

Arts & Extras: Life Out Loud Films gears up to tackle Lynchburg football legends

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Life Out Loud Films, the company behind Southwest Virginia-based productions like “Lake Effects” and “Wish You Well,” has eyes on their next prize, a film about a legendary Lynchburg boys’ football team.

The “Shoeless Wonders” were definitely born to star in a movie. That was the nickname for the Presbyterian Homes and Family Services football team in 1920s Lynchburg, made up of orphans and children from broken homes. The story goes that they couldn’t afford shoes, so they played barefoot, and went undefeated for eight years.

Life Out Loud founder Sara Elizabeth Timmins has been eyeing the story of the Shoeless Wonders for several years. Her company recently announced that they are in the midst of raising funds for the movie, though it’s being done through private channels.

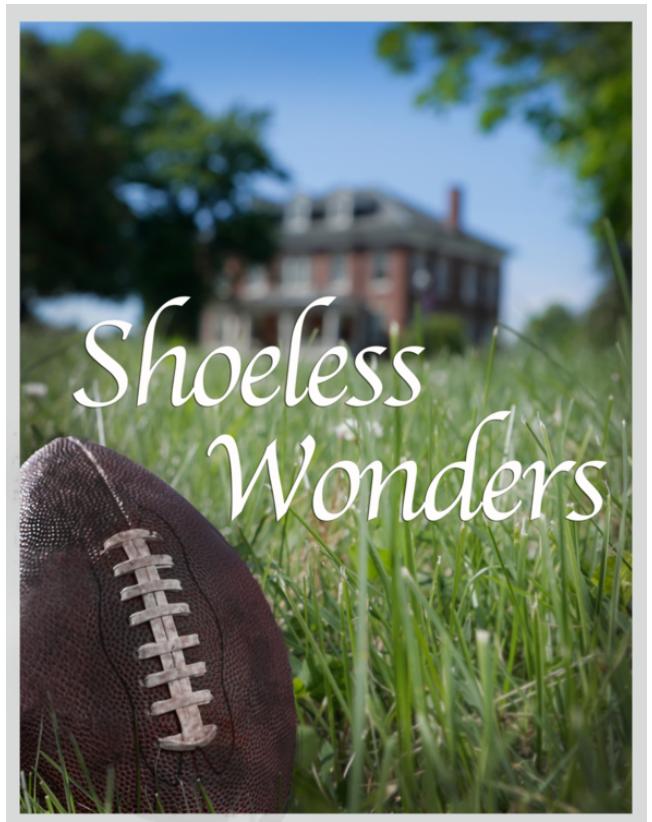
“Life Out Loud Films is raising funds through private equity, sponsors, and potential producing partners,” wrote Emma Cross, the company’s Assistant to Producer.

Presbyterian Homes and Family Services, now called HumanKind, is a partner in the film. According to the Life Out Loud release, HumanKind will receive a portion of the movie’s proceeds.

Of course, it has to get made first. One important step is done: Lynchburg writer Rebecca Rogers Nelson has written the script.

In the meantime, a movie Timmins is attached to is making the festival rounds. “Coming Through the Rye,” starring Chris Cooper as the late reclusive “Catcher in the Rye” author J.D. Salinger, is scheduled to be shown 11 a.m. Saturday at the Richmond Film Festival. Timmins is a co-producer.

For more on Life Out Loud, visit lifeoutloudfilms.com.



Shoeless Wonders image