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Terry McCoy, Husband, Father, Computer Science Nerd, Golfer, and Farmer

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Just off Ellejoy Road between Seymour and Maryville there lies a farm. It's small, only about 27 acres, and set out in the middle of nowhere. Its surrounded by rolling hills, lush green colors, and incredible mountain views, and very few neighbors, just the way Terry McCoy likes it. On this farm, you won't find livestock or crops, the only thing that Terry and his wife Tracy are raising there are kids. Two young girls, Bailey age 12, and Chloe 10 are growing like weeds and soaking up all the attention and love their parents care to shower on them.

Terry was born in Bristol, Tennessee and raised in Virginia. While he seems to be extremely laid back and easy going, he wasn't always that way. In fact, back in 1968 he was in such a hurry to arrive here on earth that his mom barely made it to the hospital in time. As the big day approached, Terry's dad had an inkling that this would be the case, so he insisted that his wife spend the final days of her pregnancy living in Bristol with her sister in order to shorten the trip to the hospital. Just as Terry's dad suspected, it was a frantic race to make it in time!

Terry's parents raised him and his older brother, Tim, on a farm too, but this one was just down the hill from his grandparents' house just north of the Tennessee state line. There they taught their boys that they could do anything they set their mind to. They supported them in whatever they chose to pursue and took pride in watching them play all kinds of sports, but never made them feel like it was a requirement to participate. They also taught them the value and rewards

of hard work through a large garden that their boys were expected to help maintain every summer. It wasn't unusual for Terry's dad to leave for work and tell the boys to have the hoeing done by the time he got home in the evening. Terry and his brother set to work on their chores but offered up a hopeful prayer that they might be rained out by noon. The McCoy's made sure the boys attended church regularly, and taught them how to treat people right, no matter who they were or where they came from. Terry and his brother lived the good life on that farm with plenty of room to roam, lots of good, fresh food from the garden, and the love and support of their parents.

At the age of nine Terry began playing baseball and instantly fell in love with it. Over the years he continued to hone his craft and hoped that his hard work on the diamond would parlay into a college scholarship. He readily admits that he was just an average student who made passing grades without doing a lot of homework. In his sophomore year of high school he took a computer programming class when his school invested in several Apple 2E computers. He did well in this class and even though he wasn't really applying himself, he was still getting better grades than the advanced placement kids and the valedictorian were. He wondered what would happen if he started to really buckle down and engage in this class. He soon decided it wouldn't really be a burden because he was good at this programming thing and besides, it was fun! Terry eventually turned that class into a career. As it turned out, he did attend college on a baseball scholarship at Milligan College. There he was fully engaged in both baseball and computer science, his two loves at the time.

In the 1990's President Bill Clinton challenged America to connect every



At the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex - Disney

classroom and library in the U.S. to the Internet by the year 2000. In response to his challenge, the Maryville City Council set aside \$2,000,000.00 in 1994 to create a network that included every school in the city. Terry's former boss called and asked Terry if he would be interested in a Networking Technician job with the City of Maryville, and since it was even closer to his childhood home than his current location in Franklin, Tennessee, he decided to go for it. In the fall of 1994 Terry and his boss delivered the very first shipment of computers to Sam Houston Elementary School and set about bringing Bill Clinton's

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Terry helps deliver the first computers at Sam Houston Elementary in the fall of 1994.

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dream to life.

When Terry moved to Maryville, he still hadn't found the girl he wanted to spend the rest of his life with. He was 27 by then, and the ticking of the clock in his head was getting pretty



The McCoy's play a round at Green Meadow

audible at that point, so he used any and all excuses in the book to meet girls. For example he joined Amy Woody (Electric Dept.) and another friend of hers one afternoon on the Greenbelt after work for some girl hunting - disguised as exercising, and was pleasantly surprised when they bumped into his soon to be wife, Tracy on the trail. Tracy was a long time friend of Amy's and she had just graduated from Maryville College and started her career at Blount County Children's Home. Terry was determined to turn that chance meeting into something more permanent and just like his dad always told him to do, he set his mind to it. With a little encouragement from one of their mutual acquaintances, Tracy accepted the invitation to a first date and consequently they recently celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary.

Terry discovered his love of golfing one afternoon after work when he and Keith Church gave it a try for fun. They both were missing their baseball filled days at Milligan College and softball just wasn't the same. Once again he found himself doing well while not really trying, and enjoying it immensely. So again, he applied himself and that led to great things. Not at all surprising, early in their relationship Terry was looking for something fun to do on a date with Tracy. The answer was easy: golfing! Just like Terry hoped she would, she fell in love with the sport and together they've taught their girls to golf too. To say that it has become a favorite family activity would probably be an understatement. Both his daughters can hold their own on the green and they have traveled as a family to watch golf tournaments as far away as Pebble Beach, California.

Out there on the farm in the middle of nowhere Terry and his three girls are living the dream in a setting that must seem pretty similar to his own childhood. Only one thing is missing: a garden! The McCoy's don't spend enough time at home to maintain a garden. They are much more likely to be on the road and in the bleachers watching their kids who have inherited their mom and dad's athleticism. Both the girls love to play travel basketball and mom and dad are happy to support them in whatever they pursue.

Terry is the Director of the IT department now, and celebrating 23 years in a job that he loves. He works in a relaxed atmosphere among dear friends, in an ever challenging, changing and evolving industry and he goes home to his sweet family at the end of the day. On the evenings when they are home, after dinner you might find the whole family in the back yard swinging golf clubs. When you live in the country and your closest neighbor is a few miles down the road, you can hit a golf ball in your back yard and not worry about where it might land, just the way Terry likes it. It's a little 27 acre piece of paradise about 10 miles outside of Maryville where Terry McCoy and his three favorite girls in the world enjoy the good life with a little elbow room and a lot of love.

June Anniversaries

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| Debbie Caughron, Finance | 39 |
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| Ed Davis, MPD | 21 |
| Sid Davis, Electric | 20 |
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| Michael Collins, MPD | 18 |
| John Spence, Electric | 13 |
| Jill Ridings, Finance | 12 |
| Brian Boone, Dev. Services | 12 |
| Jessica Cooper, Water & Sewer | 11 |
| Dustin Finger, Electric | 10 |
| William Potter, E&PW | 5 |
| Adam Parton, Water & Sewer | 5 |
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2017 Graduates



Derek Anderson

Son of Michael and Julie Anderson (*Electric Dept*). Graduate of UT at Chattanooga with a BS Degree in Biochemistry. Received the ACS Award for outstanding academic classwork and research, the ACS Affiliate Student Volunteer Award for Chemistry Club as the Vice President, and the Analytical Chemistry Award. He will be going to graduate school to attain his Ph.D.



Alyssa Blackwood

Granddaughter of Leland (*Human Resources*) and Lisa Blackwood. Graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan University with a BS Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources and Industrial Management. Her plans include employment with Ministry Brands.



Jack Bristol

Son of Tom and Mary Bristol (*Admin*). Graduate of Maryville High School. Plans to attend ETSU working toward a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.



Adia Ferguson

Granddaughter of Gene Ferguson (*WSD*). Graduate of Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies in Metairie, LA. Adia was a member of the National Honor Society, National French Honor Society, National Honor Art Society (Co-President), Safe Haven Society, a 7-year member of the Yellow Jacket Band. Adia graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 4.49 GPA. She will attend Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta.



Libby Hess

Daughter of Kenna and Carlos Hess, Jr., (*MPD*). Graduate of Carson-Newman with a Master's Degree in Education Curriculum and Instruction. Libby continues teaching Spanish at Greenback H.S. and will begin Doctorate courses in Aug. Libby graduated Summa Cum Laude with 4.0 GPA



Brady Hill

Son of Henry (*Water Treatment Plant*) & Kristi Hill. Graduate of Maryville High School where he was a member of the Varsity Baseball Team. Brady will attend Roane State Community College.



Eric Hill

Son of Henry (*Water Treatment Plant*) & Kristi Hill. Recently Received his Masters Degree from the University Of Tennessee in Music Education.



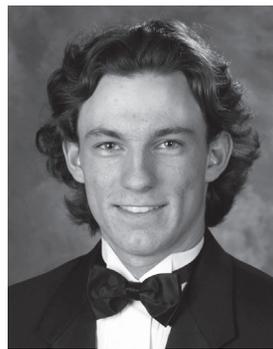
Matthew Lewelling

Son of Darrell (*WSD*) and LeeAnn Lewelling. Graduate of Heritage High School. Matthew will attend Pellissippi State, Hardin Valley working toward an Associates of Fine Arts Degree in Music Education.



Emily Morton

Daughter of David (*Finance*) and Teresa Morton. Graduate of Maryville High School. Emily plans to attend Carson-Newman University, majoring in nursing and minoring in photography.



Clint Ogle

Son of Henry (*Water Treatment Plant*) & Kristi Hill, Grandson of the Late Rex Ogle (*Water Plant Superintendent*). Clint has Enlisted in the United States Army and will be leaving June 20, 2017.



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Accolades and Applause



Desmond Eller Riggsbee

Born 4/25/2017 8:19 am,
7 lb. 13 oz., and 20 in.
long. Parents: Kristin &
Jonathon Riggsbee (GIS)



Pete Kizer
(Fire Department)

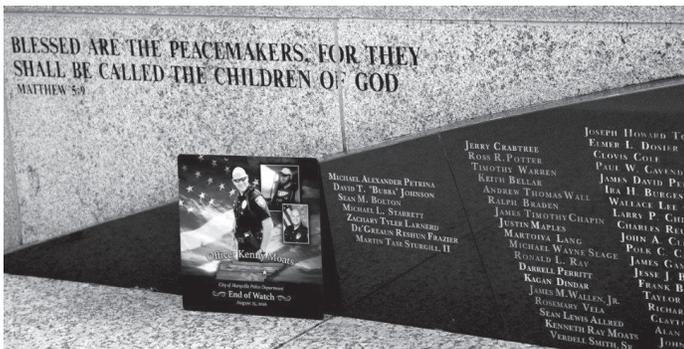
Retires June 29th
after a little
over 32 years



Debbie Caughron
(Finance)

Retires June 30th
after 39 years
and 30 days

Officer Kenny Moats Honored



The State Memorial for fallen police officers in Nashville.

Peace Officers Memorial Day, an annual observance of federal, state, and local officers killed in the line of duty, was established in 1962 by proclamation under the administration of President John F. Kennedy. The week in which that date falls was proclaimed National Police Week. Coinciding with these observances, every year, Tennessee law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty are honored by their hometowns, state, and their nation.

During National Police Week, it was the honor of the Chief of Police and members of his staff to accompany members of Officer Kenny Moats' family beginning with a local memorial service for Blount County, Alcoa, and Maryville fallen officers on Wednesday, May 10 at Victory Baptist Church. Following the local service, on Thursday, May 11, a memorial service was held at the Police Memorial Wall located in Legislative Plaza in Nashville (pictured). Officer Moats' name was added to the wall along with six of his Tennessee brothers killed in 2016. The family was then accompanied to the nation's capital where Officer Moats' name was added to the wall located at the National Police Memorial in Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C. Officer Moats was recognized in a special service for Tennessee officers at the wall, at a candlelight vigil on the National Mall, and at the official service on the lawn of the Capitol building where President Trump and Vice President Pence addressed the families and friends of the nation's fallen officers. Members of the family placed a flower for their loved one on the ceremonial wreath which was kept under watch at the National Memorial.

The many services held throughout the week gave those left behind the comfort of the gratitude of the nation and the knowledge that their loved one will never be forgotten.

City of Maryville Named Top 25 Places in the U.S. to Retire

Maryville has been ranked as a prime area in the U.S. for seniors to spend their golden years in the "2017 Best Cities for Seniors to Retire" report by consumer research website, GoodCall.com.



GoodCall reviewed data from 1,662 cities nationwide. Maryville, TN was ranked the #18 in the U.S. It was featured within the top 5% for its prominence in a number of retirement-focused metrics such as percentage of residents 65 and older, access to healthcare, healthcare affordability, weather, amenities, and low crime rates.

The full report can be found here: www.goodcall.com/data-center/2017-best-cities-seniors-retire/

3 Things IT Wants You to Know...

1). IT has a laptop that anyone from any department can borrow for special needs such as presentations, off-site training, meetings, conferences, etc. To reserve the device, they can go to their Outlook calendar and schedule a new meeting on the date(s) they need it. In the attendee's list they include Laptop@maryville-tn.gov. The request will be submitted to IT and accepted if the device is available, or rejected if not available, and the requester will receive an email response.



2). IT arranges recycling of toner cartridges, PC parts and supplies, batteries, printers, cords, cables, electronics, etc. Both work and personal items can be brought into IT and placed on the recycle shelf in the tech workroom.

3). If you have a City of Maryville email address, but don't know what it is, you can find it by going into the portal and clicking on the Change Password icon. Your city email address is found on that screen. If you don't know your password, a good one to try is FML@#### (Initials@last 4 digits of SSN). If that doesn't work, you can contact the HelpDesk by phone and ask that it be reset.

The Outlook Webb App web address is: <https://owa.postoffice.net/>

Don't Forget Father's Day

June 18th - Remember Your Daddy!!

