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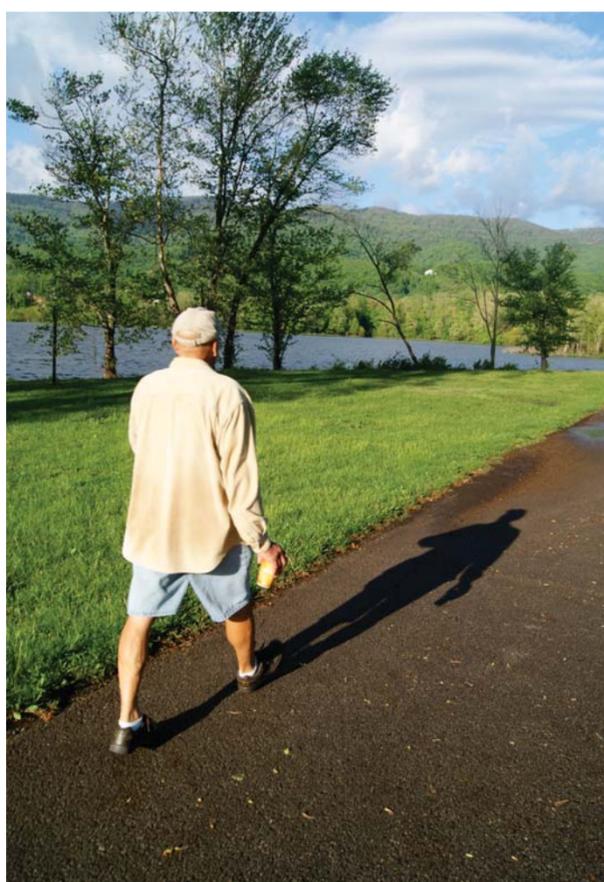
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W *e came to LaFollette to take photographs. Our assignment, like that given to Professor Rob Heller's advanced photojournalism class at UT since 1993, was to capture the life and character of a town and its people in a day's worth of still images. So we came with our instruments—cameras, pens and notepads—and for 36 hours we immersed ourselves in a sea of strangers, each of us hoping to illustrate the humanity of LaFollette with a beautiful moment caught. As students of photojournalism, we set out to find the subtle moments—the telling faces, the honest hands, the perfect shapes of light and shadow—and snare them with sharp lenses and quick shutters.*

In thousands of photographs, we captured thousands of moments. But as each of us recounted our adventures in LaFollette, the moments that resounded in us were more than the ones that found our lenses. They were the warm voices and candid life stories, the hand-drawn maps of winding country roads and the gentle roughness of paint-covered hands. They were the unexpected favors and the earnest well-wishes—the quiet moments of beauty that can't be captured in frames of light and shadow.

When we turned our eyes on LaFollette, we discovered the beauty of a town in the charm and authenticity of its people.



cover photo by Clark Davidson
top photo by Katie Cauthen
right photo by Danielle Kyle

FORE!



above Members of the LaFollette Middle School Golf Team spend the afternoon practicing at the LaFollette Country Club. **photo by Andy Hayes**



above Marie Roach (left) Rachel Heatherly (right) practice their swings. **photo by Jonathan Barrow**

center Lindsay Taylor attempts a chip shot at the green. **photo by Andy Hayes**



above Coach Bobby helps guide Marie Roach's golf swing. **photo by Jonathan Barrow**



center right Hunter Lawson, Lindsay Taylor, Trevor Huckaby, Nicole Lumpkins, Derick Marlow, Marie Roach and Andrew Arnold play a round of golf. **photo by Jonathan Barrow**



right Alyssa Harris plans her next move. **photo by Andy Hayes**

below Phillip Farmer, a butcher at Hollingsworth's Meat Market for 43 years, carves meat on a Friday morning. **photo by Lacey Reynolds**



below Clark Hall paints a sign that will stand next to the Wal-Mart parking lot. **photo by Jonathan Kahler**



ON THE CLOCK

center Sixth grade teacher, Kim Fairchild, relaxes at Villa Salon as Kim Oakes styles her hair. **photo by Anne Huffman**

bottom left Tom Robards has been working at Wender's Furniture Co. since 1964. Robards and his son Tommy run the store. **photo by Lacey Reynolds**

bottom right Ron Pierce prepares for the day at Pierce's Furniture store. **photo by Jonathan Kahler**



below Mildred Weldon sweeps a sidewalk on Tennessee Ave.
photo by Jonathan Kahler



below Larry Marsh wipes a window at Autospa Car Wash.
photo by Katie Geissberger



center Chuck Jacobs, DJ at WTNQ-FM, lines his workspace with stacks of CD's for easy access during his shift. photo by Summer Johnson



above Danny Riggs has been working in the Hollingsworth's Meat Market for five months. photo by Lacey Reynolds

right Justin Chapman washes green peppers at Charley's Pizza.
photo by Stephanie Myers





above Steve Lawson and Mary Gibson play a pick-up game of baseball with classmates and friends at Cove Lake State Park. **photo by Katie Geissberger**

top right Ronald Reagan pitches the ball to Holly Bullman. **photo by Katie Geissberger**

right Anthony Shaw rounds the bases with care. **photo by Katie Geissberger**



below Little League players Brady Hatmaker (left) and Hudson Harris (right) await the start of their tee ball game. **photo by Jonathan Barrow**

PLAY BALL



above Coaching coordinator Jason Rutherford gives the baseball to his little league Pirates. **photo by Stephanie Myers**



right Rick Berry (right) helps his son Landon Berry (left) get ready for his little league baseball game. **photo by Stephanie Myers**



SPORTS & RECREATION

left Trainer and owner of Campbell County Golden Gloves, Johnny Foust, demonstrates sparring instructions. **photo by Clark Davidson**

below Bruce Ferguson fishes for bass at Cove Lake State Park. **photo by Carly Bushong**



above Fellow runners cheer each other on as they cross the finish line at the Relay for Life 5k. **photo by Anne Huffman**

left Tim Zupancic awaits his wife and son to cross the finish line at the Relay for Life 5k. **photo by Katie Niehaus**

HANDS ON



top Melinda Richardson works on corsages for prom at Petals of Grace. **photo by Katie Geissberger**

above Bill Coffey, owner of Coffey's Flea Market, leans on the counter while chatting with a customer. **photo by Corinne Oglesby**

left Mason Capps, a junior in high school, has played the mandolin for six years. He also plays guitar and bass. **photo by Stephanie Myers**



above Phillip Farmer carves meat at Hollingsworth Meat Market. **photo by Lacey Reynolds**

right Florist Joe Taylor prepares a corsage for the Campbell County High School prom. **photo by Carly Bushong**





above Andrew Prim walks the golf course. photo by Andy Hayes

FACE TO FACE



above Bill Coffey, owner of Coffey's Flea Market, considers his work a type of therapy. photo by Corinne Oglesby



left Pat Burrell watches the counter at her son's music store. photo by Emmy Hermes

bottom left Carlock Myers, otherwise known as "papaw," looks out over his hand-built venue, "The Stables." photo by Maggie Yeager

below Bob Griffin shares a laugh at Coffey's Flea Market. photo by Emmy Hermes



PERFECT PASTRIES

right The Buttermilk Donut Shoppe offers a variety of donuts including strawberry and lemon filled. **photo by Lacey Reynolds**



center Ralph Doyle takes a moment to rest after cutting donuts by hand Saturday morning. **photo by Lacey Reynolds**



right The Buttermilk Donut Shoppe offers daily bread specials. **photo by Lacey Reynolds**

far right Debbie Doyle fills donuts with buttercream after the morning rush. **photo by Katie Geissberger**



right The baker's tools await the next batch of dough. **photo by Lacey Reynolds**

RALPH AND DEBBIE DOYLE RUN THE BUTTERMILK DONUT SHOPPE WITH THE HELP OF THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS BETH CHARBER AND APRIL VALESKI. The shop has been at its current location on 502 Main St. in Jacksboro for two years, but Ralph has been cutting donuts by hand for the last 53 years.

Once a salt truck driver in Maine, Ralph learned how to cut donuts from a German baker in Bruer and gave up the truck driving business to pursue his real passion, baking. He opened his first shop in Maine with the hundred year old recipes the German baker passed down to him. He later relocated his family to LaFollette when his daughter moved to the area.



KIDDING AROUND

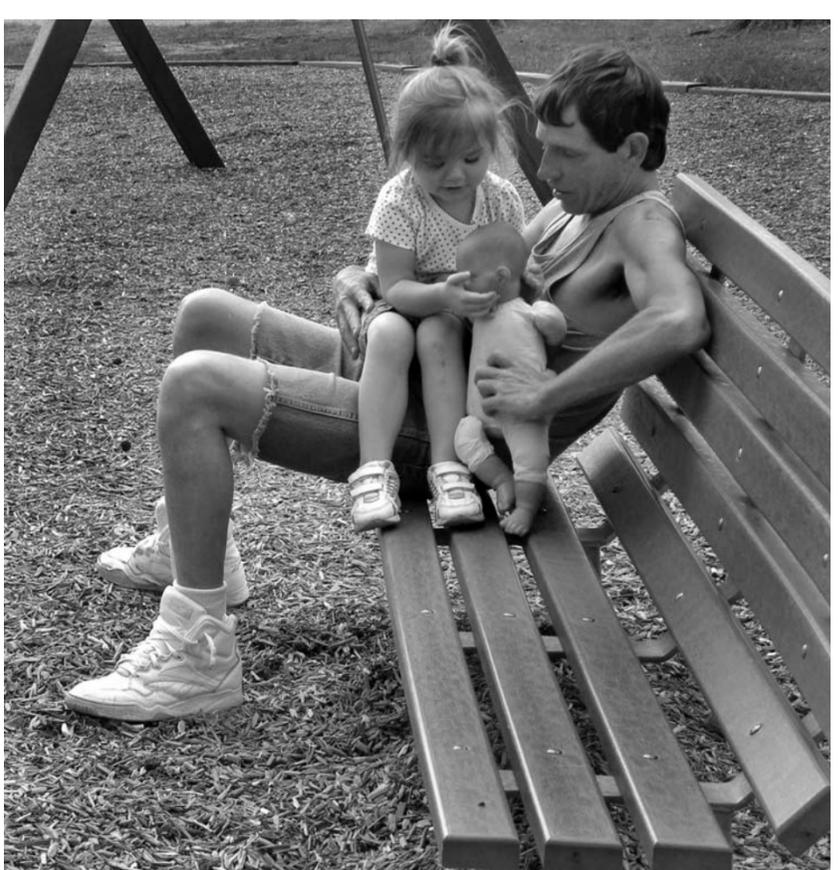


above Madison Johnson jumps one last time before leaving Cove Lake State Park for the day.
photo by Jessica Sizemore

top Jackson Sharp, 9, and Nicholas Sharp, 5, clown around after a pizza dinner at the lake.
photo by Katie Niehaus

left Stephanie C. shops with her son at Coffey's Flea Market.
photo by Corinne Oglesby

below Teasha Andrus and her son Jayden Parks enjoy the afternoon at Cove Lake State Park.
photo by Katie Niehaus.



above Bobby Loyd spends an afternoon at the park with Tamery Morgan and her babydoll Ashley.
photo by Katie Niehaus

left Lauren Tompkins and her father, Russ, share an intimate moment at the Farmer's co-op.
photo by Anne Huffman



top left Thomas Wilson, 8, concentrates on his sheet music during one of his guitar lessons with Eric Burrell. **photo by Stephanie Myers**

above Effects pedals line the floor in Eric Burrell's practice and lesson room at Burrell's Music Store. **photo by Corinne Oglesby**



above Eric Burrell discusses variations on the A minor scale. **photo by Corinne Oglesby**

STRINGS & THINGS

below Billie Murray gives back to the community by crocheting hats for the homeless. **photos by Katie Cleveland and Summer Johnson**





SIFTING THROUGH THE ASHES

TOM JONES AND KATHY CARROLL JONES SAID THE MOBILE HOME NEXT TO THEIR HOUSE ON LOOP RD. CAUGHT FIRE ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF AGO. "It lit up like a Christmas tree," Mrs. Jones said. No one was living in the mobile home when the fire caught, she said, but new tenants were scheduled to move in. Since the fire, Mr. Jones has been salvaging scraps from the ashes. "I can get about two dollars a piece for those," he said, pointing to the stack of wrecked metal sheets in the yard.



photos by Jonathan Kahler

MISC.

right Lynn Albright enjoys breakfast.
photo by Katie Niehaus



far right Andrea Bowman exits her husband's pawn shop.
photo by Emmy Hermes

below Amber Young and Jane Mattie work in the Campbell County High School greenhouse.
photo by Jonathan Kahler





HORSE & HOUNDS

top The mare, Abercrombie, peers into a barn window. **photo by Andy Hayes**

bottom left A puppy awaits adoption at the Campbell County Animal Shelter. **photo by Carly Bushong**

bottom right Two canine friends obey the rules of the road while searching for water and shade. **photo by Corinne Oglesby**



CREDITS



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