

Our advanced photojournalism class traveled to LaFollette last weekend to capture life in a small town. But as we found, small isn't conforming—it's independent and free.

As UT students we saw those in LaFollette go about their daily tasks at a much less harried pace than we are accustomed to. Instead of starched shirts, briefcases and cell phones—we saw flannel shirts, jeans and a Norman Rockwell view of the world. We who deal in images instead of words, weren't looking for the notorious, but the everyday events that make life what it is.

Perhaps it was the locals who stopped in to get their usual "cup of Joe" at their favorite diner or the look of a grandmother's tired eyes at the nursing home on the hill. Maybe it was because the people here still greeted us with a smile, a handshake or a wave.

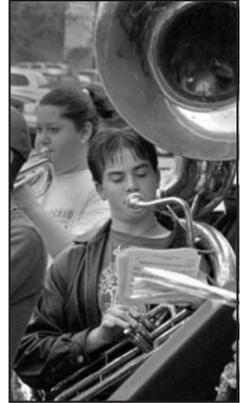
Honesty was seen in the faces of the young who played with vigor in little league and in the elderly whose well-kept stories revealed the true spirit of the heart.

LaFollette locals offered us a chance to see into one of the few places that still treasure a strong sense of community.

We are thankful for this opportunity we had to share brief moments of your lives and to feel as if you too cherished the time we spent with you in your homes, at your workplace, or in your intimate moments.



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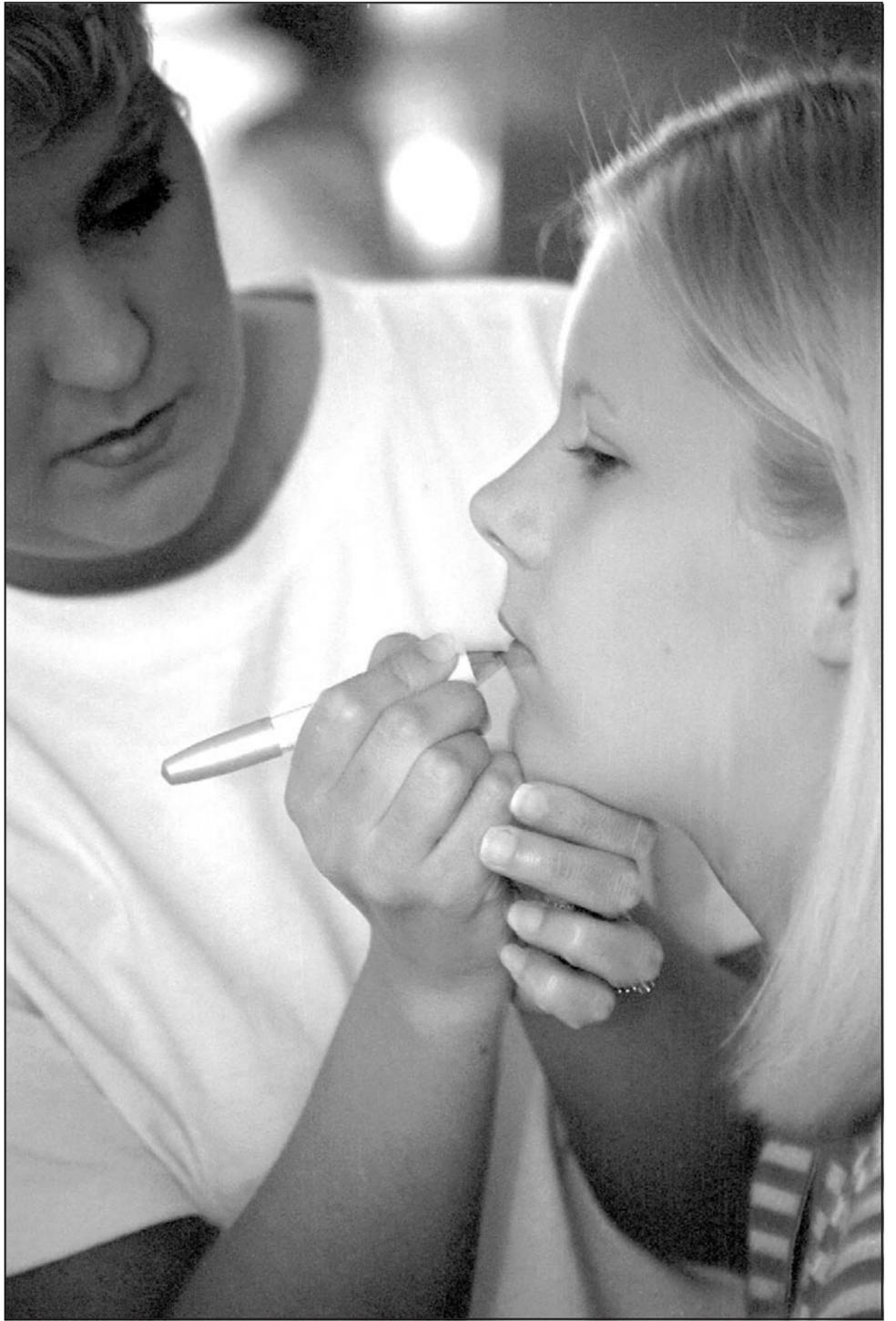


top left Blaine Low and Amanda Bailey fold the flag at the West LaFollette Elementary school. **photo by KD Lawson**

top right Joel Mefford performs with the Campbell County high school band at the opening of the Spring Trail. **photo by Jason Roberts**

above Childhood curiosity takes hold as the little league game presses on. **photo by Carine Penne**

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A Day at the Salon



top Tanya Henegar, owner of Merle Norman Beauty Center, applies make-up to Kristin Horne for her prom.
photo by Alison Church

above left Ray Beeler, owner of the Big Orange Style and Barber Shop, chats with Leo Richardson while cutting his hair.
photo by Nancy O'Reilly

above right At Hazel's Hair Styles & Stuff, Hazel Keith styles Renee Tapp's hair.
photo by Jolene Handysides

right Michael Daughter dries Sam's hair preparing for a cut and style.
photo by KD Lawson





Health Caring



top left Donald Whitman visits his wife, Louise, after her daily physical therapy.
photo by Jason Roberts

top right Leah Gidens jokes with nurse Brenda Robards on her last day as an intern at the hospital.
photo by Jason Roberts

above Jessie Green, Lousetta Cooper, and Birtha Allen chat near a sunlit window.
photo by Nancy O'Reilly

left A resident at St. Mary's nursing home spends a moment enjoying the view.
photo by Jason Roberts



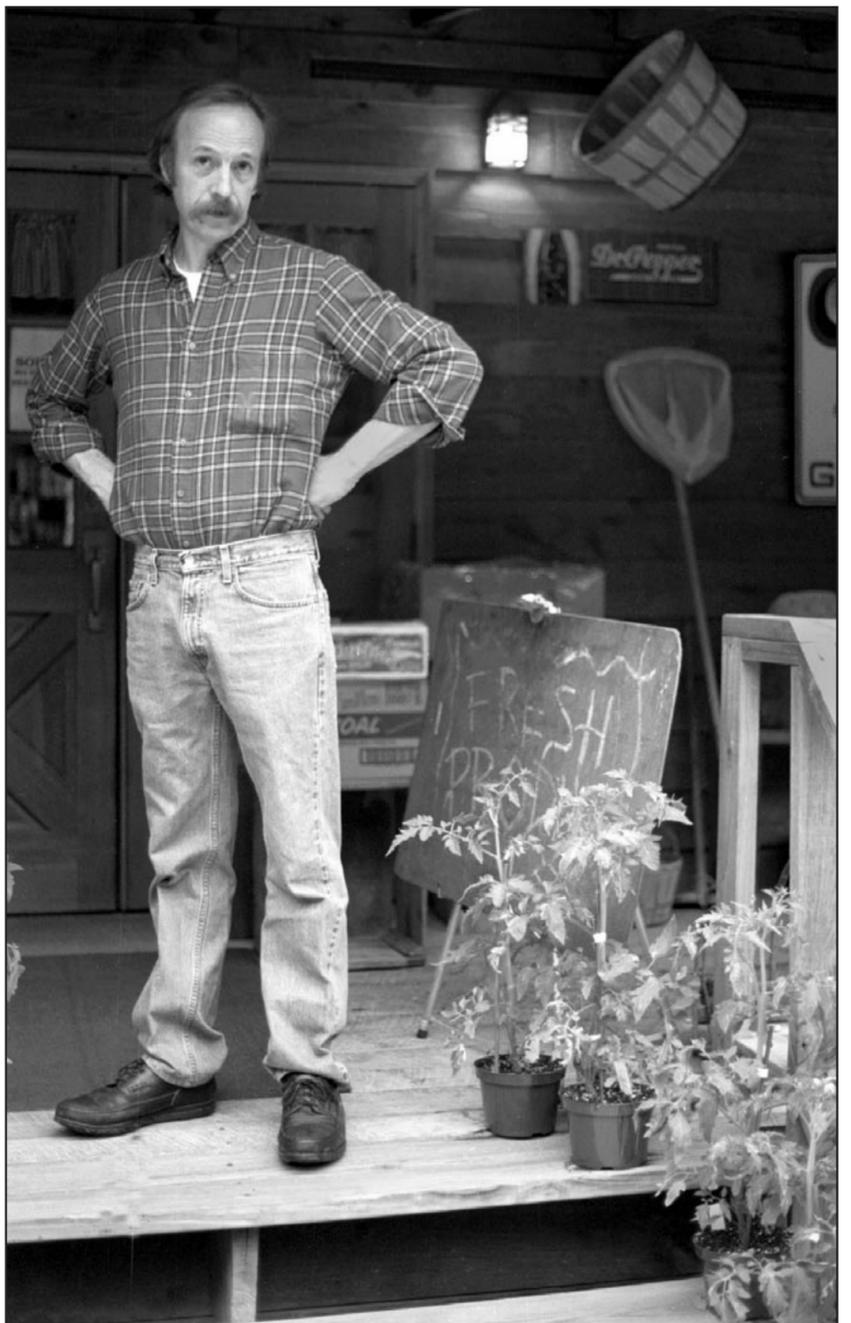
Hard at Work



top At Turners Nursery, Ray Pace protects a tree from the wind.
photo by Alison Church

above right John Chaniott oversees the Chaniott General Store.
photo by Kimberly Hull

above left Anna Chaniott tends to the garden that supplies fresh produce for the store.
photo by Kimberly Hull



right It's feeding time at the Hunley farm.
photo by Jason Roberts



below After a half day of school, Riley Hunley helps out on his father's farm.
photo by Carine Penne



above Adora Alvey serves food to visitors at Springbrook Resort.
photo by Angela Lugten

above middle Charity Davis and Laura Roach are hard at work at the Animal Hospital of Campbell County.
photo by Jesse Smithey

above left Buck Baker, Clarence Jones, and Tim Simcox put up a wall for the new TDOT engineering office.
photo by Jesse Smithey

above right Clyde Jones, Jason Woodruff, and Scotty Hatfield wrestle a new tire onto a tractor at the Farmer's CO-OP.
photo by KD Lawson



Play Ball

top left Trammell Marlow swings while practicing batting Friday afternoon getting ready for his first game of the season on Saturday.
photo by KD Lawson

top right Mychal Bolton, shortstop, throws to first base at the Family Video Hurricanes practice.
photo by KD Lawson

above Three and a half-year-old Brooke Bane, outfielder for the Shockers, stares at home plate while waiting for the ball.
photo by Alison Church

right Clint Bane gives his daughter, Brooke, a hug before she goes to bat.
photo by Alison Church



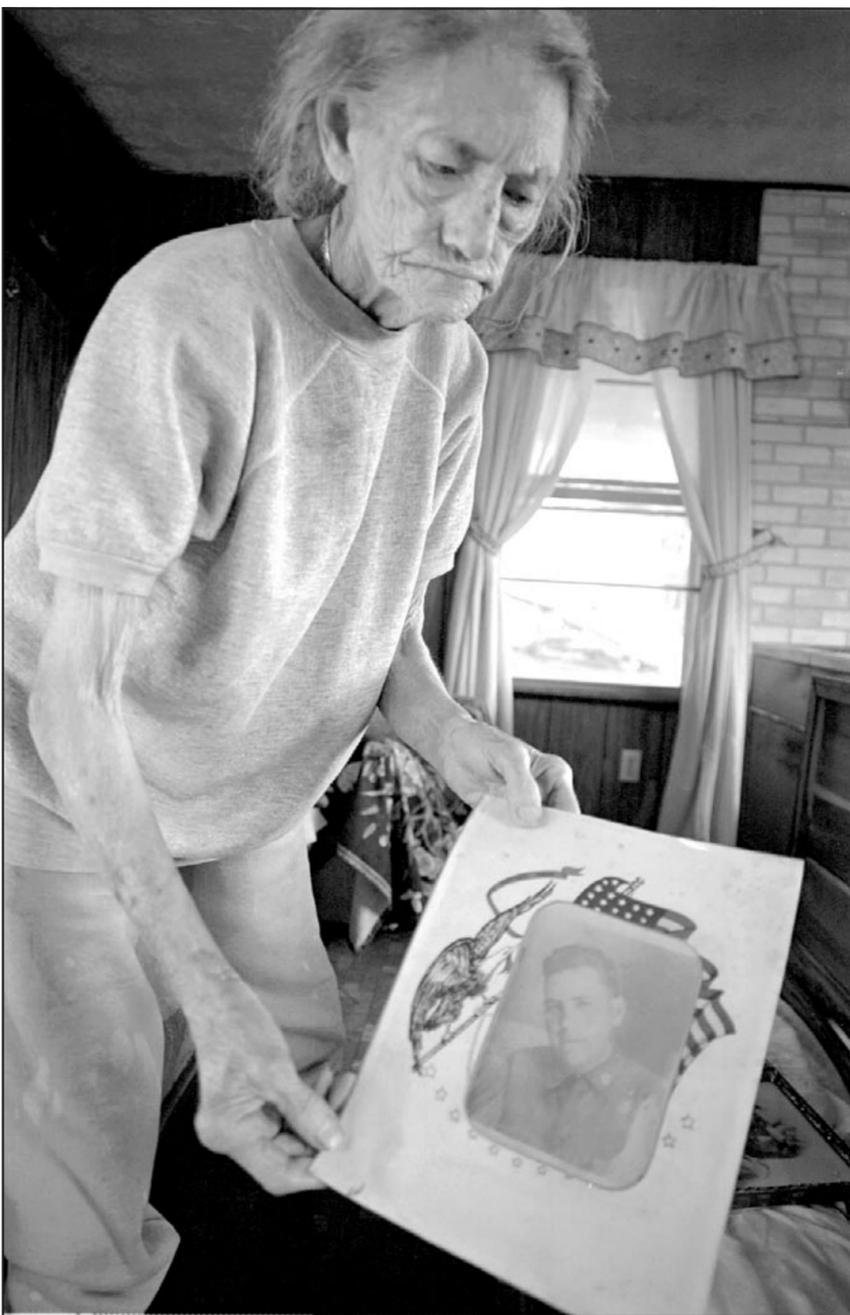
Faces



top
Donald Johnson puts on a serious face.
photo by Carine Penne



left
Walter Chadwell and John Ferguson talk over coffee at Goins Restaurant.
photo by Nancy O'Reilly



left
Viola Stooksbury packages food at the Friendship Center.
photo by Alison Church



above Delone Goins delivers meals to senior residents of LaFollette.
photo by Alison Church

left Jessie Bowman shows a picture of her deceased brother who was in the service.
photo by Alison Church

Credits

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