

Compadres News

April, 2025

“April comes like an idiot, babbling and strewing flowers.”

— Edna St. Vincent Millay

Remember that time Burger King invented the left-handed Whopper? How about Taco Bell announcing it was purchasing the Liberty Bell and renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell? And then there was the BBC reporting Big Ben was going digital.

Those were all April Fools pranks, and that’s how we’ve come to usher in the fourth month of the year.

The Romans gave this month the [Latin](#) name *Aprilis*, but the derivation of the name is not certain. It may have come from the verb *aperire*, meaning “to open,” an allusion to the blossoming of trees and flowers. Since the month is sacred to the goddess Venus, it has also been suggested the word is derived from her Greek counterpart, Aphrodite, *Aphros*. April started out with 30 days but that was reduced to 29 before being restored to 30 by Julius Ceasar.

The most common date for Easter falls on April 16. The month is also home to Earth Day, Arbor Day, Passover and World Health Day. Oh, that’s right... Tax Day, too.

March update

Arts and Crafts classes



April 8: “Raw Edge Appliquéd Table Runner” In this fun, no-sewing-required quilt class, you’ll create an original table runner using fabric and glue. Designs are endless, Farmhouse Chic, Easter, Spring Floral, Quilt Patch, Bold Abstract, etc. All supplies are provided by the instructor, Sues Winstead.

The class will be held on April 8 from 10 a.m.- Noon at Sues’s home, 112 Thanes Way.

Class size is limited to six. Cost \$10. Contact Sues at: swinstead15@gmail.com to enroll or call: 505-357-7365.

April 15: “Paper Weaving for a Journal Book Cover.” In this step-by-step class using patterned cardstock, colored papers and an 8”x10” journal with 336 blank pages, you’ll learn how to weave a paper cover for the journal. The rainbow assortment of cardstock strips will be pre-cut. Your journal will be covered with clear contact paper as a finishing touch to protect the beautiful paper weaving design. The journal can be used for writing down special recipes, a diary, a biography, a project notebook, a scrapbook of your trips and adventures or whatever you desire.



All materials are provided by the instructor, Sues Winstead.

The class will be held on April 15 from 10 a.m. -noon at Sues’s home, 112 Thanes Way. Class size is limited to eight. Cost \$10.

Contact Sues at: swinstead15@gmail.com to enroll or call: 505-357-7365.

Book group: This month's book is "All the Broken Places" by John Boyne. We'll meet at the Corrales Library at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25. Mary Ross will lead the discussion. Refer questions to Kay Yoest (kayoest@centurylink.net) .

Southwest Book group: Meets Wednesday, April 16 at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is "Wicked Women of New Mexico," by Donna Blake Birchell. Contact Bill Smith for full details. (Golfer965.bs@gmail.com)

Happy Hour: Please join us Thursday, April 17, from 4-6 p.m. at Vision City Brewstillery. Vision City occupies the former Boxing Bear Corrales Taproom at 10200 Corrales Rd. NW. The facility is well known for its patio, and that's where we'll gather if the weather permits. Otherwise there is ample seating indoors. Vision City opened in October 2024, and is the second location for the owners, who have operated out of the International Indoor Soccer Arena for several years. As the name implies, the focus is on beer and spirits, although wine is also available. The kitchen serves a range of appetizers and sandwiches. Recent reconnaissance visits by the committee encountered a friendly staff and well-brewed lager.

For more details, check out their website at <https://www.visioncitynm.com/>

[See you there.](#)

Cooking Class: Cooking Classes at Vicki Smith's house, 965 Camino De Lucia, Corrales, 87048.

Sign up early at chef965@yahoo.com Space is limited, so first come first serve. \$5.00 supply fee.

Here's the plan for April.

Class 8: Black eyed peas salad and tequila orange salad

Weds., April 16, or Thursday, April 17, at 1 p.m.

And in May...

Class 9: Fantastic pasta with goat cheese and sautéed vegetables

Weds., May 14, or Thursday, May 15, at 1 p.m.

Your 2025 staff

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Happy Hours -- Eric Neuwirth will welcome suggestions for places to visit and more volunteers for exploring venues. A member recently gave him two suggestions, and although neither ultimately panned out, they were very welcome. neuwy55@gmail.com

Book Group – Kay Yoest, kayoest@centurylink.net

SW book group – Bill Smith, Golfer965.bs@gmail.com

Arts and Crafts – Sues Winstead, swinstead15@gmail.com

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Mayor's Comments

The old, deteriorating **Boy Scout Bridge** has been replaced courtesy of the ingenuity of our fire chief, **Anthony Martinez**. Next time you go to the Bosque, check it out. It is a few hundred feet north of where the old bridge was. That bridge was removed this week after the installation of the new bridge was completed.

The Village issued its first **door-to-door sales permit** this week to a pest control company located in Albuquerque. All door-to-door salespeople must have a current business license and door-to-door permit with the Village to conduct operations. All salespeople must wear a badge issued by the Village and have a copy of their current business license with them. They are also instructed to honor “No Solicitation” and “No Trespassing” signs on properties within the Village limits. If you would like to avoid door-to-door

solicitation, make sure you have such a sign visible on the edge of your property. If an unlicensed vendor comes to your door, you can report the person to the Village Code Enforcement officer at srice@corrales-nm.org.

The plan for the **Arts and Cultural District** designation was **rejected** by the Village Council at the most recent meeting, 3/25/2025. Many in the Village participated in developing this plan under the guidance and direction of **Corrales MainStreet** funded by a **grant** from the NM State MainStreet. Unless it is brought back by the Council for reconsideration, it is defeated. A relatively small vocal group believed this would harm our community. The ACD Plan committee's work reflected the needs and desires of the community and residents, much like the Comprehensive Plan. It stressed the value of tradition, the history, arts, culture, and agriculture, which have created our unique community feel. The desire was to provide value and a greater quality of life for us and the entire community we are all proud to call home.

Funds are available to replace the heater and filter on the **swimming pool** at the Rec Center. The work should all be done by the opening day of the pool, 5/24/2025. I am certainly ready.

Speaking of the Rec Center, memberships are now available to use the **Rec Center facilities** (the pool is NOT included in the membership options). You have several choices available that include use of the old gym workout room, exercise classes, or use of the new gym for activities such as pickleball. Current hours for the gym are **6:30 AM – 6:30 PM**. These times are subject to change based on seasonal staffing, so make sure to check the website for current hours. Visit <https://www.corrales-nm.org/parksrec/page/fitness-gym-information> for all the information, including how to sign up for an account to activate your membership. If you have questions, you can **call the Rec Center** staff at 505-899-8900 or email VOCPNR@corrales-nm.org.

Kathleen Cates, our state representative, will be holding a **town hall** in the Council Chambers on Saturday, 4/5. There is a **new time** for this event: **1 – 3 PM**. You can also watch the meeting on Zoom if you can't make it to the

meeting in person, and the recording will be posted to the Village YouTube channel the following week.

The **Kiwanis Egg Hunt** will be **4/19 at 10 AM**, the Saturday before Easter Sunday. We saw many coyotes, perhaps even Wile E. Coyote, and anticipate he will be after the Rabbit, so our police will be in attendance.

The **Village-wide clean-up day** is planned for **4/26/2025**. Mark your calendar. There will be more about this as we get closer to the date.

¡**Viva Corrales!** will also kick off on Saturday, 4/26 with **Corrales Historical Society Mudding Day** at the **Historic Old San Ysidro Church**, 966 Old Church Rd from **9 AM – 3 PM**. Join CHS and the community for a day of mud, sweat and cheers for the annual re-mudding of the Historic Old Church. Develop new skills, meet new people, connect with your community and expand your horizons.

On Sunday, 4/27, the **Grower's Market** opens the season from **9AM to 12 PM**. Our local growers will begin their regular season, along with Sandoval County's Master Gardeners, who will be selling plant starts for your garden! The Acequia blessing will be held on the ditch behind the soccer field at 9:30 AM. Rides, Strides and Giddyup will give a number of demonstrations to safely enjoy our walking and riding paths, and what to do if you encounter horses, bikes and other pedestrians along the way. CHAMP (Corrales Horse and Mule People) will be hosting equestrian activities and education at Top Form Arena. Events will take place at the Corrales Rec Center and Top Form Arena alongside the New Gym from **9 AM to 5 PM**.

The **Corralitos 4-H Club** just completed a 3,500-cu. ft. **RC hot air balloon**. The Corralitos members designed and built the balloon, applying skills in sewing, woodworking, STEM and teamwork. The group unveiled their balloon at a small gathering at the Rec Center on March 26. 4-H is a national youth development program that builds confidence, responsibility, and problem-solving through hands-on learning in agriculture, STEM, leadership, and civic engagement. By tackling real-world projects with mentorship and perseverance, 4-H members grow into well-rounded individuals ready for future success. Our local 4-H club assists with the Village's clean up days in the spring and fall, and last year planted

alfalfa on the agricultural easement on the Gonzales property north of the library. There are many different activities the Corralitos 4-H Club participates in. If you would like to learn more about 4-H, visit www.4-H.org.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

The warm weather means more outdoor activity. It also means you need to increase your fluid intake to prevent dehydration. Keep a water bottle with you while outside and make sure you are drinking. Watch for symptoms of heat related illness such as dizziness, nausea, headache, rapid heartbeat and high body temperature. If you have any of these symptoms, get out of the heat, cool off with a shower or cool compress and increase fluid intake. If severe symptoms call 911. Wearing light colored clothing, a hat, pacing yourself and taking breaks in the shade can also help prevent heat illness. While outside wear sunscreen at least SPF 30 and reapply every two hours or more if sweating or swimming. Don't forget your sunglasses.

Are you **65 or older**? If it has been six months since your last COVID vaccine, you are eligible for a booster.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY – Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting **5:30 PM**

TUESDAY – Special meeting of the Village Council for appeal hearing for short-term rental 25-02, Council Chambers, 4324 Corrales Rd and by Zoom. **6 PM**

TUESDAY – Chess club at the library **6 PM**

WEDNESDAY – Story time at the library **10 AM**

THURSDAY – Tree Committee quarterly meeting, Village Hall conference room, 4324 Corrales Rd, **4 PM**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4/5 Seed bomb craft for kids at the library **10 AM**

4/5 Town Hall with Representative Kathleen Cates – **NEW TIME 1 – 3 PM** Village Council Chambers, 4324 Corrales Rd and by Zoom

4/8 Village Council Meeting with Liquor License transfer hearing for Frontier Market **6:30 PM**

4/12 Bosque Clean up day, meet at the Romero Gate **9 – 11 AM**

4/26 Village-wide spring cleanup day at public works, more information to come.

If you are looking for the **latest information** on what's happening in the Village, please visit the Village website at www.corrales-nm.org and click on the **“News”** tab or the **“Calendar”** tab. We work to make sure the website is updated frequently to keep residents informed.

Remember, we are all neighbors in the Village. We share this community, and we have to work together to assure its longevity and success. We are all more alike than different. Be kind, thoughtful, and considerate of your fellow Corraleños. Be courteous, drive the posted speed limit, and yield to equestrians, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Jim Fahey

Mayor of Corrales