

McLean County Museum of History

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Dear Friends:

Challenges, Choices, and Change define where we make our home, who we become and the legacy we leave that will shape future generations.

More than 25 years ago, the McLean County Museum of History faced the challenge of making a new home in the old McLean County Courthouse. The community made a choice to support this effort. The ensuing changes established the Museum as an excellent community resource, a nationally accredited institution and a beautiful downtown destination.


Today, the Museum is facing new challenges to serve increasingly diverse audiences and address fundamental changes in 21st century learning. Changes are needed to close a digital divide for students and visitors in our galleries and to keep up with an ever-increasing demand for free educational programs in Central Illinois. To meet these challenges a team of dedicated Museum supporters made a choice to take action to extend the Museum's legacy of excellence.

We are excited to announce the Extending Excellence campaign will raise \$3 million and position the Museum to better connect with new generations and foster meaningful connections to our community's past. The Museum will meet these challenges by installing a new permanent exhibit, upgrading technology throughout the Museum, expanding the Education Department, and enhancing the surrounding green space.

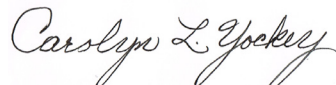
The Extending Excellence campaign committee invites you to explore the enclosed brochure to learn more about these goals and how you can become a part of local history. Already, an enthusiastic group of donors has committed \$1.92 million to this worthy effort!

Please join us and make a commitment to ensure that the heritage of McLean County continues to play a vital role in community life.

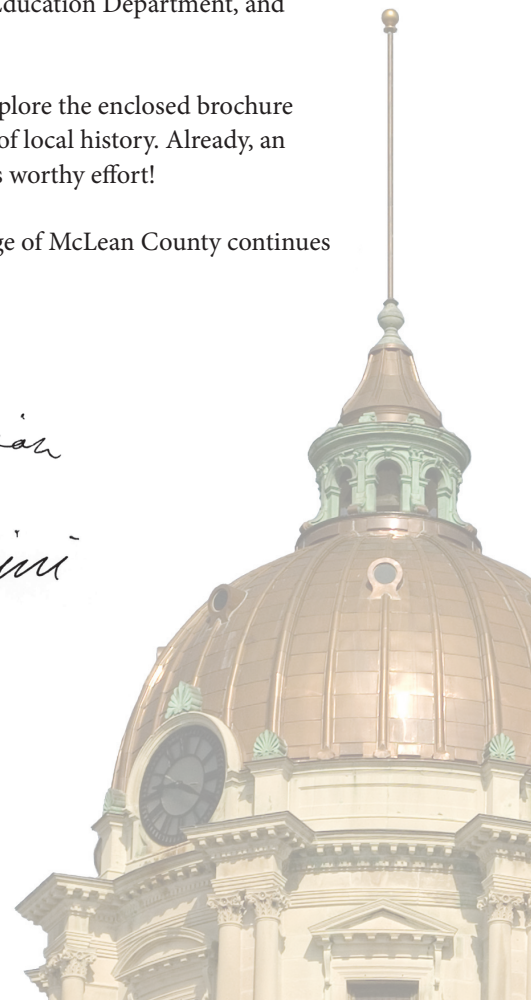
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