



# BYNUM front porch



# newsletter

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## Our Mission:

The Bynum Front Porch organization creates family-friendly events and programs that celebrate the community's rich history and bright future.

## About us

They say "once you get that Bynum mud between your toes, you'll always come back" and that is exactly what has kept the town going since the 1800's.



AUTUMN SMITH with grant committee members Gary Angus, Beth Kalb, John Winecker, and Matt Porter

## BYNUM at a glance

### Newbies

**Valerie Gatewood Hardison**  
(new BUMC pastor)

**Anna Kizer & Marty Lange**

**Liz Sanders & Joe Dawson**

### Hatches

**Calvin Lawrence 4/25.**  
**Parents Rachel & Todd Lawrence & sister**

## GRANT AWARDS:

### Bynum Front Porch Names 2014 Grant Winners

At its May 2nd Friday night music show, Bynum Front Porch presented its six annual grants to two graduating Chatham County high school seniors. The arts grant was awarded to Hannah Holloway from Northwood High School, and the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) educational grant was awarded to Autumn Smith from Chatham Central High School.

Hannah Holloway was actively involved with the varsity tennis team and served as captain for two years. She also played with the varsity soccer team and served as captain for one year. She has participated with varsity and junior varsity basketball and the Nerf Club. She was a member of the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society. She was a member of the Art Club and the Key Club for four years and the Photography Club for one. She participated in a class musical, served as a student council senator and was a member of the Be Active NC Committee. She is active in the community having volunteered over 200 hours at the Goat House Gallery and Refuge. For her grant application, Holloway submitted mixed

media art, a wire sculpture and acrylic paintings. She plans on majoring in interior design at Indiana University Bloomington.

Autumn Smith was a student in the AVID program. AVID is an in-school academic support program for grades 9-12 that prepares students for college eligibility and success. The program teaches organizational and time management skills. Smith also participated in the dual enrollment program at Central Carolina Community College and had twelve hours of college credit by her June graduation. At Chatham Central, Smith was a member of the Art Club. She was also active in the Link Club, serving as a mentor to incoming freshmen. She is an active member of Mount Vernon Springs Presbyterian Church where she participates in numerous community service projects in addition to working two jobs. Smith plans to attend UNC-Pembroke or East Carolina University in the fall where she plans to major in sports medicine.

HANNAH HOLLOWAY with grant committee member Diane Swan

Throughout the year, the Bynum Front Porch organization holds multiple fundraisers, including the Annual Christmas Tree Sale, to raise money for both grant programs. Begun in 2009, each student receives \$1,000 towards their education.



This project received support from the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art."

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BFP is a non-profit organization, your tax deductible donations are always welcome:

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# BYNUM *Cub Scout Wolf Pack 951*

The Cub Scout Wolf Den of Pack 951 meets every other Sunday here at the Bynum General Store. This is a group of 12 eight year old boys on their way to becoming Loyal Boy Scouts. These boys had a busy year working toward their Wolf patch. Some of the highlights include making and racing our Pinewood Derby cars, Leave No Trace outing cleaning up the banks of the Haw, Scout Sunday, practicing our camping skills, visiting the Pittsboro Courthouse/Chatham County museum, and making our own rabbit traps! They got the idea of the rabbit traps while on the tour of the Chatham County Historical Museum. Our wonderful guides told them the story of how the young boys of Chatham County would catch the rabbits in their homemade traps and sell them for about 13 cents! It has been said that some of these rabbits ended up on the plates in fancy restaurants in Paris! Well the boys were fascinated by this story, so we decided to make our own as our woodworking project.

The picture shows their finished products – job well done, boys! We look forward to starting up again in September earning our Bear patch with more fun projects!

*Leader – Eric Davis*

*Assistant Leader – Barclay Spatz*



## BYNUM: an artist community.

With all of the changes that are coming to Chatham County, I've been creating a series of pictures that commemorate some of the things that I love about our home in its current incarnation. Top of that list, of course, is our own General Store. For those of you who didn't know the store back in the day, the two boxy shapes on the right side of the porch are a pair of vending machines that used to stand there. "Don't Go 'Round Hungry," they said.

*Emma Skurnick*

## CLYDE JONES *in a Dance team?*

**Did you know** that Clyde Jones once performed on stage with a modern dance troupe? Well, he did. It happened in April, 1994 as part of a Dance Carolina program at Memorial Hall on the UNC campus. As part of the performance, Clyde built a critter on stage with his chainsaw buzzing and hammer pounding as dancers leaped and bounded about. Clyde critters were also included as stage props. It was all part of a modern dance, A Place to Stand, choreographed by Jack Arnold, a longtime teacher, dancer with the Pilobolus Dance Theatre, and fan of Clyde. The dance is about friendship and giving in a relationship and references characters from the writings of Reynolds Price. The premier performance received good reviews from local arts publications. No tutus or tights, however, as the costumes had a 1950's feel.

*Written by Larry Crum*

## THE HAW RIVER

### *Canoe & Kayak Co Greetings Bynum*

“It is funny how unplanned events will make you feel welcomed to a community. It hasn't been a full two years since we began limited canoe, kayak and standup paddle board services out of Bynum, but already we feel part of the community. We have known many of you throughout the years, but your reaction to our bus, Bertha, being vandalized is nothing short of spectacular. It has made us feel so welcomed and taken most of the sting out of the fact that we do not have comprehensive insurance to cover the costs of repair.

By the time you read this article, Bertha will have been turned around and faced in the opposite direction so that you don't see the damage. It may take us a while to find replacement windows and the headlight cover since Bertha is not the youngest of buses. Before long, though, she will be good as new.

**Thanks for your caring.**

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# BYNUM *United Methodist Church*

I have been given this brief opportunity to officially introduce myself to the Bynum community and would like to begin by thanking the community for such a warm welcome since my arrival on July 1st. It doesn't take long to figure out this is a special place be!

I come to you from Kenansville, NC, a recent graduate of North Carolina Wesleyan College and a newly admitted graduate student of Duke Divinity School. I have been married for 19 wonderful years to my husband Dean and together we have a son, Evan, 18 and a daughter Ashlynn, 15. I am thrilled to have this opportunity to learn, grow and minister alongside the people of Bynum UMC and its community. Our doors are open to any looking for a place to worship and I look forward to meeting many more from the community in the weeks to come. Again, thank you for your hospitality and may God bless and keep you.

*Valerie Hardison*

## NC STATE PARKS NATURAL AREA *A Flying Thud!*

The Lower Haw State Natural Area contains many creatures, and I made the acquaintance of one, the other night. I was close to the river and something with some size to it, flew into me. At first, I thought it was a bat; it left, and landed with a thud next to me. I went to take a photograph and the flash revealed what truly hit me in the dark.

Light brown color body with its length of almost 2 inches, and with brown and black wings folded over its back -- 4 inches long. That is not what I noticed first. The mandible of the male is what I saw first; longer than half the length of his body. Next to him was three others and one being a female. Her mandibles were shorter, but more stout, and looked as if the bite would hurt. The male uses these to aid in mating and the female to defend herself; for they do not feed the few days they are in the adult form. It was the largest non-lepidopteran insect found in or near the Haw River. They were the Dobsonfly *Corydalus cornutus*.

The Dobsonfly hatch in the piedmont region is from mid-summer to early fall at night. They mate and lay eggs in cluster of 8,000 or more on the underside of leaves close to running water. The eggs hatch and the larva drops to the water. The larva, called hellgrammites are the top predator of the macro invertebrates in the river and can be found under rocks and tree limbs.

Hope you enjoy the rest of summer, discovering all that can be found.

*Written By: Ranger J. McIntyre*

## HAW RIVER ASSEMBLY

It's the 25th year of the Haw River Learning Celebration for fourth graders! It all started back in 1990 here in Bynum with Louise Kessel, the Haw River Assembly and some amazing Bynum folks (including Cynthia Raxter!) Volunteers camped out on the old mill property and each day took visiting 4th graders from area schools down to the river along the trail on the Duke Forest land for adventures in learning about the river, wildlife and people of our watershed. Now, 25 years later, we are still holding this wonderful field trip but the land is part of the State Natural Area. The 3 weeks of adventure on the river will start September 20 in Bynum then moves upriver for a week in Saxapahaw and a final week north of Greensboro, ending October 10.

**We need all the help we can get!** We'll be setting up again at the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. The students come for a day field trip but volunteers are needed to help with EVERYTHING – including field camp set-up and breakdowns, trucks to help us move (we move from Bynum to Saxapahaw to Guilford Co, over the 3 weeks) and cooks! We need river lovers, musicians and puppeteers and most of all we need folks who would love to be a guide for delighted children along the banks of the Haw. We'll teach you what you need to know about water quality, water critters, wildlife and more – and we'll learn from you! For those that love camping you can join us in a tent for the whole week!

Will your rising 4th grader go to Pittsboro Elementary or Perry Harrison School? Ask their teacher to sign up for this great field trip. Homeschoolers are welcome too. Everything you need to know is on our website at [www.hawriver.org](http://www.hawriver.org) or call our program coordinator Tracy DeVoe at 919 542-5790 [tracy@hawriver.org](mailto:tracy@hawriver.org). Or just stop by and say hi – we're at 199 Bynum Hill.



One of the Bynum Community Garden's youngest members, Liam Spotz, holds up his first carrot harvest!



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

- 5 **FUNDRAISER Performance** – by the BFP saturday morning pickers 7 – 9pm (Giraffe raffle ticket drawing at half break)
- 13 **BFP Pickin'** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 13 **BFP BINGO** doors open at 6:30pm
- 20 **BBQ Cook Off** – join us for a community fun day 3 – 7pm
- 27 **BFP Pickin'** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm

## OCTOBER

**ORDERS BEGIN**– Christmas Trees, Garland & Wreaths. [www.bynumfrontporch.org](http://www.bynumfrontporch.org)

- 11 **BFP Pickin'** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 11 **BFP BINGO** doors open at 6:30pm
- 25 **BFP Pickin'** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 31 **PUMPKINS** – come carve a pumpkin for display on the Bynum bridge at dusk (free)

## NOVEMBER

- 8 **BFP Pickin'** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 8 **BFP BINGO** doors open at 6:30pm
- 15 **Work Day** – come along and help out
- 22 **BFP Pickin'** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm

**ORDERS DUE**– Christmas Trees, Garland & Wreaths. [www.bynumfrontporch.org](http://www.bynumfrontporch.org)

- 29 **PICK-UP** – Christmas Trees, Garland & Wreaths 9am-1pm (Community Open House)

## DECEMBER

- 13 **BFP Pickin'** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 13 **BFP BINGO** doors open at 6:30pm
- 14 **BFP KIDS** Holiday Party 3 -5pm
- 27 **BFP Pickin'** Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm

## CHRISTMAS TIMES-A- COMING!

Continue your family tradition or start a new one. Bynum Front Porch will be offering fresh NC Frasier Fir Trees again this year.

Ordering will be open in early October. Pick of trees & our Open House will be November 29. Keep watching our website for ordering information!

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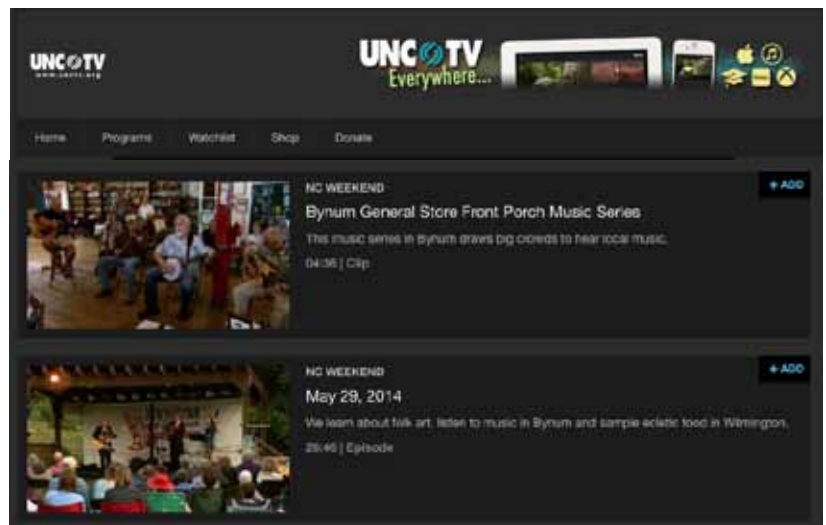
## Ways you can help

- \* Volunteer on one of the BFP Committees
- \* Donate Items from the BFP Wish List
- \* Join as a Corporate Sponsor
- \* Buy your Christmas Tree, Wreath & Garland from BFP

## Wish List

- \* Landscape Timbers
- \* Licensed Electrician – the building and stages could use some donated skills from a licensed electrician
- \* Solar Powered Lights

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