

Corrales Compadres

November, 2025 Newsletter

‘November at its best—with a sort of delightful menace in the air.’

—Anne Bosworth Greene

November's history begins with its Latin name, novem, meaning "nine," as it was the ninth month in the original Roman calendar before January and February were added. Historically, November has been viewed as a somber time, marking the start of winter and requiring the storing of harvests. In the modern calendar, it is the eleventh month and includes events like the signing

of the Mayflower Compact, the delivery of the Gettysburg Address, and the discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb.

Closer to home, things get rolling right away with Dia de los Muertos. As the month draws to a close Coralenos join their fellow Americans in celebrating Thanksgiving.

As for the Compadres, we're starting to taper off our activities for the holidays. To learn more, keep reading.

November update

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's time to renew your Compadres membership for 2026. Attached to the newsletter is the renewal form. Please fill it out and return it to Pam Young, our treasurer. Dues are \$20 per couple and \$15 per single.

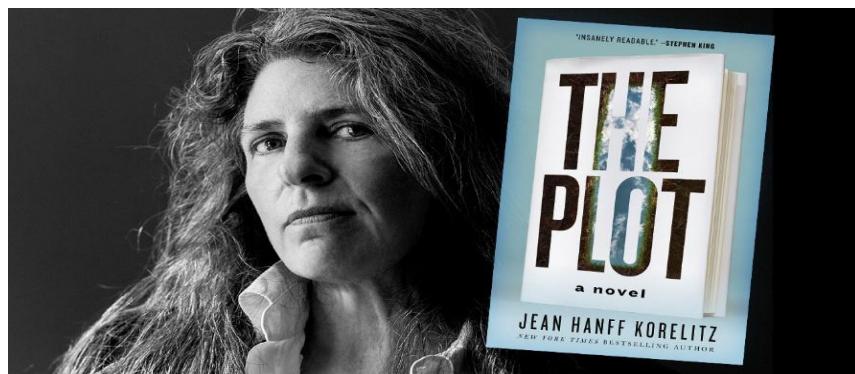
MEDITATION AND STRESS REDUCTION CLASS

Cheryl Lackie will be offering a second meditation series in November. No fees. This series will offer different meditations from the September sessions but will still be perfect for beginners. Sessions run from 1:30-3 p.m. on three consecutive Tuesdays, Nov. 4, 11 and 18.

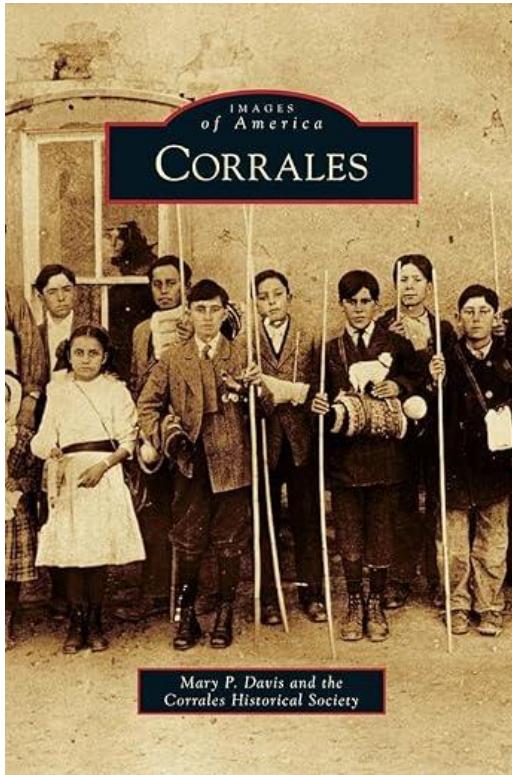
More details are included in the flyer attachment to the newsletter.

The sessions will be held at Cheryl's home. To sign up or ask questions email her at cheryl.lackie@comcast.net

BOOK GROUP: The Compadres Book Club will be **meeting a week early** on Nov. 21 at 1:30 p.m. due to Thanksgiving. Location is the Southwest Reading Room in the



Corrales Library, and the book is “The Plot” by Jean Korelitz. Any questions, please contact Kay Yoest at kayoest@centurylink.net



SOUTHWEST BOOK GROUP: Meets Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is “Corrales” by Mary P. Davis. Contact Bill Smith for full details. (Golfer965.bs@gmail.com).

COOKING CLASS: If you haven't taken a class before these are very informal and a nice opportunity to meet some new people. Because the kitchen is small, sign-up is first-come first-serve.

Just as before class size is limited so each offering will be done on either Wednesday or Thursday.

\$5 supply fee. Time: 1 p.m. If you sign up and are unable to make it, please cancel beforehand so someone else can take your place and show up on time.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, or Wednesday, Nov. 20

Sicilian Tuna Cannellini Bean Salad
Naan

If you have any questions or wish to sign up, please email Vicki Smith chef965@yahoo.com



HAPPY HOUR: Our Oct. 23 happy hour drew 26 people to O'Hare's Grill and Pub. We're taking a break for the holidays. See you in January.

SITE WALKS: The federal government shutdown prompted a cancellation of the October site walk at Petroglyph National Monument. Watch this space for future developments,

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Mayor's Comments

October 31, 2025

Early voting ends Saturday, **Nov. 1**. Corrales voters can vote at ANY voting convenience center in Sandoval County, including the Community Center at 4324 Corrales Rd. That's the building in the northeast corner of the parking lot. Look for the voting banners to guide you to the correct building. If you like the tradition of voting on election day, you can do so at two locations in the Village – the **new gym** at the Rec Center at 500 Jones Rd, and for the first time the **Community Center** will be a voting location on election day this year. If you would like to see your sample ballot, you can view a copy online at <https://voterportal.servis.sos.state.nm.us/WhereToVote.aspx>. You can view the League of Women Voters' online Voter Guide at: <https://www.lwvcnm.org/sandoval-county-regular-local-election-2025/>. Voting is the right of every citizen so get out and vote! While you are there, be sure to thank the election workers – they put in long hours to support our right to vote.

The **Corrales Animal Services Department** got a much-needed upgrade to one of their service vehicles last week. The custom-built insert enhances the ability to transport animals safely and humanely throughout the Village of Corrales. The new unit insert provides secure, climate-controlled compartments that ensure animals are kept comfortable and protected during transport. Its durable, easy to clean construction also

supports the highest standards of sanitation and safety for both animals and staff. It has the capacity to hold up to six animals, with the two smaller compartments having the capability to remove the divider, making two larger compartments for transport ensuring that we can transport the many different sizes of animals in Corrales.

Speaking of our Animal Services Officers, **Catherine Keller** just celebrated her **15th anniversary** with the Village this month. Thank you for your service to the Village and its animals, Cat! Additionally, Corrales Harvest Festival donated \$7200 raised by the Pet Mayor Contest to Corrales Animal Services at the last council meeting last Tuesday. Thank you to Kiwanis and the Harvest Festival Committee, and to everyone who supported the Pet Mayor election. The funds will be put to good use supporting Corrales animals.

The wrong date was posted last week for **Wreaths Across America**. It will be Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. at the San Ysidro Cemetery here in Corrales. Come place a wreath for our local veterans or send a donation to our local VFW Post. For donations to Wreaths Across America:

Corrales VFW Post 5432

PO box 3141

Corrales, NM 87048

Studies of organisms living in hot springs have yielded significant discoveries in medicine. For instance, polymerase chain reaction, the process used to develop COVID-19 vaccines, was discovered in a bacterial enzyme growing in a hot spring. New Mexico is home to almost 200 hot springs. **Grif Newcomb** of Corrales is volunteering with the **Boiling River Project** to use modern geolocation, photography, and chemical testing processes to build an updated database of these sites. This involves site visits to each location, using modern measurement tools. The results of this work

will be to provide geothermal researchers updated data, and to preserve as many sites as possible in their natural state. The effort is led entirely by volunteers, guided by the non-profit www.boilingriver.org. They survive on donations. Please go to their web site and be generous.

At our last council meeting a proclamation was passed celebrating small businesses, which we have in Corrales in abundance. **Small Business Saturday**, Nov. 29, is an annual holiday that celebrates our small businesses and encourages consumers to shop locally at the start of the holiday season for unique products and experiences available only in our community. Small, locally owned businesses in the Village of Corrales are vital to our village and county's economic tax base. The village joins **Corrales MainStreet** in supporting locally owned small businesses. Watch future messages for more information about events surrounding Small Business Saturday.

The Village has received a **grant** to improve **Salce Park**, which is west of Loma Larga at the SW corner of Sagebrush Drive and Calle Blanca North. This land was donated to the Village by the Salce family and intended as a park, but in recent years it has been used as a dumping ground. The village will use a Land and Water Conservation Grant to improve the park and create a welcoming place where neighbors can connect, people of all ages can exercise, and community traditions can continue to grow. Please help with designing the improvements to Salce Park by filling out a survey at <https://forms.gle/XPKddY1TSatp9sWJA> by Nov. 15, 2025.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

The State of New Mexico announced this week they would be **providing assistance** to families who receive **SNAP** benefits for the month of November. However, this will only cover a portion of what most people receive in a normal month. There are businesses in the metro area that are providing free meals to kids during this time, and you can find a list on the KOB-TV website here: <https://www.kob.com/news/top-news/new-mexico-businesses-step-up-to-help-families-amid-snap-benefits-suspension/>. The village is in contact

with several non-profit groups to make sure food will be available to anyone who needs it, including seniors. If you are in need of assistance, you can contact Deputy Fire Chief Tanya Lattin at 505-702-4182. **Roadrunner Food Bank** delivers to the Village once a month on the third Wednesday, and **St. Felix Pantry** is nearby in Rio Rancho. The Fire Department's **Holiday Food and Gift drive** will be kicking off soon, and the **Giving Tree** should go up in the Village Hall lobby around Thanksgiving. Keep an eye out for more information to come in future Mayor's Messages.

Walking is an effective and accessible exercise that improves cardiovascular health, strengthens bones and muscles, and helps with weight management. To meet the **recommended guidelines** for moderate-intensity exercise, aim for at least 150 minutes of brisk walking per week, which can be achieved with 30 minutes of walking five days a week. Benefits include lower blood pressure and cholesterol, increased energy, better mood, and a reduced risk of chronic diseases.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY – Growers' Market, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

TUESDAY – Parks and Recreation Commission meeting – on Zoom, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY – Chess club at the library, 6 p.m./

WEDNESDAY – StoryTellers at the library for Story Time, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY – Conversational Spanish at the Library, 6 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

11/11 – Village offices will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veteran's Day.

11/23 – Christmas de los Caballos Parade along Corrales Road at 1 p.m. This event kicks off the Fire Department's Holiday Food and Gift Drive. Come out to see this all-equine parade and support our community.

If you haven't voted yet, remember **Election Day is Nov. 4.**

Jim Fahey

Mayor of Corrales