

New book compares county's past to present

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Magness Library has collaborated on a book with Krystal Tanner and Cody Prince to capture a history of evolution.

"Warren County (Then & Now)" features 85 historic photographs from the Brady-Hughes-Beasley Archives. The collection, donated to the library for preservation, delivers a peek into the past.

Tanner provided the present photos and Prince edited the book.

"I think everyone will be thrilled when they see this book," said Magness Library director Brad

Walker. "It has a lot of history. Some of that history has been forgotten and replaced with what stands there now. Krystal did an excellent job in taking the present pictures. It's amazing how much things have changed."

The photos date back to the late 1800s, giving a full time lapse of images. In Warren County's more than 210 years, some things have changed while other places have remained constant.

"We went through 3,000 to 4,000 photos in the archives to find the ones we wanted to use," said Walker. "It was quite an endeavor. The book also contains information about the sites. If you are a history buff, you're going to love this

book."

Looking back on how times have changed in this community, people will realize how far society has come. Pictures of the farmers market to the old railroad bridge at Pepper Branch Park show how structures stand the test of time, or show their modifications.

The book guides readers into all different parts of the town. From Irving College to Morrison, pictures and information provide readers with the chance to see what happened and why buildings and roads were assembled.

"Warren County (Then & Now)" would not have happened without the

Brady-Hughes-Beasley Archives. It contains over 33,000 photographs taken by Anthia Brady-Hughes, Willie Hughes, and Joe Hughes Beasley. The family passed down the love of photography and luckily for the citizens of Warren County, they kept the histo-

ry alive to be passed on to the next generation.

A book signing will be held at the library Aug. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. Visitors can meet Krystal Tanner and Cody Prince. On display from July 30 through Sept. 30 will be approximately 20 of the photographs featured

in the book. Pictures will be available for sale, with a price scale available.

Books may be pre-ordered and will be available during the book signing Aug. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. They are \$24 each. All proceeds benefit preservation efforts of the archives.



A book that contains fantastic photos of Warren County then and now is available. Magness Library opened its Brady-Hughes-Beasley Achieves to offer a peek into the past and how the community has changed. Pictured is 101 W. Main Street. Then it was the Sedberry Hotel. Now it is Citizen's Tri-County Bank. The book is available at Magness Library.



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