ENTRANOSA WATER NEWS

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The "General" in Rural East Mountains

Entranosa Water operators Gabriel Chavez and Tristan Encinias weld HDPE pipe for the Dollar Store taking shape at 12364 N. 14, assisted by Lynn Moir of Tri-M Enterprises LLC of Sandia Park. Tri-M is one of Entranosa's main subcontractors and has provided earth-moving services on the construction of two Dollar General stores in the East Mountains. Lynn's crew provided an excellent job on the just-completed Dollar General store in Tijeras and are currently working on the new store in Sandia Park. These rural stores join 20,000 others built in the United States since 1939.



Moir rules the cab



Chavez and Encinias



Setting pipe

Pumping Power

Operators James Grider and Gabriel Chavez install the first of two new pumps and motors at Nugent Booster station. The Nugent booster can pump over 1,700 gallons per minute.



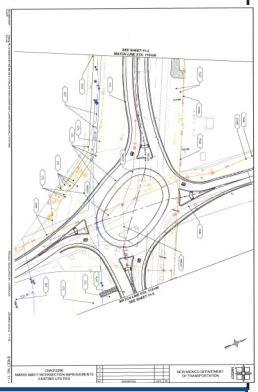
RIP Rita Loy

Lifelong East Mountain resident Rita Loy Simmons passed away on July 22nd, surrounded by family, and loved by the community she served for more than 50 years. Rita Loy grew up in the East Mountains at a time when the region was still finding its identity. Her parents, Tom and Rita Horton, founded Entranosa Water in 1972 and she became an integral part of its early operation, helping build the foundation of an essential utility that continues to support families today. Her dedication to community infrastructure was matched only by her commitment to helping people. Rita Loy worked as a Realtor in the East Mountains for 52 years, becoming one of the area's most trusted and enduring professionals. She guided generations of families through the process of planting roots. She was a cornerstone of local real estate. A celebration is planned for Sept 3rd at Mountain Valley Church in Edgewood.



Another Roundabout

The New Mexico Department of Transportation submitted 60% plans for the new Hwy 333/217 roundabout. Construction will start in 2027 late summer. NMDOT allotted Entranosa only two weeks to submit plans for water line relocations. This "cost-saving" plan previously cost Entranosa over $300,000 on the roundabout at N14. Hopefully this construction process will not be as expensive - but it's guaranteed to be just as frustrating.



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ENTRANOSA'S MISSION STATEMENT

- ◊ **Reliably supply quality drinking water at a reasonable price to our membership, such that the Association is self-sustaining**
- ◊ **Promote water conservation**
- ◊ **Provide leadership for our Community concerning water issues**
- ◊ **Protect our ground water resources through environmentally responsible business practices**
- ◊ **Pursue water service opportunities in the East Mountain and Estancia Basin Regions**

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Water Hardness Reading as of 7/29/26: 23 grains

Average Water Usage: July, 8,448 gal. :June, 7,325 gal
Average Monthly Bill: $91

Not Just for Halloween

Every day can include a scary surprise when an Entranosa field operator opens a meter can! This time it is a black widow spider, but sometimes it's an angry rattlesnake, rabbit, mole or other wild critter. Entranosa's operators have a variety of ways to remove these creatures before working in the can.



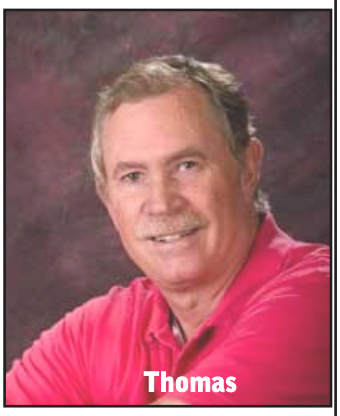
Coming Soon S4 Well

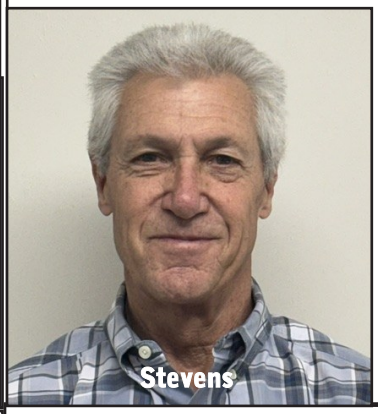
With the installation of the well meter, S4 well is one step closer to pumping water to Entranosa members. S4, our newest well, is 512 feet deep and capable of producing 600 gallons per minute. Testing and construction have taken several months.



Candidates for Open Board Position

Jim Thomas and Cameron Stevens have both announced they will be running for a Board of Directors position in September. Three seats are open. They — along with incumbents C.J. "Skip" Mead and Rob Baracker — will be competing for three open positions. Long-serving Director Dennis Hodges will be retiring at the end of his term. If a member is interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please submit a questionnaire by August 24th.

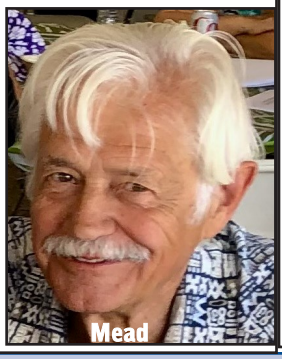




Incumbents Running

Experienced, incumbent members of the Board of Directors, are running to retain their seats. Rob Baracker, the current Vice Chair of the board, and C.J. "Skip" Mead, currently a general member. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on Sept. 26. Ballots will be sent out in September and when completed hand-delivered to the Annual Meeting.





Save the Date: Sept. 26!

Please mark your calendars for the **Annual Meeting** held under the big tent from 11 am to 2 pm on Saturday Sept. 26 at the Entranosa office. This is an important event with the election of three officers for the Board of Directors and voting on Bylaws issues. Ballots will be mailed out September 11th, so look for them in your mail.

But just because it's important, doesn't mean it can't also be fun. Built into the business portion, the annual meeting features **green chile cheese burgers** from the famous Burger Boy restaurant in Cedar Crest. (Do I have your attention yet?) Plus, in honor of America's 250-year anniversary, there will be cotton candy, snow cones and popcorn prepared on-site.

Entranosa's Board of Directors

Chair: Rik Thompson, **Vice Chair**: Robert 'Rob' Baracker, **Secretary:** Linda Barbour, **Treasurer**: Dennis Hodges
Members: C.J. 'Skip' Mead, Steve King, Paul Gorder