

# Eyes On LaFollette



Waiting patiently for the finished look, Felicia Muse's eyes are temporarily hidden behind the stylist's shears.

Photo by Boris Cibej

Leaving the familiar surroundings of Knoxville behind, eleven photojournalism students from Professor Rob Heller's class at the University of Tennessee ventured to LaFollette to take a closer look at life in a small Tennessee town.

The weekend visit became a lesson in Tennessee culture for class members as far from home as Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and New York.

They were led down country roads and into the homes of many of LaFollette's citizens. Given the chance to explore the area, the students were challenged to visually represent the different ways of life that give character to this rural community.

During the 36 hour visit, the group was welcomed by young and old alike. From little league games and rides on a school bus, to the senior citizen center and generation-old family stores, these photographers could be seen with cameras in hand. While one student soared high above Deerfield in an airplane, another spent an evening riding around with the police, while others met with local artists and craftspeople.

Viewing people and places through the eyes of their cameras created a unique experience for each student. The pictures in this special section highlight the group's adventure.

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## Child's play

Velissa Ogg takes an upside down view of the world while Emilee Young(right), Amber Ogg, and Matthew Miller look on.  
**Photo by Yvette Fragile**



**above**  
Kymrine Albertelli, passes up the books and heads straight to the video section of the public library.  
**Photo by Heather Spurgeon**



While her mother looks for books in the LaFollette Public Library, Alyssa Jacoby finds the toys to be more entertaining.  
**Photo by Heather Spurgeon**

James Parrott discovers life in the outfield isn't always what it's cracked up to be.  
**Photo by Alison Carlini**

# Getting the job done

It's an uphill battle for Phyllis Rutherford. As she keeps her ground she says, "This is the hardest spot of the yard."

**Photo by Brenan Sharp**



Students in a general building trades class at Campbell County High School continue working on a house they've built that will eventually be auctioned to the public.

**Photo by Anne McCoy**



Contract workers water the newly seeded grass at the LaFollette Community Center.

**Photo by Boris Cibej**

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The name of Rose "Jay" Kitts will appear on the Campbell County ballot for sheriff in the year 2011 if he has anything to do with it. Jay, 14, lives on a farm on the edge of LaFollette with his grandfather, where he tends the livestock. He is already involved with politics in his own way. "See all those signs on that barn," Kitts says, "I hung every one of them."

**Photo by Yvette Fragile**

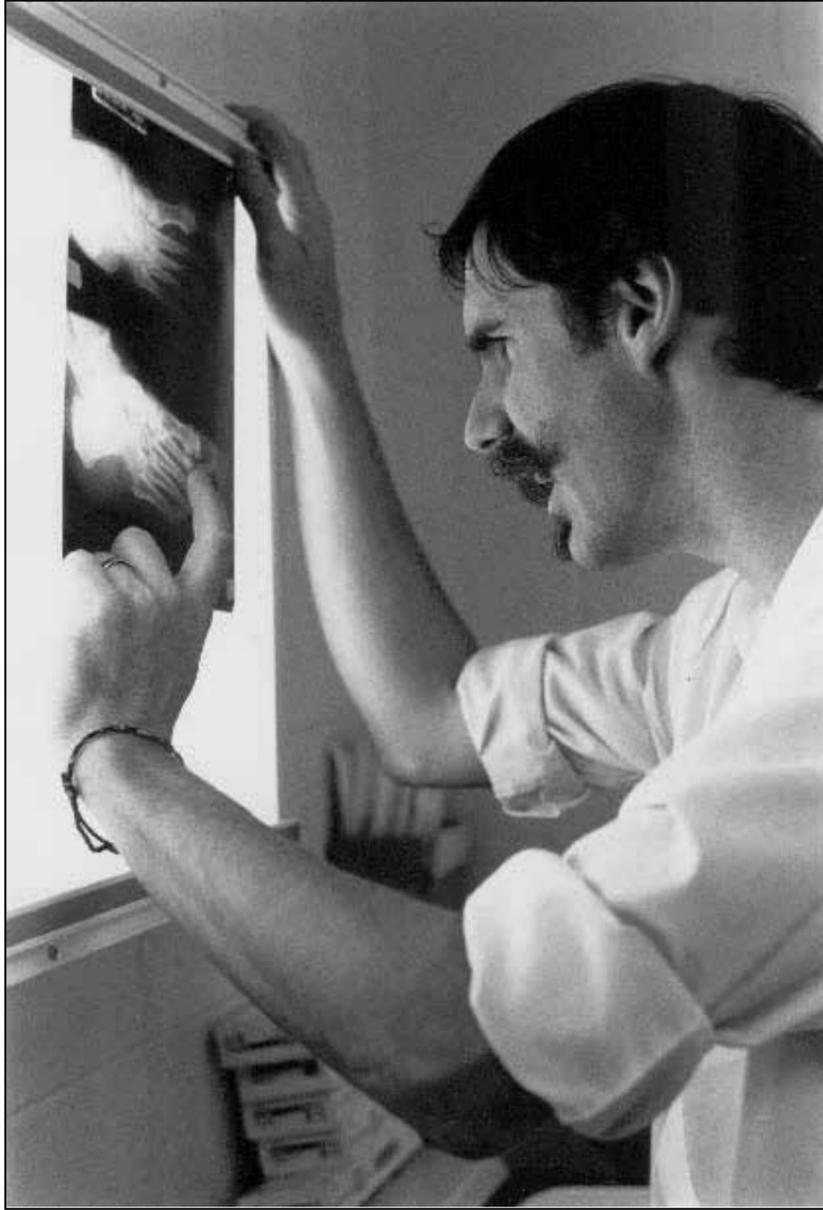
## All in a day's



Eric Loyd, member of the JROTC, traverses a land bridge during a Raider's qualification test.

**Photo by Chris Rourke**

# s work



In the hospital emergency room, Dr. John Pillow studies an x-ray of a possible fracture.  
**Photo by Carol Morgan**



A quiet Friday afternoon finds Dallas Sowder having her hair done by stylist and friend, Barbara Gaylor.  
**Photo by Carol Morgan**

# By air & by sea

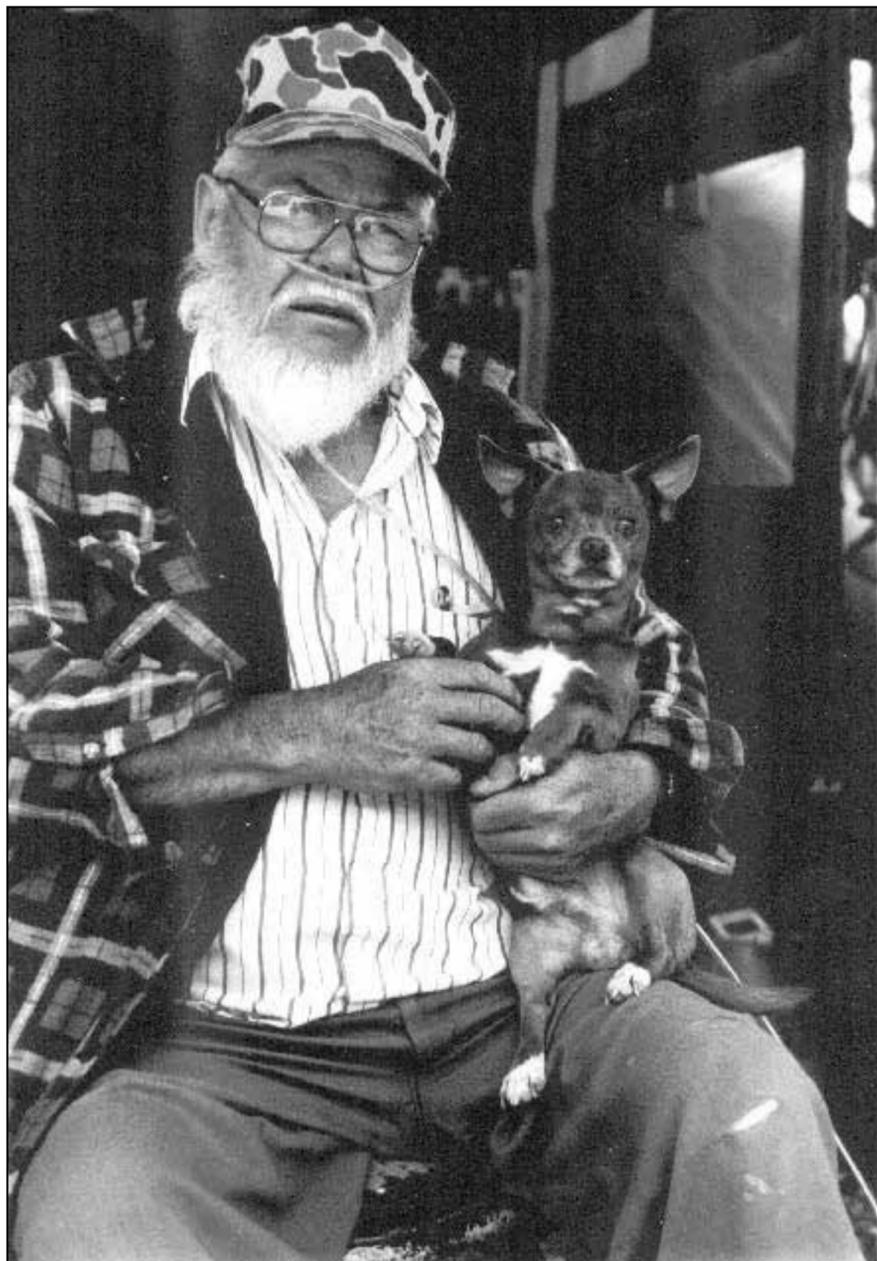


Wilford and Frankie Dykes get an early start on nearby Norris Lake.  
**Photo by Rick Vaughan**



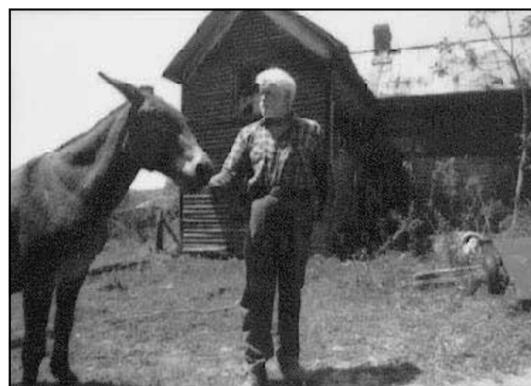
Don Ray prepares his plane for a Saturday afternoon take off from the airstrip in Deerfield.  
**Photo by Carol Morgan**

Man and his best friend: William Jones and Spider.  
**Photo by Brenan Sharp**



# Folks

On a beautiful spring day, Silas Grant and his mules spend some time outdoors.  
**Photo by Michal Hackl**



Elizabeth Kitts passes the time reading the paper at the LaFollette Senior Center.  
**Photo by Lyn Maner**

## Credits

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