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Almira's new water tower ready for use

By the time you read this, Almira's new water reservoir will be ready for service. The water tower, with a capacity of 190,000 gallons, also hosts new technology that will help reduce or eliminate entirely the noxious odor of hydrogen sulfide gas (the sulfur, 'rotten egg' smell) that comes with the well water.

Belsby engineering provided me with an explanation of the technologies that will be utilized to remove the hydrogen sulfide odors. I think it's worthwhile for me to quote from their explanation. I couldn't have said it any better.

The new reservoir will utilize two methods of hydrogen sulfide removal. The first method is aeration. The existing pump for Well #4 will supply water to an aeration header at the top of the new reservoir. The header has approximately 380 orifices to spread the water as it enters the tank and allow oxygenation of the water supply. This oxidizes low levels of hydrogen sulfide to a tasteless and odorless form.

The second form of treatment is chlorination. When necessary, a chemical feed pump will inject a sodium hypochlorite solution into the water transmission main at Well #4. A 12-minute contact time between the well and the reservoir will enable the chlorine to oxidize



Almira's new water reservoir is pictured sitting on the ground before it was raised to the top of the new tower. --Hansen photo

dize higher levels of hydrogen sulfide thereby removing any rotten egg smell or taste.

The tank also has air exchange fan in the roof to provide additional fresh air for oxygenation. Lastly, the reservoir has a recirculation pump to prevent stratification, freezing and stagnation of the water in the tank during low demand winter months. "

Clear enough for most of us, and if you need additional information or explanation, write me or ask your neighbor.

From the photo you can see that the design of the reservoir differs considerably from the historic images of water reservoirs,

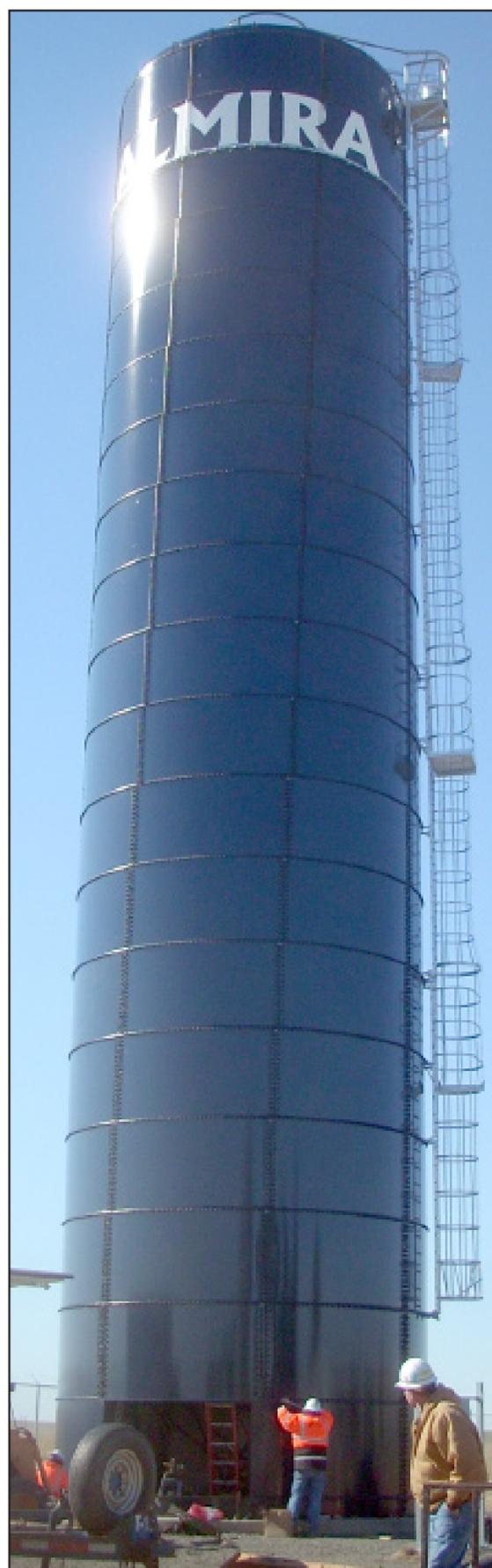
both the tower shape of our current tank or the bulbous, mushroom shape that other communities have adopted. One of the photos shows a very shortened tower sitting on the ground. This is what the tower looks like when first being constructed. The sections (which you can see in the photo) are defined by lines. As each section is completed, a system of hydraulic pumps raise that section so that a new section can be installed underneath, and it is subsequently raised until the final height is reached. This construction method has replaced former methods which required cranes to lift and men to work in a high environment, thus reducing costs, speeding construction, and increasing the safety of the workers.

The new reservoir will be fed from a dedicated water transmission line out of well #4, the well across from the post office and town hall. That pipe was installed beginning last June and has been in a testing phase since its completion. We have reported earlier that testing has not yet successfully passed as bacteria counts in the new line are still too high. As a result, the new line has not yet been connected to our water system, and thus, we will have to wait awhile yet for the new water tower to begin making deliveries.

Answers sought by LTPT on survey

(Davenport, WA, October 1, 2013.) Lincoln County's Local Technology Planning Team (LTPT) is asking businesses of all kinds to answer the question *What does your Lincoln County business need from high-speed broadband in order to thrive?* The LTPT has created a survey that asks about business-related Internet service, availability and use. The survey will be available online through the month of October and can be accessed from the Lincoln County EDC website at www.lincolncedc.org/businessresources/broadband. This survey is part of the County's broadband planning project and the survey results will help guide future broadband investment so participation from as many businesses as possible is important. If you have any questions or are unable to access the survey online please contact the EDC office at 509-725-1170 or at edcinfo@centurylink.net.

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Almira's new water tower overlooks the town and offers technology to offer its citizens a better water source. --Hansen photo



Pinky's now offers local residents a place to shop for a variety of items from groceries to hardware and much, much more. --Hansen photo

"Pinky's" now offers locals a convenient place to shop

Something long awaited by many of us Almir-runs, is the newly opened Pinky's Mini-Mart and More grocery store on Main next door to Charlie's Restaurant. The store, named after popular 'Pinky', the previous owner and operator of White Motors, is now open from 8-8, every day. You think of something you need and if it's not too late, you can cruise on over and pick up it up I've been doing that ever since Dennis Baker opened on Friday, the first day of the Country Fair. The mart carries a very wide variety of foods and beverages, including hot coffee, espresso coffee, and soon to be a soda fountain for pop and a Slurpee machine, and for those with a special palate the mart also has a Nachos machine. Along the back wall the cooler has everything, it seems like, including the power drinks, soda pop, milk, eggs, butter, you name it. On another wall in another cooler is the beer. Dennis assures me he will be carrying all the majors plus some micro brews, too.

When you walk up and down the aisles, it's obvious that his claim to be a grocery store, not a convenience store is not just hyperbole, but a reality. You will find canned foods, boxed and bagged items such as pancake mixes and breakfast cereal, herbs and spices, condiments, instant soups, peanut butter and jams and jellies, loaf bread and buns. Let's say you're doing a recipe and realize you don't have any sour cream. Get on down to the mart and pick up some. There's no need to drive to Wilbur for those missing items.

Soon to appear will be a chest freezer from which you can select frozen meats and other delectables. I'm thinking chicken, steaks, ground beef, bacon, sausages, and ready-to-microwave foods such as pizzas, fish sticks and full course meals. Maybe I can retire that old waffle iron, too.

In the 'More' portion of the store, Dennis is offering a variety of hardware and

household items. There you will find nuts and bolts, sport items, gardening supplies, including fertilizers, herbicides, and hand tools. Surprising to me, the store will even stock hot water tanks, toilets, and dishwashers (the kind you hook up, not the ones you have to feed). DVD movies? He has those, too. Just recently I needed a pair of chemical resistant gloves and gave him a try, and yes he had those and more.

The store is also a place of employment for the folks around Almira and right now he has four employees operating the registers and helping folks find the items they're looking for.

It's important to note, too, that when you patronize the store, your money is being spent in town and that much of it stays in town.

The next time you drive down Main, take a look at all the cars and trucks parked in front of the restaurant and mart, as well as across the street at Rocky's auto repair. For some of us, it's quite amazing what we are seeing, almost like a revival of businesses in Almira. I used to tell people that Almira is a nice town to live in, with clean streets, good utilities, playgrounds and parks, but not much in the way of services. Can't say that anymore.

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Almira school weekly menus

Almira schools menus for the week of October 14-October 18. All meals are served with 1/2 pint of milk. Menu is subject to change.

Breakfast

- Monday: Cereal, oranges and toast.
- Tuesday: Breakfast pizza and apples.
- Wednesday: Smoothie, cereal and strawberries.
- Thursday: French toast and blueberries.
- Friday: Cereal, bananas and toast.

Lunch

- Monday: Chicken nuggets, fries, green salad and bananas.
- Tuesday: Rib-B-Q sandwich, beans, veggie tray and oranges.
- Wednesday: chicken breast, BBQ beans, roll, green salad and grapes.
- Thursday: Sloppy Joe, chips, veggie tray and grapes.
- Friday: Omelets, cheese, maple bars, veggie tray and oranges.