



# eyes *on* LaFollette



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**W**hen a University of Tennessee professor and his 12 advanced photojournalism students arrived in the quiet of last Friday morning to the small community of LaFollette, one could only guess what images and experiences would result.

Armed with our cameras and our avid curiosities, our assignment was to capture the people and feel of this town; no easy task. But the warmth of many of the locals was inescapable as they embraced us with open arms and a desire to help.

Life stories were told and friends were made. Our photographs document a variety of people and events. We captured fire fighters battling a house fire, the marriage of a young couple, everyday scenes, exuberant expressions of local school children as well as the lines of faces that have seen a lifetime. We came to LaFollette to photograph life in a small town but we came away with more. As we left Saturday, we carried with us colorful stories and wonderful experiences that this community graciously gave us. We offer these photographs in return.



**top left** UT photojournalism student Jessica Bocko looks for the best angle for her shot.  
**photo by Chris Benson**

**above** Raymond Teague and Robby Gross, members of the Flag and Safety Patrol, begin the school day by raising the flags at West LaFollette Elementary School.  
**photo by Andy Ashby**

**left** Phyllis Booth, manager of the Goodwill, laughs it up during the Teddy Bear Brigade.  
**photo by Jessica Bocko**

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**left** Benny Reno stands on Central Avenue, taking donations for Cerebral Palsy of East Tennessee.  
**photo by Chris Benson**



**right** May Green, who has lived in LaFollette for 55 years, spends an evening on her porch.  
**photo by Paula Carroll**



# About Face



**middle** Raymond "Rattlesnake" Sharp poses for the camera.  
**photo by Boris Jausovec**

**above** Miller McDonald, County Historian and author of "The History of Campbell County", sits in his office at home.  
**photo by Erin Monk**



Jesse Spradlin, a kindergartner at West LaFollette Elementary, finishes his last bite of lunch before returning to class.  
**photo by Abby Holland**

# Working 9 to 5



**far left** Charles Delk is climbing to the top at C&C Concrete Products because he knows if he stops moving, so does the cement!

**photo by Melissa Alfred**

**top** Ray Beeler, whose Big Orange Barber Shop is often a center of local activity, is the barber of choice for many of the locals, including Raymond Noe.

**photo by Paula Carroll**

**left** Ronald Cable, assistant manager at LaFollette Airport for the last 15 years, cleans up between flights; there were no flights scheduled for this day.

**photo by Joshua Brown**



**above** 15-year-old patient Robert Kennedy waits for dentist Sandra Conroy (L) and assistant Karen Marshall (R) to finish their examination.

**photo by Lisa Price**

**right** Captain Johnny Angel and LaFollette firemen discuss their next course of action at the house of Jerry and Linda Perkins on South Avenue.

**photo by Boris Jausevec**



**right** Barry Cooper and his barn cat, Vicky, prepare for teaching young horse riders "the Cowboy Way" at the 4H barn.

**photo by Erin Monk**



# Getting Around



**top right** Ann Smiddy attempts to gracefully exit her Toyota truck.  
**photo by Rob Heller**

**middle** A dedicated volunteer worker wades through traffic on Central Avenue, taking donations for Cerebral Palsy of East Tennessee.  
**photo by Nicole Parsons**

**above** Fishermen make their way to a dock for fishing in the scenic Big Creek area Saturday morning.  
**photo by Lisa Price**



Whoosh! Rollerblader Michael Kennedy experiences life in the fast lane.  
**photo by Boris Jausovec**



# Child's Play



**top** Waiting for their ride home after a long day at school, Will Ellison and Kelsey Leach look outside to see if their parents have arrived yet.  
**photo by Joshua Brown**

**middle** Amber Meredith is not amused by the antics of her classmates (l. to r.) Makayla Partin, Joey Shoun, and Chris Poteet, during lunch at Christian Academy of Campbell County.  
**photo by Joshua Brown**

**above** Students at West LaFollette Elementary School pose for a wide view.  
**photo by Andy Ashby**

**left** Left fielder Calvin Madison tries to catch a fly ball during little league practice.  
**photo by Chris Benson**

# Goin' to the Chapel...



photo by Jessica Bocko



photos by Joshua Brown

**T**here is quite a bit of emotional and physical preparation that goes into getting married. Just ask newlyweds Steven and Joy Pratt.

*You start the day with appointments, getting your hair, nails, and even your makeup done; all with a photographer hovering around, wanting pictures for some news story.*

*Then, as the hours fade and nervousness begins to set in, the sort of nightmarish problems you've heard of happening at all your friend's weddings start to occur. Wrong tuxedo sizes, canceled hair appointments, all those problems that eventually become memories you can laugh about later.*

*As the time draws nearer and your mind is racing, you find ways to calm yourself—a kiss from your baby daughter or advice from someone who has been here before.*

*Finally, as the vows are being read and everyone is watching, you realize why you are here...for love.*

# Reflections



The local flea market reflects the old saying, "One man's junk is another man's treasure."  
**photo by Melissa Alfred**



Lara Smith Edwards spends a moment of reflection while waiting for her next voice student to arrive.  
**photo by Nicole Parsons**

## Credits

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