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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.

2021 BFP Educational Grants Recipients



David Rodriguez



Haleigh Gilbert



Keyona Vandermark and John Winecker

Through generous donations from the community and fundraising such as the sales of Christmas trees, each year Bynum Front Porch gives three educational grants to support students' college aspirations.

The students chosen are a part of the AVID program at one of the three Chatham County high schools. AVID, which stands for Achievement Via Individual Determination, is a program that helps students who have a desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard to get there, but may not have the means or opportunity to attend college. These are often students who will be the first in their families to attend college and are from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education. AVID gives teachers and schools the tools they need to help these students succeed and get them on a path to college and, ultimately, career success.

Those selected for the 2021 educational grants are Haleigh Gilbert from Chatham County Central High School, David Rodriguez from Jordan Matthews and Keyona Vandermark from Northwood High School.

Haleigh Gilbert is a senior at Chatham Central. Much like Keyona and David, Haleigh's academic credentials are very impressive. Her senior course load: Honors English IV, Spanish II, AP US history, (dually enrolled with CCCC) World Civilizations, General Psychology, Quantitative Literacy, English 112, Introduction to Sociology, Art Appreciation. For the past two years Haleigh has also been working at Sir Pizza in Siler City. In the fall, she plans to attend the University

of North Carolina at Greensboro and major in social work. Her goal is to obtain her masters degree and work as a social worker in a hospital setting.

David Rodriguez has kept up an impressive course load during his senior year: Honors Physics, Honors Calculus, dual enrollment Music Appreciation, dual enrollment American History, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Calculus, AP Spanish Language and Culture. All this is in addition to working for the past 3 years at Bojangles. In his free time, David enjoys building cars and driving them, hopefully not too fast! When not at work or at school, he enjoys spending time with his friends and family. David plans to attend CCCC for 2 years before transferring to NC State and majoring in construction management.

Keyona Vandermark was a member of the A/B Honor Roll all 4 years of high school while taking a slew of Honors and AP courses. She was also a member of the soccer, basketball and softball teams as well as being a member of the marching band. While taking this heavy course load, she's also been working at Postal Fish Company for the past 2 years. In her free time she likes to ride horses, spend time with family, and go on hikes. Keyona is planning to attend East Carolina University in the fall and major in nursing.

On May 7, the awards were presented during a small ceremony at the Bynum General Store.

Educational Grant Recipient Committee

Some years Bynum Front Porch Educational Grant Committee can receive around 40-50 applicants. Many thanks go out to those on the Educational Grant Committees who make the hard selections each year. Thanks to the past and present Educational Grant Committee

members: Gary Angus, Linda Collura, Martha Danek, Geo DeSocio, Beth Kalb, Stacye Leanza, Dale Minge, Matt Porter, Suz Robinson, Diane Swan, Anna Wallin & John Winecker.

Recollections on the Formation of Bynum Front Porch

by Molly Matlock

Photography by Ken Meardon, <https://www.kenmeardonsphotoart.com>



In the era of big box stores and McMansions, fewer and fewer American locations offer a palpable sense of place distinguishable from any other. For me, among the ones that do are places like New Orleans, the Sea Islands of SC and GA, and the mill village of Bynum, NC. An old Bynum adage holds that “Once you get that Bynum mud between your toes, you never really leave.” Though I’ve lived in Durham since 2011, that saying rings true.

Gurney & Ruth Williams first opened the Bynum General Store in 1936 and operated it until 1946, when the Bynum Mill Village covered larger territory, and town life bustled with a textile mill, school, cinema, and a total of seven stores. Some of these venues were featured in the famed documentary footage of H. Lee Waters and referenced in oral historian Jacquelyn Dowd Hall’s book *Like a Family*. After the mill closed in 1983, many residents were forced to leave, seeking livelihoods elsewhere. Eventually, the only community centers that remained were the Bynum United Methodist Church and the Bynum General Store, which also served as the community post office.

When I first moved to Bynum in 2000, people gathered in the store daily to check their mail and to visit with one another. Since the days of the Williams’, store ownership had passed to Frank and Louise Harris (1946), Frankie Snipes Jones and then to Jerry Partin in the 1990s. It had long served as the center for community life, and the stories regularly told there were essential for acculturating newcomers like me to integrating into a community where one does not dodge one’s neighbors and where everyone is expected to take care of one another. Jerry, and his cousin, Martha Collins told me about times when, as children, they got in trouble at a friend’s house. By the time they got home, their parents already had received word, and they got punished a second time.

The first time I met the celebrated tradition-bearer of tall tales, Roy Hatley, I was intimidated. Louise Harris sat next to him as he

grilled me about my church-going habits. “None of you young folks go to church any more,” he accused. Mrs. Harris piped up and called his bluff, “Mark my word, Roy Hatley never went to church a day in his life that his mama didn’t make him.”

The Bynum community took many hits following mill closure. An arsonist set fire to the historic mill structure twice, leaving little of it to be revived, and the newcomers and original residents fought over the closure of the Bynum Bridge which kept Bynum more easily accessible to and from Highway 15-501. When I met him, Jerry Partin said that once the bridge became a walking bridge, his sales declined from \$500 per day to \$300 per week.

At the time, I was interning in the Folklife division of the NC Arts Council where my favorite assignment was helping with the Cherokee and the Blue Ridge Music Trails guidebooks. The Blue Ridge Music Trails initiative aimed at sustaining local businesses while also supporting traditional musicians and attracting tourism to locally owned music venues. It also

helped ensure longevity for the places vital to regularly convening community members around arts experiences. Such an approach seemed like a potential solution to help keep the store alive in Bynum and to encourage some neighbors, who otherwise did not, to interact.

As it turned out, Tift Merritt had lived on the outskirts of Bynum before I arrived in town in 2000. She and Jerry had already hatched the idea to launch a music series, but her career skyrocketed rapidly and she moved away. They were both gracious enough not to tell me until years later that my thoughts on the matter were far from original.

I sent an email to the Guitartown listserv explaining the series concept and requesting CD submissions from potential performers. NC artists went wild for the idea, and within two to three weeks, we were booked every Friday for a full year. That proved exhausting. So, by 2002, we limited the series to a summer season.

For some time, our crowds were small and consisted only of other Bynum neighbors. But Tommy Edwards and Tift Merritt helped us leverage their fame by performing high profile concerts attracting attendees in the many hundreds. Both continued to do this during those first years, and they helped attract other nationally and internationally renowned musician friends of theirs to the effort. A handful included Bill & Libby Hicks and Mike Craver of the original Red Clay Ramblers, John Howie, Jr., Thad Cockrell, The Big Fat Gap, Joe Newberry and Big Medicine, Trailer Bride, the Shelbys, Tony and Gary Williamson, Caitlyn Carey, the Gospel Jubilators, and so many others.

The series remained and remains a full-blown volunteer community collaboration. One neighbor in the septic tank business donated concrete septic lids for us to expand a stage. Another neighbor, who worked at UNC’s Kenan Stadium, donated

astro-turf to cover it. Many neighbors helped build the overhang that covers it, and the community has maintained the store and the stage via regular “work days” (primarily organized by Debbie and Ken Tunnell) ever since.

It’s significant too that during those early years, given that the village never incorporated, the state decided to close the Bynum Post Office and to absorb Bynum into Pittsboro. The community held meetings in the store to organize against losing another symbol of their collective identity. Senator Ellie Kinnaird advocated on Bynum’s behalf and was able to ensure that residents kept their post office boxes and that the “Bynum” name remained in their addresses. However, the boxes were moved to the baseball field, and the original mailboxes were relegated to museum fixtures inside the store (and elsewhere).

The next hit came in 2006 when Jerry realized that he was investing more of his personal finances than he could afford in order to keep the retail business afloat. The music series was well-intended, but could not generate enough added revenue to save the store. Jerry did not own the actual building. So, Martha Collins, Debbie & Ken Tunnell, Jamie Hager, Bonnie and Luke Barrow, and several other neighbors gathered in my living room to discuss options for keeping the space and music series from dying. We pooled resources and contributed personal money to continue paying rent on the space.

Around that time, Tommy Edwards and Gilda McDaniel recruited me to the directorship at ChathamArts. Tommy and Gilda and ChathamArts agreed to invest seed money to sustain our efforts. The Bynum Music Series got absorbed into the programs of ChathamArts while ChathamArts served as an umbrella organization until the community was able to launch the independent non-profit, Bynum Front Porch.



Tommy Edwards served on the board, and he and Lesley Landis helped Bynum Front Porch spearhead their need- and merit-based Educational Grant program for Chatham County high school students. Tommy continued to bring the Bluegrass Experience to the Bynum stage whenever he could, accepting a significant pay cut to ensure that the show would always go on. He taught me and us all much about how to support artists and how to encourage others to do the same.

*Warmest wishes,
Molly Matlock*

Tommy Edwards



Tommy Edwards performing on the indoor BFP stage.

In 2007, thanks to the efforts of a dedicated 18 people and the Bynum Community at large, Bynum Front Porch was formed to keep the old Bynum General Store alive as a meeting place. This year we said goodbye to one of those Founding Board of Directors, Tommy Edwards. Tommy’s leadership and heart continued to influence and support BFP throughout all the years since then. NC Governor Roy Cooper awarded Tommy the Order of the Longleaf Pine. Tommy was invaluable and will be missed.

Bynum Front Porch – Mission, Vision and Values

Mission Statement:

BFP is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the history, identity and supportive atmosphere of the village of Bynum.

Vision Statement:

Bynum Front Porch’s vision is to become a self-sustaining community organization that will attract and serve people from Bynum and the surrounding area.

Value Statement:

Bynum Front Porch – will provide to the Bynum community the opportunity to gather in a central location.



*Tommy Edwards
with Bluegrass Experience 2019
Michael Frank Photography*

Thank you to the 18 who served as BFP’s first Board of Directors with Tommy:

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| Bonnie Barrow | Dawn Porter: Co-Chair |
| Luke Barrow | Matt Porter |
| Dan Blanchette | Debbie Tunnell: Secretary |
| Martha Collins: Treasurer | Ken Tunnell |
| Clarence Durham | Marchellina Waugh |
| Tommy Edwards | John Ulrich |
| Cynthia Hermans | John Winecker |
| Molly Matlock | Ruth Winecker |
| Carrie Overgaard: Co-Chair | Matt Zigler |

News from Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area



Chatham County Commissioner Karen Howard and her son make a site visit with Friends of Lower Haw.

This year is our Friends group's 5th anniversary! We officially formed on July 30, 2016 as a local chapter of the statewide nonprofit Friends of State Parks to support the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. We began to resume some activities this year as our state began relaxing COVID-19 restrictions. We had enthusiastic teams of volunteers participate in the Haw River Clean-Up-a-Thon in March at US 15-501 and both sides of US



Our Board of Directors and team of volunteer advocates have been focusing this year on advocacy for the Lower Haw River State Natural Area (LOHA). We want

to make progress on three major goals: active management of LOHA by State Parks or Chatham County, development of sustainable land and paddle trails, and expansion of LOHA and the Haw River Trail through voluntary land acquisition and easements. We have been actively working on building and strengthening relationships with conservation partners, local and state elected officials, and State Parks. Friends of Lower Haw made site visits with Chatham County Commissioners Karen Howard and Franklin Gomez Flores and had Zoom meetings with NC Senator Valerie Foushee and NC Representative Robert Reives to discuss concerns and funding needs for LOHA.



Chatham County Commissioner Franklin Gomez Flores makes a site visit with Friends of Lower Haw.

64. We are also resuming our invasive plant species and pollinator meadow garden workdays this fall. Contact us at lowerhawevents@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.



Young Great Horned Owls look on Matt with curiosity during his through-paddle trip with Guil.

Two members of our Board of Directors, Matt Spangler and Guil Johnson, did a 3-day through-paddle this past spring of the Haw River from High Rock Ford north of Haw River State Park, down to Jordan Lake. Day 1 covered 16 miles from High Rock Road to Glencoe, Day 2 covered 17 miles from Glencoe to Saxapahaw, and Day 3 covered 22 miles from Saxapahaw to Jordan Lake. Matt took spectacular

nature photos during their trip and you can read his blog post at <https://www.spanglerwoodbirds.com/post/haw-river-through-paddle>.



Friends of Lower Haw's Matt Spangler (on left) and Guil Johnson (on right) at beginning of Haw River through-paddle trip.



The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co. would love nothing better than to re-open our Bynum Outpost, but key to such an endeavor is to find the right person to head up those operations. Ideally that person would live in the area, but has yet to step forward. The paddling season is not over, so it is not too late to get something going in

2021. For more information on what the job entails including a job description, contact us at admin@hawrivercanoe.com or give us a call at 336/260-6465.

Joe Jacob, www.hawrivercanoe.com

2021 Bynum Front Porch Board of Directors

Martha Collins (*Secretary*) • Phyllis Fleming • Ron Hatley • Kurt Hein • Chuck Leippe • Rich Levinson
Cindy Raxter • Nina Siegler (*Treasurer*) • Ken Tunnell (*Chair*) • Ted Williams

If you are interested in serving the community on the BFP Board of Directors, just talk with one of the folks listed.

History Is *Happening* Right Now!

Collaboration efforts between Bynum Front Porch and the Chatham County Historical Association

Help us preserve Bynum's history – including its recent history. The Chatham County Historical Association has requested our help in collecting photos of Bynum. Really old photos of Bynum places or people are treasures, of course, and we hope you'll share any you might have. We also want to save the history that we have lived recently – so please share photos of your childhood in Bynum, Bynum Methodist Church events, anything happening at the store or now-gone stores, Clyde and his critters, and Ruritans or Bynum Front Porch events. Who has photos of the Bynum Christmas Parade in 2015, Halloween on the bridge, ClydeFest, other happenings? We want to save them. Let us know what you can offer and we'll figure out the best way to get digital copies of your photos. We don't need your originals. Questions and photos can be sent to BynumNews@gmail.com and history@chathamhistory.org.

Examples of photos already received:

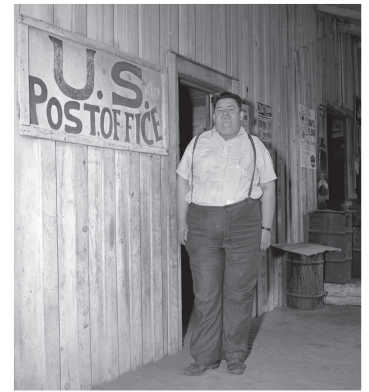
Arthur L. Smith, Bynum Postmaster 1948. Chatham boasted that it had the largest postmaster in the state – Bynum's Arthur L. Smith.

At the time of his appointment in February of that year, Chatham County boasted to local newspapers that they had "the largest postmaster in North Carolina" – with the hearty Smith weighing in at 360 lbs. Jerry Partin believes this photo could be part of the mill store, or part of the Moore store that had the Post Office in it at one time.

Several folks who grew up in Bynum remember Mr. Smith running a little store called "Fat's Place" next to the Post Office. When Mr. Smith died in 1962, Jerry Partin's father purchased the store and called it "Sid's Place."

The 22 June 1961 Chatham Record carried a story of Mr. Smith's "unusual hobby" of raising crickets for fishermen. Smith reported that the crickets were fed ordinary chicken laying mash. He noted that the brooder at his store normally contained about 2,000 grown crickets (with more in a more modern brooder at his home), and reported having sold 20,000 crickets in the first six months of 1961.

Does anyone else have memories of Mr. Smith, Fat's Place, Sid's Place, or Mr. Smith's crickets? Please share!



Arthur L. Smith, Bynum Postmaster, circa 1948. Photo from NC State Archives.



Grace and Peace

It is my profound joy to greet you. My name is Evan Smith, and I am the new student pastor at Bynum United Methodist Church. My spouse of nearly five years, Stephanie, and I moved to the Bynum parsonage in early July with our two dogs and two cats. We have been furiously unpacking, painting, and prepping a nursery for our next addition to the family – Emelia Charlotte – who will be joining us on the cusp of September and October. For the hospitality extended to us in the midst of our busyness the Smiths owe a sincere thanks to the people and community of Bynum. Your consummate kindness and warmth since our arrival has already proven y'all to be a well-engrained community!

A little bit about us: The two of us are avid, active outdoors folks. We are so excited to explore the area and the natural activities that it offers – especially with the village being so proximate to the Haw! Stephanie is a geriatric Occupational Therapist, and I am a graduate student at Duke University pursuing my Master of Divinity degree. Admittedly, I am new to Christianity, and even newer to the Methodist Church – so my ministerial style and talents are being built in flight! Though my calling came late in life, I find myself incredibly fortunate that the prevenient tugs of grace on the heart has led the Smiths to this wonderful place. We are elated to be here, and excited to work within the community. Aside from worship, I delight in both service and small-groups – the core, foundational aspects of the Methodist heritage.

Introductions aside, I wanted to take the opportunity to extend an invitation to the community concerning the on-going and

approaching events that the church will be hosting. As always, our doors are open weekly to anyone looking for worship, fellowship, and community. If you do not attend worship services anywhere, we invite you to join us on Sundays for Bible study at 10:00am, and service at 11:00am. Come as you are, we welcome all!

Additionally, as our lazy summer days come to a close, I know that your calendars will start filling up again! Bynum Methodist is no different – we look forward to hosting some community-oriented ministries and activities beginning this fall. Keep watching your Bynum email and the church's facebook for the latest on worship, ministries, events, and dates associated with the happenings of Bynum's church on the hill.

Again, Steph and I are thrilled to come alongside you in this journey of growth and discipleship for the next three years as we learn, minister, and grow (both in faith and family!) with the congregation and community of Bynum. We look forward to meeting more of y'all in the weeks to come – please snag our attention as we are walking the dogs, enjoying festivities at the Bynum Front Porch, or are out and about enjoying the village. Do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything – we are here for all of Bynum.

– Evan

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<https://www.facebook.com/bynum.church>

"Pursue the goal of peace along with everyone – and holiness as well, because no one will see the Lord without it" (Hebrews 12:14)

"Watch over one another in love." (John Wesley)

Bynum Artist Spotlight

Liz Tedesco



Liz Tedesco is a native New Yorker who has resided in NC for more than 20 years. Since the age of 8, she has been drawn to all forms of artistic creativity, specifically music, drawing, photography and painting. After earning an Associate's Degree in Graphic Design, Liz decided to step outside of the proverbial "box" of creative art by incorporating found items into the realm of possibilities.

"Found items are another term for junk, I suppose. Things that are cited for the trash

heap or landfills. While out for a walk one day, I spotted this old grungy hubcap on the side of the road and thought, hey, I wonder what would happen if I clean this up and paint it? The results are clear. As finished pieces began to increase, old hubcaps began showing up in my yard. Folks would find them in the road and just drop them off. Pretty cool!

For the past 5 years I've enjoyed the challenge of creating unique designs on hubcaps. I have had numerous commissions

for personalized pieces that have inspired and pushed me to the next level of creative thinking. I stand in awe of how unexpected and unplanned this path was and will always be grateful for the responses and opportunities I continue to receive."

For more information or to see more photos, Liz can be reached at: z88keys@hotmail.com

The Haw River Assembly's Swim Guide for Water Safety

Before you head to your favorite swimming, wading or tubing spot, find out what the water quality is each summer day through Labor Day. HRA is monitoring 11 favorite swimming places on the Haw River and at Jordan Lake this summer (including Bynum). Sites get a green swimmer logo for SAFE and a red logo for UNSAFE based on E-coli counts.

We publish the results each Friday in our E-newsletter and on the HRA website, www.hawriver.org as well as HRA's Facebook and Instagram pages. You can also subscribe to text updates by texting HAW to (844) 956-1139. Download the Swim Guide app for free on your smartphone.

We Need Your Best Swim Shots!

We need your help as advocates to protect those waters so you and your neighbors don't get sick! Please send a photo of you or your family/friends. We'll share it with legislators and regulators this year as we push for better funding and policies to ensure that every stream, river or lake is safe. Send photos by email to emily@hawriver.org. Twitter or Instagram: Tag your public photo on Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag #swimsafeNC. Include a geotag or a location in the post!

Why E-coli Testing?

Bacteria contamination in water is a threat to our health and E-coli is a great indicator test for the presence of pathogens in the water. Since 1986 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has urged states to adopt



E-coli bacteria (*Escherichia coli*) standards to preserve recreational water quality and better protect public health. North Carolina is one of only a handful of states that has failed to do so. It's past time for the State to adopt the E-coli standard for bacteria in freshwaters, and HRA is pushing for them to do it for you!

How About Other Pollution?

We always tell folks to stay out of the river after a flood, when stormwater runoff may bring in all kinds of pollution we don't want to swim in. Likewise, if you see an algae bloom or dead fish, don't swim in that area, as you could be exposed to toxins or pathogens.

Another pollution issue in the Haw River (not so much Jordan Lake) is the presence of industrial contaminants from factories upriver in Burlington, Greensboro and Reidsville. 1,4-dioxane (a solvent) and PFAS (chemicals used for coatings on textiles, papers and metals) are often at levels above guidelines for surface waters. The main health concerns with these chemicals are from their presence in drinking water, not body contact.

So – try not to drink the river when you're swimming in it! The Haw River Assembly has brought legal action against both Greensboro and Burlington to get them to stop polluting the Haw with these chemicals. You can read more on our website about these issues at <https://hawriver.org/river-issues/industrial-contaminants>

Our river should be safe for all to enjoy!



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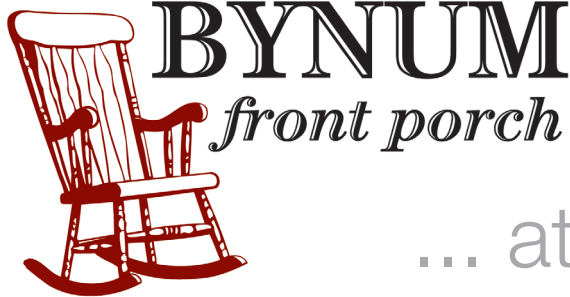
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... at a glance

Our Mission: *Bynum Front Porch is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the history, identity and supportive atmosphere of the village of Bynum. Bynum Front Porch is a community-funded non-profit venture.*

Over the fence news:

newbies, farewells, births and deaths since the last newsletter.

New neighbors:

- Julie & John Cummins
- Abigail DeWitt & Lawrence Elworth
- Christian Green
- Randy Jones
- Kasie May & Tony Mann
- Nathan Mays
- Megan Mortimer
- Evan & Stephanine Smith – Canines Hazel & Luna; Felines Blaire & Roo

Deaths:

- Thomas "Tommy" Shelton Edwards - Founding BFP Board Member

Moved away:

- Mandy Boone
- Paul Hillburger - Canines Toby and Bruno
- Amiee, BJ & Lewis Nielson
- Annette Rodriguez

Bynum Zip Code is Tied to Kiosk PO Boxes – Keep your Kiosk Box in Use

If you have wanted a Bynum mailing address, there's still time to help maintain the Bynum Zip Code. The Pittsboro postmaster has opened some PO boxes at the kiosk near the ballfield on Bynum Hill Rd. What does this mean? If you want a post office box, ask at the Pittsboro Post Office to 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

BFP Wish List

- Licensed Electrician – The building and stages are in need of donated skills.
- Solar Powered Lights
- Roofer – There are some small leak areas that need attention.
- White/Clear Rope Lights
- HVAC system to cool down during summer months
- Flat-screen SMART TV – 36" or larger

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2021-2022 community calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 11 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm
- 18 - Workday 9-11am
- 18 - Winter Music Joe Newberry & Jess Klein 7-9pm
- 25 - Haw River Assembly's Learning Celebration begins in Bynum
- 25 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm

OCTOBER

- 1 - Christmas Tree/Wreath/Garland Orders Begin
- 9 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm
- 9 - Storytelling 7-9pm
- 16 - Winter Music The Moon and You 7-9pm
- 23 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm
- 31 - Pumpkin Carving Noon to Dusk

NOVEMBER

- 13 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm
- 13 - Storytelling 7-9pm
- 20 - Workday 9-11am
- 20 - Winter Music Series David LaMotte 7-9pm
- 27 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm
- 27 - Christmas Tree, Wreath & Garland Pick Up
Holiday Bazaar 10am-1pm

DECEMBER

- 11 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm
- 11 - Storytelling 7-9pm
- 18 - Bobby Gales & New Direction Bynum Christmas
- 25 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm

JANUARY 2022

- 8 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm
- 8 - Storytelling 7-9pm
- 15 - Winter Music Series Abigail Dowd & Lyn Koonce 7-9pm
- 22 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm

FEBRUARY

- 12 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm
- 12 - Storytelling 7-9pm
- 19 - Winter Music Series Grand Shores 7-9pm
- 26 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm

MARCH

- 12 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm
- 12 - Storytelling 7-9pm
- 19 - Winter Music Series Piano Jam - Tim Smith, William Nesmith & Junkman Jack Gorham 7-9pm
- 26 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm

APRIL

- 9 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm
- 9 - Storytelling 7-9pm
- 16 - Workday 9am-11am
- 16 - Winter Music Series Joe Newberry & April Verch 7-9pm
- 23 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin' Jam 10am-12pm

- Second Saturdays BFP Storytelling 7-9pm
- Second and Fourth Saturdays BFP Pickers 10-12pm
- Third Saturdays BFP Winter Music Series 7-9pm

WiFi Available!

Bynum Front Porch is pleased to remind everyone that there is community WiFi available at the store, 24/7. Sit on the porch or use it from your car. This speedy fast wireless network brings critical connectivity to residents and visitors giving everyone access to everything from education materials for kids, information about Bynum's rich history and attractions, to everyday needs like paying bills, checking library hours, or even just keeping tabs on your favorite sports team. The password is posted in the store windows.



Need a book?

Carol Payne and Jennifer Sugg held a ribbon cutting celebration! Bynum's own Little Free Library has joined the list on the National Little Free Library map as Charter #120841, at Lat: 35.7715, Long: -79.13998. Local vernacular locates the library at 278 Bynum Church Road. Open 24 hours a day, so stop by to see the latest editions stocked inside! To find the Bynum Little Free Library on the national map go to <https://littlefreelibrary.org>.

Volunteer Corner

Thank you to all who have helped over the years to keep Bynum Front Porch thriving, because none of this would be possible without volunteers like you. Thanks also to those who have volunteered so far this season, especially during workdays and the music series!

Whether you are a fan of the music series or storytelling, want to give back to the community, or just need to complete school community service hours, we'd love to volunteer with you!

Ready to volunteer to support Bynum Front Porch? Just send an email to bynumfrontporch@gmail.com and include your contact information and your area of interest so you can connect with us. Looking forward to hearing from you!

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

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