



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

Rachel & Todd Stokes are the proud parents of a baby girl Kera.

Matches

New Neighbors:

Alys and Alex Protzman in the (former) Kellogg House

Kelley Phifer in the (former) Haw River Association House

Dispatches

The loss of:

Roland Eubanks

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

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DO YOU REMEMBER..

... Martha Collins does.

We are sure there are many, many more "Do you remembers" and we would like to hear them. Please email them to bynumnews@gmail.com or let someone on the Bynum Front Porch board know you have some remembrances and we will have your Newsletter editor get in touch with you. Thank you all!!

Easter Egg Hunts in the field behind C.E. Durham's store?

Riding your bike with friends 'til you were tired and then resting on the rock wall between the theatre & C.E. Durham's Store?

The big pot belly stove at Harris & Farrell's store burning red on cold mornings when you went to catch the bus to school?

Getting a quarter allowance per day during the school year and buying a Coke and a pack of Nabs in the morning and having a dime left over for ice cream at school?

At 11pm on Saturday night when the theatre in Pittsboro had a scary late movie?

7-8 kids piling in one car to go to that movie?

When Allen & Son used to be Hearne's Tastee Freeze and there was a covered patio with a jukebox.

Filling that jukebox with quarters and dancing the night away (or at least until about 10pm)?

Hog pens and hunting, dog pens in the woods behind Bynum Church Road?

Hog killing time & chittlings?

Hot dogs & hamburgers from "The Stand" at the mill?

Going down to the garage beside Mr. & Mrs. Gales house to be vaccinated for Polio?

Christmas Eve at BUMC with the Christmas tree & presents for the kids?

Hayrides over to Williams Pond for a cook out of hot dogs with the MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship)?

The meetings & activities one night a week for the MYF?

The shower house at the mill and going down on Saturday nights to get ready for your date?

The soldiers from Fort Bragg and guys from Siler City riding through town to see if they could meet some of us girls? And the boys in town running them off?

Egging cars on Halloween?

Bynum Hill Road being one lane, dead ending at the reservoir?

The sidewalk from the top of the hill to the mill?

Motors hanging from the big tree beside the water tank?

Playing "movie star hopscotch" ?

The playground between the old parsonage and the

house that one of the original Bynum's built across from the church?

The pond beside Roy Hatley Rd. and the crepe myrtles surrounding it on one side?

Sweet Betsy bushes and their brown flowers?

Playing "freeze tag", walking on tin cans & stilts?

Playing the card game "Set Back" at Fat Smith's little store?

Going to the Barber Shop and having Mr. Lewis Cooper cut your hair? Or if you were a girl having your bangs trimmed at that same barber shop?

Stanley & Mary Kay parties?



MARTHA COLLINS

☀ Written by Martha Collins (08.26.11)

THE HAW RIVER *Learning Celebration* IS ALMOST HERE!

September 17 – September 23
www.hawriver.org

It's the time of year for the annual Haw River Learning Celebration! This three week program of field trips to the Haw River for fourth graders takes place September 17th – October 7th

The Haw River Assembly has been putting on this wonderful program for 22 years – and we are amazed each year at what a transforming experience it is for the schoolchildren and volunteers alike. Kids get off their school bus and spend a day hiking along the river and taking part in activities about water quality, wildlife and nature art. Volunteers guide the students through the program and then have fun together swimming, canoeing and camping at the river. We spend a week in Bynum, a week in Saxapahaw, and the final week in Guilford County so that we can see fourth graders all along the river.

It takes about 100 volunteers to carry out the program each year. Please consider volunteering – we need meal providers, canoe guides, site movers, and guides for the hands-on activities. No experience needed! If you want to be a guide for the program, we will teach you what you need to know, and team you up with an experienced volunteer. We have families with young children that come as volunteers – it is an amazing experience for all. The volunteer information and forms are on our website – www.hawriver.org. – take a look at the video too

We'll be kicking off the Learning Celebration right here in Bynum. We'll spend the week of **September 17th – September 23th** at the Haw River State Natural Area. Come by and say hello in the afternoons – we'll be camping at the old mill site. Thanks to the Bynum community for supporting this great kids' adventure on the river. A special shout-out to State Parks, the Bynum Methodist Church, the Ruritan Club and Tim McKee and Anna Blackshaw (for hosting the kid's concert on their front lawn)

👤 *Written by Elaine Chiosso (08.26.11)*

BYNUM RURITAN CHAPTER

The Ruritan Club is always seeking new members with fresh ideas and a strong constitution.



Some of the things we have done for the Bynum Community:

* \$500 scholarship awarded to a deserving Northwood High School Student

* Helping families in crisis with groceries, bill payments, medicines, wheelchair ramps, etc.

If you are interested in becoming a member, come join us for a board meeting (1st Tuesday of each month, 7pm) or for a regular meeting (2nd Tuesday of each month, 7pm, pot luck supper).

The Ruritan Building is also available to rent for activities and private functions. For info contact: Billy York 542-3453

👤 *Written by Billy York (08.26.11)*

TOMATO *Talk*

Chatham County Center, N.C. Cooperative Extension

I last planted tomatoes on July 31. Not a time when most folks plant tomatoes. I may or may not get anything from them. But they may start fruiting in about 80 days, which takes them up to about the first frost. But often that first frost is followed by temperatures in the 70s for several weeks.

So I gave it a try. Where do you get tomato plants in July? They're easy to grow from seed. But I know growers who root plants from suckers. I wanted to give it a try. I had good luck sticking the suckers in potting soil and watering them. And I could have planted them a month earlier. Too many distractions.

So we have two stages of tomatoes now – the ones we're picking and the ones we hope to pick. The mature plants are producing, no thanks to the horn worms and blister beetles.

Horn worms are sneaky. You know they are there because the leaves are gone. But their camouflage blends well with the plant. And they move away from the lunch counter to rest somewhere else. You have to look for them.

Blister beetles are not common on tomatoes, but here they are with similar damage. Blister beetles are black or gray and look similar to lightning bugs. The end of the abdomen sticks out beyond the wings. The larvae feed on grasshopper eggs. But the adults feed on plants including tomatoes. They mature and move from the soil to plants reaching peak numbers in July.

Insecticides will take care of these guys. But if you're harvesting, you have to observe pre-harvest intervals between insecticide application and picking. Fortunately, my wife doesn't sit in an office and write about tomatoes; she actually works in the garden. She visits the tomato plants every morning with a small container of soapy water. Wearing gloves, she looks for blister beetles and holds the jar beneath them. When she disturbs them, they tend to drop down. The soapy water finishes them off.

She wears gloves because, if she happens to crush one, their bodies contain a toxin that can cause blisters on the skin – hence the name, blister beetle.

It often surprises me that we are able to pick tomatoes at all. My smart phone suggests that all our tomatoes are doomed by early blight, late blight, southern blight, southern wilt, blossom end rot, tomato spotted wilt virus, and a plethora of other diseases. But we love them. We plant them. We nurture them. And despite all the problems, they usually reward us with round red fruits. We slice them for sandwiches and salads. We make salsa and gazpacho. We can and preserve fruits, juice, and paste. And we even plant them in the middle of summer hoping to have some fresh for Thanksgiving dinner.

👤 *Written by Al Cooke, Extension Agent, Horticulture (08.26.11)*



Bynum Community Garden Events & Updates

Despite the crazy, dry summer heat, Bynum Community Garden had another successful spring/summer growing season! The tomatoes were huge, red, and juicy, the peppers were sweet, and the cucumbers were plentiful! Through donations from RoofCrafters, Lowes Home Improvement, and our own fundraising we were able to build a second rain catchment system this summer. We are now able to collect 1,000 gallons of rainwater...when it rains :). We have had some fun surprises this summer, such as a volunteer pumpkin vine from the composting of the Halloween bridge pumpkins and a beautiful Honeydew vine, both of which have given us great fruit. I love the perseverance of mother nature – she never ceases to amaze me.

For our summer fundraiser we took advantage of our harvest and sold homemade salsa and sweet tea at the Bynum Front Porch Music series. This was a super way to show off our hard work – those tomatoes were awesome! So as the weather cools (if only in theory) we will be looking forward to planting our fall crops.

On **Sunday, September 18th**, we will have a **work day at 3pm followed by a wienie roast starting at 5pm** The garden will provide the hot dogs (both meat and vegetarian) and buns; bring a drink and your favorite side to share. The community is

welcome! This is a really fun way to wrap up the summer and catch up with your neighbors. We hope to see you and your family there.

It's also time for the **annual bulb fundraiser**. Order your fall planted bulbs and help support the garden. This is a great fundraiser for your community garden and provides most of our operating funds for each growing year. To order, please use the following link (or find it on our Facebook page): <https://www.dutchbulbs.com/fg/bynumcommunity>. Pass the link along to your friends and family – you can order from anywhere in the country.

Yours in Dirt and Sunshine. 🌻 *Written by Barclay Spatz (08.26.11)*



BYNUM FRONT PORCH
presents a concert with Nu-Blu

BLUEGRASS BAND

September 24th

First set begins at
4:30pm with

**FUNDRAISING
AUCTION**

in between sets featuring...

...Clyde Jones Critter • Diamondback 17" Mens
Kalamar Bike • Shakori Hills Dance & Music
Festival Day Tickets • Cedar Bench by Rustic
Garden Structures • plus many others.

Full list of items on our web site www.bynumfrontporch.org

Also food vendors:

TrippleJ Ice Cream, Barney's Hot Dogs Allen, and Sons Bar-B-Q



GRACE AND PEACE TO BYNUM!

Bynum UMC will be offering some exciting new programs for children so please keep watching for that announcement. By the time this newsletter comes out, we may be in full swing. If you would like your child(ren) to be involved in a group that does hands-on service projects, then this may be perfect for your kids. This will involve helping others in our community (Bynum) and all over the world.

For upcoming special services and ministry events, see the community calendar listed on the back page. However, of special interest is the rehearsal for the Children's Christmas Program, to be held Dec. 10th at 10am. All of the children and youth of Bynum are invited to participate in the **Christmas Program and party**. Show up at **10am on Dec. 10th** and we will give you a part, help you with a costume, and rehearse. Then come back at 10am, on Sun., Dec. 11th and for one more rehearsal, before the program begins at 11am Stay for the party after the program.

Bynum UMC is here for all of Bynum. Please know that you are always welcome!. No special clothes required It will be our joy to have you join us for worship.

Sunday School – 10am

Sundsay Worship Service – 11am

🌻 *Written by Gina Barrow (08.26.11)*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR of events:



SEPTEMBER

- 10** *Bynum Front Porch Storytelling Series – Ed “Moose” Duke; J. A. Bolton; Randy Rayfield 6:30pm*
- 13** *Burrito Bash Benefit for Haw River Assembly & Clean Jordan Lake, General Store Cafe in Pittsboro. Tickets on line at www.hawriver.org \$12 in advance, \$15 at door 6–9pm*
- 17** *Bynum Ruritan Chapter – Chicken Dumplings’ Supper 4–7pm*
- 17 – October 7**
Haw River Learning Celebration for schools! For info on this project, see page 2 and www.hawriver.org. To sign up, contact Donna Myers at (919) 542-5790 or donna@hawriver.org
- 18** *Bynum Community Garden Workday/Wienie Roast – Workday: 3–5pm; Wienie Roast: 5–6pm. Find us on Facebook: Bynum Community Garden*
- 24** *Bynum Front Porch Fundraising Concert & Auction – Band: Nu-Blu – 4:30pm*
- 25** *Bynum United Methodist Church Homecoming 10:30am*

OCTOBER

- 1** *Big Jordan Lake Clean Up. See www.cleanjordanlake.org for details*
- 1** *Jordan lake Heritage Day, White Oak Recreation Area at Jordan Lake 10am–3pm*
- 8** *Owl Prowl (with Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company) – Fee: \$25 per person with the canoe or kayak provided, or \$20 per person for those bringing their own boat. Call (336) 260-6465 to register for this trip 5pm*
- 15** *Bynum Ruritan Chapter – Fish Fry Supper 4–7pm*
- 15** *Bynum Porch Crawl – 6pm start Contact: Dawn Porter at dawninbynum@gmail.com*
- 22** *Bynum Front Porch Storytelling Series Ed “Moose” Duke; Doug Elliott; Tyrus Jones 6:30pm*
- 31** *Halloween – Trunk or Treat with Bynum UMC – Pumpkin carving at the store (afternoon) – Pumpkins on the Bridge at dusk*



NOVEMBER

- 5** *Haw River Assembly Annual Meeting 12–4pm*
- 11** *Full Moon Paddle (with Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company) – Fee: \$25 per person with the canoe or kayak provided, or \$20 per person for those bringing their own boat. Call (336) 260-6465 to register for this trip 4:30pm*
- 12** *Bynum Front Porch Storytelling Series – Ed “Moose” Duke; Michael “Reno” Harrell 6:30pm*
- 19** *Bynum Ruritan Chapter – BBQ Supper 4–7pm*
- 27** *Bynum United Methodist Church – Hanging of the Greens 11am service*

DECEMBER

- 3** *Bynum Front Porch Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale & Open House – Order your Trees and Wreaths on the website www.BynumFrontPorch.org*
- 10** *Bynum United Methodist Church – Rehearsal for the Children’s Christmas Program 10am*
- 10** *Kids Holiday Party – Frosty the Snowman theme at Bynum General Store. Contact: marchellina@mac.com*
- 11** *Bynum United Methodist Church – Children’s Christmas Program and Party 11am service*
- 24** *Bynum United Methodist Church – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service including Communion 7pm*
- 25** *Bynum United Methodist Church – Christmas Morning Worship 11am service*

