

# Livingston County Life-Line

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Beware of the History Channel on a rainy day.

While I sipped my tea and listened to the rain patter, the History Channel dug up a dead civilization and found a large sewer that held thousands of baby bones, victims of infanticide, a common practice of this ancient, forgotten society.

Anthropologists tell us two of the biggest indicators of a doomed civilization are the practice of infanticide and human sacrifice. In other words, cultures and species that kill their own young do not survive. If history really does repeat itself, then American society may also be doomed to extinction.

What will future archeologists discover when they dig up America? We have a highly sophisticated form of disposal of our young, before birth rather than after. But are we, in reality, practicing a sanitized version of infanticide and human sacrifice?

Is America sacrificing its soul, and its young, on the altar of convenience? Do we bow down to the corrupt pagan god of moral expediency? Is anything really wrong anymore or only those things that disrupt our lives and our plans for ourselves?

Awash in a sea of moral turpitude, we have become a sex-obsessed, sex-addicted society. We are hooked on pornography, perversion, promiscuity, adultery and depravity. And, in a total abandonment of our human dignity, people proclaim that we are mindless animals, wanton slaves to our hormones and incapable of self-control. They condone the Plan B over-the-

counter "morning-after" solution, never even considering giving up the night before.

We reject personal responsibility and force innocent third parties to pay for our reckless sexual indiscretions. We lead promiscuous lives, and the blameless unborn pay the ultimate price, so we won't mess up our last semester of

school, miss out on a job promotion or be forced to pay child support. And, in a complete act of lunacy, our Supreme Court puts its stamp of approval on the mass eradication of our offspring.

This isn't an issue of political or religious persuasion, the Left or the Right. This is an issue of being irresponsible members of the human family. Anytime an innocent member of our human family, born or unborn, must sacrifice his or her life, safety, health or happiness to advance our sexual agenda, rid us of our consequences and make life easier for us, that is an immoral act, no matter what your political or religious affiliation. That is a crime against humanity. Such self-serving behavior violates our family and defies the culture of sexual hedonism.

And, in the saddest indictment of our sick and twisted modern society, feminists, who have battled so mightily for so many decades for women's rights, sadly now crusade for the right of women to destroy their offspring. And the appalling, sickening hypocrisy, the excruciating irony of it all is that one half of the babies who succumb to this

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## Abortion May Drag Us To History's Grave

By Connie Lynn Carrillo

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mass destruction are females.

And these same feminists, who struggle for and demand justice and equality in their own lives, now deny their unborn sisters that which they have already been afforded, the most fundamental of all human rights, to take their place, on this planet, with their sisterhood.

Do we really have an inherent "right to choose" to exterminate our offspring? Or is the only rational choice to use our sacred, life-giving capacity to perpetuate

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of convenience?*

the human species in a reasonable, compassionate manner, so no third party must suffer our consequences? Any other choice cheapens, dehumanizes and corrupts our society. We ought to be able to rise above it. There are civilized, humane solutions to managing our reproductive capability. Decimating our future generations is not one of them.

A wrongly accused politician once said, "Where do I go to get back my good name?" Where does America go to get back its moral clarity? Where do we go to get back our human dignity, decency, honor and self-respect? Where do we go to get back our knowledge of, and belief in, the acceptance of personal

responsibility for our own actions, so no one else is forced to pay the ultimate price for our own decadence, debauchery, egotistical self-indulgence and irresponsibility?

Or will the light of America eventually be extinguished? Flushed away into the ancient sewer of mankind. Just another failed, forgotten civilization. Just another rerun on the History Channel of the future.

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Guest Commentary by  
Connie Lynne Carrillo*

## Precious Baby Contest Award Winners



### The winners are:

(seated in the front row, left to right)

- 1st Hayden Slater** with his mother Sarah
- 2nd Catlin Rose Griffin** with her mother Carri
- 3rd Morgan Grace Near** with her mother Crystal - tied with
- 3rd Charlotte Aurere Bien** with her mother Anita and grandmother Marie
- 4th April Hope Foster** (not pictured)
- 5th Jackson Guy Ott** with her mother Michelle
- 6th Andrea Weisenberger** with her father Matthew and grandmother Cary

A big thanks for all who helped make the Precious Baby Contest a success this year. Joy Applin oversees the Precious Baby Contest along with our Fowlerville Fair booth. Joy is assisted by Anne-Marie Converse who solicits the local community for prizes. The contest takes place yearly, during the week of the annual Fowlerville Fair. It is open to all children 2 and under. We thank everyone for your generous participation. This support allows us to continue the work of restoring the sanctity of life for all innocent humans.

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## Life Chain

## Sunday, October 7, 2007

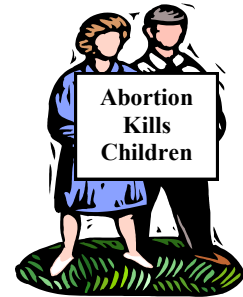
Not a picket...not a march...but a prayer chain!

The purpose of Life Chain is to join hearts in prayer with the Christians in our community and nation on Sunday, October 7, from 2:30 – 3:30 pm. All participants will be silently holding prolife signs. Our prayer is for God's divine mercy and intervention for our nation in order to end abortion. This is an opportunity to go into battle and do spiritual warfare for life issues and the future of our nation. For more information, please contact the office at 810-227-5788.



- **Brighton**-have a representative pick up signs for your church participants at the CVS parking lot, or contact affiliate office. See flyer for individual church locations along Grand River
- **Howell**-pick up your sign in front of the court house
- **Pinckney**-signs are available at M-36/Dexter-Pinckney Rd.
- **Fowlerville**-get your sign at Grand River/Grand Ave.
- **Pregnancy Helpline**-new pick-up point for those volunteering to pray across from planned parenthood

*"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*  
*Chronicles 7:14*



## Friendly Faces at the Fowlerville Family Fair

The Fowlerville Fair is a wonderful place to visit with family and friends during the summer. Re-living history, working with animals, competing for blue ribbons and the Grandstand programs are just a few of the activities available.

Every year we have a booth in an effort to raise awareness about life issues. This works to get information out on a variety of topics through the friendly face of a volunteer.

Joy Applin, an affiliate board member, has coordinated this event for years. Meeting with fair officials, setting up and taking down the booth, making purchases, opening and closing the booth every day and manning the booth when

volunteers cancel are a short list of what she accomplishes every summer.

Suzanne Kennedy works closely with Joy and is responsible for calling those on our fair volunteer list, over and over : ) The booth must be manned from 11 am - 10 pm every day the fair is open-this represents a lot of phone work.

Fair volunteers really enjoy meeting with the public and being a visible presence on behalf of the unborn. Over the years, most of us have heard stories of how a visitor was touched by those in the booth. Just being friendly by listening to a story, offering encouragement or simply having information available can be life-saving. A special thanks to all who help make this event possible:

Carol & Larry Ahnert, Sharon Anderson, Joy Applin, Jan & Ron Bartek, Melynda Bernardi, Debbie Bissett, Dana & Ashley & Ray Carignan, Jan Carpenter, Nina Cedar, Jan Cherry, Rebecca & Gary Crandell, Cary & Barry Davis, Marilyn Davis, Charnell Downing, Sue & Bill Eaton, Joan Eckert, Karen Essenburg. Aileen Grezeszak, Mary & Gary Helfmann, Teresa Helfmann, Suzanne & Natasha Kennedy, Charlotte & Pete Kerr, Pamela Kerr, Karl & Hayden & Dawson Kling, Sharon Kinnunen, Jessica McDonald, Sandy Newman, Kathy Ogorek, Joan & Dale Pepper, Margie Smith, Vince Ste-Marie, Sharon & David Sweet, Vicky & Jon Sweet, Olivia & Mary & Ann & Ken Verfaillie and Kim Weeks.

## Pregnancy Helpline-Open House

Pregnancy Helpline, located at 7743 W Grand River, Ste 101, in Brighton is having an Open House immediately following Life Chain.

They offer care for those who need help with a crisis pregnancy: free & confidential services and information, free pregnancy tests, free abortion informa-

tion & counseling and free STD & risk information. They have free ultrasounds available too. They also do HIV testing.

They have been in their new location for several years now. Being across the street from planned parenthood has greatly increased the number of client

## Sunday, October 7, 2007

visits and consequently the need for donations and volunteers.

Come tour Livingston County's only crisis pregnancy center and meet the staff at Pregnancy Helpline. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 810-494-5433.

What a wonderful summer it has been! I hope all of our readers have taken some time to relax, visit with family and friends and stop and smell the roses (and the rain) in the past few months.

The media and researchers continue to distort the truths regarding stem cells. They blur the differences between adult stem cell and embryonic stem cell research (ESCR). When promoting embryonic stem cell research they fail to inform readers

that there have been no successes in this research. Not one successful treatment of any disease or disability, only dead embryos! Currently, adult stem cell research is being used to treat over 70 diseases and disabilities.

The election outcome from last year has also changed the focus on life issues. Although President Bush threatens to veto any proposals including our tax

dollars funding abortion or embryonic stem cell research, pro-abortion forces are moving ahead with a deadly agenda.

It is imperative to clearly understand the ethical implications behind ESCR. That is why we have invited Mark Blocher to be our keynote speaker for our 17th Annual Focus on Life Dinner. Dr. Mark Blocher is an ethicist, who specializes in simply, and clearly defining, in layman's terms, why we must outlaw embryonic stem cell research. The dinner is on Tuesday, October 23 at Crystal Gardens. In addition, we are delighted to have Bob Dutko from WMUZ Christian Radio as our emcee. You will have a wonderful evening - we promise! This event is presented in conjunction with the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, October 7. We need your participa-

## FROM THE BOARD....

## Prolife Video



View  
Right to Life of Michigan's  
prolife ad "Weak"

at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

Type: **RTLMich**  
in search box to find

tion for Life Chain and be sure to visit Pregnancy Helpline, Livingston County's only crisis pregnancy center. For more information about stem cells visit [www.stemcellresearchcures.com](http://www.stemcellresearchcures.com).

God bless,  
Penny Sobonya  
Board Chair

## LifeFacts - Missing Egg Donors & Missing Eggs

Harvard University has spent thousands of dollars on newspaper ads attempting to entice women to donate their eggs for embryonic stem cell research. Hundreds of women responded initially, but none have donated.

Undoubtedly learning of the numerous injections, repeat office visits, dangerous side effects, and the surgery requiring general anesthesia to remove the eggs stripped the benevolent veneer off the egg donation process for these women.

Meanwhile, in California, thousands of human embryos and eggs may be missing from fertility clinics. The discrepancy involves 596 embryos and 2,189 eggs unaccounted for, involving 80 medical facilities, 102 physicians and 229 donors. This unfolding debacle is on top of the 2003 case of California's Options Fertility Registry being forced out of business when donors brought a slew of lawsuits after discovering their eggs were being sold without their permission.

These unethical behaviors are reminiscent of the abuses perpetrated by fraudulent South Korean researcher Hwang Woo-Suk who coerced female assistants to donate their eggs. Embryonic stem cell advocates continue to ignore the reality that their research and proposed cures will require millions of human eggs, and that demand brings enormous ethical and dangerous consequences with it.

*LifeFacts is a periodic information update from the Right to Life of Michigan Legislative Office.*

## Michigan's Law Against Killing Embryos for Research

Years before the debate over the federal funding of embryonic stem cell research hit the headlines, a law that completely prohibits any research on live human embryos, fetuses, or neonates was passed in Michigan. Michigan's PA368 or MCL (Michigan Compiled Law) 333.2685-2692 from 1978 states that research cannot take place on a human embryo if that research isn't designed to benefit the subject of the research (the embryo). Michigan and a handful of other states have laws

that protect unborn children from the non-therapeutic research that is currently being debated.

In Michigan, human embryo research is a felony punishable by imprisonment of up to 5 years. This law **does not prevent** researchers in Michigan from experimenting on embryonic stem cells that were created by destroying human embryos in other states or countries.

# The Great Stem Cell Debate: Understanding the Options

## The Basics

Stem cells are the cells from which all other cells originate. In a human embryo, a large portion of the embryo's cells are stem cells. As the young child grows in her mother's womb, most of these cells begin to differentiate and become heart, liver, kidneys and all of the 210 kinds of tissue found in a human body. Even though most of these cells become differentiated, all humans retain some stem cells. The most promising is the use of adult stem cells. All people have stem cells located in blood, bone marrow, fat and brains. Stem cells are incredibly versatile cells that can be replicated indefinitely. These cells can develop into specialized cells. Since stem cells are so versatile and there are many diseases that result from the lack of or dysfunction of a single type of cell, there is hope within the medical community that some day cells can be reprogrammed to cure various diseases. Some of the diseases included Parkinson's diabetes, spinal cord injuries and heart disease.

## Adult Stem Cell Research

- The extraction of stem cells from adults and umbilical cord blood causes no harm to the patient. These are completely life-affirming options or research. Cures to diseases can be found without killing human beings
- Research using stem cells obtained from adults and umbilical cord blood has been used to help thousands of people with various ailments. At least 72 diseases have been helped with the use of adult stem cells including Parkinson's, spinal cord injuries, various forms of leukemia, heart damage, and various forms of cancer
- Research and treatments using stem cells from adults and umbilical cord blood have shown that these cells aren't likely to form tumors
- Adult stem cells usually come from a patient's own body and have the same DNA as the patient so they don't face the risk of being rejected by the patient's body
- The National Marrow Donor Program allows couples to donate the blood from their child's umbilical cord after birth. This blood is rich in stem cells and allows doctors to find matches to patients who need help

## The Ethics Involved

One of the most important issues in the debate over stem cell research is the ethics involved. Taking the life of a human being at any stage in development for research is ethically wrong. **1. The embryos that are being destroyed are more than just tissue.** These cells are the genetic blueprint that the unborn child will have for life. **2.** Even if this research could be helpful, it is still **never ethically correct to sacrifice the life of one human to save another without their consent.** **3.** Medical advancement should continue but not through the taking of human life. **No human being should be forced to be made the subject of research without their permission,** especially if that research leads directly to their destruction. Even death row inmates cannot be experimented upon or have their organs removed, without their consent. **4.** Proponents of embryonic stem cell research often cite all the potentials of the research, but they usually fail to mention that a **human life is destroyed every time stem cells are removed from an embryo.**

## Embryonic Stem Cell Research

- The extraction of embryonic stem cells from a human embryo kills the human embryo, an innocent human being. Embryonic stem cell research forces human beings to sacrifice their life without consent in the vague hope that their cells might one day cure another human being
- Embryonic stem cell research has yet to cure a single patient of a single disease. Any possible test treatments are at least a decade away. To get people to support this kind of destructive research, proponents have created a fairy tale, promising that cures are at the fingertips of scientists when this isn't the case
- Research with embryonic stem cells has shown that these cells are often difficult to control and can form tumors when they are inserted into animals
- Embryonic stem cells face the risk of rejection and Graft vs. Host disease because they come from the body of another human being and have different DNA. Many researchers would like to get around this problem by creating clones human embryos whose DNA would match the patient's DNA
- Human embryos created by in-vitro fertilization don't need to be discarded or used for research. These tiny human beings can be adopted by couples hoping to have children. On May 24, 2005, President Bush appeared with 21 families who have adopted human embryos through the Embryo Adoption program of Nightlight Christian Adoptions

17th Annual  
**Focus On Life Dinner**

Featuring guest speaker



**Mark Blocher**

And emcee from WMUZ Christian Radio

**Bob Dutko**

Tuesday, October 23, 2007  
 6:30-9:30

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

Dr. Blocher is an Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids. He also serves as Captain of the Michigan State Police Chaplains corps. He has published numerous magazine, newspaper and journal articles on bioethics. He served on a citizens' advisory committee for the Ethics, Legal and Social Implications Division of the Human Genome Project for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Come hear why embryonic stem cell research (ESCR) and cloning must be banned from our land. Dr. Blocher is an excellent speaker who brings clarity to the bioethics behind the science of human cloning and ESCR. The push is on for our tax-dollars to fund embryonic stem cell research. Learn why embryos must have our protection too!

**STEM CELL RESEARCH: TRUTH VS LIES**

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Registration begins at 6 p.m.  
 For additional information call  
 810-227-5788 or e-mail [rtlcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rtlcc@sbcglobal.net)

Dinner reservations are not tax-deductible

Ticket purchase includes one year affiliate membership

*Together we can make a difference!*

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**In Honor of the marriage of Jim & Eileen Tesch**

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Given by: Maria & Ken Foster

### 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!

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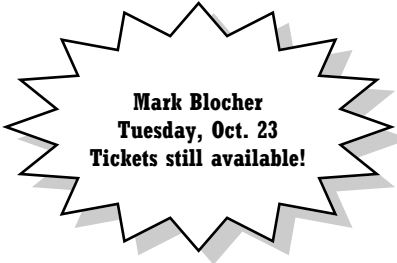
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*"Government big enough to supply everything you need is big enough to take everything you have ... The course of history shows that as a government grows, liberty decreases."*

• **President Thomas Jefferson**

*"Abortion is advocated only by persons who have themselves been born."*

**President Ronald Reagan**

*"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."*

**President Abraham Lincoln**