

McLean County Museum of History

Voice for Choice Collection

Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1990-1997
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
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Brief History

Founded in mid-1989, Voice for Choice was a local organization “devoted to ensuring the right to safe and legal abortion and the continued availability of contraceptives.” The group also supported equal right and access to health care.

Scope

The collection includes newspaper articles, newsletters, pamphlets, correspondence, a log book, photos, a scrapbook, etc.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: History

- 1.1. Voice for Choice: “Who We Are and What We Do” undated. 2pp
- 1.2. “Abortion is not the Only Issue” undated. 2pp.

- 1.3. Letter from Voice for Choice to Planned Parenthood of Mid Central Illinois Board of Director public boycott and other actions and enclosing address given at March 18 rally, April 3, 1990. 7 pp.
- 1.4. Voice for Choice press conference on state of pregnancy and family planning service in this county including “bogus” clinics, undated 3pp.
- 1.5. Letter, personal experience volunteering at an abortion clinic, undated.
- 1.6. McLean County Human Rights Coalition press conference, circa late Jun 1991. 6 pp. Advocates voting “none of the above” for 15th Congressional District race due to candidates’ positions.

Folder 2: Newspaper Clippings

- 2.1. “Abortion ruling commemorated,” *Daily Vidette*, Illinois State University, January 22, 1997.
- 2.2. “Anniversary offers chance to look into the future,” unknown newspaper, undated.
- 2.3. “Pro-Choice group hits B-N centers,” *Pantagraph*, undated.
- 2.4. “Women have to retain right to make choices,” *Pantagraph*, November 4, 1991.
- 2.5. “The McLean County Voice for Choice and the Reproductive Rights Action Network would like you to be aware of the following events,” unknown newspaper, undated.
- 2.6. “Celebrate Women’s Rights and the 17th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade,” unknown newspaper, undated.
- 2.7. “Millions of Voices Silent No More: McLean County Citizens Speak out for Choice,” unknown newspaper, undated.
- 2.8. “Pro-choice rally honors victims,” *Pantagraph*, undated.
- 2.9. “Voice for Choice taps representatives,” unknown newspaper, undated.
- 2.10. “Just who are they trying to kid?” *Post-Amerikan*. Bloomington, Illinois. February / March 1990.
- 2.11. Conant, Brian. “Rally decries attacks,” *Daily Vidette*, undated.
- 2.12. “Girl Talk: Women demand a little respect,” *Pantagraph*, April 15, 1993.
- 2.13. “Pro-life views can be puzzling, inconsistent,” *Pantagraph*, March 9, 1991.
- 2.14. “Bush acted hypocritically vetoing family-leave bill,” unknown newspaper, undated.
- 2.15. “Fight poverty, oppression by showing that you care,” *Pantagraph*, January 21, 1992.
- 2.16. “Look at what’s been happening since 1980,” unknown newspaper, undated.
- 2.17. Martin, Kim. “Here is what goes on at Planned Parenthood,” *Daily Vidette*, January 25, 1992.
- 2.18. “Tell federal legislators gag rule unacceptable,” unknown newspaper, undated.
- 2.19. “Roe anniversary marked,” *Daily Vidette*, January 24, 1990.
- 2.20. “Women’s Rights, Women’s Lives Week,” *Community News*, McLean County, January 22-28, 1992.
- 2.21. “Choice!” *Daily Vidette*, August 16, 1990.
- 2.22. “Roe anniversary marked,” *Daily Vidette*, January 24, 1990.

Folder 3: Pro-Choice Voice newsletter

The Pro-Choice Voice is the monthly newsletter published by the Voice for Choice organization.

Folder 4: Pro-Choice pamphlets

Folder 5: “News from Voice for Choice,” June 1990-January 1992

Monthly column published by the Voice for Choice organization in the *Post-Amerikan* newspaper.

Folder 6: “News from Voice for Choice,” July 1993-January 1996

Monthly column published by the Voice for Choice organization in the *Post-Amerikan* newspaper.

Folder 7: Linda Ketchum logbooks, 1990-1991

Two logbooks kept by Linda Ketchum, Voice for Choice leader.

Folder 8: Pro-Life Newspaper Clippings

- 8.1. “Opposing forces mark Roe v. Wade anniversary,” unknown newspaper, undated.
- 8.2. “Pro-life rally draws audience,” *Daily Vidette*, January 23, 1997.
- 8.3. “All human life is sacred, created in image of God,” *Daily Vidette*, January 25, 1992.
- 8.4. “Area pro-lifers join Chain of Life,” *Pantagraph*, October 7, 1991.

Folder 9: Pro-Life Handouts

Folder 10: Inside Planned Parenthood

- 10.1. Scott, Douglas R., *Inside Planned Parenthood* (Michigan: Frontlines Publishing. 1990).
- 10.2. Genung, Brad. “Scathing view of Planned Parenthood,” *Pantagraph*, undated.

Folder 11: Abortion News

Includes various newspaper clippings regarding abortion legislation.

- 11.1. “Chronicle of Clinic Violence,” *Planned Parenthood of East Central Illinois*, undated.
- 11.2. “Abortion rate in the ‘80s shows nationwide decline,” *Daily Vidette*, undated.
- 11.3. “AT&T pulls support for Planned Parenthood,” unknown newspaper, undated.
- 11.4. “Birthright head rebuts concealment charges,” *Pantagraph*, October 8, 1991.
- 11.5. “Abortion gag rule protested in B-N,” *Pantagraph*, August 27, 1991.
- 11.6. “Abortion foes don’t see victory on the horizon,” *Pantagraph*, January 23, 1992.
- 11.7. “Louisiana abortion bill vetoed,” *Pantagraph*. July 28.

11.8. "Strategizing: Where do we go from here," *Ms. Magazine*, May / June 1995.

Folder 12: Correspondence

Various letters, fliers, and miscellaneous newsletters pertaining to Voice for Choice events. These events include, the Voice for Choice rally, Violence Take a Hike march, The McLean County Peace Coalition, and Roe v. Wade commemoration events.

Folder 13: Pictures and slides

LOOSE ITEMS:

3 Planned Parenthood pocket folders

1 Roe v. Wade anniversary folder

1 Voice for Choice scrapbook

1 book: Tiamat, Uni M. *Herbal Abortion: The Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge* (Peoria: Sage-femme, no date).