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# THE SQUEAKY SQUIRREL

THE SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

ABOUT AND FOR OUR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY, PRODUCED BY KIM VANTREASE

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**COMING SOON! April 22<sup>nd</sup> History Night will return to the Sampson Club!**



**HISTORY NIGHT – APRIL 22, 2023 @ 6:00 PM** Alferd Packer, moonshining. . . a former ski area, and a former public ice skating venue. Mining? Oh, yea! And what about that Maxwell Coffee? Did you know you're in the middle of a rich and interesting history? Come with your knowledge, whether you're a history buff or have experienced many changes in the Deer Creek area. Please come and share or learn along with the rest of us. Long-time residents are highly encouraged to share your stories and history about the area. Reach out to Virginia at 303-697-7272 to let her know you would like to contribute information to the group that evening. Refreshments will be provided, but more is always welcome.



**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR PAINT DAY**

AT THE SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB **MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> & JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
LUNCH, DRINKS AND POPCICLES PROVIDED FOR VOLUNTEERS!



The fun begins around 8:30 AM and will wrap up around 2 PM. Come for the day or if you can only spare a few hours, we'll take it! Call Kim for more information at 303-681-2104 or text 303-570-9028 😊



**SUPER BOWL FUN...**

*Contributed by Kim Vantrease*

Last month, The Sampson Community Club hosted a Super Bowl party at Sampson School. Two big-screen televisions were positioned at each end of the schoolhouse so that everyone could fully watch the game. There was so much food and snacks...nobody went hungry. During the game, we all played Football Bingo where winners were given some pretty cool prizes throughout the day. The large door prize winner was Lillian Dougherty! This fundraiser was a lot of fun and I'd like to thank all those who came out for this spectacular day among friends. We will do it again next year!

## **2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS** **AT SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB**



### **EVERY WEDNESDAY at 6:30 PM – BIBLE STUDY AT THE SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB**

All welcome to come anytime! Come as you are when you feel that nudge. Please feel free to email Pastor Bob at [deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org](mailto:deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org) if you have any questions. We fellowship from 6:30 to 7:00, which includes a table of snacks, coffee/hot chocolate and then the teaching begins at 7. So, if you can't get there by 6:30, you can still make the lesson. Deer Creek Canyon Bible Church only rents space from Sampson Community Club and is not a part of the Sampson Community Club.



**HISTORY NIGHT – APRIL 22, 2023 @ 6:00 PM** Refreshments will be provided by the Sampson Community Club, and you are welcome to bring extra if you would like to. Reach out to Virginia at 303-697-7272 to set yourself up as a speaker for this event or if you have questions or would like to provide more information for this event.



**MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AND JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** – We will resume the painting of the exterior portion of the Sampson Community Club Building this spring and summer. Drinks and lunch provided by the Sampson Community Club for painting volunteers! The Sampson Community Club always appreciates your generosity with your time, even it is a small amount of time.

**Let's git 'r done together!**



**JULY 15, 2023 – ICE CREAM SOCIAL @ 2:00 PM** That perfect time of year for ice cream! Grab the gang, neighbors, or Uncle Louie and come on down for the annual ice cream social! This long-cherished event wouldn't be complete without home-made ice cream and all the fixins! Show off your ice cream-making skills and impress your neighbors. Bring your home-made ice cream (or store bought) to the Sampson Community Club and gather round your friends and neighbors. *Let's dig in together!*



**AUGUST 5, 2023 - ANNUAL PIG ROAST @ NOON** The festivities kick off at noon! Bring your favorite side dish to share and enjoy a feast with your friends and neighbors. This is another treasured event that has continued for many years. Bring yourselves down and meet others in your community. We always have a great time hanging out and meeting new people. If you have any questions about the Pig Roast, please contact any of the Board Members. This favorite fundraiser is only \$10.00 per family or \$5.00 per person; extra donations are always welcomed. Donations received are put toward the betterment of the Sampson Community Club Building and events. This year we will have **games and door prizes!** *Oink...*





**MOVIE NIGHTS WILL RESUME THIS SUMMER!**

**JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> Movie begins around 8:45 PM**

**JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> Movie begins around 8:45 PM**

**AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> Movie begins around 8:30 PM**

Bring your camping chair and movie snacks/drinks and spend an evening under the stars watching family-friendly movies.

Movie titles will be announced at [FACEBOOK.COM/SAMPSONCOMMUNITYCLUB](https://www.facebook.com/SAMPSONCOMMUNITYCLUB) **and** [WWW.SAMPSONCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.SAMPSONCLUB.ORG).

If you forget your camping chair, no worries, just use the club's chairs.



**OCTOBER 7, 2023 – CHILI COOKOFF @ 5:30 PM!**



Bring a pot of your homemade chili and share among the hungry tasters. Let's pick a winner to hold the Chili Cookoff title for 2023! Bring yourself or your peeps to this annual event. Don't have time to make chili? No problem, come on down anyway and enjoy a bowl of chili and you can help decide who wins! Donations always welcome!



**OCTOBER 20-31, 2023 – HAUNTED HOUSE** (More details in the June Squeaky Squirrel)

*Boooooo.....*



**NOVEMBER 11, 2023 - THANKSGIVING MEMBERSHIP DINNER @ 5:00 PM**

The Sampson Community Club provides the turkey, and everyone is invited to bring a side dish. This is a good time to experiment with new holiday recipes on your friends and neighbors. Office of Vice President and Treasurer are up for election/re-election this year. Have ideas about events at the Sampson Community Club? Bring them! Let's discuss opportunities and new events as we fellowship among neighbors. We invite you all to join in the fun again this year!

**WELCOME...**

If you are new to the area and curious about the happenings at The Sampson Community Club, or want to join in the action, just reach out to one of the Board Members and they would be happy to answer any of your questions. Membership is just \$20.00 per year and renews every December 1st. Just an FYI, the Sampson Community Club uses Sampson School for its events, so if a neighbor invites you to the Sampson Community Club for an event, they are talking about Sampson School, which is located at 16150 Sampson Road. Internet is available for members to use at the Sampson Community Club. With your new/renewed membership, you will get the internet password for your personal use. Contact us about getting a Membership Form to you or you can pick one up at the Sampson Community Club on the front porch in a red folder. *As a Member of the Sampson Community Club, you're never obligated to volunteer for events or fundraisers. It's just up to anyone who would like to volunteer their time. Members or nonmembers always welcome to participate!*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Contributed by Kim Vantrease*

Last November, we discussed future events to be held at the Sampson Community Club. Winter Movies in the schoolhouse, Bingo, Game nights, Thursday Night Football, Poker Tournaments, Mystery Dinners for Adults and Teens, Craft Days, Story Hour for our youth in the community, Painting classes, and Silent Auction Fundraisers. If you have an interest in these or other events that you would like to host or enjoy at the Sampson Community Club, please feel free to reach out to any Board Member with your valued input or questions! ***The Sampson Community Club exists for you!*** So, feel free to share your ideas and get involved in the fun! You can reach me directly at [Valleyhawk7@msn.com](mailto:Valleyhawk7@msn.com) or text me 303-570-9028.

***IMPORTANT: Throughout the year, events may be cancelled, or events may be added that are not listed on the current Calendar of Events, so please be sure to check often for new events or important updates at [Facebook.com/SampsonCommunityClub](https://www.facebook.com/SampsonCommunityClub) and [www.Sampsonclub.org](http://www.Sampsonclub.org).***



## **LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND HOMESCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

*Contributed by Amanda Dougherty*



***Aladdin***, the shorter kid's version opens April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Venue Theater in Conifer.

Showtimes Are: April 21 at 7 PM - April 22 at 2 PM and 6 PM - April 23 at 2 PM - April 28 at 7 PM - April 29 at 2 PM and 6 PM - Tickets on sale at [www.thevenue theatre.com](http://www.thevenue theatre.com). Come on out and support our youth in local theater! Other great homeschool opportunities are at Joyful Soles Dance where they have an incredible dance and theater program throughout the year. In fact, this May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> they will be putting on their spectacular production of *The Way Home*. Info at [joyfulsolesdance.com](http://joyfulsolesdance.com). Both venues offer enriching programs for homeschool or public-school children. If you would like more information on how your child can participate, contact Amanda Dougherty at 303-903-1918 or [imactingup21@hotmail.com](mailto:imactingup21@hotmail.com).

## **AN OLD FRIEND OF THE COMMUNITY**

*Contributed by Kim Vantrease*

In December, we ran an article about Jan Clawson, who served as Vice President of the Sampson Community Club for many years. A few years ago, she moved to Marietta, Ohio to be near her children. This past summer, Virginia Temmer made a visit to see our special friend, with whom she shared a birthday. Virginia was very glad she was able to spend some time with Jan as we've just learned that our dear friend, Jan, has gone home to Heaven. She was a special lady and loved this community very much ❤️

## **WITH CONTINUED APPRECIATION**

*Contributed by Kim Vantrease*

The Sampson Community Club genuinely values all our neighbors who donate their precious time, energy, and monetary donations to the Club. We are grateful to our event hosts, coordinators, volunteers, those who attend the events, and the Board for bringing this community together. Also, thanks to Mitch Tanenbaum for printing the "Squeaky Squirrel" as well as the event fliers and e-mail blasting the Sampson Community Club's announcements. You all really do make a difference and our community is better because of you! Thank you for all your support in 2022! Now, let's see what kind of fun 2023 brings!

## **YOUR SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD**

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**SNOOZING BEARS WILL BE AWAKE SOON!**

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Soon, if not already, our resident bears will be roaming the area in search of food. They will be especially hungry and very determined. Remember to keep trash and food secure so we don't cause them to become dependent on us for their food supply. Bears are smart and have discovered freezers in garages, too. We learned the hard way that it only takes a second for them to stroll into your opened garage and raid the frig. We don't want to get our bears in trouble or euthanized, so be sure to remain vigilant in keeping attractants out of their reach and site. ♥



These joyful little charmers will return soon! I love the thrill of hearing the first seasonal guest announce its arrival as it zooms past my window, usually around April 17th. I read an article a few years back regarding these creatures. Apparently, they are susceptible to fungal spores that can cause their tongues unable to retract, which causes them to die a miserable death. **Honey and other sweeteners are the cause of this deadly illness.** Only use white sugar with water when mixing Hummingbird liquid for your bird feeder. Also, dyes are toxic, so don't add or use the already mixed colored version. The recipe is 1 cup white sugar to 4 cups water. Boil the water, dissolve the sugar completely in the water and let cool before placing in clean bird feeder. The water needs to be changed every couple of days so that it doesn't start to ferment...especially in the really hot days of summer. Cleaning the feeder is equally important as mold grows quickly. It's a commitment, for sure, but surely worth it.

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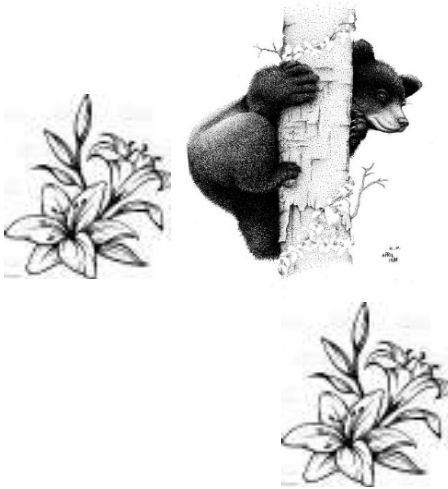


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**EVENTS AT SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB AT A GLANCE**

BIBLE STUDY EVERY **WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:30 PM**

HISTORY NIGHT **APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>**

VOLUNTEER PAINT DAY **MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>** AND **JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>** AT SAMPSON SCHOOL

MOVIE NIGHT **JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>** UNDER THE STARS

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL **JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>** 2 PM

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CHILI COOK-OFF **OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

HAUNTED HOUSE **OCTOBER 20-31 – WEEKENDS**

THANKSGIVING MEMBERSHIP **NOVEMBER 11**

BINGO IS COMING – WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENT ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

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