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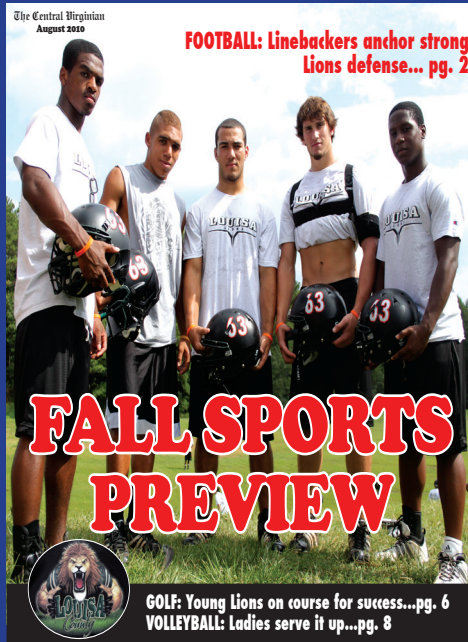
The Central Virginian

Reporter/Photographer (Sept. 2009-Aug. 2011)

Sports reporter. Relaunched Fall Sports Preview sections for 2010 and 2011. Expanded to year-round sports coverage in one high school town, incorporated expanded features into sports pages. Launched two magazines recapping football seasons for area high schools in Goochland and Louisa. At football and other big local sports events, texted, tweeted, took photos, video and wrote stories for web and print.

Education reporter. Provided extensive coverage of six public schools in Louisa County, featuring trends, issues and people.

Photographer. Credited with increasing the visual quality of the paper through bold, compelling photos.



Award-winning public education coverage: Stories about a new school: A new chapter awaits students/New face for a new school; a possible closure: Not so elementary, my dear; and a feature: Pageant concept delights seniors, won the 2010 Virginia Press Association first place award for education writing, the second time earning that honor. **2010**

Fall Sports Preview 2010/2011 Lion Hearted 2010

Established a Fall Sports Preview section for the last two years, heightening the interest in The Central Virginian's sports coverage. Lion Hearted, chronicling the Louisa Lions 2010 football season, became a profitable project for the paper, highlighting our coverage in a keepsake format.

The News Virginian

City Reporter (Nov. 2007-Sept. 2009)

Coverage with impact from start on city issues, using FOIA to help expose election irregularities, thorough daily coverage of two cities, environmental, education, transportation and government stories.

The Shenandoah Valley-Herald

General assignment reporter (Nov. 2006-Nov. 2007)

Displayed award-winning versatility in covering education, government and environmental issues with impactful photography.

The Congressional Information Bureau

Editor/Vice President (1997-2006)

Promoted from reporter to editor and then vice president of maritime news organization, responsible for publishing daily newsletter in print and through CMS while managing day-to-day office operations.

Freelance/Other

Potomac Soccer Wire, Indoor Soccer News (2011), The Salt Lake Tribune, Charlotte Observer, San Diego Union-Tribune (2001-2009). **OnTheSidelines**—Started website covering Mid-Atlantic soccer.

Awards

2010 Virginia Press Association: General Makeup (staff award) – 1st place; Education writing – 1st place. **The Central Virginian**

2009 Virginia Press Association: In depth or investigative reporting – 3rd place (shared); General news writing – 3rd place (shared); Breaking news writing – 3rd place (shared). **The News Virginian**

2009 Media General MegaAward – The News Virginian

2008 Virginia Press Association: General news writing – 3rd place. **The News Virginian**

2007 Virginia Press Association: General news writing – 1st place; Education writing – 1st place; General news photo – 1st place; Health, science and environmental writing – 1st place (shared); Government writing and public safety writing – 2nd place (shared). **The Shenandoah Valley-Herald**

Skills

- **Traditional**—Adept, accurate, versatile and vibrant reporter
- **Layout**—Proficient in InDesign and Microsoft Office
- **Multimedia**—Photography, Videography, Photoshop, iMovie, iPhoto, FrontPage, HTML, CMS. Ability to report from scene with notebook, pen and iPhone and post to Facebook, Twitter, internal text message system and/or to website.

Education

2011–Present: University of Massachusetts-Amherst, University Without Walls (Amherst, MA)

References

- **Randy Arrington** – Managing Editor, Page News & Courier (540) 743-5123
- **Mark Bushman** – Writer-Editor, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture – (202) 720-4718
- **Bob Stuart** – Reporter, The News Virginian (540) 910-1633

The image is a collage of sports-related content. At the top, it says 'SPORTS' and 'The Central Virginian' with the date 'Thursday, April 15, 2010'. Below this are several small images and text snippets. One snippet is titled 'On the flip side: Throwing 'em off' Louisa striker uses flip-throw to score' and includes a photo of a volleyball player. Another snippet is titled 'On track' and includes a photo of a runner. There are also snippets about 'Baseball: Shenandoah at Louisa' and 'Coming up BIG'. The collage is arranged in a grid-like fashion with various fonts and colors.