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January events show pro-life energy, resolve

January is always a very active month for the pro-life community here in northwestern Pennsylvania and all around the nation. It is when we mark the anniversary of the infamous *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in all 50 of the United States.

People for Life sponsored three pro-life events during January that were designed to inspire and energize the local pro-life community and raise awareness about human life issues among the general public. All three events were very successful, thanks to outstanding support from hundreds of People for Life's dedicated volunteers, members, and friends.

Erie March for Life

Approximately 300 people participated in the Erie March for Life on January 12, almost double the number in previous years. The theme of the March was "Protect Every Child." Mercyhurst University's Lakers for Life lead the march carrying a brand-new "Erie March for Life" banner donated by Signs by Renee of Saegertown. The Catholic Youth Ministry of the Erie Catholic Diocese actively supported the Erie March this year, turning out approximately 60 marchers, most of them teenagers.

Pro-Life Breakfast

A week later on January 19, nearly 600 people attended People for Life's 35th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast to hear our special guest speaker, internationally acclaimed author and network news commentator George Weigel.

It was the first time that the Pro-Life Breakfast was held at Erie's Bayfront Convention Center. We are happy to announce that the Breakfast will be held at the Convention Center again next January.

We were *doubly* honored this year to host not one, but two Catholic bishops:

Bishop Donald Trautman and Bishop Lawrence Persico, and two pro-life Congressman: U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly and U.S. Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson.

Bishop Persico spoke with conviction in support of the sanctity of human life and local pro-life efforts. Both congressmen spoke eloquently about their pro-life convictions and their commitment to the pro-life cause.

Matt Blackburn spoke on behalf of pro-life U.S. Senator Pat Toomey. Matt is Senator Toomey's Director for Western Pennsylvania and a former People for Life board member.

Other special guests included pro-life State Reps. Michelle Brooks and Curt Sonney, and Michael Ciccocioppo, the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. Pro-life State Rep. Ryan Bizzarro was represented by his Chief of Staff Julie Slomski and Deputy Chief of Staff Sean Eperjesi.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following people for their help in making the Pro-Life Breakfast a great success: Rev. Mel Bendig, Pastor, Calvary Methodist Church, Albion; Dan Hoffman, Parochial Vicar, St. Luke

Church, Erie; and Rev. Jack McClintock, Pastor, Crossroads Community Church, McKean for leading the attendees in prayer; musical artists Sheila Jemison & Marlene Terry for their excellent performance; Don Gris  of Gris  Audio-Visual Systems for taking care of our audio-visual needs (for the Breakfast and also the Erie March for Life); the staff and management of the Bayfront Convention Center for making all of us feel welcome and at right at home in our new venue; and all of our business and professional sponsors.

A partial list of the Breakfast sponsors can be seen on our website. Please check it out and patronize our sponsors whenever possible. And when you do, don't forget to thank them for supporting the Pro-Life Breakfast.

March for Life Bus Trip

People for Life's *Roe v. Wade* activities concluded with a record-breaking Bus Trip to the Washington, DC March for Life on January 25. Five motor coaches were needed for the first time in the Bus Trip's 40-year history, to transport all of our 255 marchers. The previous record was 220 marchers, set in 2012. The March for Life itself also broke all previous records, with an estimated attendance of over 500,000.

You can see pictures of the Bus Trip on www.peopleforlife.org and on Facebook.

All of our January events received exceptionally good news coverage. For example: People for Life Vice President Marielle Lafaro did a live interview about the Bus Trip on the TV-24 evening news. There was live TV coverage of our 11 p.m. departure for Washington, DC. And GoErie.com published a very nice series of pictures of the Erie March for Life.

The generous news coverage was perhaps our biggest success. An essential
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CANDIDATE SURVEY Primary Election - May 21, 2013

Survey Questions

1. LEGAL PROTECTION FOR THE UNBORN ... If changes to *Roe v. Wade* make it possible, would you favor the enactment of a law prohibiting abortion or prohibiting abortion with exceptions? (Please specify what exceptions, if any.)

2. LATE TERM ABORTIONS ... Should abortions be prohibited in all cases where the unborn child is mature enough to survive apart from his or her mother?

3. INFORMED CONSENT ... Should abortion providers be required to offer basic information to a woman who is considering an abortion, such as information about the medical risks, alternatives to abortion, the probable gestational age of her unborn child, the availability of detailed information (provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) about fetal development and the possibility of medical assistance benefits if the woman decides to continue her pregnancy? (Currently required under Pennsylvania law.)

4. TIME FOR DELIBERATION ... After initially consulting with a physician, should a woman who wants an abortion be given 24 hours to carefully consider her decision before an abortion is carried out? (Currently required under Pennsylvania law.)

5. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT ... If a woman seeking an abortion is less than 18 years old, should the consent of at least one parent be required unless a judge determines that extenuating circumstances are involved? (Currently required under Pennsylvania law.)

6. GOVERNMENT FUNDING ... Should public funds be used to pay for abortions?

7. ASSISTED SUICIDE ... Should physician-assisted suicide be allowed?

8. EMBRYO DESTRUCTIVE RESEARCH ... Should government funds be used to pay for research that involves the destruction of human embryos (embryonic stem cell research)?

Key to Survey Table

D Running on democratic ballot

R Running on republican ballot

DR Running on both ballots

Y or y Yes **N or n** No

b Blank; responded to the survey but did not answer the question

◆ See "Additional Comments"

Pro-life or more strongly pro-life responses are in UPPER CASE.

Candidates' Additional Comments

Ed Brezinski ◆ 1. "Rape" ◆ 4. "At least"

Donald "Whitey" Cleaver ◆ 7.

Answered both "yes" and "no." "As I get older I am in the middle of the road."

John F. Evans ◆ Returned a letter that is too long to print in its entirety but can be summarized by the following excerpts: "[I]t seems unlikely to me that any significant right to life issue will come before City Council.... Therefore, I do not see any rationale for having a position.... I am concerned that your group would focus on this issue in a local municipal election. By far, the most pressing problem our community faces is vanishing financial support from the federal and state governments.... However, speaking as a private citizen, I have been a solid right to life supporter..."

Joe Giles ◆ 6. "except for conditions listed in question number one."

Tom Loftus ◆ 1. "Rape. At early stage women should be able to prevent and not constantly be reminded their whole life of this horrific crime." ◆ 4. "Add at least 24 hours more to sleep on it two nights or more."

Donna M. Magoun ◆ 6. "I don't think government funds should be used" ◆ 7.

"Depends on the state of person wanting assisted and how they would be assisted - not black and white" ◆ 8. "Not if they were otherwise able to be carried to term"

Jamie Mead ◆ Returned a letter that is too long to print in its entirety but can be summarized by the following excerpts: "...I have always believed in, and have personally supported, the protection of all

life, especially those who have no one to speak for them.... As a candidate for the office of Judge in the Erie County Court of Common Pleas, however, I am prohibited from discussing or expressing views on any topic or subject matter which could possibly appear in a case which may come before me during a potential tenure on the bench."

Rick Mitchell "None of the questions are relevant to anything I'll be doing on the School Board."

David Pamula ◆ 1. "I would let states decide what to do in case of rape."

Andy Pushchak ◆ 1. "No abortions. No exceptions."

Joseph E. Sinnott ◆ 1, 3, 4, 5. "I would propose no changes to the existing law governing this matter."

Renee Vendetti ◆ 8. "need more details"

The trial of abortionist Kermit Gosnell

The prosecution rested its case on April 18 in the trial of Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell, after six weeks of gruesome testimony.

Gosnell, 72, was being tried on 26 charges, including the first-degree murder of seven infants born-alive during late-term abortions and the third-degree murder of 41-year-old Kareema Cross by an overdose of Demerol and other pain medication administered by untrained employees. (As we go to press, we have learned that the judge has dropped three of the first-degree murder charges.)

The final witness for the prosecution was former Gosnell employee Kareema Cross, who testified that she had personally seen more than 10 babies who had continued breathing after their deliveries and three babies who were also moving.

The jury was shown pictures of late-term aborted babies that Cross had taken at Gosnell's "clinic." One was estimated by trial experts to have been aborted in the 30th week of pregnancy.

Gosnell ran the Women's Medical Society abortion facility in West Philadelphia from 1979 until 2010. It was finally shut down after being raided by the FBI as part of an investigation into Gosnell's distribution of Oxycontin and other federally-controlled substances. Illegal trafficking in controlled substances is endemic to the abortion industry.

The FBI discovered a lot more than evidence of illegal drug activity: Bloody floors, blood-stained blankets, a flea-infested cat roaming freely amid the smell of urine, and semi-conscious women

moaning in the waiting and recovery rooms.

A subsequent Health Department inspection found that surgical instruments were not properly sterilized, disposable medical materials were being reused, ultrasound information was being falsified, emergency equipment was inoperative, and fetal remains were haphazardly stored throughout the facility.

A grand jury investigation produced a 300-page report that strongly criticized multiple government agencies for ignoring numerous complaints and 46 lawsuits against Gosnell. It also criticized the administration of pro-abortion Governor Tom Ridge for discontinuing inspections of Pennsylvania abortion facilities.

Gosnell was finally arrested and charged
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2013 Municipal Primary Candidate Survey Responses

Please let us know if you have any factual information about the positions of any of these candidates, so we can share it with other concerned citizens.

Party	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas									
D/R	Bill Kelly, Jr.								
D/R	Jamie Mead ♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
D/R	Bob Sambroak	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
D/R	Joe Walsh								
Erie County Executive									
D	Kathy Dahlkemper								
D	Barry G. Grossman								
R	Tom Loftus	Y♦	Y	Y	Y♦	Y	N	N	N
R	Thomas Wesley McGahan ♦	See addendum, page 7.							
R	Don Tucci								
Erie County Sheriff									
D	Randall H. Boga								
D	John Loomis								
R	Eddie Whiteman								
Erie County Clerk of Records									
D	Patrick L. Fetzner								
Erie County Council District 2									
D	Lisa Austin								
D	Joe Giles	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N♦	N	N
D	Andre Horton								
D	David Pamula	Y♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	y	N
D	Renee Vendetti	n	n	Y	Y	Y	N	N	b♦
R	Ned Smith								
Erie County Council District 4									
D	Jay Breneman								
D	Donald "Whitey" Cleaver	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	y/N♦	y
Erie County Council District 6									
R	Edward T. DiMattio								
R	Trish Shoulders								
City of Erie Magisterial District Judge District Court 06-1-01 1st Ward									
D/R	Sue Mack								
City of Erie Magisterial District Judge District Court 06-1-02 2nd Ward									
D/R	Paul G. Urbaniak								
City of Erie Mayor									
D	Joseph E. Sinnott	b♦	Y	b♦	b♦	b♦	N	N	y
City of Erie Controller									
D	Patrick S. Cappabianca								
D	Teresa Stankiewicz								
Erie City Council vote for not more than 4									
D	Dave Brennan								
D	Julia Calipo								
D	Curtis Jones Jr.								
D	Selena King	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
D	Casimir J. "Kaz" Kwitowski								
D	Jim Winarski	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
R	John F. Evans ♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
City of Erie School Director at Large vote for not more than 4									
D	Julia Calipo								
D	Albert J. Isacks								
D	Angela Euell McNair								
D	Frank T. Milone								
D/R	Ed Brzezinski	Y♦	Y	Y	Y♦	Y	N	N	b
D/R	John R. Dundon								
D/R	Mary Frances Schenley								
D/R	Tom Spagel								
Corry Area School Director vote for not more than 4									
D/R	Amy Allen	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
D/R	Joe Frisina								
D/R	Donna M. Magoun	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	♦	♦	♦
D/R	Deborah Wood	n	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	y	y
Erie County Magisterial District Judge District Court 06-3-08									
D/R	Jeff Gadley								
Erie County Magisterial District Judge District Court 06-3-09									
D/R	Chris K. Mackendrick								
Fairview School Director 4 year term vote for not more than 4									
D/R	Robin D. Grimes								
D/R	Peter J. Lawson								
D/R	Alan Natalie	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
D/R	Michael A. Plazony								
D/R	Stephen J. Porter								
D/R	Laura R. Symes								

Party	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Fairview School Director 2 year term									
D/R	Lisa Reichel Louis								
Fort Le Boeuf School Director at Large vote for not more than 4									
D/R	Jason D. Crilley								
D/R	Marvin V. Cross								
D/R	Jessica L. Erickson								
D/R	Bruce Hordusky								
D/R	Kellie L. Lichtinger								
D/R	Shirley Sackett								
D/R	Joseph Welch								
General McLane School District at Large									
D/R	Amy Eisert								
General McLane School District Region 1 vote for not more than 2									
D/R	James H. Bucksbee								
D/R	Peter Dobrzynski								
General McLane School District Region 3									
D/R	Melodee A. Kushner								
Girard School District vote for not more than 4									
D/R	Brenda Cropek								
D/R	Dennis J. Olesnanik	n	n	n	n	n	N	N	N
D/R	Bob Snyder								
Harborcreek School District vote for not more than 4									
D/R	Thomas D. Forti								
D/R	Theresa Herrera								
D/R	Rick Mitchell ♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Iroquois School District									
D/R	Daron J. Royal								
Millcreek School District vote for not more than 4									
D/R	Lou Aliota	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
D/R	Christopher Busko								
D/R	John M. DiPlacido								
D/R	Mike Kobylka								
D/R	Ben Pike								
D/R	John Pitzer								
D/R	Donna Reese								
D/R	Jane Blystone								
D/R	Kerry J. Corbin								
D/R	Nicholas C. Mobilia								
D/R	David G. Rogers								
North East School District vote for not more than 4									
D/R	Jane Blystone								
D/R	Kerry J. Corbin								
D/R	Nicholas C. Mobilia								
D/R	David G. Rogers								
Northwestern School District at Large vote for not more than 4									
D/R	Glen R. Black								
D/R	Peggy S. Kemling								
D/R	Sam Ring								
Union City Area School District at Large vote for not more than 4									
D/R	Lori Lewis								
D/R	Brian Niggel								
D/R	Loretta Price								
D/R	Dave Robinson								
Wattsburg Area School District at Large 4 year term vote for not more than 4									
D	Melonie L. Vanderhoof								
D/R	Kerry W. Duncan								
D/R	Nancy McNally								
D/R	Josh Paris								
D/R	Andy Pushchak	♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
D/R	Marty Pushchak								
D/R	John P. Rzepka								
D/R	Sue Snippert								
D/R	Ken Watkins								
Wattsburg Area School District 2 year term									
D/R	Kerry W. Duncan								
D/R	Andy Pushchak	♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
D/R	John P. Rzepka								

Pennsylvania Superior Court

In the race for Judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, the PA Pro-Life Federation PAC is recommending republican candidate Vic Stable. The positions of the two democratic candidates are unknown.

Does it matter what local candidates think about abortion?

People for Life thanks all those who responded to our Candidate Survey. Some candidates took the time to include additional comments and, in a few cases, to criticize the very idea of our asking for their views on human life issues.

We are usually not surprised when a candidate disagrees with us on some or all of the issues. But what is surprising is that some candidates think that the public has no right to know where they stand on such important issues, issues that rank as the highest priorities for many people.

It is certainly true that local public officials are, in most cases, not directly responsible for enacting the kinds of laws and policies that are considered in our questionnaire, but the questions are still relevant. Polling companies ask even private citizens the same kinds of questions in order to accurately gauge where they stand on abortion and related issues.

There are many pro-abortion elected officials, and others with conflicted or foggy ideas about the issues involved, who perform their public duties very capably. In most instances, their thinking about the deeper questions facing our society does not have a direct bearing on their job performance. But the following examples should help to illustrate that a local official's position on

human life issues can, at least occasionally, be very crucial:

In 2007 the county commission of Sarasota, Florida voted unanimously to authorize an \$8 million bond to allow Planned Parenthood to build a 22,000 square foot abortion facility in that community.

In 2011 the New York city council voted 39-9 for a measure, supported by Mayor Bloomberg, to force crisis pregnancy centers to refer clients for abortion or else post large signs that would be likely to send the message that abortion is simply a routine "solution" for unplanned pregnancy.

Earlier in 2011, a federal judge struck down a similar law that had been enacted by the Baltimore city council on a vote of 12-3. (The New York law was subsequently crafted to address the court's objections to the Baltimore law.)

Harford County, Maryland was forced to pay a settlement, in 2011, for the mistreatment of pro-life demonstrators after they were illegally arrested and incarcerated in the Harford County jail.

In 2010 the mayor and city counsel of Huber Heights, Ohio debated a tax levy which would have helped fund a local Planned Parenthood facility. Planned Parenthood is the largest provider – and promoter – of abortion in the United States.

Also in 2010, the City of Rockford Illinois, due to the influence of three pro-abortion alderman, refused to issue a routine permit for a mobile ultrasound unit to park near a local abortion facility saying ridiculously that the people operating the unit "may begin to jump out from behind parked cars into oncoming traffic to stop cars and force pro-life information on them."

In 2009 it was reported that the town of Bellevue, Nebraska was paying \$1000 a month to provide security cameras for abortionist LeRoy Carhart's third-trimester abortion facility.

For additional thoughts on judicial, law enforcement, and school board candidates, see: www.peopleforlife.org/localelect.html.

The bottom line is this: Our national devaluation of human life raises serious issues throughout our entire society, including local government and the educational system. The good news is that there are many very talented and capable elected officials and candidates for public office who fully understand the value of human life. These are men and women for whom the dignity of every human being and respect for basic human rights are the guiding compass for all they do. These are the kind of people we need in public office – in all elected offices and levels of government.

H.B. 818: State Rep. Flo Fabrizio casts pro-abortion votes, lobs old feminist slur

The Health Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives voted 15-9, on April 15, to approve H.B. 818, a bill to prevent government-subsidized insurance plans created under the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) from paying for elective abortions within the Commonwealth.

It was a party line vote, except for a single democrat who broke ranks to support the legislation.

The ranking democrat on the Health Committee, pro-abortion State Rep. Florindo "Flo" Fabrizio of Erie, voted against the bill (i.e., voted *for* government-funded abortion). He also dropped a rhetorical bombshell, likening abortion to a "sacrament."

"A nun told me this one time," said Fabrizio, "but I'm going to pass it on because it really registered with me. She said, 'If men could get pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament.'" One might guess that the four women on the Health Committee who voted for the bill were as disgusted as anyone by these remarks.

Rep. Fabrizio also voted for an amendment which would have greatly weakened the legislation or rendered it meaningless. The amendment, which was defeated on a straight party-line vote of 14-

10, would have allowed insurance coverage if the abortion was necessary for "health" reasons in the "good faith" judgment of the abortionist.

State Rep. Matt Baker, the ranking Health Committee republican, drew applause from some of his fellow legislators when he said he did "not believe health care should include killing babies."

H.B. 818 clears State House

On April 23 the Pennsylvania House of Representatives approved H.B. 818 with a bipartisan vote of 144 (107 republicans and 37 democrats) to 53.

Please thank the following northwestern Pennsylvania state representatives for voting to maintain the longstanding policy of no government-subsidized abortion in Pennsylvania: Ryan Bizzarro, Michele Brooks, Pat Harkins, Greg Lucas, Kathy Rapp, Brad Roae, and Curt Sonney. State Rep. Flo Fabrizio voted against the legislation when it was brought to the floor, as well as when it was in his committee.

A pro-abortion amendment that would have severely weakened the bill or rendered it meaningless was defeated on the floor of the House prior to the bill's final passage by a nearly straight party-line vote of 87 to 102. It contained vague language that authorized

government-subsidized insurance plans to pay for elective abortion as long as an unspecified token amount of private money was contributed by the insurance policy holder. Erie area State Rep. Ryan Bizzarro was one of only eight democrats who crossed party lines to vote against this pro-abortion amendment.

H.B. 818 will now be taken up by the Pennsylvania State Senate. Please call and e-mail your state senator and say that you want him or her to support H.B. 818 and

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March for Life Bus Trip

part of People for Life's mission is to share the pro-life message with the *entire* community, particularly those who do not hear it at church, at school, or through their favorite news sources.

Pictures of all three events can be seen at www.facebook.com/peopleforlife.

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Kermit Gosnell

with murder in January 2011.

Prosecutors estimated that hundreds of born-alive babies, as many as five a week, were killed by severing their spinal columns with scissors inserted through a gash in the back of the neck.

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State Senate / H.B. 818

oppose all amendments because you do not want government-subsidized insurance

plans to pay for abortions in Pennsylvania:

State Sen. Sean Wiley (814) 453-2515

State Sen. Bob Robbins (800) 222-8793

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education and by fostering political awareness. We advocate loving alternatives to the primitive and violent "solutions" of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Working together, we are determined to achieve a society in which all human lives are valued and protected. The Erie Echo is published in Erie, PA by People for Life, Tim Broderick, Editor.

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Election of Officers

The annual election meeting of People for Life is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. It will be held at the People for Life West Side Office, 1625 W. 26th St. Members whose dues are paid one month in advance of the meeting will be eligible to vote. The nominees are: Carol Struchen for treasurer, Dave Halligan for secretary, Marielle Lafaro for first vice-president, Gretchen Lorei for second vice-president, and Dale Klobusnik for third vice-president. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor with the permission of the nominee, who must be a current member of People for Life.

Student Oratory Contest

People for Life hosted the Northwest Regional Pro-Life Oratory Contest once again this year. The competition was held in Erie at the Blasco Memorial Library on April 13.

Steve Caulfield and his sister Teresa



Steve Caulfield, Teresa Caulfield, Emily Larimer

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May 10-12	Annual Mother's Day Carnation Project
May 12	Mother's Day
May 14	Last day to apply for a Pennsylvania civilian absentee ballot
May 17	Last day to return a Pennsylvania civilian absentee ballot
May 20	Election Meeting, 6:45 p.m. - Main Office, 1625 W. 26th St.
May 21	Pennsylvania Municipal Primary Election
June 27-29	National Right to Life Convention - Dallas, Texas
May 29-	
June 1	Outreach Booth - Erie's Wild Rib Cook Off and Music Festival
June 14-16	Outreach Booth - CorryFest
July 9-13	Outreach Booth - North East Cherry Festival
Aug 1-3	Outreach Booth - Dan Rice Days, Girard
Aug 15-18	Outreach Booth (tentative) - Celebrate Erie
Aug. 26-31	Outreach Booth - Erie County Fair, Wattsburg
Sept. 2-7	Outreach Booth - Waterford Community Fair
Sept. 10-13	Outreach Booth - Albion Area Fair
Oct. 21	Membership Meeting, 6:45 p.m. - 1625 W. 26th St., Erie

Caulfield, both homeschool students from Erie, were our first place winners. Steve is in the 12th grade. Teresa is in the 10th grade. Each received a \$100 cash prize.

Emily Larimer, a 9th grade homeschool student from Albion, took second place and received a \$50 cash prize.

Steve's topic was stem cell research and the ethical distinctions between using embryonic stem cells versus using stem cells from other sources.

Teresa spoke about Planned Parenthood, the biggest purveyor of abortion in the United States.

Emily presented an informative overview of abortion and explained why legalized abortion must be actively and vocally opposed by everyone who understands that it is the unjust killing of an innocent human being.

Ink and Toner Cartridges

People for Life is now recycling used ink and toner cartridges to raise additional funds for our educational projects, such as our upcoming outreach booths at a dozen or more community events this summer and fall.

Please bring your used cartridges to our *Alternative Choices for Women* office at 1611 Peach St., Suite 321, Erie. You can also

contact us by phone or e-mail to make other arrangements for dropping off your cartridges or having them picked up.

Essay Contest

People for Life recently held its first annual Essay Contest for middle school and high school students and announced the winners in early March. We held the contest concurrently with the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Essay Contest and followed the same rules.

Grace Larimer, a 7th grade homeschool student from Albion, won first place in the grades 7-9 division and received a \$25 cash prize. Her sister Emily Larimer, a

9th grade homeschool student, took second place and received a \$10 prize. Olivia Rieger, a 7th grade homeschool student from Erie, was awarded third place and \$5.

There were no entries this year in the grades 9-12 division. We hope that as the Essay Contest becomes better known, participation will increase in the years ahead.

If you will be a middle school or high school student (grades 7-12) next year, or if you are a teacher or parent, please keep the Essay Contest in mind. Essays for the next contest will be due by March 1, 2014.

Mother's Day Carnations

May 10-12 will be an extremely busy time for People for Life. Many volunteers will be needed for our Mother's Day Carnation Project. Please call (814) 882-1333 and find out how you can help. Student-volunteers are always appreciated. The busiest day will be Friday, May 10.

Our carnations will be available on Mother's Day weekend at many Erie-area churches, at the Millcreek Mall Community Booth, and at our base of operations at Rog's Inc. on German St. between 18th St. and 19th St. Suggested donations are \$1.00 for single carnations and \$5 for each half-dozen.

Addendum to Candidate Survey

Thomas Wesley McGahen did not return a candidate survey questionnaire, but did respond "Y,Y,Y,Y,N,N,N" over the phone. He also gave assurance verbally that he opposes legal abortion, government funding of embryonic stem cell research, and the legalization of helping people to commit suicide.