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newsletter

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 1800s.

Bynum Front Porch Awards the 2017 Educational Grants

Every year The Bynum Front Porch raises funds to offer two \$1000 grants to graduating seniors in Chatham County. Both grants are given for exceptional achievement and community participation. One grant focuses on students who plan to pursue a career in art, while the other is awarded to a member of the Chatham County AVID Program.

Mya Marsh is the AVID Grant recipient and Tatyana Barrett the Arts Grant recipient.

Mya Marsh has been selected for the Bynum Front Porch's AVID Education Grant. She is a senior at Chatham Central High School in Bear Creek. In addition to being on the A or A/B honor roll all four years, Mya is also a member of the Beta club. She is also a volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club of Central Carolina, is active in her church and has worked a part time job for the past two years. After graduating from Chatham Central, Mya plans to attend Central Carolina Community College to become a dental hygienist.

The Bynum Front Porch Art Grant committee selected Tatyana Barrett for the 2017 Art Grant, from among many exceptional applicants. Ms Barrett's willingness to experiment and express raw emotion speaks to both her courage and maturity as an artist. Some of her pieces brought to mind other great artists such as Frieda Kahlo and Salvador Dali, while still retaining originality. Tatyana will be attending UNC Asheville.



Mya Marsh receiving her AVID grant from Matt Porter and John Winecker.



Mya Marsh celebrating her accomplishment with her Mom and little brother!

Tatyana Barrett receiving the Bynum Front Porch Arts Grant from Diane Swan and Ken Tunnell



Bynum Ruritans Award Grants

In May, the Ruritan Club of Bynum awarded two \$500 grants to graduates of Northwood HS. The grant awards went to Kathy Boone & Shelby Hatcher, who are both from Bynum. The Ruritans, were proud to present this award to two of our hometown residents who will be continuing their education. Congrats Kathy & Shelby! The Ruritans are proud of you.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY?

Or August or September?

No, but it is not too early to start thinking about ordering your Christmas Tree from Bynum Front Porch. Sales will begin in late September/early October and continue thru November 18. As soon as we get prices, they will be posted on our website at bynumfrontporch.org and in flyers that you will see around town and beyond. Our trees are always fresh Frazier Firs, cut only a few days before delivery. Pick up time is Saturday, November 25, 10am-1:30pm.

You can join us for our Open House & enjoy refreshments and also shop for one-of-a-kind gifts at our pop-up shops. As always, proceeds will benefit BFP and its' programs, especially our Grants to Chatham County students that plan to continue their education. In the past you have helped us raise enough to support at least one of our \$1000 grants!!!!



CALL FOR CRAFTERS AND ARTISTS

It's about time to think about joining BFP for our Pop-Up Shop on November 25, 10am-1:30pm. Reserve your space today!!! All crafters and artists are welcome!!

Contact: Martha Collins,
martha.bynum1@gmail.com

Amazon Smile

Remember to shop at Smile.Amazon.com and let Amazon and your shopping donate to Bynum Front Porch.

Volunteers Needed for the Haw River Learning Celebration!

The Haw River Assembly's unique three-week riverside educational program for 4th graders, the Learning Celebration, kicks off this fall in Bynum on September 23rd! We are currently seeking volunteers to support the program! Each day of the program children from schools located in the Haw River watershed come out to the Haw River for an educational field trip. Volunteers guide small groups of 4th graders through activities that explore the woods and river through hands-on experiences. For many of the children, this is their first experience hiking through a forest and along a river. Haw River Assembly provides on-site training and orientation - no previous experience is necessary! The Learning Celebration will be in Bynum at the Lower Haw River State Natural Area from Sept 23rd-29th, then it moves to Saxapahaw and Camp Guilrock in October. In addition to volunteering on-site, there are lots of other ways to help. Sign up to provide a meal for volunteers, or donate to our Crowdfunder to help us raise \$5,000 needed to keep the Learning Celebration flowing!

For more information and to get involved visit:
<http://hawriver.org/projects/4th-grade-field-trip/>
or email Haw River Learning Celebration Coordinator, Erin Jobe
at erin@hawriver.org or call the office 919-542-5790.



Bynum Artist Spotlight

Jan Burger

I remember a picture of a dragon my brother, who was a couple of years older, did when I was four. Black and purple, wingless and fierce, I was enthralled. I wanted to draw, and I didn't know how to start. I channeled the intense boredom I felt in afterschool into worlds created with pencil, mouse knights, monsters, and tracings of Disney characters from books.

My brother and I drew together, making comics and games on paper that added layers of story and of the unknown, to our graphite worlds. School didn't agree with me and, finding myself a young twenty year old, I ran off to join the circus, The Bread and Puppet Domestic Resurrection Circus, a fifty year old theater that mixes radical thoughts with some of the world's largest and most beautiful paper mache figures.

Twenty-four years later I am still at it with my own company, Paperhand Puppet Intervention. Come and see us at the Forest Theatre in Chapel Hill this August. A few years ago, I fulfilled a lifelong dream and went back to school, to the Center for Cartoon Studies.



Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area

Grant for Lower Haw Trails Master Plan

Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area has been selected to receive a \$25,000 grant from Triangle Community Foundation to support the Lower Haw Trails Master Plan project. This project is made possible with a grant from Triangle Community Foundation's Support for Places: Environmental Conservation Awareness program. Although informal use by hikers and paddlers has occurred for years, this state natural area is considered undeveloped by State Parks since there are no authorized land and paddle trails. The grant will be used to develop a trails master plan over the next year for the Lower Haw River State Natural Area to plan for future sustainable development of official hiking and paddle trails and amenities. The grant will provide funding to hire consultants to develop the trails master plan in collaboration with State Parks, Friends of Lower Haw River, and other stakeholders including the general public. The planning process will include a series of stakeholder meetings and produce a final report with concept maps showing proposed trails, canoe launches, and amenities. More information about the planning process will be publicized this fall.



Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area is operating as a local chapter of Friends of State Parks, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. This state natural area consists of 1,025 acres owned by State Parks along both sides of the Haw River in Chatham County from above US 15-501 to below US 64 at Jordan Lake. It is home to a variety of wildlife and plants, beautiful rugged scenery, and the best white water paddling in the Piedmont. Visit www.lowerhaw.org to learn more about Friends of Lower Haw.



The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co. will be entering our thirteenth season in 2018 and remain committed to our Outpost in Bynum. We were lucky in 2017 to have two dedicated Outpost Coordinators, Hunter Copeland and Jaun Phillips, and thank them for a job well done. It is a difficult job to operate out of the Highway 15-501 parking lot next to the bridge in Bynum especially during the summer months. Perhaps it is best to describe the job as nothing less than brutally hot. It takes a special person to deal with both the heat and the physical demands of carrying canoes and kayaks up and down the hill to what is sometimes a very muddy put-in.

In the past, we have waited until May of each year to begin operations in Bynum. Our plan for 2018 is to begin in April with both self-guided trips where we provide all the equipment needed and guided trips where we throw in a knowledgeable guide with

a passion for introducing guests to the plants, birds and wildlife found upriver of the dam. We hope to continue working with partners like the Haw River Assembly, Chatham County Parks & Recreation and the Carolina Brewery to introduce people to the Haw River.

Finally, we opened our River Shop in Saxapahaw in 2017 and began selling both new and used canoes, kayaks, paddling and hiking gear and nature-based art. We will be having a used canoe and kayak sale in October and another in late March/early April. Come on by and check us out. You just might find the perfect holiday gift or what you need to get out on the river to enjoy what is in your backyard.

Joe Jacob
www.hawrivercanoe.com • 336/260-6465

Bynum Front Porch **Storytelling**



We're starting again in September. Here's a tale to get your ready.

Bynum Unedited Lowdown-Lore Salutes Historic Infamous Tragedy

On a September morn in 2008 – four men gathered to release a rather large, rusted metal gear discovered on the floor of the cold Haw River. Dan, Ken, Larry & Luke strained muscles and laughed a lot as they lifted it out on the custom astro-turf coated stretcher and then onto a yellow all-terrain wagon.

Matt Z had already towed a wooden and metal axle shaft to be stored at the back of the Bynum General Store. Perhaps they were once part of the cotton mill, partners to make the old carding, combing and spinning machines run - or were they, as folklore told, from the mid 1800s and the infamous paddle-wheeler Edmund S Bynum?

Corkey said, "If you Google "the Edmund Bynum", there is a passenger list with both survivors and those lost. It sank during the flood on April 1, 1876 after striking the Speed Rock which is now found just upriver from the Bynum Pedestrian bridge. Many of the local residents made heroic attempts to save the passengers. Some of those rescued remained in the village, becoming residents and marrying into the local populace; no doubt raising the educational level and probably other items but no studies were ever done to substantiate this. While no gold was ever found and reported as such, there were a number of locals from that time that changed their lifestyles and exhibited numerous displays of affluence and wealth. Some even moved to Pittsboro." It was also rumored that the cargo of Henry Hearnes' Rabbits of Unusual Size paid no small part in the captain and crew being distracted.

Luke found an article "...in the Chicago Sun-Times! ...It marked the 25th anniversary of the wreck. As was typical in that day, a poem had been written that described the event."

On a night dark as coal
with Saxapahaw as her goal
steamed the great ship The Edmund S. Bynum.

A great paddle wheel
made of wood and of steel
traveled North up the Haw. What a Fine one!

Soon the rain overwhelmed
and Sir Ed at the helm
said "boys, hold your hats, for our time's come".

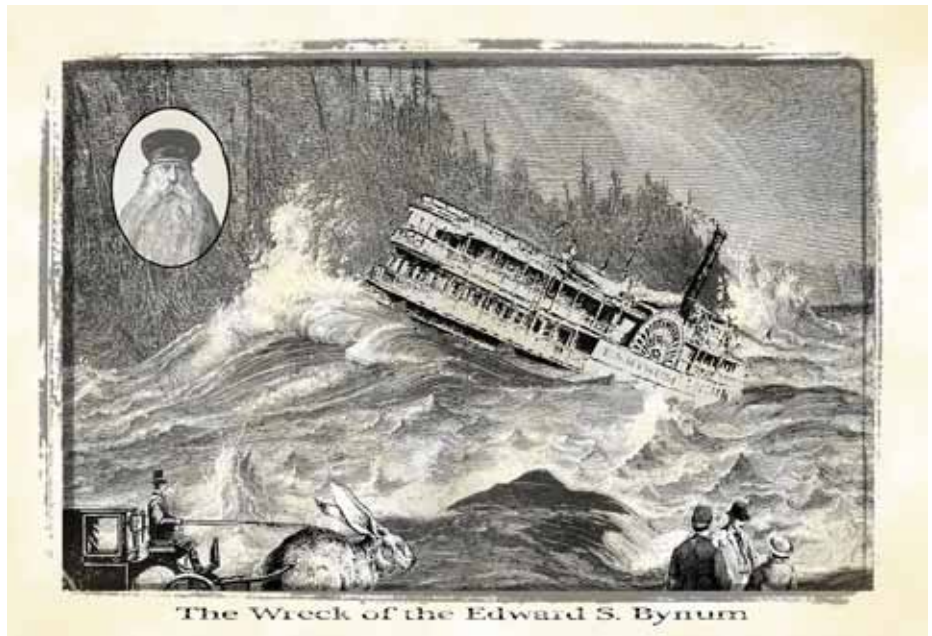
The great girl she knocked
as she split on Speed Rock
spilling gold, spilling blood, spilling nylons.

As the villagers looked on
all hope soon was gone
then emerged ol' Eddie S. Bynum

"Ne'r again will I call
a single ship up the Haw"
and with that the poor Captain sat cryin'.

And still to this day
that old Captain now grey
He waits on the shore of his Bynum.

Searching far, searching near
for the gold, or a gear,
of the Famous old Edmund S. Bynum."



Ken also found song lyrics, this time written in the 1970's, that paid homage to the captain and crew of the Edward S Bynum:

The wreck of the Edward S. Bynum

The legend lives on from the swimming hole on down
Of the big rock they call Gitche Speedee.
The River it's said never gives up her dead
When the hard rains of April come early.

With a load of gold ore – 26 ounces or more
Than the Edward S. Bynum weighed empty.
River Brown brew and some Bull Durham chew
Plus two tons of rabbit so meaty.

The ship was the pride of the North Chatham side
Heading down to Wilmington city.
As the paddle wheels go it was called somewhat slow
Since it's drive-gear weighed only 150

Commencing its run with the loading all done
They launched out from Wilkinson harbor.
As soon as they did the spring skies turned to dread
And the rain it came mighty then harder.

The wind at the bridge made its old cover cringe
As the river broke over the piling.
And all the crew knew, as the Captain did too
You can't steer when the river's a-boiling.

The cry came too late from the bowman's seat
That Speed Rock was furiously nearing.
Rudder was jammed and the paddle wheel slammed
Then the gear-box began to start shearing.

They passed Bynum Beach with a 20 foot breach
Goin' 50 knots into the mill banks.
At 7 pm the port gunwales caved in
As she split Magic Rock into two shanks.

The Captain shouted out that there was no amount
Of good luck that could save them from dyin',
And as she keeled o'er and was seen no more
Came the wreck of the Edward S. Bynum.

Does anyone know where the love of God goes
When the Haw turns from rippling to raging?
The millworkers say they'd have made Pea Ridge Bay
But for delays from the revenue agent.

They might have made shore or got downriver more
All the way to the Fear's wider water,
But all that remains is a gear and its frame
And the should-haves and would-haves and oughtas.

Lake Herman drains and the early spring rains
Swell the Mears, the Dry and the Quarter.
Old Buttermilk goes into Stony's strong flows
And the islands are covered with water.

And further below Terrell's creek does bestow
All the rain that Buck Mountain can send her.
And Dry Creek and Crows do not soften the blows
When April sends storms to remember.

In an old general store up the road from the shore
Lies a gear and a shaft both decaying.
To remind of a time when the Haw in its prime
Was the center of business and trading.

The legend lives on from the swimming hole on down
Of the big water called the Haw River.
The rapids can rise and bring all down to size
And don't give up their dead until never.

*Emma then unearthed the newspaper image that captured
the fate of the Edward S. Bynum!*

*The gear wheel, unfortunately, was stolen from right behind
the Bynum General Store property; but, the gear shaft still
remains within the Bynum General Store building to remind
us all of the plight the Edward S. Bynum, maybe...*

Bynum Cub Scouts **Pack 951**

Join the fun and see what local scouting is all about.

The American scouting program is a wonderful way for our boys to experience the outdoors and learn life long skills in a fun and safe environment with their peers.

Our pack meets monthly at Evergreen Church on 15/501. Individual Dens meet bi-weekly at locations that work for the individual pack families, such as Briar Chapel Community or the Bynum General Store.

We have a healthy and rewarding hiking program for all ages, with spring and fall campouts where the whole family are invited (sisters are fondly known as pixies and encouraged to join in the activities). Whether it is a Zoo-Snooze, exploring the York Town battle ship, or carving and painting their own Pinewood Derby car, all the activities are geared to teach in a fun, safe and age appropriate way.

Want to know more come to one of our recruitment parties – talk to parents, scouts and get paperwork.

August 26th - Briar Chapel Club House (6-9pm)

September 9th - The Preserve at Jordan Lake (6-8pm)

Tigers (1st grade) • contact: new cubs this year TBD

Wolves (2nd grade) • contact: John O'Tuel, jwotuel@yahoo.com

Bears (3rd grade) • contact: Justo Torres, jtor2173@hotmail.com

Webelows I (4th grade) • contact: John Ulrich, johnlcu@gmail.com

Webelows II (5th grade) • contact: Martina Kovarova, Martina@Kovars.net



Sleep With the Fishes @ NC Aquarium - fossil print t-shirts

Catch a Sure Thing @ Jordan Lake - learn to fish with a ranger.



Spring Graduation Camp @ Jordan Lake - Tigers receiving their advancement neckerchiefs to Wolves.



For more information, you can contact our
Cub Scout Master: jwotuel@yahoo.com

Our Mission:

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

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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

- Vacuum cleaner
- Licensed Electrician - The building and stages could use some donated skills.
- Solar Powered Lights
- Roofer - There are some leak areas that need attention.
- Gutters for Stage Side of Store



... at a glance

Moved In

- Haw River Assembly moved to 143 Bynum Church Rd
- Jen Banich & Gabe Spivey
- Katie & Chase Jent
- Brittany Lindsay
- Scott Vennard & Rebecca (Becky) Hoskinson

Moved Out:

- Brienne McKay & Matt Zigler and son Emmett
- Matt & Mary Ellen Spangler
- Robert Zubik (Zubie)
- Sarah Plonk & Matt Zimmerman

Matches:

- Angela Fowler and Jason Snipes married on July 8th



Bynum Post Office Boxes

GREAT NEWS BYNUM!

If you have wanted a Bynum mailing address, good news – now is the time to get one.

The postmaster at the Pittsboro Post Office has opened some of the boxes at the kiosk near the ballfield on Bynum Hill Rd. that had previously been closed.

What does this mean?

If you want a post office box, just ask to see Peter or Solita at the Pittsboro Post Office and request a box in Bynum. There will be a one-time charge of \$25 (for the new lock). When the boxes are all gone, the postmaster will consider opening more if there is interest. **Let's get them all filled up so we can maintain the 27228 zip code and keep Bynum on the map!!!**

For more information, you can contact Martha Collins at 919-357-5830 or martha.bynum1@gmail.com

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2017-2018 community calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 9 BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 9 BFP **Storytelling** 6:30-9pm
- 15 BFP Paver Campaign Ends
- 15 BFP Christmas Tree Campaign Begins - Order Now
- 16 Bynum day
- 23 BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 23-29 HRA Learning Celebration at the Lower Haw Natural Area

OCTOBER

- 14 BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 14 BFP **Storytelling** 6:30-9pm
- 28 BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 31 Pumpkin Carving *noon to dusk*

NOVEMBER

- 11 BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 11 BFP **Storytelling** 6:30-9pm
- 18 BFP Workday 10am-1pm
- 25 **Christmas** Tree Pick-up, Open House, Craft Bazaar 10am-1:30pm
- 25 BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm

DECEMBER

- 9 BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 9 BFP **Storytelling** 6:30-9pm
- 16 Bobby Gales **Annual Christmas Show**
- 23 BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm

JANUARY 2018

- 13 & 27 BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 13 BFP **Storytelling** 6:30-9pm

FEBRUARY

- 10 & 24 BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 10 BFP **Storytelling** 6:30-9pm

MARCH

- 10 & 24 BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 19 BFP **Storytelling** 6:30-9pm

APRIL

- 14 & 28 BFP Acoustic Bluegrass Round Circle Pickin' Jam 10am-1pm
- 14 BFP **Storytelling** 6:30-9pm

My Community

Volunteers Welcome
Get involved this year...

With the end of the 2017 music series soon coming to a close, we are already looking forward to the 2018 Friday Night Music Series. The 2018 shows will begin on May 4th. We are always looking for reliable folks of all ages to come and give an hour or more of your time. You can help set up chairs Fridays starting around 5:15pm. Please call **Martha Slattery** at **919-548-3316**. Student volunteer hours can be authenticated.

We have plenty of fun and you can have the opportunity to know your neighbors deeper. Hablamos espanol! Join the fun and let's have a great 2018 Friday Night Music Series!

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