

Corrales



Compadres

June, 2026

Newsletter

‘If a June night could talk, it would probably boast it invented romance.’

- Bernard Williams

June, often linked with sunny days and the arrival of summer, likely owes its name to Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage, fertility and childbirth. In ancient Rome, Juno was celebrated as the guardian of women and a symbol of family and fresh starts — making June a prime time for weddings.

Others trace its name to “[Junius](#),” a prominent Roman family, or the Latin “juvenis,” meaning young people.

In the Northern Hemisphere, the [summer solstice](#) lands around June 20-21, signaling the year's longest day and shortest night. Ancient cultures marked the occasion with celebrations, like the [Celts' Litha](#), which involved lighting bonfires, believed to ward off evil spirits and bring a bountiful harvest.

June's full moon, the strawberry moon, is named by Native Americans for the wild strawberries ripe for picking at this time. With its longer daylight hours and warming temperatures, the month also brings the first harvest of crops like greens, peas, beans, new potatoes, carrots, blueberries and, of course, strawberries.

June Update

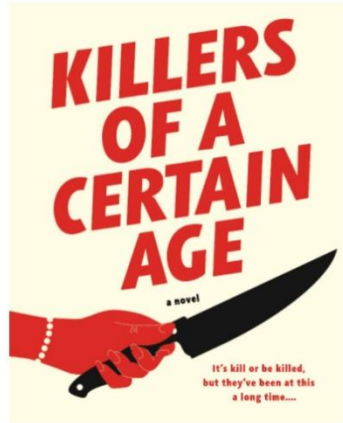
HAPPY HOUR: Our June happy hour will be Thursday, June 25, from 4-6 p.m. at Sandia Bar. This will be our fourth visit there since it reopened after extensive remodeling in 2024, the most recent being this past February. The Sandia beverage menu includes a wide selection of cocktails, wine and beer. The adjacent restaurant, No Competition, serves appetizers, salads, plates, sandwiches and tacos with New Mexican and Hawaiian touches. To learn more, visit sandiabar.com.



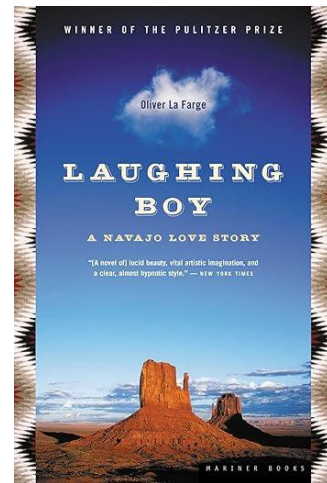
We plan to gather on the patio, weather permitting.

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

BOOK GROUP: The Compadres Book Club will meet Friday, June 26, at 1:30 p.m. in the Corrales Library's Southwest Reading Room. The group will discuss **'Killers of a Certain Age'** by **Deanna Raybourn**. For any questions, please contact Kay Yoest at kayoest@centurylink.net . A complete listing of 2026 books can be found on the Compadres website.



SOUTHWEST BOOK GROUP: Meets Wednesday, June 17, at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is **'Laughing Boy'** by Oliver LaFarge. Released in 1929, it was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1930 and was later adapted into a movie, Contact Bill Smith for full details. (Golfer965.bs@gmail.com).



HISTORIC CHURCH TOUR: Please join us for a docent-led tour of the Historic Old San Ysidro Church in Corrales. The tour will be conducted on Wednesday, June 24th starting at 11 AM. RSVPs will be required as there is limited space. Nan Kimball will be our host. To make a reservation she can be contacted at nankimball@yahoo.com .

Please see the attached flyer for further details.

COOKING CLASSES: On hiatus until September.

MEDITATION AND STRESS REDUCTION CLASS: On hiatus until September.

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Mayor's Comments

May 29, 2026

Isn't it nice to hear, see and feel falling rain? During the past week, we've been fortunate to have had a couple of decent rains, and meteorologists say chances are good in the coming months for an El Niño weather pattern with a strong "monsoon" season meaning increased precipitation. Yea.

However, the river in the Middle Rio Grande Valley is drying up. Although this can happen during the summer months, it has been occurring earlier in the past few years, and this year it is the earliest. Snowpack, which drives river flow, was at a historic low this spring. It doesn't take a meteorologist to tell us that we are in a drought with added increased temperatures.

Last Thursday, the entire MRGCD Board of Directors, CEO Jason Casuga and many staffers held a well-attended, informative meeting at the Rec Center

underscoring the irrigation water shortage from the Rio Grande. In years past at the monitoring station at Otowi Bridge near San Ildefonso, water flow at the end of May averaged around 3,000 cubic feet per second (cfs); currently, that is down to 300 cfs.

Factors of the water balance equation include delivery and use and conservation. Often, we as individuals can't control delivery, but many of us can influence the latter.

Common sense recommends that water should be conserved as much as possible. Lawns surely don't need daily watering. Some NM cities advocate a 1 2 3 2 1 method whereby watering in early spring is once per week, late spring twice per week, mid-summer three times per week, early fall down to twice per week and later fall once per week. This helps to encourage deeper, more drought-resistant grass rooting. Watering in the morning is more effective than in the evening; watering can be held for at least a day or two after rains (like the current ones) and is hardly effective in windy weather. Sprinklers should be checked to be sure they're not watering roads. To be good stewards of water consumption helps us all.

During the last council meeting, the sale and use of fireworks were banned in the village for at least the coming month because of drought conditions. In the meantime, let's hope, dance and pray for a robust monsoon season. If that happens, the fireworks ban might be lifted for the nation's 250th birthday, and plants will grow well.

Outdoor Adventure Day is back at the Corrales Rec center Saturday, June 6, the New Mexico Wildlife Department for events such as the fishing derby for youth age 17 and under, as well as archery and pellet gun ranges. Bring your own fishing equipment and bait (don't forget sunscreen). Events begin at 7:30 a.m.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Most people know daily exercise and a balanced diet is essential for health, but our mental health is just as important. The New Mexico Healthcare Authority launched Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics earlier this year as part of the state's commitment to expanding access to high-quality

mental health and substance use treatment. If you or someone you know needs help, you can visit the walk-in clinic at 3200 Broadmoor Blvd NE, Rio Rancho 87144, or visit <https://unmhealth.org/services/behavioral-health/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY - Election Day voting 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the rec center gym and the community center

TUESDAY - Parks and Recreation Commission meeting 5:30 p.m. at Perea's Restaurant

TUESDAY – Appeal hearing for SDP 26-03 by the Village Council 6 p.m., council chambers.

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

Fred Hashimoto
Mayor of Corrales