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Rossville water treatment plant passes test with flying colors

ROSSVILLE—A new water treatment facility, built to reduce the level of arsenic in village drinking water, is doing its job well.

The old treatment plant kept arsenic levels under old Environmental Protection Standards guidelines - at 20 micrograms per liter, with a standard of 25 mg/liter - but not below those enacted during the Clinton administration, which mandated a rate no higher than 10 parts.

Analysis of a test conducted on January 11 by PDC Laboratories of Peoria showed a rate of 5 (.005mg/l), or half the mandated rate, said Mayor Terry Prillaman.

The contract with the general contractor stated the rate must be 5 parts or lower.

Prillaman credits the filtering system with the significant decrease, saying test results show the filters, from Artesian of Pioneer, "are doing a great job."

Officials researched water filtration and found communities that spent "mega dollars" and still could not get arsenic rates to Rossville's current level, Prillaman said. "At this point, I feel very fortunate that we were insistent on using filters from AOP. We had done a lot of research and found out

their track record and the quality of the filters were far superior to what our former engineers wanted us to buy. If we're going to spend this kind of money, we wanted to be sure the system was going to work. I'm certainly happy with the results and have no reason to believe the results will change."

Technology known as oxidation/filtration with co-precipitation oxidizes arsenic and iron, which is then filtered through manganese green sand.

A plus for the village is that, along with removing arsenic, the treatment system also removes iron, which is expected to result in less rust in the water system.

Village officials began looking at a new treatment plant in 2008 after the village was found to be non-compliant with the standards.

The facility hired G.A. Rich and Sons of Deer Park to build the facility at a cost of slightly more than \$726,000. Money for construction came from a \$350,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development and a 20-year loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

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New Books at the Library



Children's library

Fiction:

Melvin's Valentine by Jon Scieszka
Dr. Seuss's Happy Birthday, Baby (boardbook)
Happy Birthday to You! by Dr. Seuss
Cat by Matthew Van Fleet
Grandma, Have the Angels Come? By Denise Vega

The Boxcar Children based on stories by Gertrude Chandler Warner (graphic novel)

A Chair for Always by Vera B. Williams

Non-fiction:

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Police News



Andrew J. Cornelius, 20, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for leaving the scene of an accident after an incident at 1:16 a.m. Sunday.

Police said Cornelius, in a 1997 Honda, hit a 2000 Pontiac Sunfire owned by Beverly M. Dewey, of Rankin, which was parked in the alley off Washington between Third St. and Fourth St. Cornelius then allegedly left the scene on foot.

Police later found Cornelius and issued the citation.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today and tonight. High 37, low 27. Tomorrow, chance of freezing rain. High 37, low 30.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Community Awards ceremony

The Hoopeston Community Awards ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25 at the Lorraine Cinema. Admission is free this year.

The evening will begin with a public meeting on the proposed Hoopeston Regional Health Center renovation project.

The public is invited to attend and comment on such issues as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project or any other pertinent issues.

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