



July, 2025 Newsletter

“Everything good, everything magical, happens between the months of June and August.”

— Jenny Han

Unlike earlier months of the calendar, July is named for a mortal.

In 44 B.C. the Roman senate renamed the month Quintillis to honor Julius Ceasar, the assassinated general and emperor who himself had revised the calendar into its largely modern format. Ceasar was born in Quintillis, originally the fifth month before January and February were added to the front end of the year.

Nowadays the 4th of July leaps to mind as the defining feature of July, and Corrales does it up big with its signature Independence Day parade.

As for the Compadres, our activities are fewer for the summer as several groups are taking time off.

July Update

Happy Hour: Over time, Casa Vieja has proved to be one of our most consistently popular venues. We'll gather there (4541 Corrales Rd.) from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, July 17. We hope to use the patio,



We plan to meet on the patio at Casa Vieja .

but if storms or heat make that impractical we'll move indoors like we did

during June at Sandia Bar. Co-owner Molly O'Brien reports the food truck will "most likely" be Karibu Café which features African and Caribbean food.

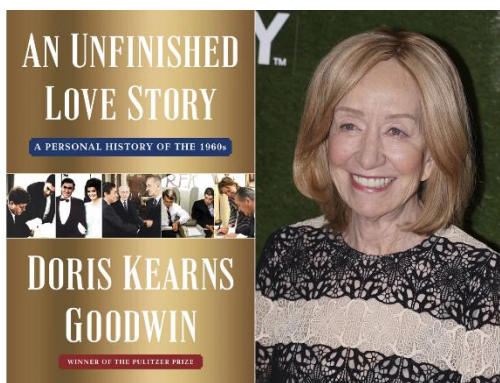
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Casa Vieja serves a variety of house brewed beer and recently added Casa Vieja Zinfandel to its wine menu. There are also specialty drinks available. To learn more, visit the web site at <https://oldcasanm.com/on-tap/>

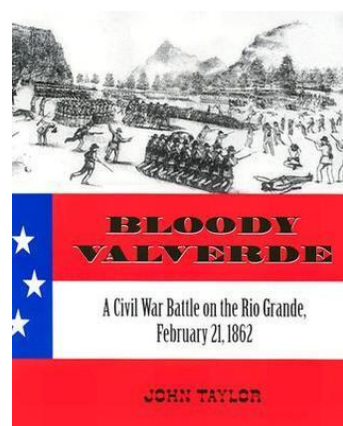
Questions can be directed to Eric Neuwirth, neuwy55@gmail.com

Twenty Compadres met for the June happy hour at Sandia Bar.



Book group: This month's book is "An Unfinished Love Story" by Doris Kearns Goodwin. We'll meet at the Corrales Library at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, July 25. Nan Kimball will lead the discussion. Refer questions to Kay Yoest (kayoest@centurylink.net) .

Southwest Book group: Meets Wednesday, July 16 at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is Bloody Valverde: A Civil War Battle on the Rio Grande by John M Taylor. Contact Bill Smith for full details. (Golfer965.bs@gmail.com).



Cooking Class: On hiatus until September. Watch this space for future announcements.

Arts and Crafts classes: On hiatus until September. Watch this space for future announcements.

Site walks: Discussions for a fall visit to the Piedra Marcadas petroglyph are taking place. Watch the space for future announcements.

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Mayor's Comments

June 27, 2025

On June 21 a new Miss New Mexico and Miss New Mexico's Teen were crowned. The competition took place at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo, NM. Our new Miss New Mexico is **Miss Corrales Madyson Kettler**.

Madyson Kettler is a Corrales resident and will be a graduate in December 2025 at The University of New Mexico. After physical therapy school she will serve the geriatric population. Madyson is a professional ballet dancer with the New Mexico Ballet Company and is also an instructor. Her platform centers around advocacy, empowering seniors to stay active, and to inspire generations to stand by their sides.

Madysen will represent New Mexico at the Miss America Competition Sept 2-7 in Orlando, Fla. We wish her the best of luck in the competition.

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the **Declaration of Independence**, proclaiming the thirteen American colonies' severance from British rule. This document, primarily authored by Thomas Jefferson, articulated the colonies' reasons for seeking independence and formally declared their status as free and independent states. The Declaration also established the foundational principles of the United States, including equality, unalienable rights, and the right to revolution. Thus, we became a free democracy. In response to a question some years later, as to whether we had a republic or a monarchy, Ben Franklin said, "A republic, if you can keep it." On that day we celebrate our republic that has now existed almost 250 years. This week, the village will honor that history by recognizing the **4th of July** with a **parade** and celebrations. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and will run along Corrales Road from Wagner Farms to the Rec Center. If you would like to participate in the parade, you can register for free at the Parks and Recreation page on the village website Start planning now for this fun Corrales tradition.

At the June 24 council meeting, a presentation was given by the Stantec Engineering Firm who did the preliminary engineering report for a possible **village-wide sewer system**. The administration was able to get a grant to determine if there was a potential problem with ground water contamination, how to avoid that, and also to develop alternatives for citizens whose septic systems fail. If you are interested in the presentation and subsequent discussion, go to the Village website, go to "meetings", then "recent meetings", and hit the video icon for 6/24/2025 meeting, or go here, <https://www.youtube.com/@villageofcorralesofficial7770>. If you subscribe to the YouTube channel, you will be notified when new videos are added.

The village is making good progress with the **fire suppression system**. It couldn't happen at a better time as evidenced by the fires that have wreaked havoc in our region over the last few years. We need to remain alert and observant to prevent fires and catch them early if they occur.

The next **local elections** are going to be in **November**. The election for mayor and councilors for districts 1, 3, and 4 will be held in November of 2025. Those individuals who have an interest in running for office are invited to attend the council meetings which I think are better in person, although ZOOM is available. There will only be one day to sign up for your name to appear on the ballot, which will be August 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sandoval County clerk's office.

A public meeting is planned for July 9 to get input regarding the **Corrales Interior Drain Plan**. It will be held in the council chambers at 5:30 p.m. with ZOOM availability so you can dial in. You can learn more about the Interior drain on the village website at <https://www.corrales-nm.org/bc/page/corrales-interior-drain. >

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Last weekend there was a fire in the bosque on the east side of the Rio Grande just north of Alameda Blvd. **Corrales Firefighters** assisted with the blaze and were on patrol in the Village to ensure the fire didn't spread to the Corrales-side of the river. So far, the Village has been lucky in avoiding a large-scale fire. However, residents should make sure they are prepared in case of an event that requires evacuation from the Village.

GET READY:

Being "Ready" for wildfire starts with maintaining an **adequate defensible space** around your home. Clear dry brush and vegetation away from the

outside of your home starting in the 5-foot zone and working your way out to the 100–200-foot zone. Without this buffer, the fire will quickly spread through surrounding vegetation to your home. Consider fire resistant landscaping and hardening your home with fire-resistant building materials. Flying embers from a wildfire can destroy homes up to a mile away.

GET SET:

Prepare yourself and your home for the possibility of evacuation before wildfire arrives. Follow these simple steps to get “Set”:

- Create a **Wildfire Action Plan** that includes evacuation planning for your home, family and pets.
- Assemble an **Emergency Supply Kit** for each person in your household.
- Fill out a **Family Communication Plan** that includes important evacuation and contact information.
- **Stay informed** by following local media, local fire alerts, and county emergency notifications.

GO!

If there is an active wildfire in your area, be prepared before it’s time to Go! If time allows, review your **Wildfire Action Plan** and complete the Pre-Evacuation Preparation Steps in the RSG guide. Load your emergency supply kit and evacuation bags (including pet kits) into your vehicle and park facing the road for a quick exit. You don’t need to wait for an evacuation order. If you feel threatened, then evacuate early. When an evacuation order is issued, there is no time to waste. Ensure your bags and kit are in your vehicle, locate and load your pets, wear clothing that will protect you against heat and flying embers, and **GO!**

Make sure you are registered for **CODE RED** alerts to get specific instructions in the event of an emergency. Visit <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFB7CC4C6C0A> to register or update your information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY – Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting **5:30 p.m.** Perea's Restaurant

TUESDAY – Wonder on Wheels at the library **6 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY – Story Time at the Library **10 a.m.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

7/4 – Village offices, including the library, will be closed in observance of Independence Day

7/4 – Annual July 4th Parade, **10 a.m.** Corrales Road from Wagner Farms to the Rec Center

Jim Fahey

Mayor of Corrales

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