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Dear Lori,

Welcome to this edition of the *Small Systems Bulletin*. The purpose of this bulletin is to keep you informed on issues concerning your water system. We plan to issue this bulletin quarterly. Topics covered in the bulletin include: operation and maintenance, treatment, backflow/cross-connections, regulations, operator training, management, and many others. Dates and locations of future workshops are included.

If you have suggestions about topics that you would find helpful give us a call at 1-800-367-6792 or send us an email at kyle.kedrowski@mrwa.com or jennifer.koenig@mrwa.com. Maybe you had a unique experience at your water system that you would like to write about and submit for the bulletin. We're always looking for volunteer writers! We hope this bulletin will be of assistance to you in operating your water system. **Watch for this quarterly newsletter and we'll see you at a future small system training workshop!**



Historic Building Has Another Purpose
by Jennifer Koenig

A number of years ago (my how time flies these days) I wrote an article about the Scott County Jail Annex, a small public water system located in Jordan, Minnesota (shown in photo). This unique building, (now listed on the National Register of Historic Places) was built in 1915 and has served many purposes over the years.

The building is no longer used as a jail but is now used as a public safety training facility known as SCALE Regional Training Facility. The Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency (SCALE) was created in 2003 to "encourage greater

efficiencies and leadership in public service through enhanced communication, collaboration of services and sharing of resources." This facility is designed for public safety training for law enforcement, firefighting, and public works groups. (1) Let me refresh your memory about the history of this facility. [READ MORE>>>](#)

The QUIZ SPOT

1. The difference between the static water level and the pumping water level of a well is called the:

- a. Cone of depression
- b. Drawdown
- c. Zone of saturation
- d. Radius of influence

2. Hydrogen sulfide in well water will cause the water to have an odor similar to:

- a. Ammonia
- b. Chlorine gas
- c. Rotten eggs
- d. Fish eggs
- e. Rotten wood

3. Temporary cloudiness in a freshly drawn sample of tap water may be caused by:

- a. Air
- b. Chlorine
- c. Silica
- d. Hardness

answers: 1-b, 2-c, 3-a

Upcoming Training Sessions

Class D Training (8am - 5pm)

October 14, 2014 -
AmericInn Hotel & Suites Owatonna

245 Florence Avenue, Owatonna, MN

Class E operators may attend the morning session of the Class D workshops for 4 credit hours.

Class E Training (8am - Noon)

November 25, 2014 -

Benco Electric Cooperative
20946 549th Avenue, Mankato, MN

December 2, 2014 -

Milona Community Center
5590 County Road 14, Milona, MN

Sincerely,

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Minnesota Rural Water Association

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