

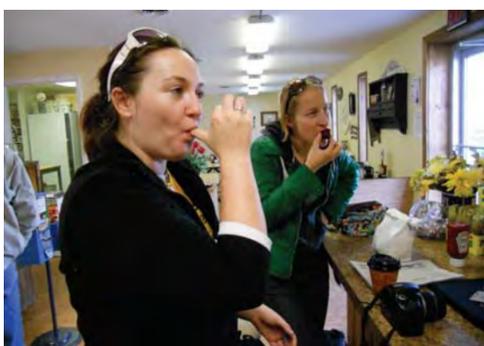
# EYES ON LAFOLLETTE



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



## EYES ON LAFOLLETTE



**W**e're back! For the 14<sup>th</sup> time since 1993, Professor Rob Heller and his University of Tennessee advanced photojournalism students descended upon LaFollette to document everyday life and catch as many fleeting moments as 30 hours would allow. During our short stay, we moved around town from place to place and asked to be invited into people's lives for a brief period.

Dozens of photographs have been carefully selected from thousands of pictures based on the sheer strength of the moment they've captured and the individual stories they tell. We hope to have caught sincere images of a small-town reality that may otherwise go unnoticed. The photographs, focusing on the people of LaFollette, are made all the more real by the strong bond the subjects have with their community and their openness to share that with us.

**front page** MacRoy Crumbley takes a break from his iPad at Norris Craft Boats. MacRoy's father, Richard, works at the family business which has been in LaFollette since 1954. **photo by Wade Rackley**

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# PUTTING FAMILY FIRST

Photos and story by Holly Kane



**I**N A SUNNY SATURDAY AFTERNOON, RUSTY PROVINS AND HIS FATHER, PAUL, CHAT AS ANY AVERAGE FATHER AND SON WOULD.

However, today's conversation centers on a mission the Provins men have been pursuing for the last two years. Marked simply by a lawn mower's cut into a field of purple flowers and green spring weeds, there lies the goal. Sixty feet.

Rusty, a 15 year-old freshman at Cumberland Gap High School with a personal record of 52 feet, 5.5 inches, is a shot putting phenom for a school at which he is the only member of the track team. The fact that he has no team does not bother the eldest of three boys. "I can be more flexible," he says. "I practice by myself and go to whatever meets I'd like to." That is mostly true. While Rusty has no teammates, he is never alone at practice. Paul is always close by, coaching Rusty's technique, analyzing videotapes and recognizing the progress Rusty has made.

Paul, a standout thrower at the University of Tennessee from 1990 to 1993, understands the ebs and flows his son will encounter in this sport. He was the 1991 SEC champion in the hammer and indoor weight throws, and part of the SEC indoor and outdoor championship teams that same year. Now a realtor with his father-in-law's company, Hack Ayers Realty, Paul has a chance to help his son reach a similar level of success in the sport they both enjoy.

Between throws, Paul describes the cycle his son has become a part of since entering the sport: "Throwers are greedy," he says. "But that's ok. You struggle to [throw] 45 feet, you get to 45 feet and you are on top of the world. Then that's not good enough." With a goal of 60 feet looming in the distance, Paul worries that his son may not be satisfied with anything short of that mark. "If he hits 59 feet, 11 inches I'm afraid he'll count his season as a disappointment," says Paul. "And he'll probably lead the nation with that as a freshman."

For such a standout athlete, Rusty does not have an ideal plan mapped out for throwing in college. But he sees throwing as his ticket there. "If I get to go [to college], this will most likely be the way I get there," he says. Paul echoes Rusty's sentiments, knowing that throwing could open many doors for his son. Paul is quick to point out that unlike sports such as football or basketball, track and field has a lower profile in the athletic world. "Track is a thankless sport," he says. "There is not a lot of publicity, so you'd better not do it for that. You need to do it because you love it."

As Rusty continues to train at home, nestled between the mountains just outside of LaFollette, his dreams and goals may change. But the relationship he and his father have built through the sport of track and field far exceeds a simple lawn mower's cut into a field of flowers and weeds.



# MEALS *on* WHEELS

**right**  
Head cook Trudy Miller prepares the meals from scratch.  
**photo by Holly Rainey**



**far right**  
Carolyn Lowe navigates and delivers meals Monday through Friday.  
**photo by Katie McReynolds**



**below**  
Grace Overton has driven the Meals On Wheels van for over a year.  
**photo by Holly Rainey**



**below**  
Bobby and his "baby" Shirley Scalf have been married for 41 years.  
**photo by Dorothy Montague**



AFTER FIVE YEARS OF DRIVING PEOPLE TO AND FROM THE CAMPBELL COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER, GRACE OVERTON SAW THE NEED FOR MEAL DELIVERY TO HOMEBOUND CITIZENS OF LAFOLLETTE. One year ago, her lifelong friend Carolyn Lowe joined her to help with deliveries. Funded by the LaFollette Medical Foundation, the Meals on Wheels program was brought to life.

Monday through Friday, Trudy Miller prepares home-cooked food at the center, while Juanita Dupuy helps with cooking and loading the meals into insulated coolers. After everything is ready to go, Overton and Lowe pack the coolers into the van and begin their delivery route for the day. Over

the next two and a half hours they visit about 36 homes spanning from the valley to Caryville. The ladies take turns bringing the meals into the homes and having a quick chat with the seniors.

Overton and Lowe described how quickly bonds are made with the people they see everyday, as most of the homes have been receiving meals since the program's inception. For many of these seniors, the highlight of their day is the brief visit with the ladies delivering their hot meal.

Everyone involved with the program knows that they are needed in the community and their hard work is greatly appreciated by many. The teamwork and sincerity of the faces behind Meals on Wheels is what makes it the success it has become today.



**right**  
Mildred Malicote welcomes her meal each day with her puppy Muffy.  
**photo by Katie McReynolds**



**left**  
Hazel Pemberton eagerly awaits the arrival of her meal from Carolyn and Grace.  
**photo by Holly Rainey**

**below**  
New to the program, Ernest & Edna Bollinger look forward to receiving a hot meal.  
**photo by Dorothy Montague**



**above**  
Grace Overton & Dorothy Mise met at the Center five years ago and have been close friends ever since.  
**photo by Katie McReynolds**

**left**  
Hoyle Lumpkins, 92, enjoys receiving a hot meal every weekday.  
**photo by Holly Rainey**



**above**  
Henry Miller greets the van everyday with a big smile.  
**photo by Katie McReynolds**



**right**  
Ollie Heatherly has received meals since the program began one year ago. **photo by Dorothy Montague**

**right**  
Ben Warkick wedges a roll of carpet between  
Chuck Luke's jet skis for stabilization.  
**photo by Wade Rackley**

**below**  
Richard Crumley applies glue before  
laying carpet at Norris Craft Boat.  
**photo by Wade Rackley**

# ALL *in a* DAY'S WORK



**above**  
Joe Radvansky explains how his airplane  
operates at the Campbell County Airport.  
**photo by George Richardson**

**above right**  
Lieutenant James Lynch has been working at  
the LaFollette police department for 24 years.  
**photo by Holly Rainey**

**right**  
Lee King works to repair a gas line  
at the Indian River Marina.  
**photo by George Richardson**



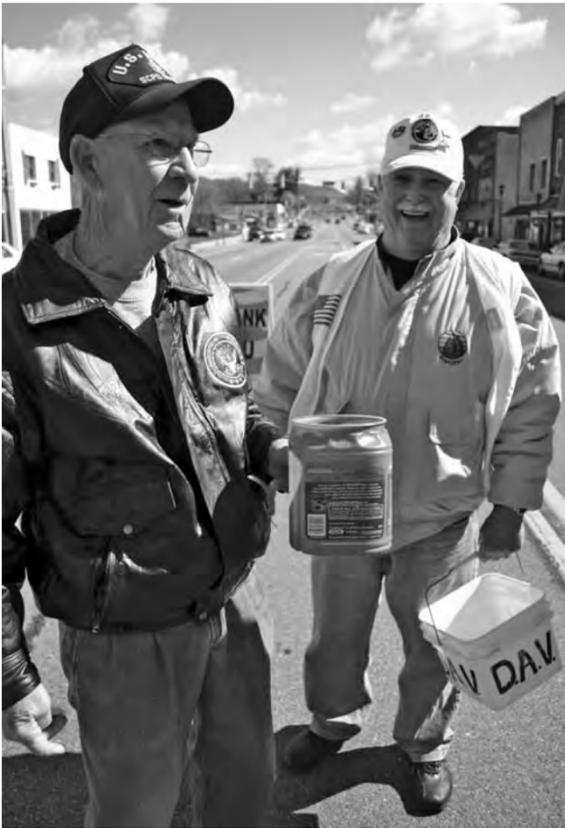


**left**  
Big Orange Barber Shop owner Conley R. Beeler and Allen Cople discuss the University of Tennessee's basketball coach Cuonzo Martin.  
**photo by Angela Allen**



**left**  
Brenda Inman, a hair stylist at Josie's Hair Salon gives Tammy Goins a trim.  
**photo by Birgitta Anderson**

**below**  
Self-taught artist Ann Smiddy plans on selling a vast range of affordable pieces from her home studio within the year.  
**photo by Hope Cronin**



**far left**  
Veterans Ralph Smith and Chad Muick raise money for the Campbell County Honor Guard and Disabled American Veterans.  
**photo by Angela Allen**

**left**  
Paul Cameron sifts through vintage posters at Horn's Antiques and Collectables.  
**photo by Angela Allen**



**left**  
Sharon Rolen-Miller talks to a visitor at the front desk of WTNQ 104.9 FM.  
**photo by Scott Murphy**



**right**  
For Thelma McCreary, lifting weights is just another Friday.  
**photo by Brittany Moore**

**below**  
The sky is the limit for Mildred Kimbell at Silver Sneakers.  
**photo by Jessica Yonker**



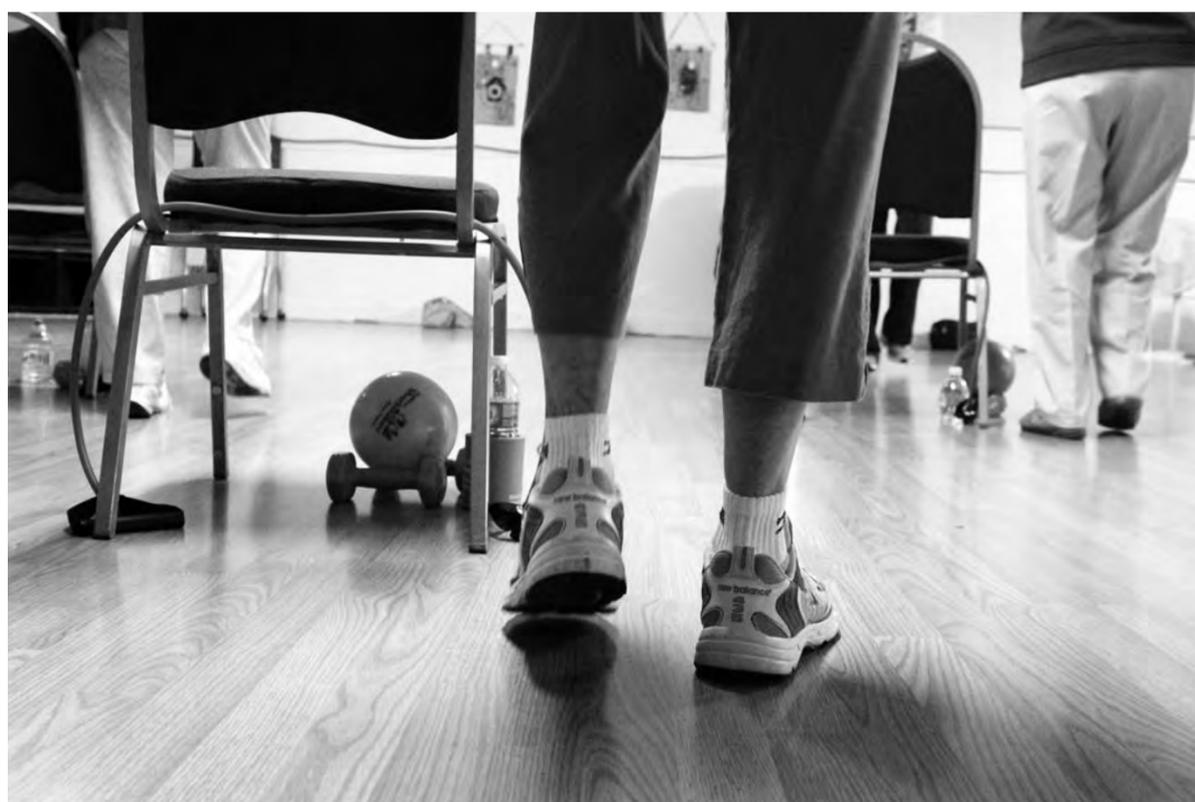
# SILVER SNEAKERS



**top left**  
The students in the Silver Sneakers exercise class use resistance bands to intensify their workout.  
**photo by Brittany Moore**

**top right**  
Dee Fosdick and Evelyn Lemarr take part in the exercise class at the Campbell County Senior Citizen center.  
**photo by Will Abrams**

**right**  
The Silver Sneakers class cools down in between their workout.  
**photo by Brittany Moore**





# IN STEP



**top**  
Fingers fly as students from Imagine Dance Studio practice a sequence from Hairspray.  
**photo by Ashley McClusky**

**far left**  
Kim Stewardson reviews dance steps with her students.  
**photo by Ashley McClusky**

**left**  
Amber Daugherty stretches before the dance class.  
**photo by Caitlin Lindstrom**



**above**  
(l. to r.) Addie Owens, Hollie Wilson, and Ondrea Goodney take a moment to loosen their limbs before continuing the class.  
**photo by Caitlin Lindstrom**



**above**  
Karley Bowlin attentively watches her instructor dole out the next sequence.  
**photo by Caitlin Lindstrom**



**left**  
The Jazz class features dancers and feet from all ages.  
**photo by Ashley McClusky**

# at PLAY

**top**  
Jane Asbury plays bingo at the  
Senior Center.  
**photo by Brittney Moore**



**below**  
Dylan Emory prepares to descend  
a ramp at the skate park.  
**photo by Scott Murphy**



**right**  
Kids jump for a loose ball  
during a pick-up game at Cove  
Lake State Park.  
**photo by Scott Murphy**



**bottom left**  
Guitar student Preston Provins  
gets in some practice during a  
lesson at Burrell's Music.  
**photo by Jill Michaelson**



**bottom right**  
Skateboarder Shiloh Compare  
prepares to ollie.  
**photo by Will Abrams**





**top**  
Shirley Gillum bakes for the dinner crowd at McCloud's Resort.  
**photo by Brittany Moore**

**left**  
Joe Masterson retrieves fish from a fryer during Our Lady of Perpetual Help's fish fry.  
**photo by Wade Rackley**

**below**  
Parishioners prepare for the fish fry.  
**photo by Angela Allen**

# FOOD *for the* SOUL



**above left**  
Manager Rick Korn prepares a batch of the Buttermilk Donut Café & Bakery's quick-selling red velvet donuts.  
**photo by Hope Cronin**

**above right**  
Cooking for the fish fry is a delicious lesson in team work.  
**photo by Hope Cronin**

**left**  
John Sances carefully blackens catfish for the fish fry.  
**photo by Wade Rackley**



# POLITICS *as* USUAL

**right**  
Barney Goins concludes business at the Campbell County Courthouse after voting has finished.  
**photo by Will Abrams**



**below left**  
Party member Freddie Wright sits with his nephew Drew Kilbourne.  
**photo by Will Abrams**



**below center**  
Members of the Campbell County Democratic Party vote in favor of a new officer appointment.  
**photo by Will Abrams**



**above**  
Secretary Mattie Lounance clarifies voting policy at the Campbell County Democratic Convention.  
**photo by Will Abrams**

**right**  
Local Democrats re-elect officials during the Campbell County Democratic Convention.  
**photo by Jessica Yonker**





# *in* GOOD HANDS



**top left**  
Marie King feeds thread through a sewing machine at The Quilt Patch in LaFollette.  
**photo by Hope Cronin**

**above**  
Bingo is a popular weekly pastime at the Senior Center  
**photo by Brittany Moore**

**left**  
Thelma McCreary grips an exercise ball at the Senior Citizen center.  
**photo by Will Abrams**

**below**  
Josh Welden cooks burgers during the lunchtime rush at Mamma's Place in downtown LaFollette.  
**photo by George Richardson**



**left**  
An Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioner slices lemons for Friday's fish fry dinner.  
**photo by Hope Cronin**



**top left**  
Margo Poor finds one of many Easter eggs hidden around Josie's Hair Salon.  
**photo by Hope Cronin**



**top right**  
Mackensi Crumley watches her grandfather cut out a balloon design from plywood.  
**photo by Wade Rackley**



**right**  
Eager students wait in line to attend the science fair in the Christian Academy of Campbell County gym.  
**photo by Caitlin Lindstrom**

# KID FRIENDLY

**right** Macray Crumley watches her sister Mackensi draw a picture at Norris Craft Boats.  
**photo by Wade Rackley**

**below** Neil McCauley uses the skate park to improve balance and posture.  
**photo by Kyle Hovious**



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