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*“Abortion May Be Legal, But It Is Still Morally Wrong!”*

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## Steve Ham Will Be Speaker for Right To Life Banquet

Set for Thursday October 2, 2014



Daviess County Right To Life has announced that Steve Ham who serves as Senior Director of Worldwide Outreach for Answers in Genesis will be the Main Speaker for the Right To Life Banquet which will be held on Thursday October 2nd of this year. Mr. Ham oversees the 250 conferences and other events that AiG typically holds each year.

Steve has been a part of the Answers in Genesis ministry for most of his life and in 2009 joined the ministry full time when moving to Kentucky. Answers in Genesis is known for their very strong stance on the sanctity of life and their anti-abortion stance.

Originally from Australia, Steve and his wife, Trish, along with their two children, Sarah and David, moved to America in 2009. In Australia, Steve was the director of a financial organization that ran a mission funding agency. During this time they funded many effective Christian ministries including rescuing women from the Thai sex trade, funding Russian pastors and building projects, and chaplaincy in world-wide surf life rescue.

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## Taylor Davis Named Barr-Reeve Home Coming Queen

When it was announced that Taylor Davis was selected as Barr-Reeve Homecoming Queen the large crowd in attendance erupted in loud applause and then all rose to their feet in a standing ovation that lasted for several minutes for this



### Special Night for Barr-Reeve Homecoming Queen, Taylor Davis

Barr-Reeve Homecoming Queen Taylor Davis (center) with her Mom Michelle “Freyberger” Davis and her Dad Jason Davis as they pose with their daughter after Taylor was crowned Homecoming Queen at ceremonies in the Barr-Reeve Gymnasium in February of this year.

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special young lady. It has not been an easy life for Taylor Davis. When She was born prematurely on Dec. 3 of 1994 as a twin, she did not weigh two pounds, and the Doctors did not give her or her brother Tyler much chance to live or to live a normal life. But her parents Jason and Michelle had a lot of faith in God and in Taylor, and the family was determined to give it their best shot. Taylor had numerous surgeries and long stays in the hospital, but she and her family never gave up, and they continued to make out of life what the "Good Lord" would give them. At the time of her birth the Doctors did not give them much hope for the twins survival or for them to lead any aspect of a normal life. Taylor's twin brother Tyler has battled the elements as well, but he graduated last year from Barr-Reeve and is now a student at University of Evansville majoring in mechanical engineering. The Davis's also have a younger daughter Emma in the 3rd Grade at Barr-Reeve.

When it was announced over the school PA that Taylor would be one of the Homecoming Queen Candidates, Taylor was overcome with emotions and was very appreciative for that honor. Taylor was nominated along with four other Senior girls to compete for Homecoming queen by the Seniors, and the voting would be done by all the High School Students from 9-12 grades. She would be competing against some of the most popular girls in school, and Taylor was honored to be selected.

When the selection was made on Saturday night, emotions were very visible both for Taylor and for her Mom and Dad as well. Michelle Davis was so thrilled for her daughter and was thankful to the students and Community of Barr-Reeve for giving her daughter something that Taylor will remember the rest of her life. According to Taylor's

Mom Michelle, "The kids have always been so kind and so thoughtful and so unselfish to include Taylor in whatever activity they were in. They have always been so helpful to Taylor; they treated her just like one of the other members of the class and made her feel like she was having just a normal life like any other student at Barr-Reeve. We were so grateful to Jon McMullen who was her escort during the homecoming ceremonies. He was so kind and so helpful and encouraging to her as they walked out onto the floor and all during the event. As you know walking is difficult for Taylor, but Jon was very helpful and patient with her and helped her through an event that Taylor and our Family will remember forever. I was so overwhelmed by it all and just so grateful to all who made this possible." As the saying goes, "Dreams Do Come True!"

**Editor's Note:** The above story is another indication that even though children are born with difficult lives ahead of them, it does not mean we need to give up on them. Love and kindness can go a long way to helping them, not only the child but to the individuals around them who help them, to lead as normal a life as possible. No, it does not mean these children will have a life of wine and roses, but at the same time it does not mean we can give up on them. This is just another example where parents and the people who have come in contact with Taylor Davis and her brother Tyler have helped to make life just a little bit better for them, and in the process for those giving the kindness, it may have helped to make them to be a better person for giving that act of kindness. At the time of birth we know not what the Good Lord has in store for that child or what lives they may touch in the process. As the old saying goes, "We are all put here for a reason, and what that reason is, God knows!"

## **Steve Ham** (Continued from page 1)

Steve has often openly spoken at Answers in Genesis conferences and in churches against abortion, eugenics and other issues concerning human ethics. Steve is absolutely committed to the sanctity of life as humanity created in the Image of God from conception. His gospel priority is that every baby conceived must be treated with the highest level of care and value as every other human being so that they may one day hear the good news of Jesus Christ. He believes strongly that human value is determined neither by developmental stage in the womb, nor by so-called contribution to society, nor by gender, age or cultural heritage. Value is only determined by a life being created in the image of God which starts at conception. Abortion at any stage of development is murder.

Tickets for the Banquet will be available from Table Hosts as in years past. To learn more go to our Right To Life Web Site at: [www.daviesscountyrtl.com](http://www.daviesscountyrtl.com)

## **Now is the Time to Renew Membership; see back page of Newsletter**

**Please continue your support of the local Right To Life Organizations. Now is the time to renew your membership or make a donation. Please help to keep the Pro-Life Movement strong and help them in the defense of the unborn.**

**You should have received a Membership Letter asking for you to renew your membership or make a donation to support the local Right To Life Organizations. So, please do what you can! Your Support is Greatly Appreciated!**

## **During this 2014 Election Year, Please Remember to Vote Pro-Life**

**As we begin this election year, even though it is not a Presidential Election Year, we will be voting for U.S. Congressman, State Representatives and State Senate Candidates as well as many other elected officials on the State and Local level. We ask everyone to remember the unborn when they vote. You are their voice! Our Country is in a moral decay because of abortion and other anti Christian policies running rampant in our country. So many of our clergy were taken in by President Obama and other liberal leaders in 2008 and because of our religious leaders' inaction and their liberal tendencies our moral fiber is in serious decline.**

**All Churches can and must inform their members not to vote for people running for office who are pro-abortion. Churches don't have to endorse candidates, just inform the voters who is pro-life. Well this is not happening and our country is suffering because of it. Those individuals who say neither party is pro-life just do not know what they are talking about. One party may not be as pro-life as we would like, but we know how the President and his party stand. They are pro-abortion from top to bottom. Let us do our best in this election year to get our message out. The Unborn are depending on us. So Vote Pro-Life!**

### **QUOTE FOR THE DAY!**

**We also could have used louder voices among our clergy – fewer confusing alphabetical voter guides from some religious groups and more to the point of insistence on the real life issues at stake!**

## **Suspect Arrested in Murder of Pro-Life Sidewalk Counselor with Baby on the Way**

**By Steve Ertelt**

A suspect has been arrested in the case of a shooting death of a pro-life sidewalk counselor in Indianapolis, Indiana, whose wife is expected to give birth soon. Nathan Trapuzzano was a young 24-year-old man who served as a sidewalk counselor at a local abortion clinic in Indiana and had a baby on the way. Tragically, he was murdered in a shooting while out walking his neighborhood.

According to WTHR, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) homicide detectives have made an arrest in the fatal shooting and say robbery was a motive in the case. The pro-life community has rallied around Nathan's family and has raised more than \$158,000 for his wife and unborn baby. Funds donated here will cover baby expenses for Trapuzzano's wife Jennifer, who is eight months pregnant with their daughter Cecilia, as well as the young man's funeral.

From the report: Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced charges against 16-year-old Simeon Adams on Tuesday. Adams is charged with Murder, Attempt Robbery (A Felony), and Carrying a Handgun without a License (A Misdemeanor). Trapuzzano was out for a morning walk a week ago on W. 16th St. when he was attacked and killed. "There was surveillance video from a nearby business relating to this particular crime, and in the video, one of the suspects had relatively distinctive clothing. It was also set forth and statements had been given by witnesses implicating Mr. Adams in the shooting," said Curry.

Speaking to the press Tuesday, IMPD Chief Rick Hite said Adams was known to police from three prior incidents. Chief Hite also said that police know who the second suspect is, but did not name that person.

"There were several tips from the public. We had contained the subject for some time. We knew where he was. Now we're seeing through a tally of the investigation, we have charges against this young man, and hopefully we'll get more information to make sure he goes to jail for a very long time," said the chief.

Adams is currently being held at the Juvenile Center. He is recovering from a gunshot wound he received during an incident on April 1 on W. 35th Street.

In response to the arrest, Jennifer Trapuzzano, Nathan's wife, wrote on Facebook: "*Today has been extra rough. It's been one week and I still can't comprehend that this is all real. The police have reported the suspect of my husband's murder was only 16. Oh how my already wounded heart aches to hear this. Nate always said one of the greatest crimes in the world today is how many babies grow up without their father. I don't know this man's circumstances, but it hurts to hear that such a young man could turn to such violence. Please pray for his conversion.*"

"I am saddened to report that a young man who served as a sidewalk counselor at one of Indianapolis' abortion clinics was killed while walking near his home on Tuesday morning," said Cathie Humbarger of Allen County Right to Life. "His wife is due to deliver their first baby next month." "As with many tragedies, this seems so senseless and yet the outpouring of love and support reminds us that there is so much good in this world. Nate would not want us to become angry, but rather focus on the good and what is yet to come," his family said in a statement released April 2. "Nate had an unbelievable, strong faith in God, and we are finding some comfort knowing he is now in the Lord's loving embrace."

# I'll Never Forget When This Baby Saved From Abortion Came Running Up to Me

by Kristan Hawkins



A few years ago, I had the privilege of helping Meghan start a pro-life group at her school. I met with her at a training in California and sent her all the materials she needed to get started. Her first day on campus, Meghan met a group of young girls and told them about her pro-life group and asked them to join. A couple of weeks after meeting the girls, one of them, Jessica, emailed Meghan a burden-filled e-mail.

Jessica was post-abortive and offered to help Meghan with her pro-life group. She wrote that she wished there had been a Students for Life group on her campus only the semester before when she had her abortion. Despite being from what seemed different worlds, Meghan reached out and befriended Jessica. Then, it happened, as it does for far

too many young women, Jessica was pregnant...again. She had fallen back into her old life.

Even though Jessica knew abortion was wrong and how much it would hurt her, she was scared and said it seemed like the only way out, the only way to make sure she could still graduate college, the only way her family and friends envisioned was possible. But Meghan was there. The only voice, in all the chatter, affirming Jessica and the precious life she was carrying within her. The only voice who was willing to go with her to her campus administration and figure out how Meghan could stay in school and turn her life around. The only voice who patiently listened. I'll never forget the moment that I got the text message from Meghan that read, "He's here! Baby Stephaun is here. I can't believe it! He almost didn't make it."

And I'll never forgot the day that I saw Stephaun, now a chubby toddler, run up to me. Your support of Students for Life of America made it possible because through you I was able to train and equip Meghan to start her Students for Life group. Through you, I was able to answer the calls and e-mails from her after she met Jessica and was trying to figure out how to witness to her. Through you, I was able to work with both Meghan and Jessica to form Students for Life's Pregnant on Campus Initiative, now on college campuses in 33 states, and help figure out how Jessica could choose life and continue her education.

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## United Methodist Church Group Sends \$443,750 to Planned Parenthood Abortion Business

by Steven Ertelt

Methodist Healthcare Ministries, whose logo claims they are serving humanity to honor God, is giving money to the nation's top abortion provider Planned Parenthood.

Methodist Healthcare Ministries (MHM) is a private, faith-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing medical, dental and health-related human services to low-income families and the uninsured in South Texas.

The mission of the organization is "Serving Humanity to Honor God" by improving the physical, mental and spiritual health of those least served in the Southwest Texas Conference area of The United Methodist Church. MHM is one-half owner of the Methodist Healthcare System - the largest healthcare system in South Texas.

According to their website, they donated \$443,750 to Planned Parenthood Trust of South Texas in 2014.

"We encourage people to get in touch with their spiritual roots—Catholic, Baptist or whatever that is. It makes no difference to us," Kevin Moriarty, the organization's President & Chief Executive Officer said. "It's a matter of understanding that somebody's health and well-being is connected to mind, body and spirit."

**Note:** Many Organizations say they are trying to help the poor when they make donations, but it is a good idea to see what these well meaning organizations are doing with their money. Check them out before you give!

**Quote:** Edmund Burke was right when he said, "*All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.*" It's important that we help those who are indifferent to see that by not taking a stand, they're enabling abortion to continue to kill the unborn and emotionally devastate their parents.

## Supporters of Feminist Professor Who Assaulted Teen Call Pro-Lifer a “Domestic Terrorist”

by Carole Novielli

Pro-lifers who display graphic images of aborted children are like “domestic terrorists” who invade communities and make women feel unsafe, said a UCSB student supporter of a pro-choice feminist studies professor charged with battery after an altercation with pro-life demonstrators at the university, reports UCSB *The College Fix*.

The Santa Barbara District Attorney filed charges of grand theft, battery, and vandalism against Professor Mireille Miller-Young for violence she committed against Thrin Short, the young pro-life activist who held a peaceful outreach on the UC Santa Barbara campus on March 4th.

According to the police report, the professor found the literature and her graphic abortion sign “disturbing” and “offensive” because she teaches reproduction rights and because she is pregnant.

At that point, the report says, Miller-Young demanded the images be taken down as a crowd of students gathered, and she then grabbed a sign from a teen’s hands.

Asked if there had been a struggle, Miller-Young stated, “I’m stronger so I was able to take the poster,” the report said.

The radical pro-abortion professor also claimed that she set a good example when she attempted to incite students to violence and initiated the theft of the pro-life activist’s sign. But instead of condemning the use of violence against the pro-life teen, pro-choicers on campus are rallying support of the professor. “They are domestic terrorists, because the definition of a terrorist is someone who terrorizes,” said UCSB sophomore Katherine Wehler, a theater and feminist studies major, who has taken a class taught by Miller-Young.

Wehler believes that there should have been “trigger warnings” for the abortion images the pro-life activists presented in the free-speech zone. Prochoice students have also uploaded a video of the event on YouTube saying that Miller-Young was defending students against “anti-choice activists.”

Mark Crutcher, president of Life Dynamics, Inc. a national pro-life organization located in Denton, Texas, has

also called for the professor who attacked the pro-life teen, to be fired. On his monthly pro-life TV show, Life Talk, Crutcher, asked how parents can send their kids to UCSB where this professor remains employed after allegedly committing an act of assault on a 16-year-old teen, “What is wrong with the parents and the students themselves...paying all this money to go to an institution that would have a woman like this on staff?”

Crutcher then asks why the professor, Mireille Miller-Young, was not fired, calling her continued employment “bad judgment” on the part of UCSB, “Why wasn’t she fired? If I had a kid going there, first off I am going to call the school and say, you’re not getting another nickel from me as long as this woman’s on staff. Because, it indicates bad judgment on your part.” Crutcher was outraged that UCSB has allowed Miller-Young to remain on staff despite her admitting to police that she “set a good example for her students” in stealing another person’s property. Crutcher told his audience, that if he had a child in attendance at UCSB he would remove his financial support from the school immediately.

Crutcher said that if he were a parent, he would tell the school, “Your judgment is so poor that this woman can admit that she did this thing and then come out and say I had the right to do it? And you’re going to keep her on staff, and you’re going to let her try to mold young minds? Not with my money, you’re not. Why are students still going there, and why are parents still paying for it? That’s the part I don’t understand.”

Friday, Professor Miller-Young pleaded not guilty to misdemeanor battery and other charges related to the assault. Miller-Young faces charges of theft from a person, battery and vandalism. She will next appear in court May 1 for a readiness-and-settlement hearing. You can watch Crutcher’s full interview with Thrin Short, the victim in this case on his April Life Talk show, <http://www.lifetalktv.com>

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## Abortion Activists Call Parents of Baby Who Lived Just 10 Hours “Selfish” for Not Aborting Her

by Cassy Fiano

Washington, DC (LiveActionNews) - Bristol Palin spotlighted the amazing and heartbreaking story of Sophia Kyla Dennis, daughter of Lindsey and Kevin. At 20 weeks pregnant, Lindsey and Kevin were given the devastating news that their daughter had a brain disorder that was 100% fatal. Rather than having an abortion, they gave birth to their beautiful baby, and got to enjoy 10 hours with her.

“The 10 best hours of my life,” is how Lindsey Dennis describes her short time with Sophia Kyla, born last fall.

Lindsey and husband Kevin found out at the 20th week of her pregnancy that Sophia had a brain disorder that is 100 percent fatal. Their heartbreak has been eased by an organization run by volunteers called, Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep. “As a more intense grieving began for us, having photos of Sophie when she was alive and well just meant the world to us,” Kevin explains. Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep is an organization comprised of amateur photographers who, at no charge, give parents like Lindsey and Dennis free

portraits of their babies for the brief time that they have them, so that they can remember their child and the memories of them.

But to one pro-abortion extremist, Sophia Kyla's life and story isn't one to be celebrated. Instead, they're slamming the parents, calling them selfish, immoral, and macabre. So to be clear this woman went through nine months of pregnancy just to have ten hours of watching her newborn suffer as its little body slowly died.

And they then had the experience documented through photographs so that they could relive it over and over again. I don't think I have ever heard of anything so selfish and macabre in my life. At twenty weeks they could have chosen to protect their child from future suffering by aborting the pregnancy. But instead they are so aggressively "pro-life" that in their minds it was better to give birth to a child who will never have a chance at life, than to allow the pregnancy to terminate with no pain for the fetus.

As a parent learning that your child had no hope of survival is without a doubt the most painful thing one can imagine, but your decision about what to do next should focus on protecting that child from unnecessary hardship and NOT on your own ideological sensibilities. Yes, how truly selfish

to give their child 10 hours of life instead of snuffing it out before she had a chance to ever take a breath. How immoral to want their daughter to know love and kindness before she died. How macabre to want to have pictures to remember her by.

It is beyond disturbing to see such fanaticism for abortion, and such a massive lack of appreciation for the miracle of life. Lindsey and Kevin Dennis got to hold their daughter, tell her that she was loved, kiss and cuddle her, for ten hours. That's ten hours more than they would have received had she been aborted. And Sophia Kyla got to die peacefully in her parents' arms, her last moments being filled with love. The alternative would have been letting her be ripped apart piece by piece. Which option sounds more loving, and which sounds more selfish? The easier thing to do would have been to have an abortion.

And apparently, not only were the parents supposed to never let their daughter take a breath or know her parents' love, they were supposed to pretend she never existed as well. Because how dare they have photographers take pictures of them with their daughter before she died? How dare they remember her life, no matter how short it may have been?

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## **Win elections: Save lives Lose elections: Babies die For unborn babies, elections are a life-and-death matter.**

The governor of West Virginia just vetoed a bill that would have protected unborn babies from the excruciating pain of a late abortion. Because of his veto, unborn babies 20 weeks and older will remain vulnerable to the most horrific, painful late abortions. This shows how vital it is that every elected official be pro-life. It also shows we need a national law to protect these babies' lives everywhere. But now we've run up against another "leader" who seems to care more about politics than about unborn babies being tortured to death in these late abortions.

NRLC's Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act passed the U.S. House with bipartisan support. But so far, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has given no indication he will allow S. 1670 to be voted on. Ever.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), is fighting to get the bill heard. But Reid is abusing his power to prevent nearly all votes on measures opposed by pro-abortion interest groups. Sen. Graham and National Right to Life will do everything in our power to get around these roadblocks, but if Reid is going to persist in protecting his pro-abortion Democratic Senate allies by blocking a vote, there's only one answer: Un-elect the senators whose support makes him majority leader and gives him the ability to abuse that power.

Winning a net of only 6 U.S. Senate seats would remove Reid from his position as majority leader! And you can help accomplish it! Your support can do so much to stop the tragedy and pain of abortion. Please help with your generous contribution, so we can save the lives of the Unborn!

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### **Add/Remove to RTL Mailing Lists**

If you are receiving the Right to Life mailings and wish to discontinue receiving them, please call our office at 812-257-0222 and give your name and address and we will honor your wishes.

On the other hand if you know of someone you would like to receive our mailings, please call the number above and give the name and complete address. We only ask that the individual whose name you turn in is open to receiving the Right To Life Mailings. We do want to increase our mailing lists but only to individuals that wish to receive them. Thanks for your help.

# New Right To Life Billboard, Hwy 50

Daviess Co. RTL has put up a new billboard along Hwy 50 on the right side of the road going towards Washington. It has an Adoption theme and is getting a lot of attention from area residents. Several have contacted us and expressed their support for the sign. If you would like to help with the costs, contact the Office.

## If you want to Help!

The costs to keep this sign up is \$100 per month and if you would like to donate towards keeping this sign up, please contact Louis Kavanaugh at 812-486-3658 or email at [louliz@rtccom.net](mailto:louliz@rtccom.net)

The little Girl on this sign is Jenna Marie Letourneau who was the "Adoptive Child" at last year's RTL Banquet.



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### Daviess County Right To Life Meetings are the

last week of each month at the Right To Life Office at 705 Troy Road (Grace Baptist Church, Lower Level).

Phone: 812-257-0222

### Daviess County Right To Life Paper Drive is the

first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October, December from 9 AM till 2 PM at the Old K-Mart Parking Lot. Other pick up points around the County are from 9-12 Noon. If you can help call Louis Kavanaugh at 486-3658. It would be greatly appreciated.

### To: Contact Congressman Larry Bucshon

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Phone 202-225-4636 Fax 202-225-3284

Web Site: [www.bucshon.house.gov](http://www.bucshon.house.gov)

### Right To Life Web Sites:

Indiana Right To Life <http://www.indianalife.org/html/index.htm>

Priests For Life: <http://priestsforlife.org>

Life Issues: <http://www.lifeissues.org/orders.html>

Life News: <http://lifenews.com>

<http://www.lifesitenews.com>

Abortion Research <http://www.abortionresearch.com>

Indiana State House: <http://www.in.gov/apps/sos/legislator/search>

Right To Life of Indy: <http://www.rtlindy.org>

Christian Coalition: <http://www.cc.org>

Pro Life Acton League: <http://www.prolifeaction.org>

Susan B. Anthony List: <http://www.sba-list.org>

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**"Mark the Date for This Year's  
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## **Have You Renewed Your Membership or Made a Donation to Help Stop Abortion!**

When the Obama administration took office in January of 2009, they said their first priority was to pass laws that will remove all restrictions on abortion. By doing this on the federal level, they would remove all restrictions on abortion, and the Federal government would now be in control of the abortion issue. All Hospitals would be required to close or lose funding if they did not perform abortions. Tax payers would once again be required to fund abortions. Through the efforts of many Pro-Life Leaders in Congress these efforts have been slowed, but the Obama Administration is the most pro-abortion Administration ever elected, and we must renew our efforts to see this does not happen. Will you help?

**What can we do to prevent this from happening?** Contact your Federal elected officials (Senators and Congressman) and ask them to vote against all bills promoting Abortion. Otherwise there will be no choice for the children that will be killed by abortion. For Addresses of our Elected Officials, see page seven of this Newsletter.

**Please renew your Membership or make a donation to help with this important work!**

## **Use the coupon and mail your membership/donation to:**

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# VOTER GUIDE

## For Area Counties In May 6th Primary Election

**Note: We have only listed races where the candidates have opposition**

### ★ ★ U.S. CONGRESS 8TH DISTRICT ★ ★

Larry Bucshon	(R) Supports Pro-Life Position & Endorsed By Ind. Right To Life P.A.C.
Andrew T. McNeil	(R) Supports Pro-Life Position

### ★ ★ STATE SENATE DISTRICT 39 ★ ★

John Waterman	(R) Supports Pro-Life Position & Endorsed By Ind. Right To Life P.A.C.
Eric Bassler	(R) Supports Pro-Life Position

### ★ ★ STATE SENATE DISTRICT 48 ★ ★

Mark Messmer	(R) Supports Pro-Life Position & Endorsed By Ind. Right To Life P.A.C.
Ted Metzger	(R) Supports Pro-Life Position

### ★ ★ STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 63 ★ ★

Mike Braun	(R) Supports Pro-Life Position
Richard Moss	(R) Supports Pro-Life Position

**Daviess County Right To Life has not endorsed any candidate in any race listed above. This information is to let you know where the candidates stand on the abortion issue. The choice is up to you.**

**Note:** "Supports Pro-Life Position", means the candidate has answered the Candidate Survey or has made public statements or has a Pro-Life Voting Record in Support of the Pro-Life Position.

**How are Endorsements Made in these races?** The Indiana Right To Life Political Action Committee makes these endorsements based on response to questionnaires completed by the Candidate, the voting record if they hold elective office and their public statements made concerning related abortion issues. If a candidate is running for re-election and has a pro-life voting record he most likely will get the endorsement because he has put his name on the line for the pro-life movement and deserves their support. Endorsements are made by Indiana Right To Life Political Action Committee and not by Daviess County Right to Life.

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# Two Analyses of Where The Fall Elections Are Headed

By Dave Andrusko, *National RTL NEWS*

It's only early April and we've already been through a number of iterations predicting how Republicans and Democrats will fare this November. The consensus still remains that Republicans will retain control of the House, perhaps add a few seats, and have a real shot at making a net gain of six in the Senate which would give them control.

Charlie Cook and Thomas Edsall are respected political prognosticators. Let's talk first about what Cook said a couple of days ago in "Democratic Senate Seats Might Prove Hard to Keep: Democrats should brace for the worst in the upcoming midterm elections—then hope to be pleasantly surprised." His argument can be boiled down to this:

*"In the case of Democrats in 2014, it is not so much that they are weak politically—for the most part they aren't—but rather that they are running in states that are very difficult for their party to hold. These seats only fell into Democratic hands in the first place when Obama was defeating John McCain in 2008. In 1986, Republican exposure was the weakness of the party's incumbents; in 2014, Democrats' weakness lies in the location of where their incumbents are running."*

Yes and no. Yes, there are states where Democrats who supported ObamaCare are in a heap of trouble. But, no, there are also incumbents who simply aren't that strong to begin with. Running in "Red" states, with their embrace of ObamaCare wrapped around their ankles only adds to their difficulties. Another important insight relates to the impact of ObamaCare. As we've posted here several times, there is an unspoken agreement (well, I assume it's unspoken) between Obama and much of the "Mainstream Media" to pretend that Democrats have won out, now that the wholly arbitrary figure of 7 million people signing up for ObamaCare has been met. Cook observes:

*"Democrats are popping corks over ACA [ObamaCare] sign-ups hitting the 7 million mark, but consider that this figure is only a bit above 2 percent of the population, and that the 7 million figure may include a decent percentage of people who had coverage either through an employer or*

*through a plan that was canceled. Pretending that the ACA is not going to be a liability this year would be ill-advised. Even considering that some people may like and benefit from the new law, the enthusiasm and intensity in this election is all on the Republican side, and that is very unlikely to change."*

And as we have noted, in reality the Obama Administration has not met the 7 million figure. And as we will note there are a fresh round of questions about ObamaCare—fresh in the sense that they are being articulated by the media, but stale in the sense that anyone who followed the debate knew the costs would soar and premiums would go through the roof. In late March, Edsall asked, "How Strong Will the Anti-Democratic Backlash Be?" in an op-ed for the *New York Times*. It's an interesting read, in no small part because Edsall asked for input from others who follow political trends closely.

What stands out to me is three-fold.

(1) A reminder how much the disastrous open enrollment roll out (Healthcare.gov) hurt the President and Democrats. Counting on the generic vote to shift back towards Democrats is dicey at best. (The generic vote refers to the outcome when without any names given, people are asked if they would vote for a Democrat or a Republican.)

(2) Given who tends to show up to vote in off-year elections (older, whiter), it wouldn't take many more of the usual voters—complemented by a decline in those who voted in 2012 because Obama was on the ticket—for Republicans to do very, very well.

(3) Edsall writes, "Going largely unmentioned in most analyses is the inability of the Obama administration to markedly improve the economy, which could end up playing a big role in the unraveling of the Democratic Party's electoral fortunes, not only in 2014 but also in 2016." His point is that because of missteps by Republicans (sometimes egregiously so), Democrats have not had to pay the price for a sluggish economy.

## Pro-Life Alternatives Provide Vastly More Authentic Services Than Reopened Wichita Abortion Clinic

By Kathy Ostrowski, Legislative Director, Kansans for Life

A short letter to the editor from an ordinary pro-life citizen has beautifully undermined a celebratory April 3 newspaper story that ran under the headline, "Wichita clinic says provided 1,200 abortions." *The Wichita Eagle* report gushes over what is now called the SouthWind Women's Center,

which opened one year ago amidst nationally-orchestrated fanfare.

What did the letter remind us of? That in only six weeks, just one Wichita pro-life center alone sees 1,200 women! And rather than offer death, it offers true 'service.' What is

the SouthWind Women's Center (SWWC) and who is behind it? For starters, it is located in the building that for decades was used by the late George Tiller, internationally known for performing late, late abortions. It most famously included an onsite incinerator for the "human remains." And it is now owned by former Tiller lobbyist, Julie Burkhart whose "quest" to reopen the abortion clinic was the subject of numerous sympathetic profiles.

"Patient numbers are right in line with our projections," Burkhart said, 1,500 patients for reproductive care, including abortions up to 14 weeks. A fair question to ask both of the *Wichita Eagle* and Burkhart is when has any abortion business ever sought a story to proclaim how many abortions it sold? It could be because Burkhart is trying to reassure her funding base that her business will be successful in the face of yet another annual state report showing a decline in the number of Kansas abortions. As reported in *NRL News Today* last week, there were 7,479 abortions in 2013—or less than 145 per week, including out of state women who came to Kansas for their abortions.

"I feel that in this line of work, with the legislation that's become law and the political climate, our work at times feels tenuous at best," Burkhart told the *Eagle*. "I wish he [Tiller] could be here, I miss him every day. He lives on through our work here." Put aside the disturbing idea that someone "lives on" through the death of thousands of unborn babies and recall that SWWC is "flying-in" abortionists because it's unable to secure local doctors. Instead consider this letter to the editor that focused on true women's health care that is being provided for free by at least eight local organizations. The author writes:

"Let's put this in perspective. A Better Choice [a Catholic local help center] sees an average of 200 clients per week. So it [alone] passes the 1,500 mark in seven or eight weeks. ...Nobody flies in to assist these women. Local providers—

doctors, nurses, counselors, sonogram technicians and volunteers—guide women with unplanned pregnancies to motherhood."

What a great perspective!

Let's compare what SWWC sells as women's health: "OB care" is defined as pregnancy & infertility counseling, pregnancy testing and referrals to local obstetricians. Their "adoption" service is linked with an Ohio abortion clinic that says it also arranges adoptions.

SWWC's bread and butter, of course, is the abortion business advertised at \$600-\$700 each, with a special 'speedy' option for another \$200. And 1,200 abortions provide them conservatively with three-quarters of a million dollars in revenue.

Meanwhile, what are the genuinely helpful services available for women in Wichita beyond the essential pregnancy testing and ultrasound services? First of all, the assistance is personal—provided without cost by professionals and volunteers with no financial stake in the outcome. No "out of staters" or phone networking, but real people with a stake in helping local women lacking essential information and support.

A large variety of services are readily available, including Help in establishing medical care for your pregnancy; Nutritional assistance; Access to maternity and baby items; Information on adoption and support afterwards; Therapy, including substance abuse and domestic battery issues; Budget and job search training; Education on childbirth and parenting; Mentoring and peer support; Specialized hospice for potentially lethal fetal abnormalities; and After-abortion recovery care. Kansans are pro-life and resent the re-opening of an abortion business. However the Wichita community is showing its heart, year after year, in providing authentic health care for pregnant women and their families.

## **A Callous Response from ICW**

### **An update from Indiana Right to Life President and CEO Mike Fichter**

On March 5, the state's Indiana Commission for Women bestowed the "Torchbearer Award" on Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky's CEO, Betty Cockrum. Ms. Cockrum oversees the destruction of more than 5,000 unborn lives each year as she manages Indiana's largest abortion business.

The Torchbearer Award is a prestigious honor. That's why we are outraged that Ms. Cockrum received the award. In fact, on March 19 we announced a petition to the Indiana Commission for Women, asking that Ms. Cockrum's award be rescinded. Her receiving of the award is simply offensive and not representative of Hoosier values.

The response upholds award winners, including Ms. Cockrum, as "outstanding" and having "shown courage and perseverance." The commission counts Ms. Cockrum among the great women of Indiana. Furthermore, the

response fails to acknowledge petition signers' concerns. A mere, "We take your concerns seriously," could have gone a long way.

Don't forget, the commission was instituted by your elected officials, and it's run with your tax dollars.

Clearly, the Council of Judges, past Torchbearer Award winners who selected Ms. Cockrum, doesn't care that Ms. Cockrum's organization dismembers and discards thousands of Hoosiers through abortion each year. Given that half of the unborn victims are likely female, there's a distressing irony in the fact that Ms. Cockrum received an award from an agency that wants to advance opportunities for women. How did the unelected, unappointed and unaccountable judges who selected Ms. Cockrum fail to see a problem with this?

# Animal Rights Activist Claims Dogs are “Like Children,” Should Have the Same Rights

by Wesley J. Smith

There is no question that we Americans intensely love our pets. And we anthropomorphize them like crazy, giving them internal lives of our own creation. That’s half the fun. But that doesn’t mean that our cats and dogs are akin to “children.” Nor does it mean that any animal should have rights. Alas, the pressure to elevate animals to our status—which would be to actually reduce us to theirs—continues to grow in intensity.

For your pondering pleasure, take an interview with David Grimm, author of *Citizen Canine*, in *Wired*—for some reason, a reliable fount of anti-human exceptionalism. From, *Dogs and Cats Are Blurring the Line Between Pets and People*:

WIRED: Do you think we’ll develop new social and legal customs for dealing with animals?

GRIMM:..The question is whether there’s some happy medium where we can acknowledge that these animals are not toasters, but not grant them as something as extreme as full human rights.

Maybe we create a new class of nonhuman rights. David Favre at Michigan State University has proposed an intermediate category of “living property”: dogs and cats could have some rights, even some *responsibilities*, but *legally be like children*. We’d have a responsibility to not mistreat them, to provide a basic level of medical care, but not constitutional or inalienable rights.

No! *Half way is all the way.*

Besides, *we already have the moral and legal responsibility to not mistreat or neglect them*. That is known as animal welfare, the compliance with which is a distinctly human duty predicated simply and solely on our being human.

In contrast, dogs and cats are not moral beings. They are incapable of assuming “responsibilities.” A guard dog is trained to so be—and we intelligently design them for that instrumental use—but they have done nothing “wrong” if they fail in their assigned task.

A vicious dog is not “executed.” It isn’t a punishment for a moral failure. The dangerous dog will be put down as a matter of public or animal safety, not because he is immoral or has committed a crime by biting a child or killing a neighbor’s dog. We would—and should—never do that to a dangerous child.

The *Wired* correspondent has interests beyond our pets:

WIRED: So far we’ve talked about animals in our immediate domain. What about extending these ideas to animals on the landscape?

GRIMM: That again gets to the slippery slope that a lot of lawyers are worried about. If we create this intermediate category, why can’t elephants in the wild be living property? If we let cats and dogs in, and open that door, does it open the floodgates? This is already happening. Late last year, the Nonhuman Rights Project filed a lawsuit on behalf of four captive chimpanzees in New York, arguing that they deserve to be legally recognized as people.

You’re seeing a lot of discussions about this. What are animals to us? Whether in the wild, in our homes, or on farms, what’s the appropriate relationship to them? There are very heated passions on both sides. What I find most interesting is that this forces us to confront what it means to be a person.

Aaaand, here comes the cliché false equivalency between the historical abuse of humans and the way we treat animals:

This is a discussion we had to have 150 years ago as slavery was ending and blacks were considered property. There was a backlash: emancipation was going to put plantation owners out of business. But as a society, we decided that didn’t matter. Acknowledging that slaves were people was the right thing to do.

We’re not at that point yet with cats and dogs. But what does it mean to be a person? Who gets to be a person? What kind of rights should you have compared to all the other people who are already considered people? That sound you hear is my head exploding! It was “*right*” because the slaves were equally human! “Other people” are considered “people” because *THEY ARE PEOPLE!* Ow, that hurt.

Animal rights activists believe that once one animal is accorded one right, the “species barrier” will collapse. They may be correct in that, which is why the hard line between human duties and animal rights must be maintained—including that distinction between us and our beloved dogs and cats.

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**Food For Thought: Some animal rights groups may want dogs and cats to have the same rights as children but the pro-life people ask that maybe Children should have the same rights as animals. If you kill or mistreat an animal, you can go to jail. But it is OK to kill an unborn child by abortion almost at any stage of development, what would God think about that?**