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## Ritchie Helps Jefferson County Historical Society Improve Historic Paddock Mansion

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State Senator Patty Ritchie is announcing she has secured \$50,000 to help the Jefferson County Historical Society repair the roof of its historic Paddock Mansion, as well as to make other exterior improvements to the building.

“Jefferson County is rich with history, and the Historical Society’s mission is to ensure people learn about—and appreciate—our rich past,” said Senator Patty Ritchie. “By investing

in the Paddock Mansion, we are ensuring people will continue to be able to visit this important historical site and learn about our past for generations to come. I am pleased to have secured this funding, and wish the Jefferson County Historical Society the best of luck as it continues to enhance the way the story of our region's past is told."

"The Paddock Mansion is a critical part of Jefferson County's history," Jefferson County Historical Society Executive Director Jordan Walker-Rodriguez said. "It is absolutely fitting that this building is our home and I cannot thank Senator Ritchie enough for ensuring this important piece of our history will be a part of Jefferson County's future for years to come."

Built in the 1870s, the Paddock Mansion was the home of local banker, Edwin Paddock and his wife Olive. When Olive died in 1922, the building was gifted to the Jefferson County Historical Society to be used as a museum. It is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In July, the Jefferson County Historical Society kicked off its effort to raise funds for a number of other improvements at the Paddock Mansion, including installing an elevator, as well as incorporating interactive exhibits throughout the museum.

Last week, Senator Ritchie hosted her first ever "Family Movie Night" at the Historical Society. More than 200 people came to enjoy yard games, snacks and to watch an outdoor movie.