

# Livingston County Life-Line

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**Say NO 2 Unrestricted Science and Experimentation:** Proposal 2 allows unrestricted science on human embryos and any research involving stem cells. The proposed constitutional amendment reads in part: "All stem cell research.. must be conducted..in accordance with state and local laws.. to the extent that any such laws do not prevent, restrict, obstruct, or discourage any stem cell research.. or..create disincentives for any person to engage in or otherwise associate with such research."

That means if researchers think any state or local law restricts or discourages their research, they can ignore the law. Radical science, like the mixing of human DNA with animal eggs-which is now being done in England-would be legalized under Proposal 2. Plus, the Michigan Legislature will have no ability to regulate anything related to stem cell research, putting Washington politicians in control of Michigan's research laws.

**Say NO 2 Killing & Cloning Embryos:** Proposal 2 will allow any type of research imaginable on human embryos and loopholes in the wording mean that cloned human embryos can be trafficked into Michigan and killed through research. So long as an embryo was ostensibly created for "fertility treatment purposes," scientists can do anything they want. The proposal's campaign director has admitted the measure is designed to get

voters "more comfortable" with using cloning technology. And all embryonic stem cell research requires killing embryos to get the stem cells.

**Say NO 2 Tax Funded Research:** Proposal 2 advocates have made it clear that this measure is just the first step. They readily admit that without taxpayer dollars to fund research, this proposal won't result in more jobs created for Michigan. New York taxpayers got

hit for \$600 million, and the bill for California taxpayers is \$3 billion. Proposal 2 is just the beginning-an invitation to more spending and more taxes.

**Say NO 2 Black Market Buying & Selling of Embryos:** Because Proposal 2 authorizes unrestricted research on human embryos, embryos can be bought and sold for research, so long as the research is not related to stem cells. With huge amounts of money at stake, and demand so high for embryos, a black market for embryos is inevitable.

## 2 Goes 2 Far Vote **NO** on 2 The Human Embryo Research Proposal

**MiCAUSE**  
Go to:  
[www.micause.com](http://www.micause.com)  
For more information on  
**Proposal 2**  
**2 Goes 2 Far**  
**Vote NO on 2**

## Planned Parenthood: a wolf in sheep's clothing

Years ago, I had my then 16 year old daughter call the local Planned Parenthood office. She asked for information about abortion. In a simple, 3-minute phone conversation, she was given the tools to use in order to get around Michigan's parental consent laws.

Since then, there have been several prolife groups, working nationally to expose the truth behind Planned Parenthood. In one case, young women posed as pregnant 13 year olds who had 22 year old boyfriends. They called Planned Parenthood clinics around the country to ask about getting an abortion. The law requires reporting of statutory rape or molestation, in all 50 states, when

a 13 year old has sex. The counselors often admitted to the "13 year old" that it should be reported as rape, but then coached the caller on how to get around the law. These disturbing recordings can be found on You-tube or through Google.

More recently, (April 2008) a caller to Planned Parenthood asked to make donations specifically to abort black children. More than one Planned Parenthood employee agreed to this on behalf of the donor. At this time, Youtube is protecting Planned Parenthood by censoring these videos.

Planned Parenthood, contrary to their name, is not in the family business. In

fact, they work against all legislation that would give parents authority over their underage children. You can see what they want for our youth at [teenwire.com](http://teenwire.com).

Our sons and daughters can get STD testing, the birth-control pill, abortion referrals, RU 486 and much more at the local Planned Parenthood. School clinics remain a goal for this organization which wants unrestricted reproductive health care for all, regardless of age. When this isn't possible, just getting materials or speakers into the schools will work. As parents, we must be aware of school policy toward advocates promoting the local Planned Parenthood. The safety of our children depends on it!

## Precious Baby Contest Award Winners



### Top 8 Winners

Front row, left to right:

**1st Amelia Jean Slater #28**  
with her mother Sarah

**2nd Liam Gregory Anderson #3**  
with his mother Heather

**3rd Caitlin Rose Griffin #16**  
with her mother Carri

**4th April Foster #1** with  
mother Maria, grandmother Cary Davis

Back row, left to right:

**5th Katie Paul #5**  
with her mother Erin

**6th Amanda Diane Gregory #8**  
with mother Ashley, grandmother  
Marlene,

**7th George Sweet #11** with mother  
Vicky and grandmother Sharon

**8th McKayla Robin Kraiger #29**  
with her parents James and Christina.

A special thanks to all the participants, their families and donors who helped make the Precious Baby Contest a huge success this year. The contest takes place annually, during the week of the Fowlerville Fair, at our booth. 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.

Over \$1000 in Prizes  
donated by:

Beverly Raes of Brighton  
Comerica Bank (Brighton)  
Danny's Pizza Shack  
Cary & Barry Davis  
The Decoration Center,  
County Commissioner  
David Domas

Attorney Jay Drick  
Focus on Life Dinner Committee  
Fowlerville Hardware  
The Furniture Store  
Pat Goucher  
His Bible and Book House  
Elizabeth Hundley  
Next Generation-Brighton  
Sandra Sawdy  
Penny & Paul Sobonya  
Yum Yum Tree

Be sure to thank our  
local business supporters

## Life Chain

## Sunday, October 5, 2008

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 5, from 2:30PM – 3:30PM**. Please note: **Pinckney will meet from 2:00PM- 3:00PM** 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
- **Howell**-pick up your sign in front of the court house
- **Pinckney**-signs are available at Main Street M-36/ S Howell  
**Pinckney will meet from 2:00PM- 3:00PM**
- **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.

Fair booth volunteers were:

Carol & Larry Ahnert, Sharon Anderson, Joy Applin, Jan & Ron Bartek, Dana & Ray Carignan, Jan Carpenter, Nina Cedar, Jan Cherry, Rebecca & Gary Crandell, Cary & Barry Davis, Marilyn Davis, Charnell Downing, Sue & Bill Eaton, Joan Eckert, Patty Essenburg, Aileen Grezeszak, Mary & Gary Helfmann, Suzanne Kennedy, Charlotte Kerr, Jackie Mead, Kathy Ogorek, Joan & Dale Pepper, Margie Smith, Jo Sartor, Jeannie & Dave Schiavone, Joan Sebastian, Margie Smith, Penny & Paul Sobonya, Vince Ste-Marie, Sharon & David Sweet, Vicky & Mr & Mrs. Jon Sweet, Olivia & Ken Verfaillie and Kim Weeks.

## Pregnancy Helpline: Open House, Movie Screening

Pregnancy Helpline, located at 7743 W Grand River, Ste 101, in Brighton has two upcoming events just around the corner. They are having an Open House immediately following Life Chain on October 5, and a movie screening on October 9 & 10.

Join them after Life Chain for an open house tour. Tour the center, talk to the staff and volunteers, and enjoy live music and refreshments. They will be at the clinic from 2:00– 5:00, so if you are Life-Chaining in Fowlerville to Novi or anyplace in between, stop by and visit!

A benefit for Pregnancy Helpline will take place on October 9-10. *Choose What's Right Come What May*, a new feature film, will be shown at the auditorium at Brighton Church of the Nazarene. For more information on show times, ticket sales and group rates, call 810-494-5433.

Twenty years ago, in 1988, the prolife movement in Michigan helped to pass a ballot proposal that banned the **FROM THE BOARD....** Medicaid funding of abortions.

Ten years ago, in 1998, the prolife movement in Michigan helped defeat Proposal B (B is BAD!) which would have legalized physician assisted suicide in our state.

Many of the readers of this newsletter will remember participating in each of these efforts to preserve and protect innocent human life.

In 2008, the prolife movement in Michigan is working to help defeat Proposal 2 which will appear on the November ballot. This proposal seeks to change our state constitution and would allow for unrestricted research and experimentation on human embryos in our state.

MiCAUSE is a coalition of prolife, pro-family organizations joining together to defeat Proposal 2. Our goal is to make certain that every voter in Michigan understands the truth about Proposal 2-the latest threat to the smallest of human beings.

In addition to defeating Proposal 2, we must work to elect a prolife president and all state and local endorsed prolife candidates. We need your help to write letters-to-the-editor, send emails and postcards to family members and friends, to make literature drops to area churches, to distribute yard signs, to make "Get Out The Vote" calls and to work the polls on election day. Please take a moment and call our office at 810-227-5788, send an email to [rtllc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rtllc@sbcglobal.net) or visit our website [www.righttolifelivingston.org](http://www.righttolifelivingston.org) to sign up as a volunteer.

Remember - October is Respect Life Month. There are several events locally.

October 5 is Life Chain Sunday. Please gather your families together and spend 1 hour in a peaceful and public witness for the unborn. Join with other prolife Americans as we pray for our nation and for an end to abortion - 2:30 to 3:30 pm along Grand River in Brighton, Howell and Fowlerville and 2:00 to 3:00 in Pinckney.

On Tuesday, October 21 at Crystal Gardens in Howell, Right to Life - Livingston County will be holding our 18th Annual Focus on Life Dinner. Bob Dutko, radio talk show host at WMUZ in Detroit will be the guest speaker. The emcee is a representative from the local prolife youth group, Pinckney Pro-Life. Call our office at 810-227-5788 for ticket information.

God bless,  
Penny Sobonya  
Board Chair

## Unrestricted science in Missouri leading to unrestricted tax payer funding



governing scientific experimentation.

Missouri passed a constitutional amendment allowing lethal research on human embryos in 2006. Now, the state finds itself in a legal battle about laws that regulate funding of research on live human embryos and human cloning.

In Michigan, the proposed Constitutional Amendment for the November ballot would allow lethal research on live human embryos. The proposal could also result in the people of Michigan being forced to pay for unrestricted, unregulated research, a problem Missouri is facing.

Does their constitutional amendment remove Missouri's 2003 law which prevents funding of research on live human embryos? Legal experts are searching for answers.

If passed, the proposal would supersede any Michigan law on the books and usurp any attempt to regulate future policy

The proposal could allow scientists to ignore laws and use your money for research on human-animal hybrids.

British scientists at Newcastle University have resorted to creating cloned hybrid embryos which are part human and part cow.

## California scientists want to overturn restrictions on selling and buying human eggs *Could Michigan be next?*

Human embryonic stem cell researchers unable to come anywhere near treating human patients never blame themselves or embryonic stem cells for the failures, the blame is placed on restrictions. In Michigan, researchers blame a law which prevents them from killing human embryos. In California, where embryonic stem cell research is funded by billions of dollars, researchers are now blaming a rule which prevents them from buying eggs as the reason their human cloning research is

failing. Marcy Darnovsky of the Center for Genetics and Society was quoted as saying, "Do we really want to put women at risk to provide raw materials for research a lot of scientists say really isn't the way to go?" Human egg "black markets" and conflicts of interest are serious concerns swirling around human embryonic stem cell research.





## Right to Life of Michigan PAC Endorsements

Right to Life of Michigan Political Action Committee has made endorsements for the November 4, 2008 General Election.

In the 53rd District court, incumbent race, **Jay Drick** has been endorsed.

For U.S. President and Vice President, **John McCain and Sarah Palin** have been endorsed as the prolife candidates.

For Livingston County Register of Deeds, **Sally Reynolds**, the incumbent, has been endorsed.

For U.S. Senate, **Jack Hoogendyk** has received the endorsement. **Mike Rogers**, the incumbent for District 8, has been endorsed for U.S. Congress.

For more information on statewide and local endorsements visit [www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org). Here, you can also conveniently print your own personal ballot to take with you to the polls.

In the Michigan House, **Bill Rogers** is endorsed in State House District 66. **Cindy Denby** is the endorsed prolife candidate in State House District 47.

Are you looking for ways to be a bigger voice for the unborn? You can also use the personal ballot site for your friends, families, neighbors and co-workers. All that is required is a name, public street name and zip code. With this information, you can print or email a personalized ballot, with RLM-PAC endorsed candidates, to everyone you know.

The Livingston County Board of Commissioners also has several endorsements. In district 1- **Maggie Jones, - David Domas** in district 3 - and in district 6-**Steve Williams** have all received endorsements.

This is a simple way to help inform the people you know and can have a statewide impact for all life issues.

In the 4th Appeals Court—Non-Incumbent, **Michael Kelly** has been endorsed. In the incumbent race, **Patrick Meter** has been endorsed.

### 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   \$8 Sr. Citizen   \$8 Students**

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**Bob Dutko**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 21**  
**Tickets still available!**

**2 Goes 2 Far**  
**Vote NO on 2**  
**The Human Embryo**  
**Research Proposal**

***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  
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 Occasion \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

"The contention between the culture of life and the culture of death is not a battle of our own choosing. We are not the ones who imposed upon the nation the lethal logic that human beings have no rights we are bound to respect if they are too small, too weak, too dependent, too burdensome. That lethal logic, backed by the force of law, was imposed by an arrogant elite that for almost forty years has been telling us to get over it, to get used to it. But "We the People," who are the political sovereign in this constitutional democracy, have not gotten over it, we have not gotten used to it, and we will never, we will never ever, agree that the culture of death is the unchangeable law of the land."

~ Fr. John Neuhaus, "We Shall not Weary, We Shall not Rest"  
 National Right to Life Convention,  
 July 2008 ~