

Noted attorney publishes art book

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The scenic beauty of Warren County is the focus of art by attorney Michael Galligan and the reason for his book, "Mountains and Rivers of Warren County."

"Inspiration for my book was a desire to show people the beauty of Warren County," said Galligan. "I do think one of the assets Warren County has is its natural beauty, its mountains and rivers. I wanted to show that beauty to everyone."

A book signing is being hosted by Viola Valley Publishing and Magness

Library on Feb. 24 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Signed copies will be available for \$30 and proceeds will be donated to the library.

Recognizing that a community with a viable library encourages a happier and more knowledgeable citizenry, Galligan is a devoted enthusiast of the library

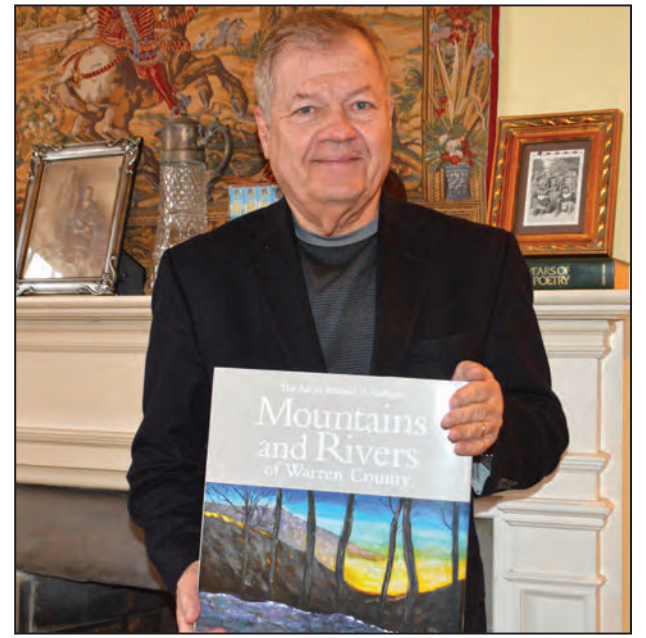
in word and deed.

"I believe in books, art and culture," said Galligan. "The library is a depository of all three. I want to do what I can to benefit the library. I held one of my art shows there, giving all the proceeds to the library. All the proceeds from the book will go to the library as well."

Among the many paintings featured in the book are Barren Fork River, Birthing Tree, Harrison Ferry, Viola, Overton Lake, Caney Fork River, and Collins River. The book also contains several poems written by Galligan for some of the paintings.

Galligan has painted for many years. His interest in painting began at the age of 8. His first mentors were his aunt Dorothy Wells and David Davidovitch Burluk. His style has been described as a blend of impressionistic and expressionistic painting.

Galligan's interests and community activities have been many and varied over the years, but his law practice has been enduring.



Lisa Hobbs photo

Attorney Michael G. Galligan is placing the spotlight on beauty with "Mountains and Rivers of Warren County," a book that features his art. A book signing is set for Feb. 24 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Magness Library.

"I've practiced law in McMinnville for more than 40 years," said Galligan. "I'm sure someone will ask if I'm retiring. I am not."

Library director Brad Walker said the book would make an attractive addition to any coffee table and the price is more than pleasing.

"We appreciate Michael's continued support for the library. He's always been a staunch supporter," said Walker. "I've seen books similar to this being sold for \$75. It's amazing it's only \$30."

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