

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

29 BFP Bollywood BINGO! Doors open 6:30pm

SEPTEMBER

- 4 BFP Education Fundraiser with BFP Pickin'
- 8 CUB SCOUT Round Up at Evergreen UMC 7pm
- 12 CUB SCOUT Roundup at Briar Chapel 3-5pm
- 12 BFP Pickers Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 12 Bynum Fun Day & Cook Off at the Store 2-5pm
- 12 CUB SCOUT Round Up - Join
- 19 Ruritan Club Chicken Supper
- 26 BFP Pickers Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 26 Start Thinking Christmas

OCTOBER

- 1 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
- 10 BFP Pickers Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 24 BFP Pickers Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 24 BFP Halloween BINGO! Doors open 6:30pm
- 31 Pumpkins on the bridge, and Ruritan refreshments starting 6:30pm

NOVEMBER

- 14 BFP Pickers Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 14 Ruritan Club Fish Fry
- 28 BFP Pickers Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 28 Christmas Tree Pick-up, Open House & Bynum Bazaar 11am-1pm

DECEMBER

- 12 Kids Holiday Party
- 12 BFP Pickers Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 19 Christmas Show with Bobby Gales 7-9pm
- 26 BFP Pickers Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm

JANUARY 2016

- 9/23 BFP Pickers Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 23 Ruritan Club Spaghetti Supper

FEBRUARY 2016

- 13/27 BFP Pickers Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm

MARCH 2016

- 12/26 BFP Pickers Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm
- 27 Ruritan Club Easter Sunrise Breakfast 7am

APRIL 2016

- Clydefest is Coming
- 9/23 BFP Pickers Acoustic round circle 10am-1pm

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Ways you can help

- * Volunteer on one of the BFP Committees
- * Donate Items from the BFP Wish List
- * Join the team as a Corporate Sponsor

Wish List


- * Licensed electrician for work in store
- * Solar Powered Lights

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BYNUM front porch



newsletter

17th Issue † August 2015

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.

BYNUM at a glance

Hatches

April 26 - Parents Jill Reemsnyder & Andy McMahan, big sister Nora welcomed Forrest John McMahan

Matches

May 30th Craig Grenier & Amanda Cox were married

Dispatches

**Charles Ray Ellis
Mary Ellis
Emily Williams Meacham**

Robert "Bobby" O'Dell Beal

Newbies

Gina Beau & family

Rebecca Bierhoff

Cody Charland

Mimi Dreifuss

Cary & Erin Kolat & children Zoe, Gracie, Ryder

Kellyn & Jordan Haight

Jimmy Magoo

Sarah Osborne & Austin McCombie

Katie Lee Scherer

Matt Spangler

Fare-thee-well (moving):

Liz Sanders & Joe Dawson

Jonathan Harrison

BYNUM Artist Highlight

Diane Swan

www.facebook.com/diane.swan.galleries

Watching the trees
Dance
In entangled embrace
She so wanted
To be wild
She sank into the painting
With the sensual edges
Of torn thin trees
Playing in their form
And colors
She walked back over months
In and out of weeks
And through a day
And into the night
Content in her own self

Dragging the moon behind her.

Thanks to the Wild Thing, Maurice Sendak

I've worked as a cabinetmaker in this area for 35 years. I've been an artist since I was born. My work developed its own signature. My style evolved from my love of curves and soft edges. The world is full of beauty and movement. Physical limitations the last 10 years have allowed me to move in my art in ways that I can't move physically anymore. Thus back to more painting and smaller wood pieces. My paintings, like my wood pieces, include texture and overlaying torn paper (wood). My pencil portraits flowed into more abstract renderings. I let wood, paper, and color lead the way, and what emerges is but an image from an entire dream.

My work will be on the 2015 Chatham Studio Tour at my shop that I share with other women artists at 758 Ravens Lane in Pittsboro. Most of my paintings are in my home. Let me know if you want to come by and see them.

And thanks to my neighbor Clyde Jones, whom I've known for 35 years, for inspiring wild art from the soul, showing the healing in creating, and bringing a smile wherever he goes.

Picking Highlight

Mark your calendar for the **Bynum Front Porch Pickers Fundraising Show** on Friday, September 4! The night will start with a pre-show inside from 6:15 to 6:50. Then we will move outside (fingers crossed for sunshine) for the main performance. We would like to encourage you come join in for the pre-show opener! **All proceeds from the performance will support the BFP Education Grant fund.** Each May, we present a \$1000 education grant to two outstanding Chatham County seniors planning to attend college.

Throughout the year, the BFP Pickers meet every 2nd & 4th Saturdays from 10am to about 12-1pm, and all levels of expertise are invited to join them for their jam sessions. Join in with your instrument and voice, or just come listen. Please make plans to attend the Sept. 4 fundraiser and give our Pickers support for their efforts to add to the Grant awards.



Dragging the Moon behind her
Acrylic, torn paper, and modeling paste on canvas.
Spring 2015.



Bynum Street NameSakes

Ever wonder about the street names here in Bynum? Sure, some of them are obvious - Bynum Church, Bynum Beach and such. But some streets are named for past and present residents of Bynum village. Here's a few strolls down memory lane to keep in mind as you drive or walk along the roads of Bynum.

More Bynum Street Name Highlights in the April 2016 edition.



CHARLIE FIELDS ROAD

Reverend Charlie & Lessie Fields lived right inside the curve where the road turns to run parallel to the river. Martha Collins is their niece.



WHEELER ROAD

Clarence "Jack" & Helen Richardson Wheeler and their sons James Elton & Jeffery Jerome Wheeler lived in the house to the left down Wheeler Road. Prior to the Wheelers, it was the Kemp Knight homeplace.



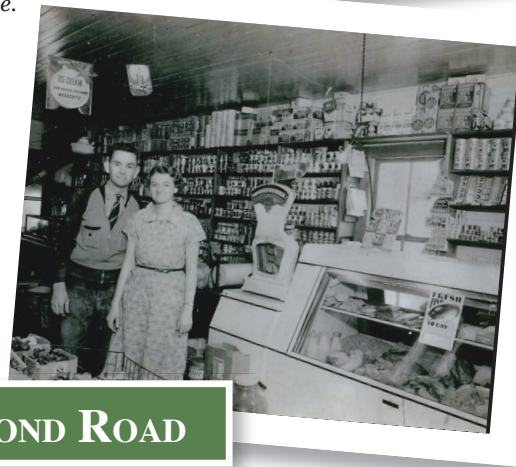
Mr. Henry Hearne & wife Elsie built and lived in the house at the top of Hearne Road where the curve takes a sharp left, then right. Mr. Hearne was a carpenter and contractor by trade, but was also a master at making BBQ and Brunswick Stew. He built a restaurant behind



HEARNE ROAD

his house (now apartments) and served supper on Wednesday & Friday nights. He built eleven houses on his property, mainly for family.

Other of his buildings were successful businesses: The Hot Dog Stand at the mill (still standing), what was known as The El Reo Restaurant (on 15-501 in the curve near B&J's Landscaping), Henry's Restaurant, Allen & Son (known at the time as Hearne's Tastee Freeze), the Corner Exxon, and Hearne's Restaurant in Pittsboro (now known as Virlies).



WILLIAMS POND ROAD

Gurney "Sleepy" & Ruth Williams lived in the first house on right on Williams Pond Rd. They ran the Bynum General Store and welcomed all.



Wow! The garden is in full production mode as this is being written, with all kinds of delicious vegetables clinging to vines and bushes. It is especially nice to see so many red and yellow tomatoes after the somewhat disappointing tomato season last year, and we have never had such an abundance of blackberries. Hope you got some, they were delicious!

With all the produce now coming in, we are happy to report that we have begun regular deliveries of veggies to CORA. Thanks to the gardeners who work the "edible wall" and donate veggies from their personal plots.

And thanks to everyone who participated in the garden's plant sale, as we continue to raise funds to paint the rusty windows and doors and replace broken glass in the garden's storage building. We hope to have this done by Spring of 2016.

Our Spring Potluck at the garden was a lot of fun. Gardeners and neighbors gathered on a Sunday evening in late May for food and socializing. One attendee, Leela Ellis, described the event this way:

"Thanks to all for such a wonderfully sweet and peaceful "garden party"! Wow! Strawberry pie, delicious and differing pasta salads, cookies that disappeared at the speed of lightening, strawberry-rhubarb crisp, scalloped potatoes, and baked beans and white beans -- and really fine stuff that disappeared as rapidly as it was placed on the table. And did I mentioned that Bruce manned the grill to perfection -- a standard described by Sally as 'almost black, but not quite'. Difficult but delicious! Beautiful children grilling marshmallows for s'mores, and of course Clyde adding spice, and Maggie adding calm, centered peace and Larry as an invisible but very aware master of everything. And did I mention everyone who I have not mentioned yet? Also the condiments, the chips, the drinks, the ice and everything I have not managed to mention. And a story of feathers and light brought by AjaThank you everyone for a gently lovely afternoon!"

Our Fall potluck is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 11

FREE MULCH up for Grabs

The mulch in front of the old C.E. Durham store (that's near the corner of Bynum Road & Durham Eubanks Rd.) should be ready for your yards & gardens. Most of it has aged for a year now. Please feel free to come and take a load or several loads for FREE.

Girl Scout Troop 1006

Troop 1006 had a very exciting Spring. Thank you to the whole Bynum community for supporting us in our annual Girl Scout Cookie sale in January. We had our best year ever, selling enough cookies to fund a camping trip and needed supplies for this year. Community service is an essential part of the scouting experience and Troop 1006 chose to have three community service projects. We collected donations and made family welcome baskets for new guests of the Chapel Hill Ronald McDonald house. The girls also helped the Haw River Assembly in their annual River Clean-up, a project very dear to the girls. And this summer, many of the girls started helping Lesley Matthews in the Bynum Community Garden to raise vegetables for local food banks. This was the final Brownie year for the girls, and the troop bridged to Juniors, a significant achievement in the scouting experience. We look forward to the Fall when the girls will begin planning larger projects and sharing our activities with the Bynum community.

Bynum Ruritan Club

The next meeting of the Ruritan Club will be Tuesday, Sept. 8. Please come share a covered dish supper with us and learn more about what we do and want to accomplish for our community. We are a community oriented organization and use suppers to raise money. Our next supper will be September 19 (Fried Chicken) from 4-7pm. Check the BFP calendar for future suppers and come have a meal with us and support our community, meet new neighbors, re-connect with old friends, and enjoy companionship.

THE HAW RIVER Canoe & Kayak Co

Greetings from The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co. We are seeking someone to run the Bynum Outpost. Interested individuals should contact us at 336/260-6465. We are organizing for fall and winter whitewater kayak and canoe instruction while still renting boats and guiding a few natural history-based trips upriver of the dam in Bynum.

This summer we ran our third successful year of Adventure/Paddle Camps in Bynum. The Camps are open to 10 to 15 year olds and are from 9:00 am till 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. We will be running the camps again in 2016, so if you have an interest, please do not hesitate to contact us for more information.

See you on the river.



Bear Cub Scouts of Pack 951

In June, the Bear Cub Scouts of Pack 951 led by Eric Davis and Barclay Spatz got to take a cool zip line trip through the woods of Asheboro. They earned the trip by reaching their goal for scout fundraising for the 2014-2015 year. The Richland Creek zip-lining crew were awesome hosts to our den, and all the scouts (and parents) had a blast !!!



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Giving Back to Chatham County: Foster Parents Needed

Have you ever wanted to give back to your local community, but aren't sure where to start? Sadly, there are times when a child's immediate safety cannot be ensured in their own home and Social Services must intervene and work with the family to remedy the concerns. Last year 36 children from Chatham County found themselves in such a situation and needed safe, caring, temporary homes. Currently, Chatham County Department of Social Services has less than 30 licensed foster homes, many of which are already full providing care for Chatham County foster children. When a Chatham County foster home cannot be located for a child in need, the child is often placed in another county removing the child from their home, school, and community which can be very confusing and upsetting to a child.

To become a foster parent you must attend a 30 hour training course, MAPP (Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting), as well as participate in interviews and home visits with a licensing social worker to ensure the family can maintain a safe, supportive environment for a child to call home while they are in foster care. Foster care is often a short-term situation, as all attempts are made to reunify a child with their natural family; however there are cases in which reunification is unsuccessful and children are in need of a lifetime commitment through adoption. Our next scheduled MAPP (Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) training will be held starting on Thursday, August 27, 2015 from 6pm to 9pm and will run for ten consecutive weeks ending on October 29, 2015.

If you are interested, or know someone who is interested, in learning more about becoming a foster parent please contact Katelyn Cannizzaro at 919-642-6953 or by e-mail at katelyn.cannizzaro@chathamnc.org. Remember: you don't have to be perfect to be a perfect parent!



The United Methodist Church

Meet Bynum UMC's New Pastor: Cody Ray Charland

Hi, my name is Cody. I grew up here in Chatham and even spent a few years in Bynum! I just moved from Seattle, WA where I was a youth worker at a Methodist church in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. I went to graduate school in Pasadena, CA at Fuller Seminary and Wilmington, NC for college at UNCW.

I've been so impressed by the Bynum Front Porch crew and what happens on Friday nights. I love the diversity of genres and bands from week to week. To have a thriving and healthy music scene is quite the luxury in this old cotton mill village!

Stop by the parsonage (774 Bynum Rd) anytime I'm home to say hello! My church office is now in the former dining room and you're welcome to look at and critique all my books and play with my Australian Shepherd, Peter Pablo; and yes, he's named after my favorite NC rap artist.



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"If y'all are not checking out the bingo games you are missing out on some great fun!" -Prom Night BINGO Attendee

Give Me Some Space! Need a place to do your thing? The Bynum General Store is open!

Planning a private party or function? Looking for a place to hold that yoga class or crafting circle? The ole Bynum General Store & Post Office is available for community use for events such as meetings, birthdays, anniversaries, or other parties, etc. If you live or own a house in the village south of the pedestrian bridge on Bynum Rd, Bynum Beach Rd, or Hearne Rd or north of the pedestrian bridge along Bynum Rd to Hwy 15-501 you can reserve the store for free. Nearby Chatham County neighbors or the wider community can reserve the store for a \$50 fee to cover related costs of operation and to help support Bynum Front Porch's educational grants.

For more information, a copy of the Building Use Agreement, and to check dates for availability, contact bynumfrontporch@gmail.com and include your contact information, description of event, date, time and potential number of guests. Someone from the Bynum Front Porch Programming Committee will reply.

Bynum is special in so many ways. Bynum Front Porch looks forward to sharing the space with you!



How Do You Spell Fun(d)? B-I-N-G-O! Best Game in Town Just Got Better

That's right, Bynum BINGO is baaaaaacccccckkkkkk! It's been revamped and re-amped to crank up the fun – and the funds it raises for Bynum Front Porch educational grants. In 2015, we switched to a quarterly BINGO schedule, and each event is themed and organized in partnership with another local non-profit. We decorate and encourage all to dress for each game's theme! So get ready to mark those cards, laugh, win prizes, and maybe even dance a little... all while supporting local good causes! Watch the Bynum list serv, www.BynumFrontPorch.org, and the newsletter calendar for more details on future games.

Next Up:

Jai Ho! or BIN-GO!? Why Not Both??
Bollywood BINGO – August 29, 7-9pm, doors open at 6:30.

Partnered by Chatham Literacy Council
Dress to impress in your best Bollywood attire – trust us, you won't be sari!

Coming soon:

Halloween BINGO
Saturday, October 24, 7-9pm, doors open at 6:30.
Partnered by FACES of Chatham County

Please keep the following in mind as you request use of the store:

- Alcohol is not allowed in the store or on the property.
- Events should not begin before 9am and must be finished by 9pm.
- You are responsible for cleaning up after your event and for any damage that may occur.
- A Building Use Agreement Form will be supplied with the further details / instructions.



Bynum P.O. BOXES

Please remember that our Bynum P.O. Box kiosk is in continual danger of being closed and the **Bynum Zip Code lost forever**. If you are considering discontinuing the use of your P.O. Box, please pass the key to someone else to use your box number. The more active P.O. Boxes that are maintained, the less likely Bynum will lose the zip code, and other neighbors can keep their addresses, so that rural delivery mail boxes at residences will not have to be installed.

More info: Martha Collins, 919-542-7399.

Think Christmas!! What?? Christmas in August!

Well, it's not too late to start making plans to purchase your Christmas tree from Bynum Front Porch. Mark your calendars to get your order in as we will start taking orders starting on October 1. Our trees are always fresh, cut just a few days before our pick up date on November 28, from 11am-1pm. We have some exciting plans for our Open House that takes place on the same day!!

Bynum Bazaar

First Annual Holiday Pop-Up Shop
at the General Store

Saturday, November 28, 11 am – 1 pm

This year the Bynum Front Porch will hold its first Holiday Pop-up Shop! The Bynum Bazaar will take place during Christmas tree pick-up and will feature local artists, crafters, and quality vintage vendors. You'll be able to get your Christmas tree and the presents to go under it all at the same time and place, and while enjoying a friendly, festive atmosphere (and, we hear, Miss Martha's Famous Cracker Stew, too!)

Interested in being a vendor? We're looking for local artisans and quality vintage vendors to participate. You'll reap the benefits of holiday-spirited shoppers as people come to pick up pre-ordered Christmas trees. Table spaces cost just \$10, and all of those proceeds will go to help fund Bynum Front Porch activities and grants. If you are interested in participating, contact us at bynumfrontporch@gmail.com.

Ho-Ho-Ho!!

Haw River ASSEMBLY

The Learning Celebration is a three-week environmental education program held at sites along the river in Bynum, Saxapahaw and Camp Guilrock each Fall. Volunteers lead 4th graders through hands-on exploration of the riverside – and the wonders of the life of the forest and waters. Learning Stations include nature art, stream ecology, river monitoring, and wildlife -- there's also a puppet show and concert! Since 1990, over 40,000 children have come to learn and have fun. All activities inspire students to think about how human actions affect the river and all life that depends on it – including us! About 1400 4th grade students take part each year, along with about 100 volunteers who act as guides, teachers and support.

The program couldn't happen without our amazing volunteers, and we hope you will consider being one this year. We will be in Bynum, down by the river, from Sunday, Sept 20 to Friday, Sept 25. School Programs are offered Tuesday through Friday. You can come for a day (or more) or camp with us for a week. Families with children are welcome to volunteer – we have a job for everyone! No experience is necessary; we offer trainings and co-volunteers for those who are new. We also need volunteers to help us move equipment (trucks needed!) and with set-up and breakdown.

Learn all about it on our website, which includes a short video, lots of information and an on line registration form. Go to <http://hawriver.org/projects/4th-grade-field-trip/>. You can also call us at 919- 542-5790 – or stop by and chat with us at the Haw River Assembly office at 199 Bynum Hill. Join a wonderful community of volunteers as in this amazing and memorable experience --sharing the wonders of the river with children!

Look forward to hearing from you!

Elaine Chiosso, Haw Riverkeeper, Tracy DeVoe, Watershed Education Coordinator and all of us at the Haw River Assembly.

