye from an adjacent property when viewed by an individual at ground level or from a permanent structure and are grown within a stationary structure that is enclosed on all sides, except for the base, by chain-link fencing, wooden slats, or a similar material that prevents access by the general public and that is anchored, attached, or affixed to the ground; located on land that is owned, leased, or rented by either the registered qualifying patient or a person designated through the departmental registration process as the primary caregiver for the registered qualifying patient or patients for whom the marijuana plants are grown; and equipped with functioning locks or other security devices that restrict access to only the registered qualifying patient or the registered primary caregiver who owns, leases, or rents the property on which the structure is located.

SECTION 5 GENERAL REGULATIONS

It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Ordinance for any person or the owner or lessee of property to plant, cultivate or possess on any property in Rives Township medical or recreational marijuana except as otherwise authorized under the MMMA or the MRTMA. Permitted possession and cultivation under this Ordinance includes the following:

- Any person who is registered as a qualified patient under the MMMA, and who possesses a registration card issued by the State of Michigan for medical marijuana use, may possess, plant, cultivate and maintain up to 12 marijuana plants for personal use by the registered patient.
- A medical marijuana primary caregiver who has been issued and possesses a registry identification card under the MMMA may assist up to five (5) registered patients, and may possess, plant, cultivate and maintain up to 12 marijuana plants per each patient who is connected to the caregiver as provided for under the MMMA. Medical marijuana that is possessed, cultivated and maintained under this section must at all times be kept within an enclosed, locked facility.
- Any person who is over the age of 21 may possess, plant, cultivate and maintain up to 12 marijuana plants for personal use as permitted under the MRTMA.

Structures, buildings and the use of land in relation to possession, cultivation and maintenance of marijuana under this Ordinance shall at all times be subject to and in compliance with State Construction Code regulations, County Health regulations, Zoning regulations and other local ordinance regulations of the Township.

SECTION 6 ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Any person who disobeys neglects or refuses to comply with any provision of this ordinance or who causes allows or consents to any of the same shall be deemed to be responsible for a violation of this ordinance. A violation of this ordinance is deemed to be a nuisance per se.

1. A violation of this ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, for which the fines shall not be less than \$200 nor more than \$500, in the discretion of the Court. The foregoing sanctions shall be in addition to the rights of the Township to proceed at law or equity with other appropriate and proper remedies. Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, which the Township incurs in connection with the municipal civil infraction.
- Each day during which any violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
- In addition, the Township may seek injunctive relief against persons alleged to be in violation of this ordinance, and such other relief as may be provided by law.
- This ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the Ordinance Enforcement Officer of the Township or by such other person (s) as designated by the Township Board from time to time.

SECTION 7 SEVERABILITY

The provisions of the Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any portion of the Ordinance other than said part or portion hereof.

SECTION 8 REPEALER

The enactment of this Ordinance hereby repeals any other ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance.

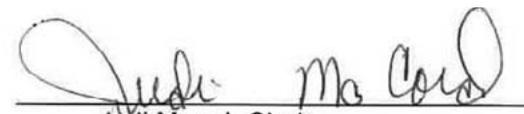
SECTION 9 SAVINGS CLAUSE

The repeal provided herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending fee, assessments, litigation or prosecution of any right established, occurring prior to the effective date hereof.

SECTION 10 PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

The Township Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after final publication of the Ordinance.

This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Rives Township Board at its regular meeting called and held on the 15th day of June, 2021, and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law.


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AUGUST 3, 2021 SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law MCL 168 Section 798, a Public Accuracy Test will be conducted on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Rives Township Office 348 E. Main Street, Rives Junction for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballot for the August 3, 2021 Special Election. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

Judi A. McCord
Rives Township Clerk

New legislation introduced to combat the opioid epidemic

LANSING, Mich. – A bipartisan package of bills to combat the opioid epidemic in Michigan was announced today by Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist; Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS); Sen. Curt VanderWall (R-Ludington), Sen. Winnie Brinks (D-Grand Rapids), Rep. Mary Whiteford (R-Casco Township), Rep. Angela Witwer (D-Delta Township), the Michigan Health and Hospital Association and the Michigan Opioid Partnership (MOP).

The legislation will expand availability of treatment for opioid use disorder in emergency departments and access to naloxone, the life-saving drug that can reverse overdoses, to community-based organizations.

“This epidemic touches every area of our state and we are losing nearly five Michiganders every single day to opioid overdoses,” said Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist. “This legislation will help bring us closer to ending this epidemic by expanding access to treatment

and to life-saving medications which can increase their chances of a successful recovery and prevent additional tragedies among our families.”

In 2018 and 2019, Michigan saw a moderate decline in the number of opioid-related overdoses. In 2019, total drug overdose deaths - which includes opioids and unspecified substances - decreased by 9.4 percent to 2,354 deaths and opioid-related deaths fell by 13.2 percent to 1,768 deaths.

In 2020, the challenges of the COVID-19 global pandemic, such as increased social isolation and decreased access to treatment services, exacerbated the already deadly drug overdose epidemic. Provisional 2020 data shows an increase in total drug overdose deaths in Michigan. Preliminary data for January-June 2020 show 1,340 overdose deaths - up from 1,155 in those same months in 2019, an increase of 16%. Similarly, opioid-related overdose deaths increased from 874 in the first half of 2019 to 1,045 in the same period in 2020, an increase of 20%.

Two bills will expand availability of medications for opi-

oid use disorder (MOUD) in emergency departments and improve referral to treatment. Through this legislation, hospitals that treat over 50 overdoses a year will receive funding to build capacity to offer MOUDs. The bills build on a foundation of existing work with the MOP to expand treatment in emergency departments since 2019. Currently, 19 hospitals across nine health systems are participating in this work.

Additional legislation will expand Michigan’s naloxone standing order to allow community organizations to access the lifesaving overdose reversal drug naloxone. Currently, the standing order allows for naloxone to be dispensed from a pharmacist, similar to over-the-counter medications, and restricts community-based organizations from accessing naloxone. Since 2017, more than 20,000 doses of naloxone have been dispensed under the standing order.

“Having naloxone on hand can make the difference between someone living or dying from an overdose and getting it into the hands of people who are most likely to be able to

save a life is important,” said Dr. Khaldun. “Naloxone saves thousands of lives each year by reversing the effects of an opioid overdose and this legislation will help prevent fatal overdoses by distributing naloxone more widely across our state.”

“The progress that we’ve seen fighting against the opioid epidemic has been impeded in part due to the immediate public health crisis in COVID-19. It’s important that we continue thinking of those suffering from substance use disorders (SUDs) and their loved ones as we come out of the pandemic,” said Senator Brinks. “I am proud to be part of this bipartisan group who are introducing legislation that continues Michigan’s fight against SUDs, as there is plenty of important work yet to do.”

“Families in Michigan continue to struggle with our opiate crisis,” said Representative Whiteford. “My hope is that these bills will move us closer to a state free from the suffering of addiction.”

For more information and resources, visit Michigan.gov/Opioids.

Leoni Township Water System 2020 Water Quality Report

This report covers the drinking water quality for Leoni Township for the 2020 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2020. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

General Information

Leoni Township is committed to providing our customers with quality drinking water on tap. Leoni Township water meets state and federal standards for both appearance and safety. This annual “Consumer Confidence Report” required by the Safe Drinking Water Act informs you where your water comes from and what tests show about the quality of the water you are drinking. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like copies of this report of the Source Water Assessment, please contact Township Hall at (517)936-2295. A copy of the report is also available on the Leoni Township website at http://www.leonitownship.com/document/forms.php#revize_document_center_rz528. This report will not be mailed but is available at the Township office. We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The Leoni Township Board meets at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Leoni Township Hall. Please feel free to attend the meeting, or call (517) 936-2300 for meeting agenda information.

Leoni Township Water Source

Leoni Township’s water supply comes from the Marshall Sandstone Formation Aquifer via two different well fields located in Leoni Township. The water from each well is pumped to a one-million-gallon storage tank. Leoni Township passed a resolution to participate in the Jackson County Wellhead Protection Program to help protect our drinking water sources well into the future. The State of Michigan performed an assessment of Leoni Township’s source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility ratings are on a seven-tiered scale from “very low” to “high” based primarily on geological sensitivity, water chemistry, and possible contaminate sources. The susceptibility of our ground water wells is moderately high.

Contaminants and their presence in water: 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 poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-populations:

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 systems 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. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control 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).

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), (formerly Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2020. We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at Leoni Township Hall. This report will not be sent to you.

For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact the Leoni Township DPW at 517.522.8445. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Service Lines

Leoni Township has zero (0) known lead service lines and 625 service lines of unknown material out of a total of 674 service lines. We are currently working on a Distribution System Materials Inventory (DSMI) to identify the service line materials, so these numbers will change on future Water Quality Reports as more information becomes available.

Information about lead: 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. Leoni Township 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 have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. 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>.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2020 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – PLANT TAP							
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	4.0	2.0 – 4.0	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.36	0.27-0.36	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Hardness ¹ (ppm)	N/A	N/A	245	231-245	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium ¹ (ppm)	N/A	N/A	35	14-35	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
DISINFECTANTS AND DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS – DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	23.8	23.8	2020	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	ND	ND	2020	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine ² (ppm)	4	4	0.31	0.17-0.37	2020	No	Water additive used to control microbes
LEAD AND COPPER – DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water ³	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	0	2.0	0 – 10.0	2019	No	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.14	0 – 0.15	2019	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

¹ Sodium and Hardness are not regulated contaminants.
² The chlorine “Level Detected” was calculated using a running annual average.
³ Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

Terms and abbreviations used in table:

- **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.
- **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 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.
- **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.
- **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 that a water system must follow.
- **N/A:** Not applicable
- **ND:** not detectable at testing limit
- **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter
- **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- **ppt:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- **pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

Boating, fishing outreach events to mark Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week June 27-July 4

More than 54 boat landing events are planned across the state to mark this year's Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week, June 27 to July 4. Public awareness about the impacts of harmful, nonnative aquatic plants and animals is critical to protecting Michigan's ecosystems, tourism and economy.

The boat landing events are part of the eighth annual Landing Blitz in which representatives of state departments and local partners such as lake associations and cooperative invasive species management areas give boaters tips to prevent the spread of harmful species and comply with recently updated laws. The Landing Blitz website allows you to search for an event near you. Similar AIS Landing Blitz events will be held in each of the Great Lakes states and Canadian provinces.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has issued a proclamation to mark Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week and raise awareness about this important issue to help prevent the spread of invasive aquatic

plants and organisms.

Protect Michigan waters from the threat of aquatic invasive species by following these simple steps:

Required actions – it's the law in Michigan

- Remove all aquatic organisms, including plants, from watercraft and trailers before launching or transporting.

- Remove all drain plugs and drain all water from bilges, ballast tanks and live wells before transporting a watercraft.

- Dispose of unused bait in the trash, not in the water.

Recommended additional actions – protect our waters by following these steps:

- Clean boats, trailers and equipment by removing plants, debris and mud before leaving the access area. Dispose of the material in a trash receptacle or otherwise away from the water body, if possible.

- Wash boats and trailers before leaving the access area, if possible, or at a nearby car wash or at home.

- Dry boats and equipment for five days before launching into a different water body.

Disinfect live wells and bilges with a bleach solution (1/2 cup bleach to 5 gallons water.)

A short EGLE video from a past Landing Blitz shows how easy it is to clean, drain, and dry boats and trailers.

"Everyone has a part to play in helping prevent the spread of invasive species," said Kevin Walters, aquatic biologist with EGLE. "Education is key to protecting Michigan's incredible natural resources."

Events at boat launches are contingent on weather and volunteer availability. Contact Kevin Walters for a list of events.

AIS Awareness Week is sponsored by EGLE's Water Resources Division, in partnership with the departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture and Rural Development, federal agencies and private and nonprofit organizations. For more information about AIS Awareness Week or the AIS Landing Blitz visit Michigan's invasive species web site at Michigan.gov/Invasives.

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Senior Spotlight

Six things you should be asking your pharmacist...but aren't

(StatePoint) An estimated 4.5 billion prescriptions will be filled this year in the United States, with about half of consumers taking at least one prescription medication over the past 30 days.

"You'd think we would be better at communicating with our pharmacists – just as we do with our other health care providers, like doctors, nurses, and dentists," says Susan Peppers, R.Ph., vice president of Pharmacy Practice at Express Scripts. "Unfortunately, it's just not the case."

In fact, a JD Power study shows that only 10% of people talk to a pharmacist when ordering or receiving their medications. Express Scripts pharmacists were asked what are

the top six questions patients should be asking their pharmacists, but don't. Their answers offer insights into why we should take the time to ask these questions and why pharmacists play an important role in our health care.

- Could this medication interact with my vitamins and supplements? Non-prescription medications and supplements can interfere with your prescription or cause unnecessary side effects. Talk to a pharmacist about all the medications you take, especially when you are prescribed any new medication.

- I'm taking multiple meds. What do I need to know? If you are on multiple medications for one or more chronic condi-

tions you should speak with a pharmacist any time there is a change to your medication regimen to check for potential drug-drug interactions, medication overlap or gaps in care.

- What should I do if I forget to take my medication? Always consult with your prescriber on what to do if this happens. Having access to your pharmacist 24/7 is particularly important when you forget to take a dosage at the scheduled time. He or she can help you get back on track so that you get the full benefits of your medication. Having access to your pharmacist from the privacy of your home is another great reason to look for this 24/7 convenience.

- Could this prescription

make me unsteady on my feet? Some medications can make you dizzy or drowsy, and there are other hazards in the home that can cause a fall, especially as one ages and needs to get up frequently during the night. A pharmacist can provide home safety tips to avoid an accident.

- I sometimes forget to take my meds. What's a reminder that works? Taking medications regularly can help avoid complications. When having trouble remembering to

take your medications, turn to pharmacists, who can suggest tech solutions that will work for you, such as reminder apps. They can also help you manage side effects you may be having and identify alternatives that you can discuss with your prescriber, when needed.

- Is there a more affordable option for my prescription? If you are having trouble affording your medication, your pharmacists can help with more affordable options and

recommendations, such as generics or less expensive formula options.

For more tips and resources, visit www.esrx.com/AskYourPharmacist.

"When it comes to whole-person care, pharmacists play a major role in the equation," says Peppers. "Communicating with your pharmacist regularly can help reduce the chance of complications related to your medications."

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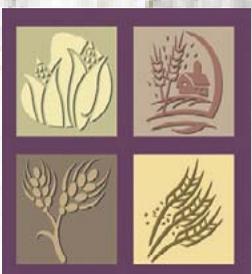
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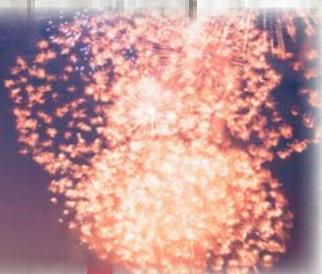


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