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front cover Amelia Wilson takes in the sights at the flea market. Photo by Tiffany May



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hen someone lives in a place for a long period of time, life becomes routine and perhaps unexciting. When you go to the supermarket or a restaurant, you're likely to see people you know or at least recognize. Some become bored with the habitual while others thrive on it, but to an outsider looking in, that ordinary world looks different and fresh. Students from the University of Tennessee come to LaFollette to get away from the mundane and find excitement in a new setting.

UT Professor Robert Heller takes the advanced photojournalism class to photograph the town and its residents. Our goal is to tell stories with pictures, and we do this by finding places that are unique to the area, talking to strangers about their lives, and throwing ourselves into a world we don't know.

Surrounded by blue mountains and blanketed in shadows from looming clouds, the town seems to be inhabited by friendly people who wave to you in neighborhoods or allow you to take pictures when they're busy washing cars to support local softball teams or boxing camps.

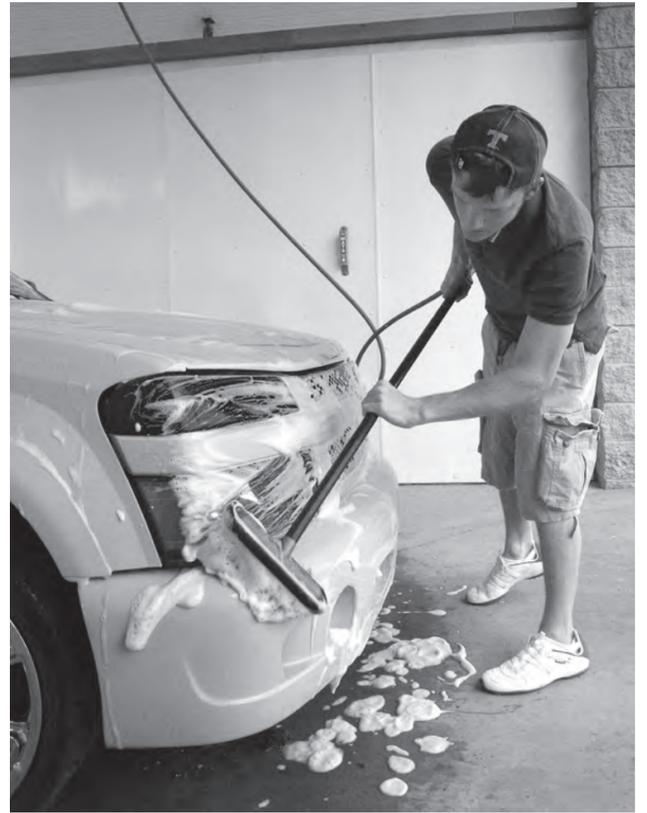
Families gather to picnic at Cove Lake; the wind carries the lighter fluid smell from grilling hamburgers to your nose, and it brings back memories of past family reunions and birthday parties.

People work at businesses for many years and love their jobs. They entertain themselves by sharing stories and reminiscing about old times at local events.

It's a town that doesn't seem to change, and in a fast-paced world, it's refreshing to see that small-town, friendly places still do exist. LaFollette provides outsiders with a sense of unmeasured time in an era where time is so easily lost.

above John Womble removes tires from a car at Minton's Tire Service. **Photo by Kristi Davis**

hard at work



top left Leon Johnson takes a break from his busy day to wash his truck.
Photo by Catherine O'Brien

top right Noah Newport soaps up his car at the Car & Boat Super Wash Center.
Photo by Kristin Demers

center Joey Bullock attaches a trailer hitch to this Dodge Truck.
Photo by Todd Vinsant

bottom left Airport Manager and Operator Bert Loupe, who's been flying planes since he was 16, reaches for the door of a 1973 Piper Cherokee plane.
Photo by Weslie Jarvis

bottom right Andrew Petree clears shingles from the roof of the currently empty First National Bank.
Photo by Laura Lacy

below Warren Perkins weighs a pile of scrap metal at a recycling center. **Photo by Brad Miller**

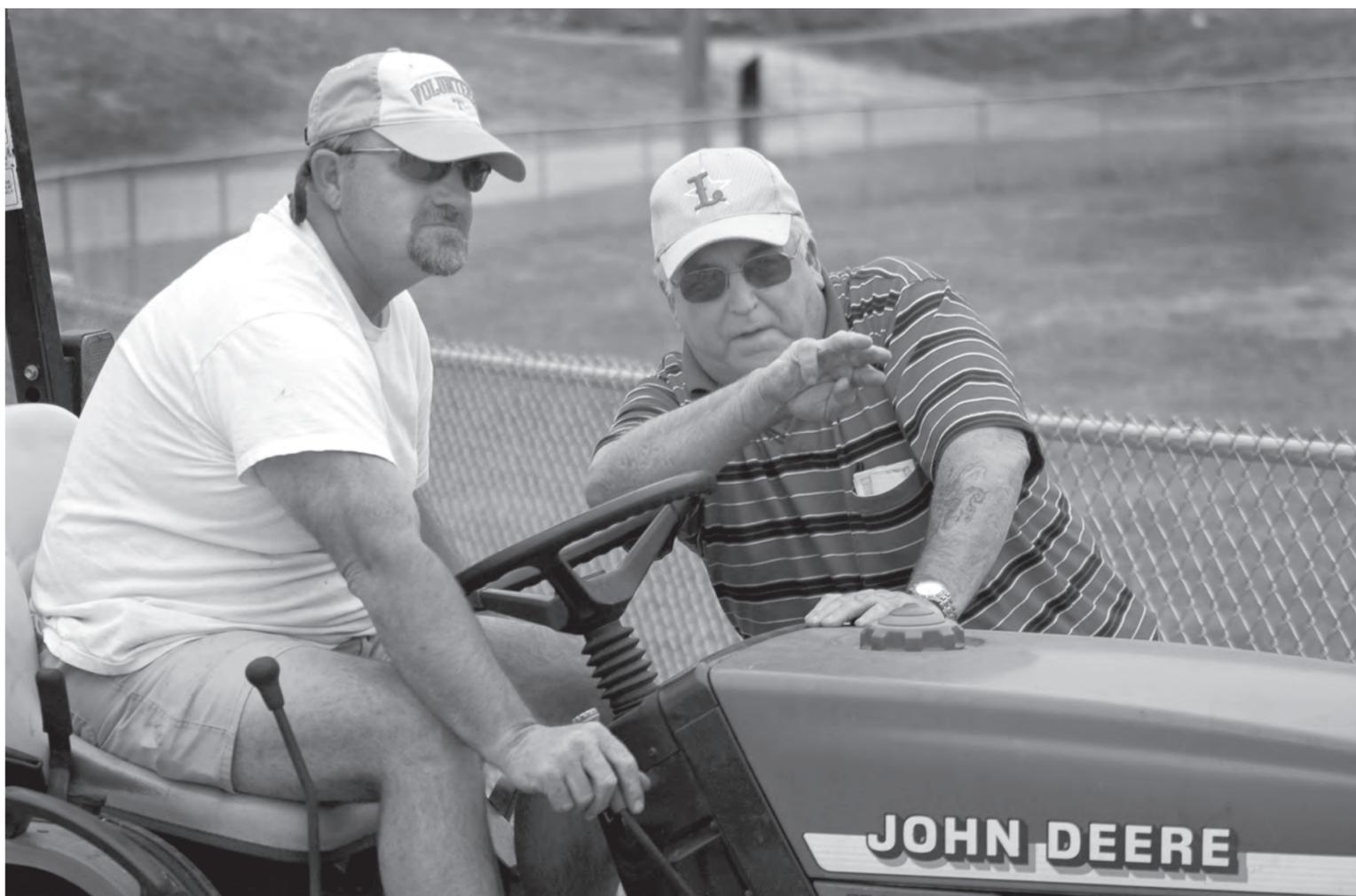


left Charlie Hudson, a member of the LaFollette Fire Department, looks on from the truck as he controls the hose valves during an inservice training exercise. **Photo by Todd Vinsant**

below Lieutenant Charles Eldridge (left) and Captain Johnny Clear (middle) look on during an inservice training exercise for the LaFollette Fire Department. **Photo by Todd Vinsant**



middle Ron Hill and Rick Collinsworth, workers for the LaFollette Recreational Program, go over plans for park maintenance. **Photo by Todd Vinsant**



Bert Loupe, airport manager, demonstrates how to measure distances from the Campbell County airfield. **Photo by Jesse Swanson**



Rheanna Beeler trims holly bushes at Rainbow Nursery. Her job has inspired her to study horticulture and agriculture in college. **Photo by Sarah Jane Nutt**

cheer up



above Students line up in the gym for the names of the new cheerleaders to be announced.
Photo by Catherine O'Brien

left Junior Alesha Allen and freshman Hannah Lambert try to keep busy while awaiting the results of cheering tryouts.
Photo by Catherine O'Brien



top right Campbell County High school students say a prayer before receiving the results of cheerleading tryouts.
Photo by Ashley Rainey

top From left to right, Joanna Kitts, Natalie Goins, Rachel Hall and Hannah Lambert prepare for the high school cheerleading tryouts.
Photo by Nikki Ingleby

above Britney Lobertini braids the hair of Britney Golet.
Photo by Tiffany May



golden glovers



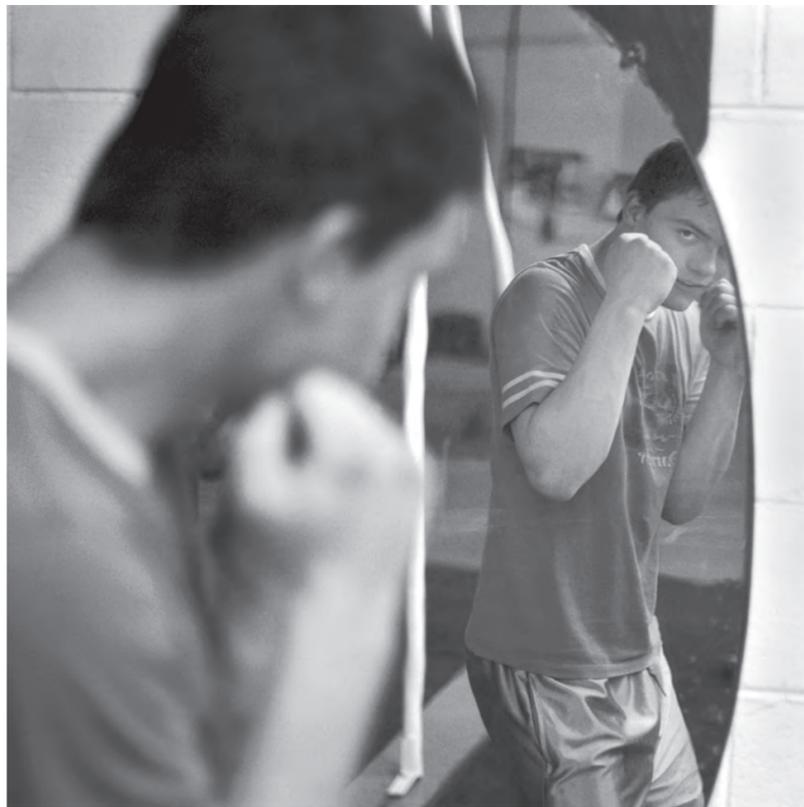
Photos by Lorenzo Woods

top Cody Rinta steps up to the speed bag.

left With Muhammad Ali's poster screaming from the back wall, Alicia Clark learns what it means to swing in the ring from Coach John Foust.

below left Cody Rinta shows the punching bag that it's not the size of the dog in the fight that matters, but the size of the fight in the dog.

below Donald Collins has the eye of the tiger.



left Alicia Clark wraps her hand before practice in preparation for battle.



top Patrick Miller (left) and Gary Lee (right) pass a lazy afternoon in their front yard. **Photo by Jesse Swanson**

middle left Hugh Spradlin and his son Ben enjoy lunch at Charley's Pizza. **Photo by Kristin Demers**

middle right Gracie and Corey Yohey are entertained by interactive computer games at the public library. **Photo by Todd Vinsant**

above Zachary Webb enjoys an early breakfast at the Royal Lunch. **Photo by Nikki Ingleby**

right J.T. Holsemback shows his knife collection over breakfast at the Royal Lunch. **Photo by Nikki Ingleby**

about faces



right Mark Phillips spends the afternoon at the flea market.
Photo by Tiffany May

below James Estep prepares to move a truck while his family watches.
Photo by Jesse Swanson



above Eleazar Guillen and his wife prepare to make tamales at La Bonita market.
Photo by Brad Miller

right Brenda Roach takes advantage of some down time to sit and relax at Judi's Diner.
Photo by Brad Miller





tattoo you

Donnie Silcox tattoos Richard Jones' dog tags on his forearm at DJ's Tattoo.

above
Photo by Sarah Jane Nutt

right
Photo by Kristi Davis



credits

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