

Letter to the Editor:

One of our cleanest jobs.

Our water treatment plant, built in 2001 at a cost of \$9M, is a state-of-the-art, highly automated plant. The old plant, built in 1920, did its job for 80 years. Our new plant can purify and pump over two million gallons of water each day. We, the customers, use one million gallons on an average day.

The water treatment plant crew of Robert Brown and Kimberly Messmer work under the supervision of Jeremy Meyer. Yes, that is correct, only two trained technicians provide us with all the pure, clean water we need every day. Jeremy is also the superintendent of the sewer plant.

Our primary source of water is Saline Creek. The water plant is located just downstream from the Highway T bridge over Saline Creek.

Saline Creek headwaters are near the small town of Silver Lake. The creek is fed by many natural springs, the largest of which is Silver Lake. The next time you travel on Highway T, about eight miles from Perryville look to the right at the crystal clear lake. This lake and the springs around it provide us with 80% of our city's water.

The cost to us, the people of Perryville, is less than one-half penny per gallon of water. This is truly amazing! Consider that you pay \$1.00 per gallon at the grocery store.

Our city water is pure, clean, clear, refreshing, and delivered to our home to enjoy at any time. Thank you Robert, Kimberly, and Jeremy. Well Done.

Ken Baer, Mayor