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Pro-Life Book Sale is Biggest Ever

Thanks to Rhonda Phillips, all the volunteers and shoppers who boosted Iowa Right to Life's 4th Book Sale to over \$46,000. That money goes to education and to the Crisis Pregnancy Centers around the state to give women an alternative to abortion.

We still have a long way to go to match Planned Parenthood's book sale income. Iowa's largest abortion provider was crowing in the *Des Moines Register* October 2, that their sales were up 5 percent from last year. The article didn't say their sales were down last year. Ironically, their deficit was about the same amount that Iowa Right to Life made on its book sale last year. Planned Parenthood is only up 1 percent in their book sales, since they started having two book sales per year in 2006.

Keep those books coming—we're going to do it again in the spring!

For questions or to volunteer, contact Rhonda Phillips at 515.205.8024 or visit us online at www.iowaRTL.org.



See more pictures from the Iowa Right to Life Book Sale at:

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The Race for the White House



Senator John McCain
Republican-Arizona

- Voted to oppose *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.

- "I have stated time after time after time that *Roe v. Wade* was a bad decision, that I support... the rights of the unborn. I have fought for human rights and human dignity throughout my entire political career. To me it is an issue of human rights and human dignity."

Abortion on Demand

Senator Barack Obama
Democrat-Illinois

- Co-sponsor of the "Freedom of Choice Act," (S.1173) which would make partial-birth abortion legal again, require taxpayer funding of abortion, and invalidate virtually all state and federal limitations on abortion, such as parental notification laws.
- "I have consistently advocated for reproductive choice and will make preserving women's rights under *Roe v. Wade* a priority as President."

- Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

Partial Birth Abortion

State Senate.

- Did not vote for the Illinois Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act when it came before the Illinois

- Voted for legislation that provides care and protection for babies who are born alive after an abortion.

Protecting Abortion Survivors

- Voted four times against legislation in the Illinois State Senate that would have provided care and protection for babies who are born alive after an abortion.

- Voted in favor of the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion through Medicaid.
- Voted consistently against federal funding of abortion.

Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

- Voted against legislation in the Illinois State Senate that prohibited taxpayer dollars from being used to pay for abortion.
- His campaign has stated that he "does not support" the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion through Medicaid.

- Voted to support a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.

Parental Notification

- Voted to block a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.

The Locals

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The Vice Presidential Candidates

Gov. Sarah Palin
Republican-Alaska



- Opposes abortion and believes unborn children should be protected. As Governor of Alaska, supported pro-life legislation.
- "...I am pro-life and have never wavered in my belief in the sanctity of every human life."

Sen. Joseph Biden
Democrat-Delaware



- Voted to endorse *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.
- "I strongly support *Roe v. Wade*....That's why I led the fight to defeat Bork. Thank God he is not in the Court or *Roe v. Wade* would be gone by now."

Why We Vote: Candidates Gone Bad

Sometimes it's just time to let go. Here are disappointing candidates who have let down the pro-life movement.

A Change Would Do Him Good

Brian Quirk



D-District 15, Iowa House
By his one vote, Rep. Brian Quirk of New Hampton

single handedly dismantled the Human Cloning Ban in Iowa. Maybe it was the personal call he received from celebrity musician Sheryl Crow, urging him to vote for a bill to reverse the ban.

Quirk originally supported the right to life, but in the end voted against us to permit human cloning. Did he overthrow Iowans to please Crow?

Unfortunately, Quirk is running unopposed. That means a consistent pro-life candidate is needed to run against him next time. We have two years...on your mark...get set...

Great Pretender Award

Mariannette Miller-Meeks

Candidate for R-2nd District, U.S. House



The "Great Pretender Award" goes to Miller-Meeks who says on her website, "I believe in the sanctity of life, at both ends of the spectrum."

That would lead one to believe she is pro-life, right? WRONG!

Miller-Meeks is pro-abortion and believes in birth control education over abstinence-only. According to the *Burlington Hawkeye* (5/27/08), Meeks has even gone as far as to say that as a legislator, there is nothing she can do to stop abortion.

Miller-Meeks needs an Oscar, not a seat in Congress.

Pastors' Rights—Church Dos and Don'ts



Before each election, an extremist organization representing liberal leaning churches in Iowa sends out a letter to intimidate pastors in Iowa to keep them from speaking out about moral issues facing voters.

The following is a guide for pastors regarding personal political activities relating to their churches from the **James Madison Center for Free Speech** in association with the **Alliance Defense Fund**:

1) A pastor may individually and personally endorse candidates for political office.

2) A church may not endorse candidates for political office, and a pastor may not endorse candidates on behalf of the church.

3) A pastor may allow his name to be used as a supporter of a candidate in the candidate's own political advertisements. In this connection, the pastor may be identified as pastor of a particular church, if it is indi-

cated that this is for identification purposes only and if it is indicated that the endorsement is by the pastor personally and not by the church.

4) Churches may engage in non-partisan voter registration, voter identification, get out the vote, and voter education activities so long as such activities are not intended for the supporters of any particular candidate or political party.

5) A church may distribute a voter guide regarding candidates' positions on various issues or a scorecard reporting on the voting records of incumbents. In such publications, the church or pastor may not state whether the candidate's position or vote is consistent with the church's.

6) A church or pastor is free to state the position of a candidate on any issue and may comment on that position (including praising or criticizing the candidate for it).

7) A church may allow political candidates to speak on church premises; however, all candidates should be invited and given equal opportunity to speak. A candidate should not be al-

lowed to appeal to a church congregation at a church service for funds to be used in his political campaign and no member of the church should endorse a candidate in conjunction with the candidate's visit.

8) Church facilities may be used by political candidates on the same basis that civic groups are allowed to. If civic groups are required to pay some rent for using the church property, a political candidate should be charged the same amount.

9) Lists of members of the church congregation may be provided to candidates for use in seeking support or raising funds only if rented at fair market value.

10) A church may not establish a political action committee.

11) Pastors and other like-minded individuals may establish a political action committee, but care should be taken that the committee is separate from the church and does not use the assets of the church.

For more information, visit: www.jamesmadisoncenter.org or www.alliancedefensefund.org.

Candidates for Iowa House Survey Results

Dist	Candidate	Party	City	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
H-58	Clel Baudler	R	Greenfield	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-59	Chris Hagenow	R	Windsor Heights	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-63	Scott Raecker	R	Urbandale	y	y	y	y	y	y*	y	y	y	y
H-64	Steve Svejda	R	Des Moines	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-65	David Barnett	R	Des Moines	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-67	Larry Disney	R	Pleasant Hill	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-68	Larry Voorhees	R	Des Moines	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-69	Erik Helland	R	Grimes	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-70	Kevin Koester	R	Ankeny	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-71	Jim Van Engelenhoven	R	Pella	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-72	Richard Arnold	R	Russell	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-73	Jodi Tymeson	R	Winterset	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-74	Kent Sorenson	R	Indianola	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-75	Danny Carroll	R	Grinnell	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-76	Betty De Boef	R	What Cheer	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-79	Jeff Kaufmann	R	Wilton	y	y	y	y	y	y*	y	y	y	y
H-80	Robert Howard	R	Muscatine	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-81	Jamie Van Fossen	R	Davenport	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-82	Linda Miller	R	Bettendorf	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-84	Ross Paustian	R	Walcott	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-86	Joseph Sturgis	R	Davenport	y/n*	y	y	y	n	n	y	y	y/n	Blank*
H-89	Larry Marek	D	Riverside	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Blank*	y	y
H-89	Jarad Klein	R	Keota	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-90	Daniel Cesar	7/4	Keosauqua	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-91	Dave Heaton	R	Mt. Pleasant	y	y	y	y	y*	y	y	y	y	y
H-92	Gary Ramaker	R	Keokuk	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Blank*	y
H-95	Doug Smith	R	Osceola	y	y	y	y	y	Blank	y	y	y	y
H-96	Cecil Dolecheck	R	Mount Ayr	n	y	y	y	Blank	y	y	y	y	y
H-97	Richard Anderson	R	Clarinda	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-100	Scott Belt	R	Council Bluffs	y	y	y	y	y	y*	y*	y	y	y


Candidates for Iowa House Survey Results

Dist	Candidate	Party	City	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
H-01	Jeremy Taylor	R	Sioux City	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-02	Rick Bertrand	R	Sioux City	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-03	Chuck Soderberg	R	LeMars	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-04	Dwayne Alons	R	Hull	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-06	Mike May	R	Spirit Lake	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-08	Stephen Richards	R	Algona	Blank*	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-09	Jamie Johnson	R	Stratford	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-10	Dave Deyoe	R	Nevada	y	y	y	y	y	Blank	y	y	y	y
H-11	Henry Rayhons	R	Garner	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-13	Scott Tornquist	R	Mason City	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-14	Jeff Mosiman	R	Nora Springs	y	y	y	y	y	Blank*	y	y	y	y*
H-16	Randy Schissel	R	Decorah	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-18	Austin Lorenzen	R	Denver	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-19	Carlin Hageman	R	Cedar Falls	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-20	Victor Mokricky	R	Waterloo	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-27	Lou Oswald	R	Dubuque	y	y	y	y	y	Blank	y	y	Blank	y
H-28	Darren White	R	Dubuque	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-29	Emma Nemecek	R	Mt. Vernon	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-31	Dena Himes	R	Monticello	y	y	y	y	y*	y	y*	y*	y*	y*
H-32	Steven Lukan	R	New Vienna	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-41	Adam Vandall	R	Newton	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-43	Jane Jech	R	Marshalltown	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-47	Ralph Watts	R	Adel	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-51	Rod Roberts	R	Carroll	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-52	Gary Worthan	R	Storm Lake	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y
H-53	Dan Huseman	R	Aurelia	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-54	Christopher Rants	R	Sioux City	y	y	y	y	y	Blank	y	y	y	y
H-55	Jason Schultz	R	Schleswig	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-56	Matt Windschittl	R	Missouri Valley	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
H-57	Jack Drake	R	Griswold	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y

Candidates Endorsed by Iowa Right to Life PAC

This is an exciting election year with a lot of solidly pro-life candidates. Here are some of our picks:


Chris Hagenow

House District 59
 No one works harder than this sixth generation Iowan often seen pounding the pavement of the 59th District. Chris has a law degree from the University of Iowa and graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Northern Iowa. Chris and his wife Amanda live in Windsor Heights with their baby son, Owen.

Erik Helland

House District 69
 Erik is committed to life and is the seventh generation Helland to work on the family farm. He is popular in his district and won a tough primary by a landslide, despite the big money backing of his opponent. Erik and his wife Sandi live in Grimes with step-daughter Wynter.

Doug Smith

House District 95
 Doug is having a busy October with the campaign and his eighth child expected any day now. He has a B.S. in Agriculture from the University of Missouri-Columbia and also a culinary degree. Doug has a track record of mentoring employees that went on to own their own business or become business leaders. Doug and his wife Amber live in Osceola with their family.


Jamie Johnson

House District 9
 This President of Iowa News-Talk Radio and nationally known daily talk

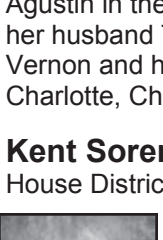


show host is solidly pro-life. He has an M.A. in Public Policy from Regent University School of Government and a bachelors degree in Cross Cultural Studies and Theology from Bethany College of Missions in Minnesota. Jamie and his wife Janis have six children.


Emma Nemecek

House District 29
 Emma is unequivocally pro-life. She grew up in difficult circumstances in a terrorist-filled area of the Philippines, before immigrating to the United States. She is a small business owner and

Kent Sorensen


House District 74
 Kent believes in the sanctity of human life and that life starts at conception. A strong fiscal conservative, he believes in parental rights in education and notification before a medical procedure. Kent and his wife Shawnee live in Indianola with their six children

Danny Carroll


House District 75
 Danny Carroll and his wife live near Grinnell where they own Carroll's Pumpkin Farm. He is also Director of Community Relations for Iowa Telecom. Danny was a state legislator proudly serving his district from 1984

to 2006 and is fighting to reclaim that seat. Danny and Joy have three grown children.


Larry Disney

House District 67
 Larry lives in Pleasant Hill and is a solid, pro-life conservative. As a former legislator, he fought to promote human life and traditional values in the Iowa House and is ready to go to bat for Iowans again. He graduated from Iowa State University and has an MBA from University of Southern Illinois. Larry and his wife Debra grew up in Iowa and have lived in the district since he left active Naval Service in 1987.

Mark Brandenburg

Senate District 50
 Mark is a lifelong resident of Council Bluffs. In addition to his commitment to life, he has worked in management and been active in unions, so he can see both sides of issues. He has a B.S. from Bellevue University. Mark and his wife Debbie have two sons, Chad and Travis.

Jason Schultz

House District 55
 Jason Schultz, an insurance adjuster from Schleswig, has been in the Schleswig Volunteer Fire Department for 11 years and served in the Iowa National Guard for seven years. Jason is running unopposed in his district. He and his wife Amy have two daughters, Josie and Camryn.

To learn more about these candidates, visit: www.iowaRTL.org

2008 Iowa Right to Life Candidate Survey

DES MOINES—Every four years, Iowa Right to Life helps you cut through the campaign hype and media bias by surveying candidates running for office.

Here are a list of questions on pro-life issues we asked and the results of candidates who responded.

Choose Life License Plates

1. Question: Would you vote for a Choose Life license plate that would provide funding to crisis pregnancy centers, while prohibiting funding to groups that provide abortion? YES ___ NO ___

Mandatory Reporting

2. Question: Would you vote for a bill to increase the age for mandatory reporting from the current 11 years and under to also include 12 through 15 year old children? YES ___ NO ___

Parental Notification

3. Question: Would you vote for a bill to improve the current Parental Notification law in Iowa to ensure that the “parent” was the person signing the notification and require that the notification records be preserved so that the state may retrieve records if child abuse is suspected? YES ___ NO ___

Women’s Right to Know

4. Question: The bill has passed both Iowa Houses 3 years in a row, only to be vetoed by Governor Vilsack. Would you vote for the Women’s Right to Know bill? YES ___ NO ___



Tax Dollars and the Abortion Industry

5. Question: Would you vote for a bill that would prohibit the use of tax dollars that fund organizations that perform or refer for abortions? This would not prohibit state funding for women’s health clinics that do not perform abortions; however, it would prohibit state funding to Planned Parenthood, unless they ceased to do or refer for abortions. YES ___ NO ___

Roe v. Wade

6. Question: In the event of the reversal of the Roe v. Wade decision, Iowa would again be empowered to decide for itself whether or not abortions should be legal. If

this were to occur, would you vote for a bill to make abortions illegal again in Iowa? YES ___ NO ___

Stem Cell Research

7. Question: Would you vote for a bill to ban the use of human embryos for research that kills embryos for the purpose of scientific experimentation? YES ___ NO ___

Human Cloning

8. Question: Will you vote to reinstate the 2002 human cloning ban, which banned all human cloning, that was repealed by the 2007 legislature? YES ___ NO ___

When Life Begins

9. Question: Do you agree that life begins at conception? YES ___ NO ___

Assisted Suicide

10. Question: Would you actively protect our law by opposing any legislation that would make assisted suicide legal? YES ___ NO ___

Get a more detailed copy of the survey, with more background information on each issue as well as a list of candidates who did not respond to the survey at www.iowaRTL.org.

Candidates for Iowa Senate Survey Results

Dist	Candidate	Party	City	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
S-02	Randy Feenstra	R	Hull	y*	y	y*	y	y*	y*	y*	y*	y	y
S-04	Ken Vaske	I	Algona	y	y	y*	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
S-06	Merlin Bartz	R	Grafton	y*	y	y	y	y	y*	y	y	*	y*
S-08	Mark Zieman	R	Postville	y	y	y	y	y	Blank*	y	y	y	y
S-10	Walt Rogers	R	Cedar Falls	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
S-12	Rebecca Wearmouth	R	Independence	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
S-14	John Hulsizer, Jr.	R	Dubuque	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
S-16	Tom Hancock	D	Epworth	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
S-16	Dave McLaughlin	R	Cascade	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
S-18	Joe Childers	R	Marion	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
S-24	Jerry Behn	R	Boone	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
S-34	Scott Strosahl	R	Des Moines	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
S-42	Shawn Hamerlink	R	Davenport	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
S-44	David Kerr	R	Morning Sun	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
S-48	Kim Reynolds	R	Osceola	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
S-50	Mark Brandenburg	R	Council Bluffs	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y

Election Day

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Absentee Ballots

The Iowa Secretary of State has the official absentee ballot application online in a pdf format. You may print this online form and fill it out by hand. Please be sure to sign the form before you send it to your county auditor.

Deadline:

If you are voting by mail, your ballot must be postmarked the day before the election (**Monday, November 3**) OR returned in person to the Auditor’s Office by the close of polls on Election Day.

For more information, visit: <http://www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/AbsenteeBallot/index.html>

For a hard copy of the absentee ballot, call the Secretary of State’s Office at 515.281.0145 or 888.SOS.VOTE (888.767.8683).

Voter Registration

You may register to vote on Election Day at the polling place for the precinct where you currently live. If you register to vote on Election Day, you will be required to show proof of residency and identity.

Voter registration forms are also available at the Iowa Secretary of State’s Office, county auditors’ offices, public assistance agencies, public libraries and political party offices.

For more information, visit: <http://www.sos.state.ia.us/pdfs/elections/>

Survey Key:

y = a “yes” response to the question (pro-life position)

n = a “no” response to the question

Blank = left no response to the question

y/n = answered both yes and no

* Left comments in addition to the response.

Unfortunately, there was not room in the newsletter to publish all the written comments.

If you have any questions about comments written by a candidate in your district, **call the Iowa Right to Life office at 515.244.1012** and we can read you the comments over the phone.

U.S. Candidates Endorsed by Iowa Right to Life Fed PAC

Rep. Steve King Rep. Tom Latham Dr. David Hartsuch Kim Schmett Christopher Reed



U.S. House 5th District



U.S. House 4th District



U.S. House 1st District



U.S. House 3rd District



U.S. Senate