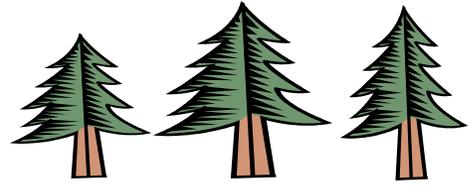




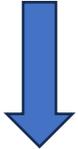
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THE SQUEAKY SQUIRREL

THE SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER
ABOUT AND FOR OUR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY, PRODUCED BY KIM VANTREASE

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MAKE WAY FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



SEPTEMBER 13TH AT NOON! Annual Pig Roast Fundraiser, Sampson Club's 70TH Year and 100-Year Celebration of the Schoolhouse! *We've got a lot of fun to do!*

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 special event that has continued for many years ❤️ Also, we will be celebrating the Sampson Club's 70th Year! AND the 100th year of this beloved schoolhouse building! Bring yourselves down and meet others in your community. We always have a great time hanging out, playing games, and meeting new people. If you have any questions about this event, please contact any of the Board Members or write to sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com. This favorite fundraiser is only \$25.00 per family or \$10.00 per person; extra donations are always welcomed. Donations received are put toward the betterment of the Sampson Community Club Building and events. A lucky winner of the First Prize Donation Raffle Winner will take home two **Bronco Tickets** for the Monday Night Football Game between the Cincinnati Bengals and Denver Broncos 9/29/25 (great seats btw). Another lucky winner will receive a **\$200.00 Gift Certificate** toward the rental of a Polaris RZR from Off-Road'n Rentals. We'll also have other door and game prizes! *(Quick note: My apologies for our June Issue of the Squeaky Squirrel not including updated Pig Roast information; all is corrected in this issue.)*



BINGO! FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH The Shenanigans begin at 7:00 PM! **Bingo Fundraiser!** This night is sure to be a lot of fun. Our first Bingo game in March was a great success and players had a lot of fun. So, bring the gang to the Sampson Community Club at 16150 Sampson Road! We'll play 8 games of Bingo with cash prizes! The suggested donation is (but not limited to) \$15 for a complete set of Bingo cards. More packets are available if you like a challenge! Concessions are available onsite, too! Donations are gladly accepted as proceeds go toward the necessary maintenance for the schoolhouse building. **B-4 0-75 N-34 B I N G O!!!!**



CHILI COOK-OFF OCTOBER 18TH @ AT 5 PM Bring a pot of your homemade chili to share among the crowd.

Together, let's pick the winners at the Chili Cookoff! Don't have time to make chili? No problem, come on down anyway and enjoy a bowl of chili and help decide the winners! Donations always welcome, but don't worry, we won't shake ya down for cash.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP THANKSGIVING DINNER NOVEMBER 8TH @ 3 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!



Every Wednesday Evening at 6:30 PM - Bible Study Offered by Deer Creek Canyon Bible Church. All

welcome to come anytime! Come as you are! Questions? Feel free to email Pastor Bob at deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org and click the **Contact Us** tab. Fellowship begins at 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 rents space from the Sampson Community Club to provide weekly Bible teachings for those in the community who are interested www.deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org.



LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS:

Coming soon, we will be dedicating a page to our local businesses on the Sampson Community Club website. There, you can advertise your business and share contact info. The cost would be \$50.00 per year. If you're interested, please contact Kim at sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com or text her at 303-570-9028.

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

🌿 The Sampson School at 16150 Sampson Road in Littleton, Colorado, was built in 1925 and served as a cornerstone of education for the Deer Creek Canyon area until its closure. Recognizing its cultural and historical significance, residents rallied to save the building from neglect while creating a social gathering place for the area. Their efforts led to the formation of the Sampson Community Club—a nonprofit organization committed to maintaining the schoolhouse and fostering community engagement.

Nestled in the foothills of Deer Creek Canyon, the Sampson Community Club still stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of community, preservation, and friendship. Founded in 1955, the Sampson Community Club emerged from a shared desire to protect the historic Sampson School Building and to create a welcoming social hub for the canyon's growing population. Today, the club hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including movie nights under the stars, fundraising BINGO, potlucks, seasonal parties, its beloved annual Pig Roast fundraiser, and more.

This year, the club proudly celebrates its 70th anniversary, while the Sampson School Building marks its centennial—a dual milestone that underscores the club's deep roots and lasting impact. The Sampson Community Club also offers a large range of rental options like private events, weddings, church opportunities, seminars, craft fairs, specialized classes, etc.

The annual \$20 membership to the Sampson Community Club helps fund social events and provides access to facilities, reduced rental costs, voting privileges, and the chance to shape the club's future while supporting the preservation of this cherished landmark. From its inception, the Sampson Community Club has been more than a preservation effort; it's been a vibrant gathering place for neighbors to bond, engage, celebrate, learn, and collaborate.

The club's newsletter, affectionately named, *The Squeaky Squirrel*, keeps members informed and entertained with updates, stories, and announcements. It reflects the club's humble charm and commitment to keeping the community connected—even as it transitions from print to digital to better allocate resources toward building upkeep.

In a world that relies heavily on technology, the Sampson Community Club reminds us of yesterday's simple treasures and the many benefits from human interaction. It's about shared purpose, involvement, mutual care, and the invisible threads that bind us together across generations. This hub is where stories are passed down, and neighbors become friends, and collections of memories are formed. Through this hub, we find reward from the potluck dinners, spontaneous trail cleanups, borrowed tools and shared laughter among friends and neighbors. In every handshake, every heartfelt conversation, every act of kindness, we grow. These relationships are the architecture of resilience. They help us weather storms, adapt to change, offer opportunities to help others, and find joy in the everyday. When we invest in community—whether by maintaining a historic schoolhouse, hosting a local event, or simply checking in on a neighbor—we're not just preserving buildings or traditions, we're preserving the human spirit. We're saying that connection matters through people and that the future is worth building together.

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QUICK REFERENCE - SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD MEMBERS

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MEMBERSHIP

Thinking about becoming a member? Annual Membership is just \$20.00. As a member, you are under no obligation to commit to volunteering. Some folks shy away from community membership as they think they may be obligated or guilted into commitments, but that's not the case here. Of course, we'd never turn down offers of volunteerism or cash donations as they do contribute to the care and maintenance of the Sampson School Building. We just want to provide the best community center for you; this hub is here for you and offers many benefits to the community.

If you are new to the area and want to become a member of the Sampson Community Club, or if you haven't renewed your membership yet, you can mail \$20.00 dues to 16150 Sampson Road, Littleton, CO 80127. There are Membership Forms on the **sampsonclub.org website**, or in a red folder on the front porch of the Sampson School. There is always something going on at the Sampson Community Club, so be sure to check out all the happenings in the community at **www.sampsonclub.org** and **Facebook.com/sampsoncommunityclub**.

WITH MUCH GRATITUDE

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We just can't say this enough! Your time and energy spent helping the Sampson Community Club is highly appreciated. You all really do make a difference and our community is actually better because of you, so thank you! Throughout the year, community members volunteer their time in helping with maintenance tasks etc., thank you! Also, thank you, Sampson Road residents, for plowing the Sampson Club parking lot! With so many events going on throughout the year, it really helps to have the snow plowed. Thank you, Noemi and Ken Bartlett, for all your behind-the-scenes work and weed-eating! Thank you, Deer Creek Canyon Bible Church, for cleaning the Sampson School on a weekly basis and always pitching in for the care and maintenance of the building. It's amazing when people come together; there are just so many benefits associated. We extend a huge thanks for all of your volunteered time, enthusiasm, monetary donations, participation, donated items, firewood, muscle, shoveling/plowing, hosting, planning, etc.!

Working together and helping others in the community makes us grow and thrive. It's definitely a rewarding experience for all involved. We are always so grateful to our event hosts, coordinators, volunteers, those who attend the events, and the Board for bringing this community together. Thanks to all for your support and encouragement!

Remember, Scheduled and NEW Events will be on the website at www.sampsonclub.org or [Facebook.com/SampsonCommunityClub](https://www.facebook.com/SampsonCommunityClub). Check for updates & new events that may be added or cancelled!





THIS IS OUR THIRD ELECTRONIC SQUEAKY SQUIRREL NEWSLETTER...

We appreciate your support and hope you like this new version! The Squeaky Squirrel will always be available online for your perusal at www.sampsonclub.org. Remember, if you, or someone you know, would like the Squeaky Squirrel emailed directly, please contact us at sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com and let us know. If you want a paper copy because you have limited access to the internet, please text or call Kim at 303-570-9028 and advise her of your desire to receive the Squirrel via postal delivery. Feel free to let us know if you do not receive your emailed copy; we want to make sure everyone gets a copy each quarter! Thank you!

FOR NEW RESIDENTS

Lots of people don't realize that the Sampson Community Club **is for everyone. It's a community center** and isn't exclusive to Sampson Road residents like many have thought. It's for you and serves as a main hub where folks can gather for fun events, make new friends, learn about the area, volunteer, exchange important information, carpool opportunities; just too many perks to list! Remember, this community hub is here for you! And don't forget, you can rent the building for your own personal use. Lots of people have been renting the building this past year realizing just how handy it is! Another bonus is, you can borrow tables and chairs to use at your home for events. Sampson Community Club Members will pay \$30.00 per day to rent the schoolhouse, and nonmembers will pay \$50.00 per day. We also offer special weekly rates, as well. If you would like to rent the Sampson School House Building, contact any of the Board members as they would be happy to get you on the schedule. The Club is tax exempt as a 501(c)(4) organization. According to the IRS, all donations to the Club are not tax deductible by the donor. As always, all are welcome to attend the Club functions! We look forward to meeting you! C'mon and join the fun!



COMING SOON...still!

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Coming soon to the Sampson Community Club. We are in the beginning stages of developing a community-wide puzzle exchange! It will work just like the Little Library book exchange located at the east side of the Sampson School building. So don't toss those used puzzles yet, instead, exchange them for a different one at the Sampson Community Club. AND, speaking of book exchange, don't forget to take advantage of that as well! We'll update you when the Puzzle Exchange has been completed! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com.



FREE TINY LIBRARY

Is there for you! It's located by the ramp at the Sampson Community Club. Come anytime and trade out, or just take home books waiting for your summer and fall reading!

ABANDONED FURNITURE AT SAMPSON SCHOOLHOUSE

While we greatly appreciate one's thoughtfulness to help out, we really can't accept large donated items left at the Sampson Schoolhouse without notice. If you have items or furniture you'd like to donate, please feel free to contact any of the Board members. Thank you all so much for all you do in this community!

If you have a story, history, or photos you'd like to share, submit to
sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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🌈 This past June, the Sampson Community Club brought the community together once again for our beloved annual Ice Cream Party. Friends and neighbors gathered to share laughter, stories, and—of course—home-made ice cream in every flavor imaginable. The creativity was on full display as folks piled on all the fixins to craft their dream desserts. 🎵 As always, Don Coenen's music filled the air, adding a joyful soundtrack to our sweet experiments. His voice, energy, and talent never waiver. Thank you, Don, you are a treasure! Though the day was very hot, the ice cream delivered exactly what we needed—cool relief and warm memories. We're already dreaming up next year's event, and thinking about taking the party outdoors to soak up the summer vibes. Why do we do this? Because new friendships were formed, old ones rekindled, and the spirit of Sampson shone bright.



NEW SIGN ARRIVES AT SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB

We're very excited about the new Sampson Community Club sign that was just donated by a local company.



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Well, that's all for now in this issue of the Squeaky Squirrel. Thanks for reading!
Lots of fun activities this year, hope to see ya soon!