

Corrales



Compadres

February, 2026
Newsletter

‘There is always in February some one day, at least, when one smells the yet distant, but surely coming, summer.’

Gertrude Jekyll

February's history stems from ancient Roman purification rituals, named Februarius (from februum, meaning purification) for the festival of Februa held mid-month. Numa Pompilius added January and February around 713 B.C. as the last two months of the year, but by around 460 B.C. it had become the second month.

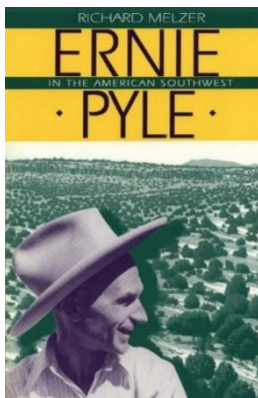
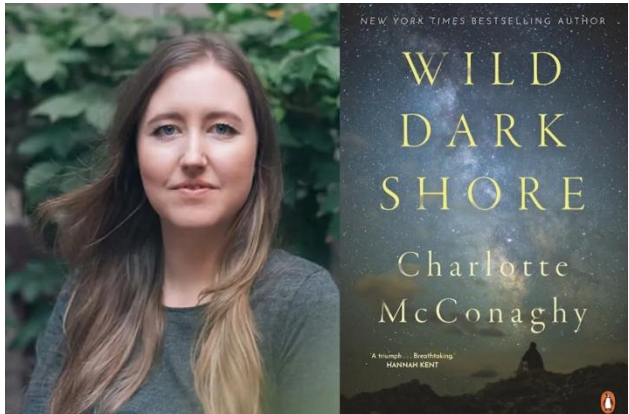
February became the shortest month, often with 28 days, with an extra day added every four years for leap years to align with the solar cycle, a system finalized with the Julian Calendar in 45 B.C.

Historical names for February include the [Old English](#) terms Solmonath (mud month) and Kale-monath (named for [cabbage](#)) as well as [Charlemagne's](#) designation, Hornung.

February update

New! MEAL TRAIN: Cheryl Lackie has set up a Meal Train schedule for our Compadres treasurer, Pam Young. If you are interested in providing a post-surgery meal for her, contact Cheryl Lackie at cheryl.lackie@comcast.net and she will send you a link to the Meal Train sign-up.

BOOK GROUP: The Compadres Book Club will meet Friday, Feb. 27, at 1:30 p.m. at the Corrales Library Southwest Reading Room. This month's selection is "Wild Dark Shore" by Charlotte McConaghy and will be led by Nan Kimball. Please contact Kay Yoest at kayoest@centurylink.net with any questions. The complete book list for 2026 can be found on the Compadres website.



SOUTHWEST BOOK GROUP: Meets Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is "Ernie Pyle in the American SW" by Richard Melzer. Contact Bill Smith for full details; (Golfer965.bs@gmail.com). He reports the group is currently at capacity.

MEDITATION AND STRESS REDUCTION CLASS

Cheryl Lackie will be offering a meditation series in February, and the first one is practically here. Sessions run from 4-5:30 p.m. on three Tuesdays, Feb. 3, 10 and 24 at the Corrales Public Library.

More details are included in the flyer attachment to this newsletter. To sign up or ask questions email her at cheryl.lackie@comcast.net

If you are interested in the meditation series but cannot attend this one, Cheryl would love to hear your suggestions for future days of the week and times of day. Just send her an email.

HAPPY HOUR: Our February happy hour will be Thursday, Feb. 19, from 4-6 p.m. at Sandia Bar. This will be our third visit there since it reopened after extensive remodeling in 2024, the most recent being this past August. Since that time Sandia Bar has opened its own restaurant, No Competition (pictured right). Reviews have been



favorable., The menu includes appetizers, salads, plates, sandwiches and tacos with New Mexican and Hawaiian touches. The Sandia beverage menu includes a wide selection of cocktails, wine and beer. To learn more, visit sandiabar.com . Questions can be directed to Eric Neuwirth, neuwy55@gmail.com .

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: It's past 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.

COOKING CLASS: The next cooking classes are as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 11, and Thursday, Feb. 12

Sumac spiced chicken with tomato sumac onion salad

Wednesday, March 18, and Thursday, March 19.

Two high protein recipes: cottage cheese bagels and cottage cheese chocolate mousse

Class times are 1 p.m. All classes first come first serve (my kitchen is small) with a \$5 supply fee. They are held in Vicki Smith's house at 965 Camino De Lucia, Corrales. If you are interested in signing up email me at chef965@yahoo.com. If the classes are full, you can be put on a waiting list.

Your 2026 staff

Chair – Jeff Yingling, jsyingling2@verizon.net

Newsletter – Eric Neuwirth, neuwy55@gmail.com

Treasurer – Pam Young, dl.pjyoung@gmail.com

At Large – Larry Bernstein, lbernstein51@gmail.com, Pat DeVivi, patricia.devivi@gmail.com, Bob & Sue Scott, sue@sundancebear.com or bob@sundancebear.com.

Happy Hours – Eric Neuwirth will welcome suggestions for places to visit and more volunteers exploring venues. neuwy55@gmail.com

Book Group – Kay Yoest, kayoest@centurylink.net

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

Cooking Classes – Vicki Smith, chef965@yahoo.com

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Mayor's Comments

January 30, 2026

The thirty-day legislative session is already one-third done. **Top Corrales requests** are for continuing the fire suppression line (\$1 million) and repaving Coronado and Reclining Acres Roads (total \$1 million).

On January 27th, Council voted to give the owner of an Old Church property **more time to clean** up his lot. He has made substantial progress with this in the last few months although the effort is not finished. This extension comes with conditions and a final vote to approve the order for cleanup will be made at the next Council meeting.

At that **Feb. 10 meeting**, Council will see a **proposed parking ordinance** addressing vehicle parking on residential streets bordering commercial establishments, and the proposed location for restrooms on the Gonzales 3.0-acre lot. Specifics for these will be linked to in next week's Message.

Since **Melanie Romero** is now village administrator, the clerk position opened up. I am glad to announce that the village now has a **new clerk, Amanda Wolf**, who had worked ably for years at SSCAFCA. She starts on Monday; we are delighted to have her on board. Her appointment will also be on the agenda for the February 10th meeting. She joins **Teresa Romo**, who is deputy clerk, and administrative assistant **Kathy Fortner** as the administrative team for the village.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Measles in the U.S. is **still increasing**, with some Texas counties bordering southeast New Mexico showing the virus in water samples. **Respiratory illnesses** are still at **high levels** in New Mexico, although flu and covid activity are declining and RSV is on the rise. If you are sixty-five or older or are at high risk for severe illness from covid, talk to your doctor or pharmacist if it's been more than six months since your last vaccine – it may be time for a booster.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY – Winter Grower's Market, **11 a.m.**

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

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2/7 – FOCL’s 3rd Annual Love Your Library Jewelry Sales, **10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**, Hendren Hall, San Ysidro Catholic Church

2/10 – Regular Council Meeting, 4324 Corrales Rd., **6:30 p.m.**

2/16 - Village offices, including the library, will be closed for President’s Day

Fred Hashimoto

Corrales Mayor