

NASH CENTRAL

BULLDOGS



KEYWORDS - YOUTHFUL, NEW OPPORTUNITIES 1BRACING CHANGE

By GEOFF NEVILLE **Graphic Sportswriter**

ROCKY MOUNT

ew schedule, players, new expectaltions and an old-but-new group of conference opponents.

Certainly, the Nash Central Bulldogs are taking a bit of a step into the unknown this fall as veteran head coach Chris Lee will guide the Dogs through their first season in the revamped Big East Conference.

The Big East is no stranger to Nash Central -- nor are sched-uled games against county rivals Northern Nash, Rocky Mount and Southern Nash.

But what is different is that the Bulldogs will be one of four teams in the Class 2-A classification of the new Big East along with Bunn, Roanoke

Rapids and Louisburg.

One of those clubs will automatically earn a spot out of the Big East in the

group's chances, both dogs will be tangling

NASH CENTRAL **BULLDOGS**

CHRIS LEE

Years at School:

Last Season: 2-4 Record at School: 29-35 Starters Returning: O-7, D-6



Outlook: Nash Central rejoins the Big East Conference with a twist this fall as the Bulldogs will be in the 2-A portion of the split-classification league. Several young players will get a chance to shine right away as the Bulldogs look to be in the mix for a state playoff position.

2021 Schedule

Aug. 20.	at Southeast Halifax
Aug. 27.	SMITFIELD-SELMA
Sept. 10	at North Johnston
Sept. 17	SOUTHERN NASH*
Sept. 24	at Franklinton*
Oct. 1	ROCKY MOUNT*
Oct. 8	at Northern Nash*
Oct. 15	BUNN*
Oct. 22	LOUISBURG*
Oct. 29	at Roanoke Rapids*
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this year and beyond. Central will also take

on the league's Class

3-A teams -- a trio of them which would be on the Bulldogs' schedule anyway (RM, SN and NN). Franklinton is

Class 2-A State Play- the other Class 3-A offs -- and Lee likes his school, and the Bull-



TREMENDOUS HANDS. Nash Central High School wide receiver Donovan Chatman stretches to haul in a pass during a recent football practice session on the NC campus. (Photo Submitted by Meryn Johnson)

with FHS this fall for the first time in school history.

"We've got seniors, and they are all going to play," Lee said. "But we are still going to be extremely young.

"I like the new league. I think we are in a position where we can compete with these other Class 2-A schools. There shold be some good games. Talent-wise, this is a good spot for us."

Some off-season transfers depleted Nash Central's lineup at bit, but the Bulldogs still have plenty of options for carrying the ball in their pre-

ferred wing-T strategy. Tim Holiday, Justin Staten, Raequan Fernandez and Javaris Jones will all contribute in the backfield, and junior Jayden Ellis will be a first-year starter at quarterback.

Greyson Richardson will line up at wideout,



NASH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL PLACEKICKER CHRISTIAN RAMIREZ

Lee likes the mix of veterans and potential-rich vounger performers that Cen-





BULLDOGS' BRAINTRUST. Nash Central High School's football coaches for the 2021 campaign are (I to r) assistant coach Kent Cox, assistant coach Ricardo Jerome, assistant coach CJ Pearce and head coach Chris Lee. NC opened with a victory last Friday night. (Photo Submitted by Meryn Johnson)



NASH CENTRAL GRID STANDOUTS (L TO R) CALEB HOUSE AND JASE WILKERSON



NORTHERN NASH

RIGHTS



KEYWORDS - ON THE RISE, DEFENSIVE PROWESS

Correspondent

RED OAK

s the leaves slowly begin to change their colors and area students start heading back into the classrooms, it also means that local high schools are kicking off their football campaigns.

The Northern Nash Knights did so last Friday night in dominant fashion, knocking off SouthWest Edgecombe 53-0 to start the season off on a positive note.

Coming off a 4-2 record during the 2021 spring season, expectations are high for the hometown Knights as the beginning of the high school athletic season resembles somewhat of a sense of normalcy for those around the area.

Perhaps the most intriguing storyline

surrounding Northern Nash's program heading into the 2021 football season is junior starting quarterback Keno Jones.

Jones takes over for graduate Thomas Engelking after spending two seasons as the starter at the junior varsity level.

NORTHERN NASH KNIGHTS

ANDREW FARRISS

Years at School: Last Season: 4-2 Record at School: Starters Returning: 0-4, D-7



Outlook: The Knights came within one victory of tying for the Big East crown last season, but several key offensive contributors have to be replaced. Still, NN is expected to be a huge factor in the league race, thanks to what should be a veteran, elite-level defensive group.

2021 Schedule

Aug. 20	SW Edgecombe	
Aug. 27	WILSON FIKE	
Sept. 3	at Corinth Holders	
Sept. 10	at DH Conley	
Sept. 24	BUNN*	
Oct. 1	at Roanoke Rapids*	
Oct. 8	NASH CENTRAL*	
Oct. 15	at Franklinton*	
Oct. 22	at Southern Nash*	
Oct. 29	ROCKY MOUNT*	
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and elite quickness as opposed to most quarterbacks, Jones can move the ball

both through the air and on the ground, allowing the Knights to vastly open up their playbook this fall.

Next Jones in the backfield will primarily be Deon Battle.

Battle, a senior who's built low to the ground and runs powerfully, backed up Donavan With an athletic build Simpson in the spring



IN THE LEAD ROLE. After a two-year starting stint at the JV quarterback, Keno Jones will take over this season as the signal-caller on the varsity level for the Northern Nash Knights, who opened last Friday with a strong victory over SouthWest Edgecombe. (Graphic photo by Geoff Neville)

but saw increased reps as the season progressed.

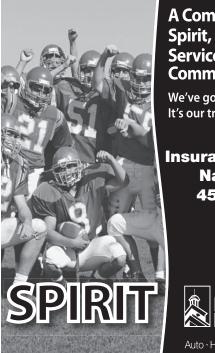
Alongside Jones and Battle on the offense will be Trey Battle,

Shawn Taylor, D'Marius Clark, and Jordan Battle at receiver.

Receiver was

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KEYWORDS - NEW BUT SAME, OFFENSIVE FIREWORKS

SN'S 'THE BATCHELOR'

By GEOFF NEVILLE **Graphic Sportswriter**

STANHOPE

∎he Batchelor is now in prime time on Friday nights at Firebird Stadium, but viewers might swear they are watching a repeat.

Brian Batchelor has taken over as Southern Nash's head football coach after a storied tenure at the school -- first as a player and then as a long-time assistant coach.

Sandwiched between those endeavors was a fouryear stint at the College of William and Mary, where Batchelor earned a degree while being a member of the football program.

Soon after graduation from W&M, Batchelor returned home in the early 2000s to begin what would be two decades as an assistant at Southern Nash under the leg-Brian endary

Foster. It was Batchelor and other assistants who collaborated to unveil the Wing Double

offensive formation in 2009 -- a strategy that has become synonymous with Southern Nash football.

So now that Foster has retired and Batchelor is in charge, don't SOUTHERN NASH **FIREBIRDS**

BRIAN BATCHELOR

Years at School: Last Season: 3-4 Record at School: 0-0 Starters Returning:

0-4, D-4



Outlook: For the first time in over two decades, the Firebirds will have a new head coach in former player and assistant skipper Brian Batchelor. But look for the philosophies that have helped Southern Nash develop into a consistent winner to remain intact under Batchelor.

2021 Schedule

Aug. 20	at East Wake	
Aug. 27	CORINTH HOLDERS	
Sept. 2	at Wilson Fike	
Sept. 10	SOUTH GRANVILLE	
Sept. 17	at Nash Central*	
Sept. 24	ROANOKE RAPIDS*	
Oct. 8	at Bunn*	
Oct. 15	at Rocky Mount*	
Oct. 22	NORTHERN NASH*	
Oct. 29	FRANKLINTON*	
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look for too many changes. Southern is still going to run the Double Wing -- and do it well.

Ever since that fateful time in 2009, Southern Nash has dared opponents to stop the Double Wing.

Few foes have succeeded.

That's why Batchelor isn't interested in tinkering with a recordbreaking offense that has put up jaw-dropping numbers over



TIME'S YOURS, BATCH. After nearly a quarter-century as a player and assistant coach, the legendary Brian Batchelor is now the head football skipper at Southern Nash High School. Batchelor opened his tenure last Friday night with a triumph at East Wake. (Graphic photo by Geoff Neville)

the past 12 years -along with producing college-level running backs such as Kendrick Bell (Charleston Southern), Zonovan Knight (North Carolina State), Tracey Coppedge (Elon University), Terron Huffman (UNC-Pembroke), Quinton Cooley (Wake Forest University) and now Jackson Vick, who has verbally committed to continue his gridiron career at NC State.

Batchelor comes from a farming family, so he knows all about the old adage 'If it ain't

broke, don't fix it.' given And fact that he earned

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INSTANT IMPACT. Nash Central High School transfer Tralon Mitchell is expected to excel at the wingback position this season for the Southern Nash



SOUTHERN NASH LB KAHARI CAUDLE



INSTANT IMPACT. Nash Central High School transfer Tralon Mitchell is expected to excel at the wingback position this season for the Southern Nash Firebirds under Coach Brian Batchelor. (Graphic photo by Geoff Neville)



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ROCKY MOUNT

GRYPHONS



KEYWORDS - VETERAN POISE, EXCELLENCE EXPECTED

BACK TITLES?

By GEOFF NEVILLE **Graphic Sportswriter**

ROCKY MOUNT

espite a tradition-rich history and a myriad of successes, the Rocky Gryphons Mount had gone four years without winning a Big East Conference Championship before breaking through last spring.

Chances are, there are more league titles in RM's near future.

That's because the Gryphons' title contingent in the spring featured a wealth of underclass starters -most of which came from a talent-laded pool of sophomores.

Those players are now grizzled-veteran juniors who are not just skilled, but know how to win.

Though there was no preseason poll taken at the Big East

Media Day, chances are the Gryphons would have been considered the favorites to repeat -- and for good reason.

Rocky Mount returns talent galore at just about every position under the direction of esteemed head coach Jason Battle.

The skill starts at quarterback, where Stephon Jones returns for his junior campaign after a strong

sophomore season. One of RM's greatest offensive weapons this past spring was the combination of Jones and wide receiver Seallio Alphonse, who posted a huge outing during the Gryphons' crown-clinching decision over Northern

Nash.



ROCKY MOUNT RB JAQUAN HORNE



ROCKY MOUNT'S JASHUN WARD

GRYPHONS

JASON BATTLE

Years at School: Last Season: 5-2 Record at School: Starters Returning:

0-X, D-X



Outlook: The Gryphons won the Big East Conference championship last season with a young club -- so look to expectations to be high for a repeat possibility this fall. RM now has plenty of veterans and a top-notch passing combo of QB Stephone Jones and WR Seallio Alphonse.

2021 Schedule

Aug. 19	TARBORO	
Aug. 27	at Northeastern	
Sept. 2	EDENTON HOLMES	
Sept. 10	at Goldsboro	
Sept. 17	BUNN*	
Oct. 1	at Nash Central*	
Oct. 8	ROANOKE RAPIDS*	
Oct. 15	SOUTHERN NASH*	
Oct. 22	at Franklinton*	
Oct. 29	at Northern Nash*	
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who is also a junior, showed that their chemistry is stronger than ever

during last Friday's seasonopening win against Tarboro. Perhaps the

most ing offensive loss for Rocky Mount was the graduation of speedy, reliable back McKenly



IMPRESSIVE RESUME'. Rocky Mount High School's Jason Battle is considered to be one of the top high school football head coaches in North Carolina. (Graphic photo by Geoff Neville)

Hines, who rushed for and Cameron Jones all 6-foot-3 on that list. a team-high 682 yards set to receive carries. back in the spring.

With Hines gone, the Gryphons utilized a back-by-committee strategy versus Tarboro, with Jaquan Horne, Elijah Battle and Destyne Hayward

The offensive line features plenty of size with Eric Gupton, Johnny Horton, Earl Williams, Terrance Kearney and La'quwan Crudup. Only Wil-

ern North Carolina. liams is shorter than Lynch, who is 6-foot-4, made a slew of big plays while helping the

The defense will be

anchored by junior

defensive end Dean-

dre Lynch, a quick-off-

top defenders in East-

Gryphons pitch a shut-

out versus Tarboro.

Other linemen for RM are De'angelo Johnson, Steven Batchelor and Jamel Hodges. ball standout who is Horne, Jamez Holland regarded as one of the and Jakel Knight pace the linebacker group, while the defensive backs are speedy and quick pursuing.

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DEFENSIVE FORCE. Rocky Mount High School junior defensive lineman Deandre Lynch should be one of the top performers this season in the Class 2/3-A Big East Football Conference. (Graphic photo by Geoff Neville)



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WESLEYAN



KEYWORDS - STRONG RETURNING GROUP, BRIGHT FUTURE SIXTEEN STARTERS BAC



BLACK IS BACK. Running back Jeff Black (with ball) will be a key returnee this season for the North Carolina Wesleyan College football squad. Black is a talented senior who hails from Atlanta. The Bishops will open their season September 4 at home. (Photo Submitted by NCWC Sports Information)

By TROY BARANIK **NCWC Sports** Information

ROCKY MOUNT

he North Carolina Wesleyan College Battling Bishops return 16 football starters from a season ago -- 7 on offense and 9 on defense while bringing in 67 newcomers.

Last year's team struggled to an

0-5 record in its abbreviated spring season falling by touchdown or less in 3 of their five games.

The Bishops return their QB Terrence Craig and starting All-Division RB Jeff Black on offense along with their fullback Erney Revels and WR Trey Blackwell.

They will need to replenish their offensive line some as well as their receivers/tight ends.

On defense, the Bishops will return All-Division safety and playmaker Ben Williams and linebackers James Hayden and Charles Sias as well as DT Noah Roberson and DE Rob Carley as they will once again be strong up front.

starting CBs D'maurien campus stadium for the Franklin and Omar Toliver as well as fellow safety RJ Carter.

In addition, several former area high school standouts are on the roster this season for the Bishops.

4 at home in the Vernon T. Bradley Football Complex against Emory & Henry at noon.

> Bish-The ops will also host Shenandoah on Sept. 11 at noon and USA open South Conference play

against Brevard College Sept. 18 at home at noon as well.

Homecoming will be October 9 at noon vs. Greensboro College, with the NCWC Hall of Fame banquet to follow that night at the Dunn Center on the campus of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Jeff Filkovski will return this fall for ninth season as the head coach for the Bishops.

Franklin County native Aaron Denton is the Athletic Director at North Carolina Wesleyan.

North Carolina Wesleyan has recently cleared land to begin the

lacross and football programs.

Until then, the Bishops will play their gridiron contests at the Vernon **Bradley Sports Complex** on the NCWC campus.

NCWC's complete Wesleyan will open its football schedule is season officially on Sept. as follows, with home games listed in CAPS

North Carolina Wesleyan College 2021 Football

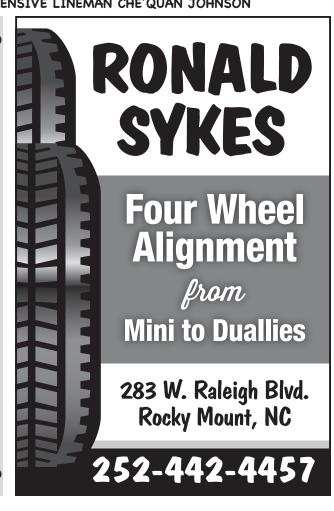
- Schedule September **EMORY & HENRY**
- September SHENANDOAH • September 18 -- BRE-
- VARD COLLEGE* • September 25 -- at LaGrange College*
- October 2 -- at Averett University* • October 9 -- GREENS-**BORO COLLEGE***
- October 16 MARYVILLE COLLEGE* • October 30 -- at
- Huntingdon College* November **SOUTHERN VIRGINIA***
- November 13 -- at Methodist University* * -- Denotes USA South
- Conference Football Games



NCWC DEFENSIVE LINEMAN CHE'QUAN JOHNSON









SOUTHERN NASH'S NADIR THOMPSON NOW AT VIRGINIA TECH (Photo Courtesy Virginia Tech Sports Information)

NORTHERN NASH RECEIVER PHILLIP COBB **Questions Galore**

In New Big East

By GEOFF NEVILLE **Graphic Sportswriter**

NASH COUNTY -When the Big East Conference football coaches meet as part of the league's annual Media Day, one of the first orders of business is to take an informal poll for the upcoming campaign.

When that topic was suggested this year, there were plenty of stares and blank faces.

That's because the Big East features a new lineup this fall, with three first-time schools along with one former entrant that is returning after a fouryear hiatus.

The lone returnees from last year were all Class 3-A schools --Southern Nash, Northern Nash, Rocky Mount and Franklinton.

But there is plenty • October 2 -- TULANE of uncertainty about the Class 2-A por-• October 9 -- at UCF* tion. Louisburg, Bunn • October 23 -- at and Roanoke Rapids are first-timers, while Nash Central is back after a brief stint in the Eastern Plains Confer-

ence. Here's the



NASH CENTRAL FOOTBALL COACH CHRIS LEE

-- there will be No. schedule will feature

into what a swing against the other classification schools in the conference.

entrants from their same classifications.

COLLEGE SKEDS

From Staff Reports

NASH COUNTY --Listed are the 2021 schedules for area college football teams:

BARTON COLLEGE Coach: Chip Hester

- September 4 --**NEWBERRY**
- September 11 -- at **Erskine College** • September 18 -- at
- Catawba • September 15 -- at
- Limestone • October 2 -- CAR-
- SON-NEWMAN October 9 -- at Mars
- Hill • October 16 -- WING-
- ATE October 23 -- at Tus-
- culum • October 30 -- BLUE-
- FIELD STATE • November 6 --
- LENOIR-RHYNE November 13 -- at
- Virginia-Wise

DUKE Coach: David Cutcliffe

- September 3 -- at Charlotte
- September 10 ---ORTH CAROLINA A&T
- September 18 --NORTHWESTERN
- September 25 --KANSAS
- October 2 -- at North Carolina* October 9 -- GEOR-
- **GIA TECH*** October 16 -- at Vir-
- ginia*

October 30 -- at

Wake Forest*



NOW AT BARTON COLLEGE (Photo Courtesy Barton Sports Information)

- November 6 PITTSBURGH*
- November 13 -- at
- Virginia Tech* November 18 --
- LOUISVILLE*
- November 27 --MIAMI (FLA.)*
- Denotes Atlantic Coast Conference Games

EAST CAROLINA Coach: Mike Houston

- September 2 -- vs. Appalachian State (neutral site of Bank of America Stadium, Charlotte)
- September 11 **SOUTH CAROLINA**
 - September 18 -- at

- Marshall
- September 25 --CHARLESTON SOUTH-**ERN**
- UNIVERSITY*
- Houston*
- October 28 -- SOUTH FLORIDA*
- November 6

Faith Christian

School

Patriots

Nash Central

High School

Bulldogs

Rocky Mount Academy Eagles

Rocky Mount

High School

Gryphons

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1 playoff seeds and automatic berths for the top finishers in each classification.

The schedules have equates to three parts. First comes the non-league slates as usual.

But the next portion catch of a respective team's

The final weeks also been divided up of the season will feature schools playing only

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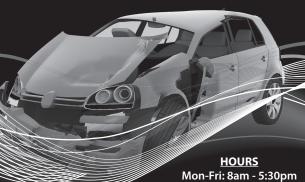
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SOUTHERN NASH'S DAE'ONE WILKINS (AT RIGHT) NOW AT FURMAN UNIVERSITY (Photo Courtesy Furman Sports Information)

SKEDS

TEMPLE* • November 13 -- at Memphis*

• November 20 -- at Navy* November 26 or 27

(TBA) -- CINCINNATI* * -- Denotes American Athletic Conference Games

LOUISBURG COLLEGE Coach: Chris Turner

 September 4 -- at Myrtle Beach Collegiate (Doug Shaw Stadium)

• September 12 -- at AHOP Christian Academy (Durham County Stadium)

• September 19 -- at North Carolina Wesleyan College JV

• September 25 -- at Jireh Prep (Mountain Island Charter School) October 2 -- RAMAH

PREP (Louisburg High School Football Field) • October 9 -- vs.

Georgia Military College (neutral site of Columbia, S.C.)

October 17 --Christian **AHOP** Academy (Durham County Stadium)

 October 23 Prep Myrtle Beach

(Doug Shaw Stadium) October 30 -- JIREH PREP (at Louisburg High School Football Field) **NORTH CAROLINA**

Coach: Mack Brown September 3 -- at

Virginia Tech* • September 11 **GEORGIA STATE**

 September 18 VIRGINIA* • September 25 -- at

Georgia Tech* • October 2 -- DUKE

UNIVERSITY* October 9 -- FLOR-**IDA STATE***

 October 16 -- MIAMI (FLA.)* • October 30 -- at

Notre Dame November 6 -- WAKE FOREST*

November 11 -- at Pittsburgh*

November 20 ---WOFFORD

November 26 -- at North Carolina State* -- Denotes Atlan-

tic Coast Conference Games

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

Coach: Sam Washington

 September 4 -- at Furman University • September 10 -- At

September 25 --

CAROLINA NORTH **CENTRAL**

October 2 -- ROBERT **MORRIS** October 9 -- NORTH

ALABAMA October 16 -- at

Kennesaw State • October 23 -- at

Hampton University October 30 -- MON-**MOUTH**

November 6 -- at **Charleston Southern**

November 13 -- at



SOUTHERN NASH'S ZONOVAN KNIGHT NOW AT NC STATE UNIVERSITY (Photo Courtesy Gregg Forwerck, NCSU)

GARNDER-WEBB NORTH CAROLINA

CENTRAL Coach: Trei Oliver August 28 -- vs.

Alcorn State (neutral site of Center Parc Stadium, Atlanta) September 11 -- at

Marshall September 18

WINSTON-SALEM STATE September 25 -- at

North Carolina A&T • October 2 -- at Mis-

sissippi Valley State • October 9 -- TEN-NESSEE TECH

• October 23 -- at

Morgan State* • October 30 -- 30 -- SOUTH CAROLINA

STATE* November 6 -- NOR-**FOLK STATE***

 November 13 -- at Howard University*

• November 20 DELAWARE STATE* * -- Denotes MEAC

Games NORTH CAROLINA **STATE**

Coach: Dave Doeren September 2

SOUTH FLORIDA September 11 -- at

Mississippi State • September 18 --

FURMAN • September 25 --**CLEMSON***

 October 2 -- LOUISI-ANA TECH

October 16 -- at **Boston College*** October 23 -- at

Miami (Florida)* October 30 -- LOU-ISVILLE*

• November 6 -- at Florida State* November 13 -- at

Wake Forest* November 20 SYRACUSE*

• November 26 NORTH CAROLINA*

South Carolina State * -- Denotes Atlan-• November 20 -- tic Coast Conference

Games **NORTH CAROLINA**

WESLEYAN Coach: Jeff Filkovski September 4

EMORY & HENRY • September 11 --SHENANDOAH

• September 18 --**BREVARD COLLEGE***

 September 25 -- at LaGrange College*

• October 2 -- at Averett University* 9 October

GREENSBORO COL-LEGE*

October 16 --MARYVILLE COLLEGE*

October 30 -- at **Huntingdon College*** November 6

SOUTHERN VIRGINIA* November 13 -- at

Methodist University* Denotes USA Conference South

Games WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

Coach: Dave Clawson

 September 3 -- OLD **DOMINION** • September 11 --

NORFOLK STATE September 18 --FLORIDA STATE*

• September 24 -- at Virginia* October 2 -- LOUIS-

• October 9 -- at Syracuse University* October 23 -- at

Army October 30 -- DUKE **UNIVERSITY***

 November 6 -- at North Carolina*

November 13 ---NORTH CAROLINA STATE* November 20 -- at

Clemson* • November 27 -- at **Boston College***

* -- Denotes Atlantic Coast Conference



NORTHERN NASH PLACEKICKER BRYSON JENKINS

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the positional group struck the heaviest by roster turnover for Northern, as last year's leaders Jayden Freeman and Sencere Battle graduated, and Xavier Whitaker transferred to a different school for basketballrelated purposes.

Despite that, the Knights have a slew of athleticism at receiver, and a solid portion of the offensive line returning as well.

Defensively, Northern has a chance to be one of the top units in all of Eastern North Carolina.

Returning its entire linebacking including Trey Glover, Conner Baker, and Carson Jenkins, Northern's defense has a ton of young talent that sets up well both for

the present and future. Alongside Glover, Baker, and Jenkins, Dashawn Richrdson is set to return in the coming weeks as well, as he suffered a season-ending injury

during the spring. Junior Chris Manning is set to hold down the defensive line, as his 6'3, 300-pound frame is beyond intimidating in the high school cir-

cuit. Randall King adds a nice mixture of youth and experience on the back end of the defense, rounding out the defensive unit.

Even Northern's special teams have fans maintaining a palpable buzz, with junior Bryson Jenkins manNORTHERN NASH'S

BRIAN CARTER

ning all the kicking and punting duties.

Jenkins has a strong leg with major potential -- typically an underappreciated piece in high school football.

As for its schedule, Andrew Farriss' squad will take on four nonconference opponents in addition to six league games this fall.

With their win over SouthWest Edgecombe in the rearview mirror, the Knights will now shift their focus to the Fike Golden Demons in the first meeting in years between the two schools not as members of the same conference.

On September 3, Northern will travel to Wendell to take on the Corinth Holders Pirates for the first away game of the season.

The Knights finish non-conference play on September 10 at D.H. Conley. Northern will start play in its new conference on September 24, hosting Bunn for the first time in school

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history. The Knights then travel to Roanoke Rapids before returning home to face Nash Central on homecoming night on October

Back-to-back away games then await the Knights with Franklinton and county-rival Southern Nash both trying to avenge their spring losses to Northern, and the final game of the regular season comes on October 29 against archrival

Rocky Mount. This is undoubtedly Northern Nash High School's best chance to put together a playoff campaign and deep run in many years, and Knight fans are excited for a plethora of rea-

sons. Fans can catch the Knights this coming week against Fike High School, with kickoff slated for Friday at

7 p.m. Tickets will be available online on the GoFan app and the contest will be held on the campus of North-

ern Nash High School. Updates on Knights and other area high school teams will be made available throughout the season in future editions of The Graphic.



QUICK FEET. Northern Nash's Isaiah Strickland (left) works his way through a blocking drill during a recent practice. (Graphic photo by Geoff Neville)

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Northern Nash High School Knights



Rocky Mount Academy Eagles



Rocky Mount High School Gryphons



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ROCKY MOUNT JUNIOR QUARTERBACK STEPHON JONES

RMHS

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Shamarhiae Mitchell and Keondre Manning are the corners, and Cameron Jones is a veteran leader at safety. Jones will also make an impact on the offensive side of the ball.

And with so many young players on its roster, look for the Rocky Mount football dynasty to continue for years to come.

As usual, the Gryphons will be tested with a challenging schedule, beginning with the win over Tarboro. RM's other nonleague games will feature dates with Edenton Holmes, Goldsboro and longpowerhouse time Elizabeth City Northeastern.

RM will kick off its Big East Conference slate September 17 at home against the

Bunn Wildcats. The last time Bunn visited RM was 2012, when the Wildcats won the game but later had to forfeit due to the use of an ineli-

gible player. Key dates for the Gryphons in conference action include a trip to Nash Central on October 1.



ROCKY MOUNT'S ELIJAH BATTLE

Two weeks later. Rocky Mount will host Southern Nash on October 15 for a game that is expected to have plenty of Big East Conference ramifications.

And RM will close things out on October 29 with a road trip to Northern Nash for another Nash County and Big East Conference gridiron showdown.



SN ASSISTANT COACH JORDAN BASS AND ROAN WACHOWICZ

SNHS

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a degree from prestigious William and Mary, it's safe to say that Batchelor is blessed with a high level of intelligence.

So Batchelor has promised to make the transition as seamless as possible. The same assistant coaches -- all but one a graduate of SNHS -- are still in place. And there was an addition during the Firebirds' preseason scrimmage as former SN great Richard Hall was spotted running the Firebirds' current players through drills.

That's not to say that Batchelor out of the Double Wing.

won't feel some pressure in his new position. Thanks to the heroics of the past 12 seasons, winning has become expected by fans, who aren't interested in a return to the not-so-glory days when Foster was developing a quality foundation to ensure the long-term stability of the program.

Odds say Southern Nash will once again not have trouble putting points on the scoreboard. Not with Vick, Sammy Gandy and Tralon Mitchell carrying the load



NASH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL'S JASE WILKERSON

NCHS

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offensive line.

Senior Zhamod Whitaker and Cale House will provide leadership up front, while Blake Hedgepeth (freshman), Mekius Dancy (sophomore) and Manny Castillo-Reyes (junior) are all talented underclassmen up front.

"We have got to work on developing our passing game," Lee said. "We can't just line up like a Southern Nash and run the football. So we need to be able to stretch the field some. But I think our offensive line has solidified itself."

Central's defense should be quick to the ball, led by s solid linebacking group of Fernandez (the only senior), Davon Fate, Nykeem Johnson and Isaiah Draughn.

Both Draughn and Johnson are sophomores -- a them that continually presents itself throughout the Bulldoas' lineup.

Jones and Jabree Williams are the cornerbacks, and Dominique Whitehead will line up at safety.

Senior Christian Ramirez will handle all of Nash Central's kicking duties.

The Bulldogs' campaign got off to a quality start last Friday night with a lopsided victory at Southeast Halifax High School in nonconference action.

"We are kind of breaking down the season into three parts," Lee said. "The first part is our non-conference schedule. Then we hope to be competitive and maybe go .500 in the conference portion of our schedule against the Class 3-A schools.

"Then we have the 2-A part, and we hope to be ready for that. It's going to be a tough schedule."



NORTHERN NASH RUNNING BACK DEON BATTLE

BIG EAST

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That means he county's fierce rivalry contests featuring Rocky Mount, Northern Nash and Southern Nash will be held toward the end of the campaign -- when the stakes will be at their highest.

Wilson Fike and Wilson Hunt have left the Big East, which used to feature six schools, as opposed to the current eightschool lineup.

There is one wrench in the scheduling. Louisburg, a low-enrollment Class 2-A school, has chosen not to play any of the Class 3-A programs with the exception of Franklin County rival Franklinton. This set-up is for football only.

With that in mind, Louisburg is not eligible for a No. 1 postseason seed, though the Warriors could still qualify for the playoffs as a potential wildcard.

The Class 3-A portion of the Big East is expected to be highly competitive as Rocky Mount, Southern Nash and Northern Nash are all anticipating quality seasons.

Franklinton is a bit of an unknown, but the Red Rams are in a rebuilding mode after the graduation of long-time quarterback

Kenny Cornell. On the Class 2-A side, Roanoke Rapids was last year's champion in the Northern Carolina Conference and welcomes back several key stars, including running back Austin Geary.

Bunn has a rich tradition, including a state finals appearance in 2015, while Nash Central is looking to make an upward swing after a few years of rebuilding.

The Bulldogs are plenty familiar with the league as they have played their county foes annually since the opening of the school in 2002.

And Louisburg was a state semifinalist back in the spring on the Class 1-A level before running into eventual state champ Tarboro High School.

That Louisburg team was extremely young, and the Warriors appear to be set up for success for the next several years.

Look for both classifications to feature plenty of tight games, as some of the clubs appear to be evenly matched -- at least when you consider the history of each program.

Southern Nash, Rocky Mount and Northern Nash will have fierce games against each other, while Nash Central will hope to be in the mix for a playoff spot versus the likes of Roanoke Rapids, Louisburg and Bunn.

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Mary Lee Rowe Greene to Kelsey Elaine Peele; .67 acres in Mannings Township

Riffat Shafiq, Shafique Ahmad, Farmida Chishti and Muhammed Chaudhry to Riffat Shafiq and Shafiique Ahmad; 101 Ashmore Lane, Rocky Mount

Jeffrey Ray Morgan, Virginia Marie Morgan, Cindy Morgan Pace and Jeffrey Hunter Pace to Cindy Morgan Pace, Jeffrey Ray Morgan, Virginia Marie Morgan and Jeffrey Hunter Pace; property on E Old Spring Hope Road

Jeffrey Ray Morgan, Virginia Marie Morgan, Cindy Morgan Pace and Jeffrey Hunter Pace to Jeffrey Ray Morgan, Virginia Marie Morgan, Cindy Morgan Pace and Jeffrey Hunter Pace; .66 acres

GJ Land Trust Agreement to Angela D. Lewis; 100 Chesapeake Court, Rocky Mount

William Charles Allen and Deborah Rowe Allen to Family Hospitality Investment, LLC; 109 Stewart Court, Rocky Mount

Debra Smith Daughtridge to Family Hospitality Investment, LLC; property along Falls Road

Kaja Holdings 2 LLC to Johnny Ray Sheppard and Janie Mae Sheppard; property along Paul Street

Minnie Combs to Larry J. Stancil and Hattie B. Stancil; 1816 Eastwood Lane; Lot 19, Block A, Charleston Place; \$290,000

Alonzo Butler and Lisa Butler to Lisa Butler and Alonzo Butler; 637 Piedmont Avenue

Iver O'Neal Vandiver II to Janette Spann; Lot 5, Block A, Section 1, Emerald Glenn

Mark S. Bass to Bearcat Properties, LLC; property in the Town of Spring Hope

Stephen A. Ingram and Lisa D. Ingram to Ayad Mohammed Mahram; 7279 River Glenn Road, Rocky Mount

Kateaka S. McGee and Kateaka S. Gorham to Mateaka S. McGee and Michael McGee; 4613 Periwinkle Place, Rocky Mount

Beverly Mcelhaney and Christopher Mcelhaney to Debra Amm Williams; 208 Calvert Street, Rocky Mount

Lisa Powell, Sallie Padgett Eason and Sally P. Eason to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. and Timothy P. Davis; 6999 Bend of the River Road, Rocky Mount

Gates D. Whitmer, Meghan P. Whitmer and Meghan Prete to Allen R. Peppenger and Peggy Peppenger; 5779 Boulden Road, Nashville; \$175,000

Louis Grant O'Neal and Laura S. O'Neal to Kateaka S. McGee and Michael A. McGee; lot 16, Section1, part 1, Northgreen Village

D.R. Horton, Inc. to Sharon Coleman Collins; section IV, Ford's Colony

Single Bird, LLC to Timothy Leonard; 1.01 acre

Single Bird, LLC to Fortner Properties, LLC; 9534 New Sandy Church Road, Middlesex and 9544 New Sandy Hill Church Road, Middlesex

Single Bird, LLC to David Baker; 9548 New Sandy Hill Church Road, Middlesex

Genatius Shelton Ray to Genatius Shelton Ray; 1.498 acres, Bailey Township

Alumni Properties, LLC to Perry Properties Office, LLC; Condominium Unit E

James B. Wester to Jasper N. Collins; property along Aviation Avenue

Barbara Jean B. Smith to Frank Harrison; property along **Brake Street**

Garland Dallas Barnes Jr. to Stanley Berry; 11.18 acres; \$775,000

Jimmie Lee Davis to Jimmie Lee Davis; 116 W Cedar Street, Nashville, 118 West Cedar Street, Nashville

Peggy Poland Radford to Holly Renee Radford Hayes; .989 acres

James Marvin Shearin II to Jakayla Tranae Alston; lots 6 and 7 in North Whitakers Township Mary Barta Whitwell to

Gerard Polkinghorne; 3251 Coley Road, Rocky Mount; \$391,500

Heather M. Pearce to Richard G. Jared: 2.84 acres of Red Oak Township; \$65,000

CMH Homes Inc. to Frank Langley Jr.; lot 8, JP Estates Justin A. Carp and Lisa D.

Carp to SKC Rentals, LLC; 1.838 acres

Lizzie Gray R. Freeman, to Lizzie Gray R. Freeman and Stephanie Lynn Mikeal; 661 Goldrock Road, Rocky Mount

Thomas Todd Spikes to Christy Lane Smith and Vestal Dewayne Smith; property along the intersection of Browntown and Harrisonton Road

Vestal Dewayne Smith to David Downing; 5.186 acres

Jesse C. Fulghum III to Loving Desrosiers; property Shortspoon Circle; along \$250,000

Cecil J. Hawley and Janet S. Hawley to Tiffany N. Fragoso; .65 acre; \$180,000

Derwin L. Powell and Sandra E. Powell to Derwin L. Powell and Sandra E. Powell; 606 Woodfield Court, Nashville D.R. Horton, Inc. to Leaudra Nia Clay; lot 59, Section IV, Ford's Colony at Rocky Mount

Walter Earl Amerson Jr. and Katie Leigh Amerson to Frank Kenneth Layton III and Alyssa M. Layton; 4302 Momeyer Way, Nashville; \$225,000 Walter Brent Fisher and

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Brent Fisher and Ashton Jones Fisher; 6131 Fisher Country Road Nathaniel Bunn Boddie and Paula Dickerson Boddie

to Stephanie H. Carter; 3460 Wagon Wheel Road; \$280,000 Phillip D. Griffin and Peggy

B. Griffin to Joe Heinz Jones

and Patricia Valencia Martinez; 611 Poplar Street, Rocky Mount;\$44,000

Winterkins, LLC to Helen Wilson; 817 Burton Street, Rocky Mount; \$130,000

David Baker, David Rav Baker, Brenda Baker and Brenda Meares Baker to David Wesley Rowland and Diana W. Rowland; lot 3, containing 1.676 acres; \$353,000

Jennifer J. Lynn to Michelle D. Wilkins; lot 55, Block B, Section 4, Old Carriage Farm

Wiley G. Bradley Jr., Nancy D. Bradley, Joel M. Boseman and Jean J. Boseman to Woodridge Timber Inc.; 51

VIDA Investments, Inc. to Theresa Lanphere; lot 2, Tower Hills; \$180,000

Teresa B. Renfrow and Michael K. Renfrow to Donna Marie Moore; 4495 US Highway 264E Alt.

John E. Gibson, Kathleen Gibson, Matt F. Gibson, Kristin Gibson and Catherine J. Gibson to Alan Dale Hare: 3315 Ed's Drive, Rocky Mount; \$325,000

James Eric Curtis to Elearnore Ruth Moore and Justin Ryan Long; lot 9, The Pines

John B. Medley and Paula E. Medley to Sean E. Siegers and Sara J. Mann; 27 Weatherstone Drive, Rocky Mount; \$170,000

James A. Boyette and Richard S. Robinson to Nia Legacy, LLC; Lot 3, Section 1, Southside Development; \$110,000

Tracy L. Fedoriw Guynn and Tracy Lynn McMullen to Vanessa Gavia and Vanessa Lee Gavia Ramirez; 2704 Buff Road, Rocky Mount; \$140,000

Catherine Stephenson Wade to Dolan Dwsign Build, Inc.; lot 9, Rose Boulevard; \$23,000

Shawn Richards Melissa Cone to Mary Kendrick; 2667 Reges Store Road, Nashville; \$370,000

Joel Rex Pridgen to Dustin T. Faithful; 125 N Clarendon Drive, Nashville; \$115,500

Connie F. Joyner, Gregory C. Joyner, Ricky Harold Finch, Brenda Smallwood, Pattie J. Davis and Joseph S. Davis to Charles S. Hinnant and Charles S. Hinnant Jr.; 40.48

Katie Solomon Day to Cindy Carmene Paula Endomba; 7184 Silverlead Road, Rocky Mount

Tihomir Peter Madjar to Lee Tihomir Madjar; 2050 Madjar Road, Zebulon; \$26,000

Cindy S. Joyner to Chiquette Renee' Lynch; 1.070 acres

Michael Thomas Zimmerman to Dylan Gould; 13432 W Old Spring Hope Road, Middlesex: \$155.000

Amy Lee Whitley and Hernan Zeron Contreras to Lloyd Eugene Guy, Tanya L. Terry-Guy; lot 13 containing 12.09 acres; \$578,000

Volunteers needed for statewide Litter Sweep Sept. 11-25

The N.C. Department of Transportation needs volunteers to help clean up trash along roads during the Adopt-A-Highway Fall Litter Sweep from Sept. 11-25.

Each April and September, NCDOT asks volunteers to help remove litter from roadsides. Volunteers from local businesses, schools, nonprofits, churches, municipalities, law enforcement and community groups play an important role in keeping North Carolina's roads clean.

Joining this effort is easier than ever before as

Building Permits

Commercial

Creek School Rd; renovation/

alteration; \$15,000

581; sign; \$2,250

581; sign; \$21,750

alteration; \$10,000

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Building Permits

Residential

Woodfield Dr.; renovation/

David Lee Green, 114

Christi Bulluck, 105 Nassau

Angie Hill, 1752 S NC 581;

Zachary R. Wagnon, 11002

James Ray Lancaster, 4775

William D. Willis Hill, III, 311

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gins Rd; new single family;

Country Lane; addition (cov-

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detached accessory; \$10,000

Selma Rd; renovation/altera-

renovation/alteration;

volunteers can now sign up by way of a convenient online form.

"Since this year began, NCDOT and our partner organizations have picked up more than eight and a half million pounds of litter," said State Roadside Engineer David Harris. "We need everyone's help to keep that momentum. The Litter Sweep is a great opportunity to get outdoors with family and friends and work alongside NCDOT to ensure North Carolina remains a beautiful place to live and work."

Volunteers can request clean-up supplies such as

NASH COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS AUGUST 16-20

Josh Reason, 450 Oriole Rd:

Alan Evans, 1766 Bedford-

Alan Evans, 1787 Bedford-

Alan Evans, 1731 Bedford-

Alan Evans, 1730 Bedford-

Alan Evans, 1700 Bedford-

Lee Gay, 1637 W. Mount

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Tony Shearin, 6131 Fisher

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1217

Country Drive; new single

Woodridge Court; detached

Chad Craft, 9210 S. NC 581;

Chad Craft, 9140 S NC 581;

new single family; \$240,000

new single family; \$240,000

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Drive; new single family;

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Kaleb

family; \$300,000

trash bags, gloves and safety vests from local NCDOT county maintenance offices.

All volunteers are encouraged to follow proper COVID-19 safety guidance. This includes wearing face masks and gloves at all times and keeping 6 feet apart from other volunteers. Anyone who has been recently diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19 should refrain from participating.

For more information,

visit the Litter Sweep web page or call 919-707-2970.

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Gary Atkinson, 580 Duck

Gary Atkinson, 1527 W.

Gary Atkinson, 6810 Bynum

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Chris May, 1848 Bowden

Ofelia Aide Gonzales, 13479

off-frame modular; \$250,000

Rd; multi-sectional; \$146,000

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Pond Ct; swimming pool;

Castalia Rd; swimming pool;

Pond Rd; swimming pool;

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tion; \$15,280

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS 8-12 August 27 from 4-5 p.m. Call Center, 8180 Stoney Hill Church Road

Calendar events must be submitted by 10 a.m. Monday for publication. Items accepted are events sponsored by notfor-profit organizations or free events. Mail to: Community Calendar c/o The Nashville Graphic, 203 W. Washington St. Nashville, NC 27856 or fax (252) 459-3052 or email to news@nashvillegraphic.com. Please include a contact name and phone num-

AUDITIONS ANNOUNCED

Nash Arts will host auditions for "A Christmas Carol" on Tuesday, September 14th and Thursday, September 16th at 6 p.m. Volunteers are also needed with set and tech. This year's production will be directed by Chloe Chappell. As concerns surrounding Covid-19 continue to linger, Nash Arts will limit the number of cast members, which will include working with a smaller number of children as well as seeking actors to fill multiple roles. Cast list will be announced by September 25th, and rehearsals will begin the last week in September. Production Dates: December 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 7:30 p.m. with matinees on December 5 & 12 at 2:30 p.m. Please call 252-459-4734 or email sgray@ nasharts.org with questions or con-

AUGUST 26

Bill Lyerly & The Martin Davis Band Bad Jeu Jeu International Release Party will be held August 26 at Nash Arts Center. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Showtime is at 8pm. General admission is \$20 (\$15 Nash Arts members) Visit https://nash-county-arts-council.ticketleap.com to find tickets. For additional information call 459-4734. Nash Arts Center is located at 100 E. Washington Street, Nashville.

Harold D. Cooley Library in Nashville will offer a resume buildling session August 26 from 4-5 p.m. Call 459-2106 to register.

AUGUST 27

Harold D. Cooley Library in Nashville will host journaling for kids ages 459-2106 to register.

SEPTEMBER 11

Russ Varnell & His too Country Band will perform at Nash Arts Center September 11. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., showtime is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 advance/\$15 door; Nash Arts member discounts applied according to membership level. Visit https:// nash-county-arts-council.ticketleap. com to find tickets. For additional information call 459-4734. Nash Arts Center is located at 100 E. Washington Street, Nashville.

SEPTEMBER 18

Walk/Run for Life 2021 will be held September 18 at the Rocky Mount Sports Complex (sheter at playground.) Registration and Prayer Walk is from 8-10 a.m. (floating). For more information visit friendsofycrc. org/walkforlife. The 5K Run registration starts at 9 a.m. You can register at 8a.m. or online at friendsofycrc. org/runforlife. For additional information call 252-446-2273

NOVEMBER 6

Terry McBride will perform at Nash Arts on November 6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance / \$35 door (\$25/\$30 Nash Arts members) Visit https://nash-county-arts-council. ticketleap.com to find tickets. For additional information call 459-4734. Nash Arts Center is located at 100 E. Washington Street, Nashville.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bookmobile and a fun-filled story time with lots of great books, games, songs, laughter will be at W.B. Ennis Memorial Park, 4605 N. Old Carriage Road, Rocky Mount on Mondays at 10 am August 16, 30

THROUGH SEPTEMBER - Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Boxes are available free to Nash County residents 60 years and older on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. Boxes will be available for pickup at 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays through September at the Southern Nash Senior

grain, fruit and vegetables. For more information contact Wendy Perry at 252-459-1367 or email: Wendy.Perry@ nashcountync.gov TOPS diet class will now meet at Oak Level Baptist church on Mondays at

in Bailey. Boxes will contain an assort-

ment of groceries including protein,

10:30 a.m. For more information call Bobby Catlett 252-904-0931 DRIVERS NEEDED - for the DAV (Dis-

abled American Veterans) transportation network. Call 252-813-5306 or 252-314-1775. For veterans who are in need of transportation, call 252-212-5568.

Drug overdoses have become the leading cause of accidental death in the United States with heroin and other opiates being the largest contributor. If your loved one is struggling with drug abuse of any kind, now is the time to get them the help they need. Learn more about the signs of heroin addiction. If you believe one of your loved ones is abusing drugs, learn how you can make a difference by visiting http://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/drug-rehab/

ADDICTION SCREENINGS - Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 1-800-431-1754

Littleton-Lake Gaston Festival is currently accepting applications for craft and information vendors for the event on Saturday, September 4th. Contact: Heidi Hogan at (252) 586-6828 or heidighogan@embarqmail.com

NASH-ROCKY MOUNT SCHOOLS **ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE**

MONDAY, AUGUST 30 Breakfast: chicken sausage pancake

sandwich and applesauce Lunch: pizza sticks w/dipping sauce, cream potatoes, seasoned broccoli, peaches

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

Breakfast: pizza and peaches Lunch: hamburger steak & gravy w/rice and roll, sweet potato fries, green peas, mixed fruit, applesauce (PK only)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Breakfast: mini pancakes, mixed fruit, peach cup (PK only) Lunch: chicken and gravy w/rice and roll, potato smiles, green beans, rosey pears

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26 Breakfast: sausage biscuit and

cinnamon apples Lunch: orange chicken w/rice and roll; turnip greens, carrots and tomatoes, applesauce cup

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Breakfast: cinnamon roll and raisins/Craisins, cereal and applesauce (PK only) Lunch: Fiesta taco w/scoops, salsa, sliced cucumbers, pinto beans, cinnamon apples

NASH COUNTY BLOOD DRIVES

Rocky Mount

8/26/2021: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Nash Community College-Building CE, 522 N. Old

Carriage Rd. 8/26/2021: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Parkwood

Baptist Church, 1731 Hunter Hill Road

8/26/2021: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., West Mount Volunteer Fire Department, 7955 West Mount Drive

tional; \$23,000

8/27/2021: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Golden East Crossing Mall, 1100 North Wesleyan Blvd.

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Rocky Mount to host end of summer event

The city of Rocky Mount Parks and Recreation Department will hold an End of Summer Celebration at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28 at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The evening will feature a pair of performances from former Def Jam Records member The Junkyard Band.

Signed by Def Jam Records in the 1980s, the Junkyard Band has decades of experience in performing at New York's Apollo Theater, the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, as well as opening for well-known acts such as Tupac Shakur, Lauryn Hill and Chuck Brown. The Junkyard Band will perform a pair of sets, and there also will be inflatables for youth and other fun activities, as well as food trucks onsite.

"We're excited to provide a fun evening of music, food and activities for our community as we celebrate the end of the summer," Parks Recreation Director Joel Dunn said.

Call toll-free 1-800-FED-INFO to find out about government programs, benefits, and services.

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Rocky Mount Gryphon Football Schedule

<u>Date</u>	Opponent
August 20	
August 27	at Northeastern
September 2	Holmes
September 10	at Goldsboro
September 17	Bunn
October 1	at Nash Central
October 8	Roanoke Rapids
October 15	Southern Nash
October 22	at Franklinton
0-+-120	at Namedaama Naala



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NASH CENTRAL 2021 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 27 September 10 September 17 September 24 October 1

Smithfield-Selma at North Johnston Southern Nash at Franklinton Rocky Mount

October 8 October 15 October 22 October 29 at Northern Nash Bunn Louisbura at Roanoke Rapids

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Rocky Mount Academy EAGLES

2021 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT			
August 20	Lawrence Academy			
August 27	Wayne Christian School			
September 3	at St. David's School			
September 10	at Grace Christian School			
September 17	at Cary Christian School			
September 24	Arendell Parrott Academy			
HOMECOMING				
October 1	John Paul II Catholic			
October 15	at Faith Christian School			

October 29..... St. David's School

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Sept. 3	Corinth	Away
Sept. 10	DH Conley	Away
Sept. 24	Bunn	Home
Oct. 1	Roanoke Rapids	Away
Oct. 8	Nash Central	Home
Oct. 15	Franklinton	Away
Oct. 22	Southern Nash	Away
Oct. 29	Rocky Mount	Home

SUNDAY - #1

Sirloin

TUESDAY - #3

Sirloin **Tips**

WEDNESDAY **Chopped** Sirloin

THURSDAY - #3

Sirloin **Tips**

Large Super

FRIDAY - #5

Super Top

Sirloin SATURDAY - #9

Top Sirloin Meals include the biggest baked potato in town or french fries.



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2021 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE Opponent Date

September 3rd

September 11th September 18th

September 25th October 2nd

October 9th **October 16th** October 23rd

November 6th November 13th

November 20th **November 26th**

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