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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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### ***MORE EVENTS ARE IN THE WORKS...***



For April 2026, we are currently looking into the idea of hosting a Poker Night Fundraiser. If this is something that would interest you, please write to us at [sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto:sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com).



### ***SOME CHANGES TO SHARE***

For the past year, Pastor Bob has been dealing with some very painful health issues. While he continued to teach for the duration, increasing pain has caused him to make the decision to teach from his home via YouTube. Bob's heart is to continue to teach The Word so, for anyone seeking to learn more of the Bible with Bob, you can find him at the following link every Wednesday evening @ 7:00 PM this January 2026 @ <https://www.youtube.com/live/sUCnsB5RXI?si=Od-wg8FAIauZbbbr>

~Deer Creek Canyon Bible Church is not a part of the Sampson Community Club and only rented space. For those in the community who had enjoyed these teachings at the Sampson Schoolhouse, you still can with the benefit of technology! For those inclined, prayers for Bob are welcome! And finally, thank you, Pastor Bob and Crystal, for taking such good care of us here in this community, and your work on the Sampson Schoolhouse and years of cleaning and maintenance is so appreciated. We will miss seeing you every week in person, but will surely enjoy your online teachings! Feel free to reach Pastor Bob at [www.deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org](http://www.deercreekcanyonbiblechurch.org).





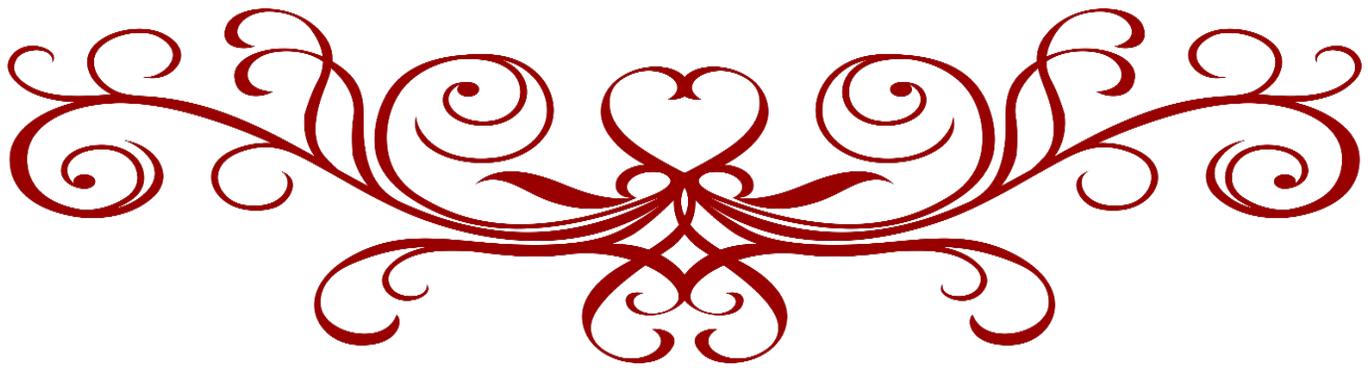
## **THE CHILI COOK-OFF!**

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The competition was sizzling this year with nine incredible chilis to taste; voting was no easy task—we really had our work cut out for us and I'm not just being nice here. But after much deliberation, the winners of the 2025 Sampson Club Chili Cookoff were crowned! 🏆 The first photo shows all of our champions. Our First-Place winners slipped away before we could capture all their names, but their chili dazzled us, and we hope to welcome them back soon. If you reach out to us at [sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto:sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com), we'll be sure to add your names to the record! Second Place went to Kim Swanson, and Third Place to Jackie Johnson—both former champions of this fierce competition! Congratulations to all and thank you to everyone who joined in this year's cookoff. It was truly a blast, filled with flavor, fun, and community spirit. We can't wait to stir things up for next year! 🌶️ 🇺🇸





**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](mailto:sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com) or text her at 303-570-9028.



## **A THANKSGIVING TO REMEMBER AT SAMPSON COMMUNITY CLUB**

The Sampson Community Club's annual Thanksgiving Membership Dinner was more than just a feast of turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie—it was a celebration of tradition, gratitude, and new beginnings.

This year, the warmth of the evening was matched by an important milestone: Jackie Johnson, a long-time resident and cherished member of our community, stepped forward to serve as our new Treasurer. Jackie brings with her many years of experience and dedication, ensuring that the Club's finances will continue to be managed with care and expertise. Welcome and Congratulations, Jackie! We look forward to working with you in 2026 and beyond!

As we welcomed Jackie, we also took time to honor Kari Vernon, whose years of service as Treasurer and Vice President have left an indelible mark on our community. Kari's steady commitment has been a part of many successful projects, events, and initiatives. Her contributions—alongside her family's support—have helped build the strong, vibrant spirit we all enjoy today. Thank you, Kari, for everything you've given to the Sampson Community Club. It has been a real joy to collaborate with you over the years. Though Kari is stepping back from her officer role, she will remain an active part of our community, and cheering on her boys as they excel in academics and extracurricular activities. We know her energy and enthusiasm will continue to shine in new ways.

The evening was filled with laughter, heartfelt conversations, and the unmistakable sense of belonging that defines the Sampson Community Club. As plates were cleared and desserts shared, members left with full hearts, grateful for the past and excited for the future. Thank you all who came out for this event!

## **WITH GENUINE GRATITUDE**

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We extend our deepest gratitude to all who contribute their time, energy, and resources to the Sampson Community Club. Your efforts strengthen our community and ensure its continued growth and vitality. Throughout the year, so many of you step up to help with maintenance and countless other tasks, and we are deeply grateful. Special thanks to the Sampson Road residents for keeping our parking lot clear of snow—it makes a huge difference with all the events we host. Noemi and Ken Bartlett, your behind-the-scenes efforts, from weed-eating to shoveling, never go unnoticed. Deer Creek Canyon Bible Church, thank you for your many years cleaning the Sampson School and maintenance on the building. We are grateful to Kari Vernon for your many years of service to the Club and its residents, and to Bryn Shepeck for your steady leadership as Vice President. Amanda Dougherty, thank you for keeping us organized and on track—you help everything run smoothly. John and Sue Dowd, though you've moved to Wyoming, you'll always be remembered as neighbors who asked, "How can we help?" Your generosity—donating the garden rototiller, patio chairs, use of the splitter, and more—has left a lasting mark. To everyone who has given their time, enthusiasm, donations, firewood, muscle, shoveling, hosting, planning, and more, thank you. Working together not only helps our community thrive, but it brings joy and fulfillment to all involved. We are forever appreciative to our event hosts, coordinators, volunteers, attendees, and Board members for weaving this community together. Your support and encouragement keep the Sampson spirit alive. Because of you, our community is stronger, brighter, and better. Thank you!



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

*The Sampson Community Club is here for you; it's your hub! If you have any information you'd like to share, a story, or any suggestions and feedback, we would love to hear from you! [sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto:sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com)*





**THIS IS OUR FOURTH 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](http://www.sampsonclub.org). Remember, if you, or someone you know, would like the Squeaky Squirrel emailed directly, please contact us at [sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**MEMBERSHIP**

We are taking Membership Dues for the 2026 Year. If you’ve already paid them, thank you for your support! If you haven’t yet, no problem. You can mail them to 16150 Sampson Road, Littleton, CO 80127. We also accept Debit/Credit cards, if you’d prefer. Just contact Kim at [sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto:sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com) and she can take care of that for you.

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](http://www.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](http://www.sampsonclub.org) and [Facebook.com/sampsoncommunityclub](https://www.facebook.com/sampsoncommunityclub).



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**FUTURE IDEAS...**

Anyone interested in painting classes at the Sampson Club? Water Color, oil, acrylic? Anyone interested in teaching as well? Or, do you have another talent you would like to teach? If so, write to us at [sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto:sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com)!

**AN ACT OF KINDNESS**

*Contributed by Kim Vantrease*

A few months back, a vehicle broke down in the Sampson Community Club parking lot, which turned out to be the perfect place to get it running again. While one person worked on the repair, a young woman patiently waited—and in that time, she kindly organized the books in our Free Tiny Library. Thank you! Your thoughtful gesture did not go unnoticed. 😊 As I’ve said before, we are truly blessed with wonderful people in this community. ♥



## **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...FOR REAL!**

*Contributed by Kim Vantrouse*

Coming January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, the Sampson Community Club will have on site, our own Puzzle Exchange! It works just like the Free Tiny Library, except it's with **PUZZLES ! ! !** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [sampsoncommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto: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 winter and spring reading!



## **FUN DIP RECIPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

### **MILLION DOLLAR DIP**

#### ***Ingredients***

4 oz. thick-cut bacon (about 4 slices), cut into 1/4" pieces  
2 scallions, white and green parts separated, thinly sliced  
4 oz. cream cheese, softened  
3/4 cup shredded cheddar  
1/4 cup sliced almonds  
2 Tbsp. mayonnaise  
1/2 tsp. kosher salt  
1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper  
Crackers, for serving

1. **Step 1**In a cold, large, ovenproof or cast-iron skillet, arrange bacon in a single layer. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until crispy, about 10 minutes. Transfer bacon to a paper-towel-lined plate to drain.
2. **Step 2**In a serving bowl, mix bacon, white scallion parts, cream cheese, cheddar, almonds, mayonnaise, salt, and pepper until combined.
3. **Step 3**Top with green scallion parts. Serve cold or at room temperature with crackers alongside.

Recipe from [Delish.com](http://Delish.com) **Enjoy**



On behalf of the Sampson Community Club Board, we wish you all a very warm, healthy and fun holiday season full of good surprises, prosperity and new memories.  
And may the true meaning of Christmas touch your hearts now and always!

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



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CHRISTMAS



Happy  
New Year