

# Livingston County Life-Line

**Summer 2006**

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Embryonic stem cells continue to be at the forefront of media hype, misinformation, and misplaced medical miracles. You will frequently read of patients being treated successfully with stem cells. The unstated reality is that all healing processes using stem cells, have been achieved only when adult stem cells are used.

Adult stem cells continue to be harvested, cultivated and used in the successful treatment of an ever-increasing list of seventy illnesses. Adult stem cells can be found in skin, fat, nasal cells, bone marrow, menstrual blood, umbilical cord blood and in the placenta. There is no ethical concern when retrieving these cells because no one needs to be killed in order to use them. There is also no rejection by the recipient because patients are treated with their own cells.

In order to discern the truth about embryonic stem cells, you must do more than just read the almost daily offering of fiction. If you believe what you read in mainstream media, then you will quickly be convinced that the only thing standing between cures for many devastating diseases, using embryonic stem cells, is your tax dollars. This is pure fantasy.

Embryonic stem cells, inherently capable of becoming every type of cell, will become every type of cell when allowed to grow from embryo to fetus and ultimately a newborn. Saying that the embryo is just a small group of cells, lacking viability is only a partial truth. The fact is that our level of development and whether or not we are dependent upon others is not how we determine if someone is human.

Our U.S. Senators are confused too. Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL), said on the Senate floor on July 29, 2005: "If in fact it is a human life — it is not, by the way..." This statement shows ei-

## Embryonic Stem Cells Facts, Fiction & Fantasy

*By Nina Cedar*

ther wishful thinking, extreme ignorance or is an outright lie. Through scientific knowledge, we know that a human embryo will only ever be a human; we don't measure humanness by size.

It is also a fact that cures for cancers, Parkinson's, diabetes, Alzheimer's, stroke and spinal cord injury victims are a worthy goal. Most of us have friends or loved ones that have suffered and the truth is that we would gladly pay almost any amount in the hope for a cure.

The only real question that remains is, should any group of humans be allowed to kill another group of humans for any reason?

The media paints an ugly picture of those who are against using embryonic stem cells for research and possible cures. The prolife community is considered extreme. Their determination to preserve respect for innocent human life is deemed a fanatical love affair with the unborn. Nothing is further from the truth.

Real extremism is exposed when you talk about the facts. The prolife community wants to see diseases cured, but not at the expense of other humans.

Pretending that human embryos are not human beings is more than bad fiction; it is unethical and unscientific.

# Precious Baby Contest

Fowlerville Fair 2006 - July 8-15

Sponsored by: Right to Life-Livingston County, Inc.



The babies with the most votes win!

Vote often as you like:  
25¢ each or 5 for \$1

## Great Prizes!

Entrants must be 2 years or younger  
Winners notified by phone by July 31

Need not be present to win

Baby's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**Rules:** Photo should be 5 x 7 or smaller, only one baby allowed per photo please. By entering this contest, I, a parent or guardian, give my permission that this photo may be used in a fundraiser for Right to Life-Livingston County, Inc. at Livingston County's Fowlerville Fair 2006. I also agree that Right to Life-Livingston County, Inc. may use the photo: for a press release announcing the winner, and/or in subsequent newsletters-Precious Baby Contest flyers. Affiliate is not responsible for loss or damage to photo. For questions, please call 810-227-5788 or email [rtlcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rtlcc@sbcglobal.net). Send completed entry form along with photo to:

**Can't attend the fair?**  
Purchase votes now, send check with entry form OR please bill my: MasterCard/Visa/Discover

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

Number of votes \_\_\_\_\_ Total donation amount \_\_\_\_\_

*Entries must  
be received  
by noon  
July 15, 2006*

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## Celebrating Mothers and Fathers

The Mother's Day carnations and Father's Day coins were a beautiful way to brighten the hearts of many on these special days. This year is the first time we've used embossed chocolate coins for Father's Day. The gold-foil wrapped coins (milk chocolate or dark chocolate/mint with "Dad" on one side and a key on the other) were a sweet reminder signifying Dad as the key to the family. Be sure to thank Country Lane Flower Shops, in Brighton or Howell, for their support in supplying gorgeous long-stemmed carnations at a discounted price.

Grace & Restoration Fellowship once again allowed us to use their church kitchen, basement and parking lot for preparation and distribution of the carnations. The convenience of using the same location as a pick up point is greatly appreciated and helps to simplify the project.

Special thanks to Denise DeRocher who, for six years, has coordinated this event. Doing mailings, phone work, and organizing the pick-up and other details requires many hours. Denise DeRocher and Joan Sebastian, a new office volunteer, spent countless hours on the phone.

The volunteers for the pick-up date were Denise DeRocher and her daughters Tess and Hannah-their friends Molly and Anna Birney, Penny and Paul Sobonya and Linda and Richard Streetman. Thank you for making the processing and pick-up of 6000 carnations go smoothly. The enthusiasm and cheerfulness of the returning student volunteers helps to make the day a fun one for all involved.

There were several new churches participating this year. If your church was without carnations or coins, call our office and we can make arrangements for next year. We do have a limited amount of embossed chocolate coin samples in the office. Thank you for helping us to continue to educate, motivate, and encourage community support on behalf of the defenseless unborn.

**Antrim Baptist**  
**Brighton Church of Christ**  
**Brighton Church of the Nazarene**  
**Brighton Wesleyan Church**  
**Christian House of Prayer**  
**Christ Lutheran Milford**  
**Conway Free Methodist Church**  
**Cornerstone Christian School**  
**Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian**

**Crossroads Church of God**  
**Fellowship Bible Church**  
**First Baptist Church of Brighton**  
**First Baptist Church of Fowlerville**  
**First Baptist Church of Howell**  
**Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene**  
**Grace & Restoration Fellowship**  
**Green Oak Free Methodist Church**  
**Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran**  
**Heritage Hills Free Methodist**  
**Hidden Springs Church**  
**Howell Assembly of God**  
**Howell Church of Christ**  
**Lakeland Trails Baptist Church**  
**New Covenant Christian Fowlerville**  
**Oak Grove United Methodist**  
**Old St. Pats Catholic Church**  
**Pleasant Valley Baptist**  
**St. Agnes Catholic Church**  
**St. Augustine Catholic Church**  
**St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church**  
**St. Mary Catholic Church**  
**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
**South Hill Baptist Milford**  
**United Brethren in Christ Church**  
**of Fowlerville**



## Newsletter Goal Achieved

A long term goal has been to increase our newsletter distribution to more pro-life homes in Livingston County. We are happy to report, that over the past eight months, we have added thousands of new names. Our newsletter will now be distributed to nearly 6000 homes!

This may be your first copy of the Livingston County Life-Line. Often, the only prolife resource many receive is our newsletter. Those without computers, cable TV, transportation or church affiliation will have a difficult time staying informed on life issues through the mainstream media. We hope you are blessed by the information within and encourage you to contact our office (810-227-5788) if you have any questions.

As always, we count on your prayers and financial support. We look forward to increasing our educational outreach when thousands more receive our newsletter. Being informed on abortion and other life issues is the most effective tool in working toward restoring the sanctity of human life.

### Help Wanted

Office volunteers needed for data entry, filing and phone work. No experience necessary (typing skills are helpful) and training will be provided. If you are prolife, can spare a few hours and would like to do more, we need you!

## Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood Federation of America released its 2004 Annual Report on June 1, reporting a record breaking profit of \$63 million-an increase of 62% in profit over the last 5 years. Total income reported for the year was \$882 million, which includes \$272.7 million from U.S. taxpayers. While the nation's abortion rate is declining, Planned Parenthood performed 255,015 abortions in 2004, an increase of 29% since the year 2000.

Planned Parenthood is once again the nation's number one abortion provider, increasing its market share to performing nearly 20% (up from 15% in 2000) of all abortions in 2004. Another appalling figure is that government grants to Planned Parenthood, since 1987, total \$3.9 billion dollars.

For many of you who will be receiving our *Livingston County Life-Line* for the first time, WELCOME!

We are proud to provide our readers with the most current information on

## From The Board

life issues as they affect our county, our state and our country. Also, you should know that we have an office and resource center in Brighton where we can provide you with additional information as well as brochures, books and videos on life issues.

We have entered into the summer season of an important election year. The August primary elections will trim the field of candidates seeking public office. The success of our efforts on behalf of Right to Life of Michigan's Political Action Committee (RLM-PAC) endorsed candidates will determine the names on the ballot in November.

Volunteers are needed to help make

"Get Out The Vote" calls and to work the polls on election day - August 8. They say, many hands make light the work! Please call our office to volunteer for the August Primary (810 227-5788) or send an email to [rtlcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rtlcc@sbcglobal.net).

One of the most enjoyable events of a Livingston County summer is the Fowlerville Fair. Right to Life has a booth at the fair each year. We also sponsor a Precious Baby Contest. Children two years of age or younger are eligible to enter. Check this newsletter for contest information. Fair dates are Saturday, July 8, through Saturday, July 15. Plan a family day at the fair and don't forget to stop by our booth to visit and pick up free prolife information and balloons for the kids.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

God bless,  
Penny Sobonya  
Board Chair

## Pregnancy Help Clinic

*If you or someone you know are facing pregnancy alone....help is only a phone call away*

- **Free & Confidential Services & Information**
- **Free Pregnancy Testing**
- **Free Abortion Information & Counseling**
  - **Free Ultrasound**
- **Free Post-abortion assistance**
- **Free Material assistance for pregnancy and early childcare**

7743 W. Grand River  
Suite 101,  
Brighton, MI 48114  
24 hr hotline  
810-494-5433



## Professor: Children Born After Abortion Banned Had Better Lives, Education

**New York, NY (LifeNews.com)** -- Two university professors created a national uproar last year with their book saying that crime has dropped in the United States thanks to abortion. Now a university professor says children born after a nation banned abortion have better economic and educational success, showing abortion prohibitions help children.

Cristian Pop-Eleches, a professor at Columbia University in New York, makes the observation in an article published in the *Journal of Political Economy*.

Pop-Elches says children born after a nation bans abortion have "significantly better" educational and labor market achievements than children born just before.

To back up his contention, Pop-Elches points to Romania, which, as a communist nation, saw dictator Nicolae

Ceausescu issue an executive order banning abortions and contraception. Previously abortions were a part of the nation's socialized health care plan and done at no cost.

The next year after the ban was in place, the birth rate doubled.

"Urban, educated women working in good jobs were more likely to have abortions prior to the policy change," explains Pop-Eleches. "So a higher proportion of children were born into urban, educated households after abortion became illegal."

Looking at births from before and after the abortion ban, Pop-Eleches found that children born after the ban were more likely to finish high school and to work in a more highly-skilled job.

"The apparently surprising result of su-

perior educational and labor outcomes of children born after the abortion ban can be explained by changes in the composition of women having children," writes Pop-Eleches.

"[The study] indicates that the positive effect due to changes in the composition of mothers having children more than outweighs all the other negative effects such a restriction might have had," he says.

Pop-Eleches accounts for the difference in short-term and long-term outcomes, suggesting that educated women in Romania changed their behavior more drastically as a result of the ban.

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## Legislative Update

### State Legislation

**Abortion-free Insurance:** Rep. Scott Hummel introduced **House Bills 4246-47** on 2-9-05. The bills establish that health insurance coverage for elective abortions not be a "built-in" benefit, but rather must be a coverage added by an optional rider paid for by the purchaser. No change.

**Ban Aborted Tissue Research:** Sen. Cameron Brown has reintroduced legislation to prohibit medical/scientific research using tissue from aborted babies. **S.B. 9** was introduced on 1-12-05 and referred to the Senate Health Policy Committee. No change.

**Ultrasound Bill Signed into Law!!:** The law will take immediate effect because it was passed by more than two-thirds of the members in both the Michigan House and Senate. A letter has been sent by members of the House to the Michigan Department of Community Health asking how they will begin to implement the law, including adding the pregnancy resources centers that provide free ultrasounds to the state's informed consent website. Sidewalk counselors are telling women as they enter the clinics that they have a right to see their ultrasounds. Implementation and enforcement of this law will mean lives will be saved.

**Embryonic Stem Cell/Cloning Research:** Gov. Granholm tried to kick-start debate to legalize the destruction of human embryos for research purposes.

On 3-21-06, arguments were heard for and against **H.B. 4900**, which would legalize destructive embryonic research and human cloning research. Powerful prolife testimonies were heard and the bills are expected to die.

**Coercive Abortion Prevention Act:** (CAPA) will create special penalties against persons who attempt to coerce a woman to have an abortion and will require abortionists to screen for coercion and domestic violence before a woman can consent to an abortion. After being voted out of committee along prolife/proabortion lines, the package is being held up while sponsors are addressing RLM's concerns over changes made. Plans are to still pass the bills in the House before summer recess.

**Umbilical Cord Stem Cell Bank:** A group of prolife House and Senate members held a press conference on 6-7-06 to announce a set of bills that will promote a statewide umbilical cord blood stem cell bank system and provide capital incentives to biotech companies that choose to pursue this type of research. Promoting this already successful line of research is a direct response to those calling for the repeal of our prolife laws prohibiting cloning and destructive embryo research. The package will be introduced soon.

### Federal Legislation

**Embryonic Stem Cell Research:** Sen. Majority Leader Bill Frist continues to hold off demands by embryonic stem

cell research proponents for a vote on the bill to overturn President Bush's funding restriction policy. It is uncertain when or if a vote will take place.

**Mexico City Policy:** The House of Representatives this month sustained this policy against foreign aid funds going to organizations that promote abortion. Abortion advocates have tried every year to reverse this policy reinstated by president Bush immediately after he took office. Likewise, efforts to allow abortions at military hospitals have been turned back as well.

**College Project (P2S2):** In a direct copying of Michigan's Pregnant & Parenting Student Services Act (P2S2), Feminists for Life has brought the concept to Washington with Sen. Elizabeth Dole introducing S1966 and Rep. Melissa Hart introducing HR 4265 – the Elizabeth Cady Stanton P2S2 Act. The bill would provide \$10 million to start abortion alternative information offices on college campuses. Should this bill pass, Michigan would look to immediately capitalize on the existence of our law to draw down some of that federal money.

### Court Challenges

**Partial-Birth Abortion Ban:** The Supreme Court said on June 19, that it will consider a second Bush administration appeal that seeks to reinstate the partial-birth abortion ban that was signed into law by President Bush in 2003.

## 2006 Primary -Vote Tuesday, August 8

After education, our primary goal is to elect prolife people into office. Every election year, local affiliate members along with members from the Right to Life of Michigan Political Action Committee (RLM-PAC) board interview candidates. The RLM-PAC has endorsed Dick DeVos for Governor, Terri Lynn Land for Secretary of State and Mike Cox for state Attorney General. For U.S. Senate, both Keith Butler and Michael Bouchard meet criteria. For U.S. Representative, incumbent Mike Rogers has been endorsed. In local races, incumbents Valde Garcia, Joe Hune and Chris Ward have all been endorsed. The endorsed County Commission candidates are

for District 1-Maggie Jones, District 3-David Domas, District 5-Susan Spagnuolo Charron and for District 6-Steven Williams. In the 53rd District Court, Bill McCririe received the endorsement in the non-incumbent race, while Jay Drick also endorsed by the RLM-PAC, is attempting to unseat the appointed judge (appointed by proabortion Jennifer Granholm) in the incumbent race. Two more endorsed candidates for the Livingston Probate court are Robert Parker and Kathleen Oemke.

Many races are decided in the primary, so every vote counts. Be sure and make your voice heard by speaking up for the unborn by electing prolife, RLM-PAC endorsed candidates.

16th Annual  
**Focus On Life Dinner**

Featuring guest speaker



**Alan Keyes**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2006**  
**6:30-9:30**

**Crystal Gardens**  
**5768 E. Grand River**  
**Howell, MI**

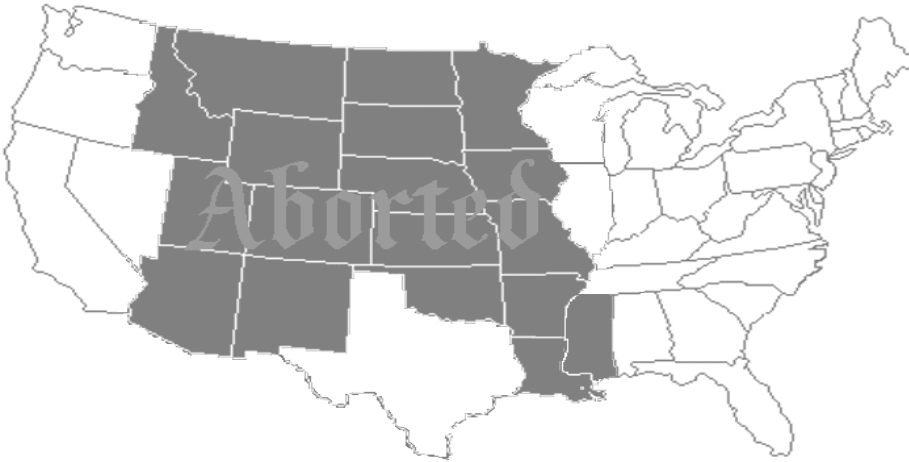
Dr. Alan Keyes has been a Right to Life-Livingston County Inc. speaker on several occasions and always inspires his audience with his enthusiastic and principled confrontation of the "culture of death". Compelling and inspirational reasons are provided to clearly explain why abortion must be banned from our land. Alan Keyes' unequivocal pro-life message has forced government leadership to address America's moral crisis. Please make your reservations early. Dr. Keyes' events are always well attended and his background as a pro-life champion is well known. His challenging message will renew, refresh and revive your commitment to defending the sanctity of human life.

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual reservations \$45 per person <input type="checkbox"/> Personal table of 10 for \$400 - <i>save \$10 per couple!</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I cannot attend but wish to help the prolife movement with the enclosed gift of \$ _____				For your convenience we also accept charge cards _____ Please bill by MasterCard/Visa/Discover      card number	
Name-Address _____ _____ _____				Name as it appears on card _____ _____ exp. date	
City	State	Zip	Phone	Signature	last 3 digits on sign pad
Email _____ _____ _____				Registration begins at 6 p.m. For additional information call 810-227-5788 or e-mail <a href="mailto:rtlcl@sbcglobal.net">rtlcl@sbcglobal.net</a>	
Make checks payable to: Right to Life-Livingston County, Inc. P.O. Box 934, Brighton, MI 48116-0934 Dinner reservations are not tax-deductible				Ticket purchase includes one year affiliate membership	



*Together we can make a difference!*

## The Aborted States of America



The map has 18 states blacked out. The population of these states is equal to the **45,000,000** + reported legal abortions since 1973. Perhaps this visual perspective helps one to grasp the number of people that are gone, robbed of their God given, unalienable right to life.

*This message sponsored by Right to Life-Livingston County, Inc. To learn more about sponsoring this space call 810-227-5788.*

Please let us know if you would prefer to be removed from our mailing list. Contact our office at 810-227-5788 or email [rtlcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rtlcc@sbcglobal.net)

## Fowlerville Fair Booth Volunteers

The Fowlerville Fair is just days away and runs July 8-15. If you would like to volunteer at our booth, there is still time to sign up. Shifts are 11-2, 2-5, 5-8 and 8-10. Entry passes are provided. No

experience is necessary, but you must be prolife! Working at the booth is so rewarding that most people return every year when schedules allow. Please call 810-227-5788 today.

## Life-Line Project/Membership/Donation Form

We are proud to be partnering with the local community on behalf of the unborn. The abortion rate in our state and for teens has decreased, saving lives. Education about abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and assisted suicide works to change the minds and hearts of many about life issues. In addition to education, the election of prolife candidates has enabled our legislature to pass laws protecting the innocent unborn and elderly frail. This is possible because of your efforts, prayers and financial support. We need you!

\$15 New/Renewal    \$5 Sr. Citizen    \$5 Students

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*For your convenience, we also accept charge cards, above address information required for charging*

Please bill my MasterCard/Visa/Discover (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Security code (last 3 digits on sign pad) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks out to: **Right to Life**  
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- Mark Your Calendars**
- Precious Baby Contest, July 8-15
  - VOTE-Primary-August 8
  - Focus on Life Dinner with Alan Keyes Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006

***In Loving Memory and Honor of***

*You may honor a deceased loved one by making a memorial contribution to Right to Life-Livingston County. This memorial gift is a fitting way to remember a lifetime of love for the unborn. Your contribution can also be made to commemorate birthdays, new arrivals, graduations, Mother's Day, Father's Day or any other special occasion. An acknowledgment card will be sent to the family or person you designate. The contribution amount will be kept confidential.*

Enclosed is my (our) gift of  
 \$100  \$50  \$25  \$10  Other

Made in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Made in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occasion \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address-City-State-Zip

My (our) name is \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a notice of this gift in the next newsletter-  yes  no

*Any donation entitles you to a one-year membership.*

***"I will give no deadly medicine to any one if asked, nor suggest any such counsel; and in like manner I will not give to a woman a pessary to produce abortion".***

**Hippocratic Oath  
 400 B.C.**

<b>Current Clinical Human Trials Using Stem Cells</b>	
<b>Adult</b>	<b>Embryonic</b>
<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>