

'Every picture tells a story'

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The Fayette County Law Library's artist of the month is photographer Josh Stepp. "I like telling stories through pictures," said Stepp, who lives in Waynesburg. Stepp is a freelance photographer who was taking a photo of a previous artist of the month at the law library when he was asked by assistant law librarian Barbara Pasqua if he was interested in telling a few of his stories.

Stepp has 16 photographs on display using a lighted table. The photographs were shot on 4x5 transparency film, or chrome film. While a few of them are random shots he likes and wanted to display, there also are representatives of some projects that Stepp has been working on for a year and really doesn't know when he'll finish. "It's always a work in progress," Stepp said. Four panoramic shots of Main Street, Marianna, Washington County are part of the display.

He said the photograph of the town where he grew up was inspired by Edward Hopper's painting titled "Early Sunday Morning," which showed an empty street. Stepp didn't become interested in photography until later in high school when he became interested in photographing the outdoors, which led to attending the Art Institute in Pittsburgh, where he gained more of an interest in photography.

"I like telling stories through pictures," Stepp said, adding that he uses the same method whether it's taking outdoor photographs for pleasure or professional shots for newspapers. The exhibit is on display at the Fayette County Law Library, second floor of the Fayette County Courthouse, open to the public between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Prints of Stepp's work can be purchased by contacting the photographer at 724-747-5571 or visiting his Web site at www.joshstepp.com.