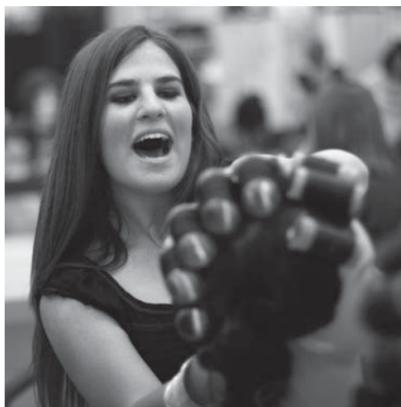


EYES ON LAFOLLETTE



In 30 hours, 17 University of Tennessee student photojournalists document life in LaFollette



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hen 17 of the University of Tennessee's advanced photojournalism students arrived in LaFollette April 3, emotions ran the gamut. Some students were excited and ready to start the day as soon as they arrived, others wanted to hang back and get their bearings before heading out into the unfamiliar town.

At the prodding of Professor Rob Heller, all the students eventually headed out and experienced the daily pressures of any career photojournalist. They adjusted for weather, got creative when their story ideas took unexpected turns or disappeared altogether, and tried to capture as many of the moments that shape LaFollette's identity as possible.

From a second-grade music class to the inside of a fire truck, the students were welcomed to view daily life in LaFollette by everyone they met. At several places, the subjects of the students' photos became not only stories in and of themselves, but also sources of new information, helping generate more ideas. Students visited local shops and restaurants, experienced the thrill of the airport runway, and witnessed a young girl select the perfect prom dress.

Thanks to the hospitality and grace of the people of LaFollette, the students were able to piece together another chapter in the contemporary history this project has worked to build, hoping to add their personal touch while capturing the essence of LaFollette.

cover photos by (top) Malia Kim, (center) Ben Moser, bottom (left to right) Jordan Vest, Julian Wood, Amber Fenske, Allison Eskew, James Bolton.



Music Makers

photos and story by Jordan Vest

above Martha Freeman directs a fifth grade class, which is preparing for an upcoming choral performance.

below Tyler Lloyd (left) and Colby Mays (right) look over the sheet music during class.



above Glen-Micheal Williamson gets ready to play the triangle.

below Michele Oakes shakes her bells during music class, as she's backed up by Lucas Johnson on cymbals and John Hatfield on sticks.



above Second grader Samantha McNay concentrates while playing the tambourine in Freeman's music class.



The sound of cymbals crashing and tambourines jingling echoes down the hallway at LaFollette Elementary School. This can mean only one thing: Martha Freeman's music class is learning about rhythmic instruments. Inside the concrete walls of the classroom, Freeman directs the children as they concentrate on her directions. At times, excess tambourine shaking is heard, but Freeman always remains calm. Her passion for music and her desire to transfer it to her students shows on her face. The jumbled sounds her classes create may not sound like music to a passersby, but it's the sound of a new generation acquiring a love of music. And that is music to Freeman's ears.

left Glen-Micheal Williamson finds a new use for his cymbals during music class.

Hands On

above right Kelsey Allen shows how to roll hair in a cosmetology class at Campbell County High School. **photo by Julian Wood**

below right Amber Tkatzyk works on her painting of President Barak Obama in an advanced art class at Campbell County High School. **photo by Malia Kim**



above Back massages are a great way to unwind at Urban Edge Salon and Nails. **photo by Rebecca Danehy**

above right Martha Cox anticipates the next chip placement while playing Bingo at the senior center. **photo by Leigh Imhoff**



James Gwin practices the organ at First Baptist Church of LaFollette. **photo by Jordan Vest**

Faces



right Cumberland Village nursing home resident Lenzy Kennedy socializes with the facility's resident cockatiel, Earl. **photo by Anne Whitworth**



far right Janice Jeffers shares a humorous moment with a coworker at Cumberland Village nursing home. **photo by Anne Whitworth**



center Glen Lumpkins gathers with family and friends at Clarence and Lynda Wilson's farm for food and card games. **photo by James Bolton**

above right Megan Ford enjoys working with multimedia art in her advanced art class at Campbell County High School. **photo by Malia Kim**

above left Janice Burris laughs off one of several false wins during a bingo game at the La Follette Senior Center. **photo by Anne Whitworth**

At Work

right Tony Claborn prepares to make a turn in a fire truck while driving down the streets of LaFollette. **photo by Mark McNabb**



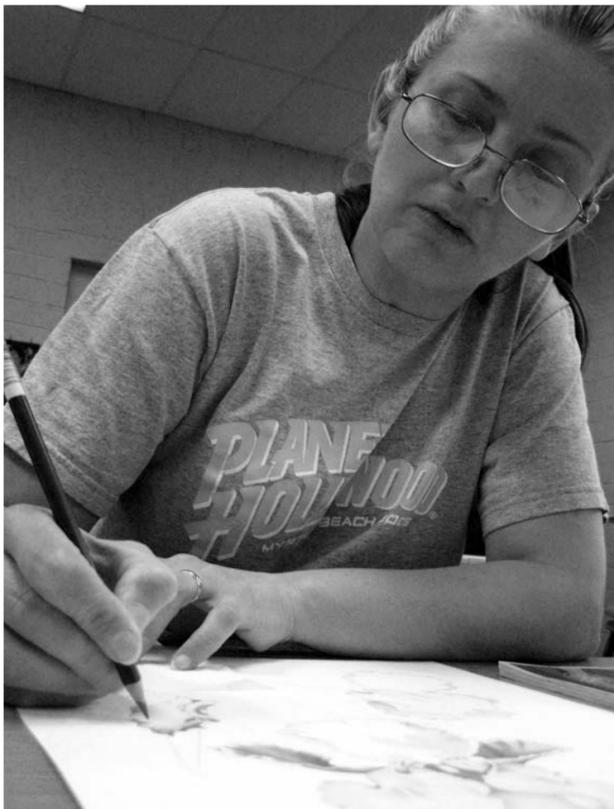
below right Richard Sopha works on a project in Mr. Lawson's class at Campbell Co. Comprehensive High School. **photo by Allison Eskew**

below Adrian Baird listens for bees. **photo by Chris Dyas**



right Jim Eickhoff does yardwork at his home in Cove Point. **photo by Jordan Vest**

below Terry Chenoit offers art classes in her art studio in the former West LaFollette Elementary school. **photo by Malia Kim**



above Mary Jane of Westbourne Daylilies works in her lily garden. **photo by Ashley Nevader**

left Stacy Webb pours more coffee at the Royal Lunch. **photo by Joseph Farinash**

upper left Sherman Campbell takes a phone call while working at Ace Hardware. **photo by Mark McNabb**



far left Tim Malicoat, employee at La Follette Utilities, waits to go home at the end of the day.
photo by Allison Eskew

left Mark Kitts prepares to pop the hood of one of Crazy Eddie's antique cars.
photo by Leigh Imhoff

below Ernest R. Carter lounges at La Follette Court Assisted Living Home.
photo by Allison Eskew



At Leisure



above P.K. Hubbard rests after a failed trick.
photo by Jordan Vest

left Frank Dossett (left), Boyd Sharp (middle) and Dan Marcy (right) enjoy a moment together at the Royal Lunch.
photo by Joseph Farinash



far left J.D. Greene (left) plays checkers with Adrian Chess (right) at Cumberland Village nursing home.
photo by Anne Whitworth

left Shane Humerick and Brittany Partin set up their tent in Cove Lake Park Campground. **photo by Ben Moser**

far right Ray Beeler (left), owner of the Big Orange Barber Shop, pulls out his clippers to trim Jim Stevens' hair as Stevens listens to one of Beeler's stories.



right The Big Orange Barber Shop, located on Tennessee Ave., displays its current available services on a piece of cardboard directly below those of many years ago.

below Ray "The Barber" Beeler focuses intently on the task at hand--telling stories and entertaining his customers.



Hair Today...

photos by Ben Moser



above While Clayton Price (right) is waiting to get his hair trimmed, Charlie Riggs (left) is catching him up with some of the barber shop talk that went on before Price arrived.

right Ray Beeler (left) puts the finishing touches on Junior Hardwick's (right) haircut as Beeler brushes off loose hairs and removes paper from Hardwick's collar.



above Ray "The Barber" Beeler's finely-tuned barber skills match his sharp storytelling abilities as he trims Bill "Dub" Ayres' already short hair.



left Madison Asher, a student in a cosmetology class at Campbell County High School, hopes one day to open her own salon, appropriately named Bella Vita.



middle left Imperfection is not an option for Katie McCullah. Here, she critiques her own work while making progress.



lower left Hair can be serious business. Brittany McGrath works hard on her mannequin in cosmetology class at Campbell County High School.

below Cierra Low expertly rolls hair during cosmetology class at Campbell County High School.

photos by Julian Wood



above right Robin Sharp is the owner of Split Ends. **photo by Rebecca Danehy**

above left Brandon Elkins passes time on the phone as his mother Jamie Wilhoit gets the finishing touches on her hair at Cutting Edge. **photo by Danielle Terrieri**

left Deborah Keefauver's reflection mimics the pictures on the wall as she styles a clients hair at 'This Is It' hair salon in Woodson's Mall. **photo by Joseph Farinash**



below Here the team (left to right: Hunter, Sopha, Carr and Jeffers) pulls their line tight before wrapping it around the pole and tying it off.



above Col. Salveson talks about the Raiders team in between rounds of push-ups.

ROTC

photos by James Bolton

Sergeant Tierney and Colonel Salveson have been teaching Campbell County High School ROTC students to be fit, disciplined leaders and talented individuals for upwards of two decades. The Cougar Battalion has a saying, "There is no glory in practice, but without practice there is no glory." So they slog through mud. They run through wind and rain. They don't stop, even when it hurts. For glory.

below far left Col. Salveson gathers his things at the end of the school day and prepares to leave. He's off to a softball practice before he heads home.

below center Sopha and company grab ropes and begin making 'Swiss Seats' and 'Australian Seats' - climbing and bridging harnesses - for the upcoming rope bridge exercise.

below From Left To Right: Robert Sopha, Adam Hunter, Tyler Allen, Col. Salveson, Noah Carr, and J. Jeffers. Part of the Raiders team stretches in preparation for a two-and-a-half mile run.



above Cameron McDonald demonstrates the use of the ROTC pull-up bars in front of the ROTC room. He does about ten without breaking a sweat.

left Adam Hunter stands ready with a hefty coil of rope slung across his shoulder. The Raiders team prepares to practice.

Prom Time



With prom season in the air, the hunt for the perfect dress, shoes and finishing touches ensues. Those are exactly what Veronica England finds at "I Do" Weddings and Flowers.

photos by Amber Fenske



You could call him a jack-of-all-trades. Known to his listeners as Frank Scott, Frank Strovel has hosted a morning radio show in Campbell County for more than 16 years. An earlier career in print journalism around Baltimore showed Strovel his passion is really in radio. This passion can be seen in everything Strovel does, from loading up the CD players at the radio station (they do not yet use MP3 files) to recording radio commercials for local advertisers. Though his day starts early, often around 5 a.m., Strovel provides LaFollette with a constant stream of country music to power the drive to work.

photos and story by Julian Wood

On Air

below Kaitlyn Roop likes to visit her neighbor's newborn goats.
photo by Allison Eskew



right Katie O'Rourke practices her computer skills at the public library.
photo by Leigh Imhoff



above Isabella Ball, 3, examines a fishing lure while camping at Cove Lake State Park.
photo by Jordan Vest

right Students at the Christian Academy of Campbell County show off their messy hands after dying Easter eggs.
photo by Jennifer Stinnett



It's A Small World

right Zach Mysliwec and Izak Bright, students at the Christian Academy of Campbell County, sneak a peek at the comics while dying Easter eggs.
photo by Jennifer Stinnett



left Kids at the First Baptist Easter egg hunt run to be the first to the eggs.
photo by Allison Eskew





photo by Ben Moser

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