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Water Quality Report 06.16.2025
City of Buffalo Center

2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT
FOR
BUFFALO CENTER MUNI WATER DEPT

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Type	Compliance Value & (Range)	Date	Violation Yes/No	Source
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) (THM)	80 (MVA)	LRAA	\$3.00 (3 - 5)	09/30/2024	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Total Halocarbon Acids (ppb) (HAA5)	60 (MVA)	LRAA	9.00 (9 - 9)	09/29/2024	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	0.00 (ND - 1)	2024	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.48 (0.01 - 0.92)	2024	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	1.2 (0.63 - 2.48)	12/31/2024	No	Water additive used to control microbes
01 - SEP WELL #1 OR WELL #2 - TREATED						
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	0.34	04/26/2022	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and chemical factories
Barium (ppm)	2 (2)	SGL	0.09	04/26/2022	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	66	04/26/2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate (as N) (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	0.32	2024	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Dalapon (ppb)	200 (200)	SGL	0.30	03/20/2023	No	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way

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.
- PCU – picocuries per liter.
- N/A – Not applicable.
- ND – Not detected.
- RAA – Running Annual Average.
- 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.
- SGL – Single Sample Result.
- RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule.
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units.

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 poses 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. BUFFALO CENTER MUNI WATER DEPT 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>.

Our water supply has completed a service line inventory. Please contact us for information regarding the inventory and how you can access the results.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the dolomite and limestone of the Ordovician (also St. Peter) aquifer. The Ordovician (also St. Peter) aquifer was determined to have low susceptibility to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide natural protection from contaminants at the land surface. The Ordovician (also St. Peter) wells will have low susceptibility to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 515-320-1122.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact BUFFALO CENTER MUNI WATER DEPT at 515-320-1122.

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Minutes 06.16.2025
City of Rake

The Rake City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 16, 2025.

Mayor Pro-tem Duve called the regular meeting to order. Mayor Pro-tem Duve presided over the meeting, council members Johnson, Roth, Duve & Olson, present, Bowen absent. Mayor Pro-tem Duve opened the public hearing. No written or oral objections were given. Mayor Pro-tem Duve closed the public hearing. Johnson made a motion to adopt a resolution 06162025-01, adopting the Budget Amendment for the 2024-2025 city of Rake budget, motion seconded by Roth, a vote was taken, D-Y, R-Y, O-Y, J-Y, resolution adopted. Roth made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda, motion seconded by Olson, ayes all. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 regular meeting, motion seconded by Roth, ayes all. Olson made a motion to approve the June bills, motion seconded by Johnson, ayes all.

New Business: The council discussed public works and mowing as well as updates on the Tractor Ride and the Rake 125th Celebration. No action was taken at this time. Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Johnson, ayes all.

Melissa Duve, Deputy Clerk
Attest: Louise Hagedorn, Mayor
June 16, 2025
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Ordinance Notice 45
Winnebago County

PUBLIC NOTICE WINNEBAGO COUNTY, IOWA

The following described County Ordinance will be considered for approval by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors during the board sessions to be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., July 15, 2025, and July 22, 2025.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 45

Title: Winnebago County Ordinance Establishing a Program for the Separation of Recyclable Materials in Order to Facilitate Collection and Encourage Recycling.

Copies of the full text of the ordinance will be available at the office of the Winnebago County Auditor. Karla Weiss, County Auditor. Published in the Buffalo Center Tribune on June 25, 2025

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Trust Notice
Winnebago County

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT, WINNEBAGO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARLENE S. HOFBAUER, Deceased

NOTICE OF DEPOSIT OF DECEDENT'S ORIGINAL WILL WITH THE CLERK OF COURT (Iowa Code §633.285 – No Probate) COMES NOW the undersigned to give notice that the following described Will was deposited with the Clerk of Court:

- Decedent made and executed a Will dated August 4, 2016.
- The decedent, Darlene S. Hofbauer, died at Mason City, Iowa, on June 4, 2025.
- On the date of death, Decedent was a resident of Winnebago County, Iowa.
- The status of assets of Decedent's estate are such that no administration is needed, and any administration of this estate would result in needless and burdensome expense.
- Decedent's original Will was deposited with the Clerk of Court on the date specified below, as required by Iowa Code §633.285, and a copy is attached to this notice.
- The Clerk of Court is required to keep Decedent's original Last Will and Testament for safekeeping, pursuant to Iowa Code §633.286.
- The undersigned's relationship to the decedent is as follows: Attorney for Darlene S. Hofbauer.
- No further action needs to be taken in this matter at this time by the Clerk of Court or any other person.
- WHEREFORE, the undersigned gives notice that Decedent's Last Will and Testament was deposited with the Clerk of Court, as requested above.

Todd R. Buchanan
Date June 16, 2025
ATTORNEY FOR DARLENE S. HOFBAUER
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Auction to include: Passenger vehicles, Enclosed Trailers, Light Trailers, Riding Lawn Mowers (running), Boats, Campers, ATVs/UTVs/Side-by-Sides.

Consignments for this auction will be taken Tuesday, July 1st through Friday, July 11th (excluding Sunday and July 4th) 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Wednesday, July 16 | 6:00 pm

Online Only Auction for Small Line Items

Auction to include: Tools, Parts, Weights, Implement Tires (no vehicle tires accepted), Livestock Equipment, 3 pt attachments, Flarebox and Bargebox Wagons, Grain Legs, Jump Augers, Sweep Augers, Disc Mowers, Small Implements, Small Sprayers, Running Gears, older hay racks and head mowers, Skidloader Attachments, Sickle Mowers, Loader Buckets, etc

Consignments of Small Line Auction items will be accepted:

Saturday, July 5th 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, July 9th 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday, July 10th 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, July 11th 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

NOTE: This will be our ONLY Small Line Auction for the year. We will not be accepting consignments of small items in September.

Thursday, July 17 | 9:00 am

Live Machinery Auction with Online Bidding Available

Auction to include: Tractors, Combines and Harvest Equipment, Tillage Equipment, Semis, Grain Trailers, Gravity Wagons and Grain Carts, Transportable Augers, New Hay Racks and other Equipment.

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