

# Corrales



# Compadres

## March, 2026

## Newsletter

**‘March is the month God created to show people who don't drink what a hangover is like.’**

**— Garrison Keillor**

March represents new beginnings, transformation, and the start of spring (in the Northern Hemisphere), symbolizing rebirth, and vitality. But its name originates from the Roman god of war, Mars, marking the season for military campaigns and agriculture in the early Roman calendar. It's a month of transition, bringing the vernal equinox, Daylight Saving Time, and symbols like

the daffodil and aquamarine, while also hosting numerous awareness campaigns for health and heritage.

March was originally the first month of the year and remained so even after the addition of January and February, which were consigned to the end of the calendar year. By about 450 B.C., January and February had become the first two months, bumping March to third. That was formalized by the Roman senate in 153 B.C. and solidified by the adoption of the Julian calendar in 45 B.C.

## March Update

**HAPPY HOUR:** We're trying a new venue this month.

We'll be at the Rio Grande Social on Thursday, March 19, from 4-6 p.m. The Social is located at 10127 Coors Blvd. NW., at the corner of Coors and Seven Bar Loop. On-premise parking is limited but there are overflow areas adjacent to the property.

The food menu is wide ranging: appetizers, salads, pizza, tacos, pasta, burgers, sandwiches, and full dinner entrees, plus, dessert. The drink menu, currently under revision, features a wide selection of beer, wine, and cocktails. One of their concoctions was awarded "best of the city" for dessert cocktail by Albuquerque Magazine in 2024.

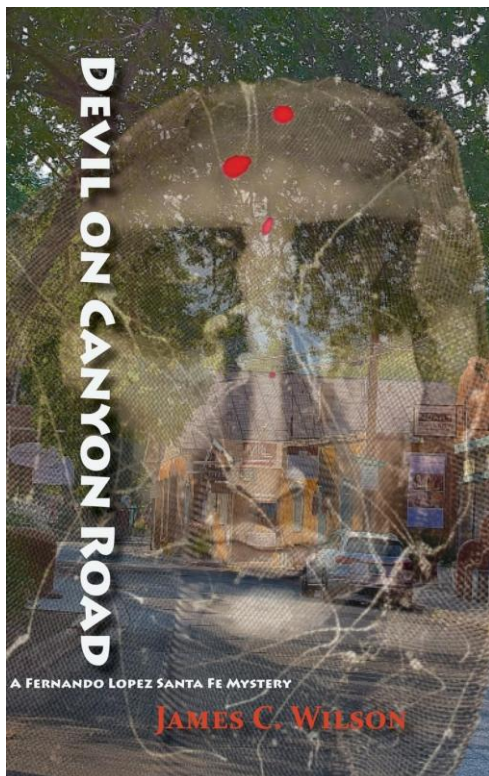
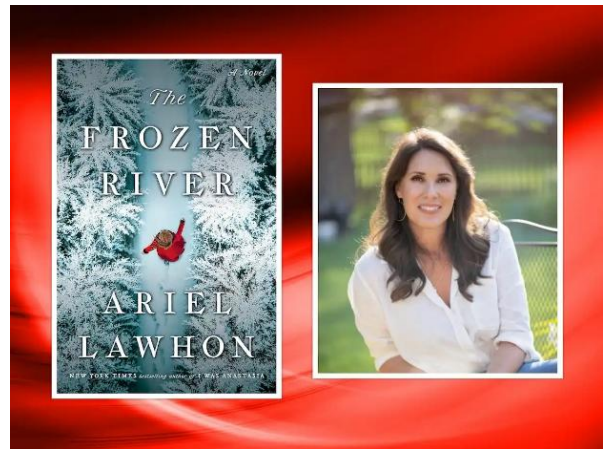
Several Compadres who attended a similar function there have spoken favorably of the experience.

For more details, <https://exnovobrew.com/location/corrales-brewery-taproom/>

Questions can be directed to Eric Neuwirth, [neuwy55@gmail.com](mailto:neuwy55@gmail.com)



**BOOK GROUP:** The Compadres Book Club will meet Friday, March 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the Corrales Library's Southwest Reading Room. The group will discuss "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon, led by Cheryl Lackie. For any questions, please contact Kay Yoest at [kayoest@centurylink.net](mailto:kayoest@centurylink.net) . A complete listing of 2026 books can be found on the Compadres website.



**SOUTHWEST BOOK GROUP:** Meets Wednesday, March 18, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is "Devil on Canyon Road" by James C. Wilson. Contact Bill Smith for full details. ([Golfer965.bs@gmail.com](mailto:Golfer965.bs@gmail.com)).

**COOKING CLASSES:** The next cooking classes are as follows:

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](mailto:chef965@yahoo.com). If the classes are full, you can be put on a waiting list.

**MEDITATION AND STRESS REDUCTION CLASS:** Cheryl Lackie is staging a **four-part** meditation class on consecutive Tuesdays during March.

Sessions are scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> At the Corrales Public Library, from 4-5:15 p.m.

Meditation can help reduce your stress, find some calm moments, think more clearly and be less reactive.

There are no fees. To sign up or ask questions email her at [cheryl.lackie@comcast.net](mailto:cheryl.lackie@comcast.net) See the attached flyer for details.

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**Happy Hours** – Eric Neuwirth will welcome suggestions for places to visit and more volunteers exploring venues. [neuwy55@gmail.com](mailto:neuwy55@gmail.com)

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## Mayor's Comments

**February 27, 2026**

Fire Chief **Anthony Martinez** was recently awarded the **National Public Servant Award-Fireman** by the Corrales VFW Post 5432. While Chief Martinez does not like the limelight, he deserves the credit for his management of his department and the programs he has put together. The village has been super fortunate to have Chief Martinez protecting our property and the bosque from fire for the last 35 years. May we have many more. You can read more about Chief Martinez's accomplishments on our website at: <https://www.corrales-nm.org/fire/page/fire-chief-anthony-martinez-honored-vfw-post-5432/>.

At the council meeting on Feb. 24, Jancoba Dorley, project manager from the Bureau of Reclamation's **River Mile 199 Project**, and Jason Casuga, CEO and chief engineer of the MRGCD, gave updates of their projects on the river. You can watch the presentations on our YouTube channel using this link: <https://youtu.be/wm4pzjaWO88?si=cTJF8m1TOtmnUGcU&t=88>. If you subscribe to the channel, you will get an email alert any time the Village uploads a new video.

Dr. Dorley explained that the purpose of the River Mile 199 Project is to straighten river meandering which can threaten levee integrity. The project with side channel diversions will be coordinated to not interfere with Corrales's water availability from the river.

Jason Casuga stated that we have 50% less snowfall this year which translates to a weak run off. Although the siphon project has encountered some difficulties, drilling from the Corrales side will resume in about a month and the project will be completed this year. Electric pumps will start running in the second week of March. However, the duration of the spring runoff might end in late May or in early June. More information from the MRGCD is available on our website at: <https://www.corrales-nm.org/community/page/agriculture->

[village-corrales-0](#), and you can view their hydrology update on the MRGCD website at: <https://www.mrgcd.com/2026/02/18/february-irrigation-hydrology-update/>. If we get a strong monsoon season, which has happened occasionally in the past, the MRGCD will try to react to this with resumed pumping.

**MRGCD's Water Leasing Program**, paying for voluntary fallowing of land, is at least temporarily **not available** because of funding unavailability <https://www.mrgcd.com/2026/01/13/water-leasing-program-suspended/> .

The **Sandoval County Elections Bureau** is looking to fill positions for poll workers, technicians, call center staff, and messengers for the upcoming primary elections to be held this May/June. If you are registered to vote in Sandoval County and would be interested in helping out, contact Bureau of Elections Systems Coordinator John Estrada at [johnestrada@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:johnestrada@sandovalcountynm.gov).

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE**

With spring on the way, so are warmer temperatures, wind, and **increased fire danger**. There are preparations you can make at your home to help prevent fire damage. Visit the fire department webpage at <https://www.corrales-nm.org/fire/page/wildfire-safety-and-preparation>. If you need more assistance in how to prepare your home call the department at 505-898-7501.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY** – First Sunday Events throughout the Village **10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** Follow the signs and shop local for gifts, home goods, or a special treat for yourself.

**SUNDAY** – Winter Growers' Market **11 a.m.**

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

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

**THURSDAY** – Conversational Spanish at the library **6 p.m.**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**3/7** – Library Artist Reception for Dennis Chamberlain **10 a.m.**

**3/21** – Spring Planting Day for the Children’s Storybook Garden **10 a.m.**

***Fred Hashimoto***

***Mayor of Corrales***