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Henderson murder to be featured on TV program

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On the night of April 5, 2018, Appomattox County resident Lisa Simone Henderson was brutally murdered in a wooded area of Concord at age 22, a victim of nine gunshot wounds in what Campbell County Commonwealth's Attorney Paul McAndrews called an "execution"

committed in "cold blood" with no motive given by her killer.

Henderson was slain by her boyfriend, Marquie Brandon Williams, who received a life sentence for his crime with no possibility of parole. Co-defendant Felix Jerome Jefferson III was sentenced to 40 years with 20 years suspended.

The case garnered widespread media coverage at

the time — and now, nearly four year later, will be featured on the national television series "Fatal Attraction" on TV One network.

The episode entitled "Devil In Disguise" will air Monday, Jan. 31, at 9 p.m. It can be found on Direct TV channel 328, Dish Network channel 678, internet broadcast website Philo, and the TV One app that can be downloaded

from Google Play.

The "Devil In Disguise" log line reads: "When a nursing student disappears, suspicion immediately falls on her boyfriend and the other woman in his life; police struggle to pinpoint a suspect until a guilty conscience leads them to her body — and her killer."

Henderson's mother, Sandra, as well as her two brothers and several fam-

ily members and friends, recorded filmed interviews for the episode over two days in July 2021 at the Homewood Suites by Hilton located on Wards Road in Lynchburg. As is the classical standard in documentary-style programming, interview clips will be mixed in with scenes from the story.



Lisa Henderson

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Members of the Appomattox Sr. FFA Chapter of Appomattox County High School receive an award from the National FFA Organization.

Local FFA Chapter in top 4% with 3 stars

The National FFA Organization recently selected, from a pool of more than 8,817 candidates, the Appomattox Sr. FFA Chapter of Appomattox County High School as a 3-star winner in the National FFA Chapter Award Program.

The chapter members were invited to attend the 94th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. They were rec-

ognized for this prestigious honor at the second general session.

The award program is sponsored by John Deere as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The National FFA Chapter Award program recognizes FFA chapters for developing and

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Masks in schools are now optional

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Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin lifted the mask mandate for Virginia's schools shortly after taking office Jan. 15. The executive order went into effect Monday but has reportedly been met with opposition, including lawsuits filed, in a number of school districts.

However, Appomattox County Public Schools announced Friday that its school district will adhere to the Governor's Executive Order No. 2.

"On Monday, masks be-

came optional for students in our school buildings," said Appomattox County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Annette Bennett. "Students are still required to wear masks on the school buses (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention order) and staff must wear masks as required by the Department of Labor and Industry."

At the Jan. 13 meeting of the Appomattox County School Board, a discussion was held regarding the shortened time period that school students need to quarantine after testing positive for the COVID-19

virus.

On Dec. 27, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced its updated guidelines, which make changes to quarantine standards.

Part of that updated reads as follows: "Given what we currently know about COVID-19 and the Omicron variant, CDC is shortening the recommended time for isolation for the public. People with COVID-19 should isolate for five days, and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving

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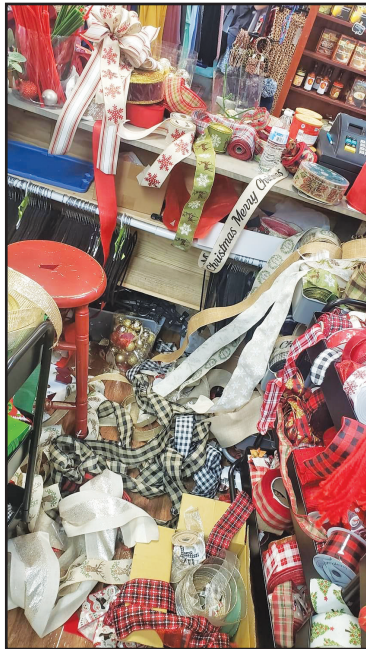


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Members of the 2022 Appomattox County School Board, from left: Jason Wells (Wreck Island District), Vice-Chairman Wyatt Torrence (Appomattox River District), Roger Stough (Falling River District), Gregory Smith (Courthouse District) and Chairman Bobby Waddell (Piney Mountain District).

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From left are a variety of custom-made ribbons; Simply Southern clothing in stock; and one of the jars of jelly sold by Country Charm (far right).



Small Business Spotlight

Country Charm going strong for 30-plus years

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Country Charm is a well-known gift shop located on Main Street in Appomattox owned by Beth Turner and her mother Gerri Granato. The 30-plus-year business started under the name the "Ceramic Lady," which was owned by Granato before moving to Appomattox.

Turner, an Alaskan native, said

that she came up with the name for Country Charm from her mother, who also was a military wife.

The gift shop sells an abundance of local items including handmade wreaths and arrangements and unique handcrafted items. Other items include flags, kitchen and home décor, clothing, jewelry, jellies (jams), and the most popular:



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