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Which months have the most abortions in Iowa?

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Midwest March for Life: January 17, 2015

DES MOINES—The temperatures are dropping and there's snow in the forecast — what better time to talk about being outside and freezing for a good cause!

Of course, we're talking about the **Midwest March for Life!** The March is our opportunity to remember the anniversary of the **Roe vs. Wade** Supreme Court Decision, and all the lives lost to abortion.

It's also our chance to get together, re-charge our batteries for the year ahead, as well as share some fun and fellowship with other Pro-Lifers. The Midwest March has generated a lot of enthusiasm the last few years and this year looks to be even bigger.

We'll have all kinds of guest pastors and guest speakers. This year's keynote speaker will be **Josh Brahm**, President of the **Equal Rights Institute**.



Hearty Midwesterners: Pro-lifers show strength in numbers at last year's March for Life in Des Moines.

Brahm, who is based in Clovis, CA, has publicly debated leaders of both Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), and is a dynamic *Continued on Page 3...*

Iowa loses a great champion for life

Dwayne Alons
(10.30.46—11.29.14)

DES MOINES—At Iowa Right to Life, we always referred to **Rep. Dwayne Alons** as one of our "Heroes on the Hill," for his outstanding and tireless work for the cause of life at the Iowa State Capitol.



Rep. Alons, from Hull, up in the northeast corner of Iowa, represented Iowa's 4th District.

Alons sponsored many Pro-

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The rise of the Pro-life Female in politics

WASHINGTON DC—What do a castrator of hogs, an ambassador, a high school teacher, a CPA and an attorney all have in common?

They are all rising stars in politics, they are all Pro-Life and they are all women.

Suddenly, the pro-abortion set with their "War on Women" battle cries are looking old and tired. And there is not enough botox in the world to puff up their sagging message and old feminist, abortion-at-all-costs rhetoric.

Here is a look at some of the exciting new Pro-Life female faces in the U.S. House and the Senate, as well as some seasoned feisty favorites. They are the future of the life movement—brainy, accomplished, passionate and vibrant! And with apologies to Sen. Tom Harkin, they are all gorgeous. (At Iowa Right to Life, it doesn't matter—everyone is

beautiful to us. But we know it drives the abortion crowd crazy.)

Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA)
Newly elected

Age: 44
Religion: Evangelical Lutheran
Education: B.A. in Psychology from Iowa State University, Masters, Public Administration from Columbus State University



Sen. Joni Ernst needs no introduction. We loved her even before she was talking about castrating hogs on TV. We could not be prouder of this tough Pro-Life woman from our home state.

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Congratulations, Senator Ernst! We know you had a solidly Pro-Life record in the Iowa Senate and we can't wait to see what you do in Washington!

Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)

Newly elected

Age: 61

Religion:

Presbyterian

Education: Duke University and University of Virginia



Capito, who served seven terms in the U.S.

House of Representatives, was also the first Republican woman elected to Congress from West Virginia.

She has a 100% voting score on Pro-Life issues from National Right to Life. One issue she focused on in her campaign was dismantling Obamacare.

Rep. Mia Love (R-UT)

Newly elected

Age: 39

Religion: Mormon

Education:

University of Hartford



Love is the first African-American female Republican elected to Congress. She is originally from Brooklyn, NY. She has also served as Mayor of Saratoga Springs, UT.

On her campaign website, love4utah.com, Love declared, "I am proud to say that I am Pro-Life. My commitment to Pro-Life policies is unwavering, and I look forward to working with others in Congress to protect the right to life."

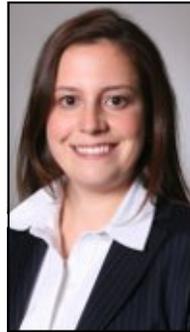
Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY)

Newly elected

Age: 30

Religion: Catholic

Education: Harvard University



Stefanik was the talk of the election cycle when at age 30, she became the youngest woman ever elected to Congress. When endorsed by Susan B. Anthony List, Stefanik said, "I will continue to be a strong advocate for women, and to fight for those who do not yet have a voice."

Her prior experience includes working in President George W. Bush's administration on the Domestic Policy Council and for Second Deputy Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten. Before running for Congress she worked in her family's plywood products business.

Rep. Kristi Noem (R-SD)

Age: 43

Religion:

Evangelical

Education:

Political Science from University of South Dakota



First elected in 2010, Noem has been both a farmer and restaurant owner. She has a 100% Pro-Life voting record.

Noem's campaign website says, "I also recently co-sponsored legislation to reaffirm freedom of conscience when it comes to health care. H.R. 1179, the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act of 2011, exempts religious schools, charities and hospitals from providing contraception and sterilization coverage in their private health insurance plans."

Martha Roby (R-AL)

Age: 38

Religion:

Presbyterian

Education: Degree in Music from New York University and J.D. from Samford University



Attorney Martha Roby worked for a law firm and also served on the Montgomery City Council prior to being elected to the House in 2010.

Roby is persona non grata to Planned Parenthood, because she has introduced a resolution to stop taxpayer subsidies from going to Planned Parenthood.

Rep. Lynn Jenkins (R-KS)

Age: 51

Religion: Methodist

Education:

Accounting degree and Economics minor from Kansas State University and Weber State College



Jenkins is a CPA who has been a member of the House since 2009.

Jenkins is also a tireless advocate for banning taxpayer funding for abortion, especially under Obamacare. She is also for cutting off federal funding to Planned Parenthood.

Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO)

Age: 52

Religion: Catholic

Education: BSBA

in Business from University of Missouri



Wagner was first elected to the

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Iowa activists' agenda: *contraception by force*

DES MOINES—Tucked into a few editorials, you might not have noticed it. Anyone skimming could have overlooked it. But when you do see the words, they are truly frightening.

Two recent editorials in the *Des Moines Register* called for coercive sterilization and contraceptive policies. It's the Eugenics movement rearing its ugly head.

The first one was an editorial by Des Moines attorney **Jonathan Wilson**: "The World Food Prize's Disservice to Borlaug," (*Des Moines Register*, 10/16/14.)

The Register lists Wilson as, "a Des Moines attorney and a contributor of occasional essays to *The Des Moines Register's* opinion pages." At IRTL, we know him as a past Board of Trustees member of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland and a frequent donor in to that organization in the \$1,000-4,999 range.

Wilson's editorial starts out criticizing the "potentially adverse environmental impact" of GMO (genetically

modified organisms/ agricultural processes), but then starts talking about how the success of Borlaug's GMOs in feeding a starving population in Africa, along with lives saved by President George W. Bush's global anti-AIDS initiative, have resulted in a population explosion.

So in other words—darn! They are living and thriving in Africa. Wilson feels we have to do something about that.

Wilson proposes that the efforts of the World Food Prize be "**forcefully coupled**" (interesting choice of words) with the call for increased funding for birth control and family planning.



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Mark your calendars for Midwest March for Life

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speaker who trains Pro-Life advocates to think clearly, reason honestly and argue persuasively. Who doesn't need that?

2015 Midwest March for Life Schedule

9:00am Opening Mass

Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High Street, Des Moines, offered by **Bishop Richard Pates** of the **Des Moines Diocese** and **Archbishop Michael Jackels** of the **Archdiocese of Dubuque**.

11:00am–12:00pm The March Begins

Meet on the West Steps of the Iowa State Capitol, 1007 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines. The March will open in prayer with remarks by **Archbishop Jackels**, **Scott Fishbach**, Executive Director of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, and keynote speaker **Josh Brahm**, among others. The marching will end at the Supreme Court with a closing prayer



Keynote by Josh Brahm

12:30pm–2:30pm **Roe v. Wade Effect Lunch**

The luncheon is held at the Iowa Events Center. In this portion of the day attendees will hear our keynote speaker, Josh Brahm, and others. Various Pro-

Life organizations will have booths to visit before and after the program. A free-will offering opportunity will be presented to help defray costs of the Midwest March for Life and luncheon. Reservations are requested for attendance at the *Roe v. Wade Effect* luncheon program. Please make your reservations by Friday, January 9. To RSVP, visit our Midwest March for Life page on IRTL's website: www.iowartl.org/midwest-march-for-life/schedule-of-events or contact our office at 877.595.9406 or by email at outreach@iowaRTL.org.

2:30pm–4:30pm Breakout sessions

Interested in learning about Physician Assisted Suicide? Want to get involved in post-abortion ministry? Are you being called to be at the Hill with Pro-Life lobbyists? Join us for FOUR Breakout Sessions!

2:30pm–4:30pm Youth Rally

Calling all High School and College Pro-Life advocates! A **Youth Rally** will be held at this time in another room. There will be networking with other Students for Life groups/members/student leaders, snacks, an assortment of speakers, and a crash course in creating effective dialogue featuring Josh Brahm.



Forever young: 2014 Midwest March for Life Youth Rally.

Where are they now? Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's doctors

DES MOINES—Did you know some Planned Parenthood of the Heartland doctors are licensed in both Iowa and Nebraska?

In addition to Iowa, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, headquartered in Des Moines, covers Nebraska (abortion centers in Omaha and Lincoln), part of Oklahoma, and part of Arkansas.

Here is a look at the abortionists at Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, where they are licensed and when their license expires or if it has expired.

Jill Lynelle Meadows (also known as Dr. Jill Vibhakar)

Birth Year: 1969

Degree: MD, OBGyn, University of Iowa

Graduated: 1995

PP Location: Des Moines-Army Post Road

Licensed: Iowa through 4/1/15; Nebraska through 10/1/16

Dr. Jill Meadows is Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's Medical Director. She is a late-term abortionist, whose grisly practice of tearing viable babies from the womb is revealed in her testimony as "Dr. Jill Vibhakar" in the *Gonzalez vs. Carhart* Supreme Court case.

Thomas William Ross

Birth Year: 1956

Degree: DO, Family Practice, University of Osteopathic Medicine

Graduated: 1996

PP Location: Des Moines-Army Post Road

Licensed: Iowa through 6/1/16

If you recognize **Dr. Thomas Ross**, it's because he was frequently in the media demonstrating Planned Parenthood's abortion-by-webcam equipment. A young woman, without the benefit of an exam by a doctor, would take abortion pills in front of Dr. Ross on the camera, then take home another set of pills which would cause her to abort at home and deal with the body of her dead baby alone.

C.J. (Carroll) La Benz

Birth Year: n.a.

Degree: MD, OBGyn, University of Nebraska

Graduated: 1975

PP Location: Lincoln, NE

Licensed: Nebraska through 10/1/16

Abortionist C.J. La Benz, made national news in 1979, after ordering a nurse to abandon a late-term abortion baby born alive during a saline abortion. The baby, which weighed 2 lbs. and nine ounces, was left crying in a "dirty utility room" where he died two and a half hours later, according to Operation Rescue.

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Wilson also makes this chilling statement: *"The resources for producing and distributing more food cannot possibly keep up, which means that our success will breed our failure (pun intended)."*

This demeaning language, equating humans with animal breeding is not lost on Iowans. That is what the Eugenics movement is about—seeing people as animals and not as humans.

Planned Parenthood tries to distance itself from Margaret Sanger's eugenicist roots...but here it is in the person of one of their former board members.

It's outrageous when you think about it. Let's force contraception on hungry people that don't want it in exchange for food. And Wilson is not the only attorney in town proposing coercive contraceptive policies.

Alfredo Parrish, a well known criminal defense attorney who takes on tough cases writes an editorial, "We must offer a new pathway for young black men" (*Des Moines Register*, 11/17/14). Parrish starts by describing four African American men, all under age 23, who had children by multiple women, dabbled in drugs, were unemployed, etc.

Parrish's proposed solution?

"We would offer these young men a stipend to stop having children they have no means of supporting. This may include an agreement to have a vasectomy. A similar program would be offered to the mothers of their children that would include some form of birth control."

After that, Parrish goes on to suggest a good, viable training and housing program for helping these young African American men. Do away with that one crazy paragraph on coerced contraception and you have a good editorial.

Coercing someone to take contraception or except sterilization in exchange for money or food is immoral, inhuman and will never solve any problems.

If you are not up to speed on Eugenics, see our article: *Planned Parenthood's Margaret Sanger* in the "Get the Facts" section of www.iowaRTL.org.

Abortion numbers in Iowa highest February-April

DES MOINES—Iowa Vital Statistics, put out by the Iowa Department of Public Health, break out abortion numbers by month. At Iowa Right to Life, we decided to take a closer look at those numbers and see if there was a pattern for months with the highest or lowest number of abortions.

The results show a definite pattern. Abortions are highest at the beginning of the year, especially February through April. The abortions are lowest (but still too high!) around the end of the year (September-December).

Iowa months with highest and lowest number of abortions			
2012*	Highest # of Abortions		Lowest # of Abortions
February	455	December	313
May	446	October	321
March	442	November	336
2011			
March	526	October	331
April	436	November	351
June	436	September	357
2010			
April	536	November	366
March	509	October	370
February	505	September	412
2009			
February	590	November	337
April	541	October	439
January	528	December	444
2008			
January	668	November	405
March	640	June	479
February	597	May	489
2007			
January	635	September	467
February	602	November	483
May	585	December	510

(Source: Iowa Vital Stats, Iowa Department of Public Health)
 *2012 are the most recent stats that the IDPH has available.

The babies being aborted at the beginning of the year are most likely conceived in November and December—or over the Holidays.

40 Days for Life begins February 18, 2015



40 Days for Life prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood in Red Oak earlier in 2014. Planned

One of the things we hear over and over again from the pregnancy centers is that women who were previously set on having an abortion, changed their mind, because they saw people praying for them outside the abortion centers.

There's something about that peaceful presence. Men, women, teens, children gathered in the cold. It shows them someone cares — and cared enough to brave the cold.

What these abortion numbers tell us is that it's important to be out in front of the abortion clinics all year — but especially in these months early in the year, when abortion numbers are the highest.

40 Days for Life, the peaceful prayer vigil outside abortion clinics across the United States starts February 18. Follow the website below for the vigil closest to you.

40 Days for Life

February 18-March 29, 2015

For more, visit: www.40daysforlife/iowa.

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Operation Rescue also reported how in 2002, La Benz was arrested for striking sidewalk counselor Sharon McKee with his vehicle, then stealing her cell phone and \$350 as she lay on the ground injured. La Benz's charges were later reduced to "disturbing the peace."

In 2006, La Benz was forced to close his Omaha abortion center, when the property manager asked him to leave. He began working for the Lincoln Planned Parenthood in April 2008. (Source: Operation Rescue)

Nicola Louise Moore

Birth Year: 1955

Degree: MD, Family Practice

Graduated: 1999, Yeshiva University

PP Location: Des Moines-Army Post Road

Licensed: Iowa license expired: 12/1/13

Nebraska license expired: 10/1/14

Dr. Nicola Louise Moore was a "traveling abortionist" that Planned Parenthood would fly into Iowa and other states. Moore was based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, but would travel to do surgical abortions in Des Moines, Iowa City, Bettendorf and Sioux City.

Moore's licenses in both Iowa and Nebraska have since expired. But Moore was most recently listed as a contractor on Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's 990 Tax Form for their Fiscal Year ending in 6/30/14, which showed she was paid \$143,055 for her services. Her Iowa license expired 10/1/14.

Susan Carol Abendschein Haskell

Birth Year: 1943

Degree: DO, Family Practice, University of Osteopathic Medicine

Graduated: 1980

PP Location: Des Moines-Susan Knapp PP

Licensed: Iowa through 3/1/15; Nebraska through 10/1/16

Dr. Haskell was Medical Director at Planned Parenthood before Dr. Jill Meadows. In the webcam abortion controversy, she was sometimes cited in the media as doing webcam abortions, like Dr. Ross.

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland has recently begun advertising for an Associate Medical Director for Omaha.

Source: Licensing information from Iowa Board of Medicine and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

A look back at where IRTL has been in 2014

DES MOINES—Just look at a few of the places we have been in 2014!

2nd Annual Midwest March for Life and Roe vs. Wade Effect Luncheon

Midwest March for Life Youth Rally

National March for Life

Annual Rally for Life with Special Guest Wesley J. Smith

Biggest Baby Shower Ever

Imposed Death Conference

Speak for Life Dinner Council Bluffs

40 Days for Life-Spring and Fall

Celebrate Life Spring Banquet with Father Frank Pavone

Lobbying the Iowa Legislature

NICHE Homeschool Convention

County Fairs

Iowa State Fair

Caffeinated Thoughts Briefing

Des Moines Women's Expo

Christ our Life Catholic Conference

Election Season—58 of the 73 candidates supported by IRTL's State PAC won!

Pro-Life Discussion Forum: Mercy College, Des Moines

Looking forward to seeing you at our events in 2015!



Not sure whether to laugh or cry...so we'll laugh

Rekha Basu's slobbering love of Dennis Kucinich

DES MOINES—*The Des Moines Register's* three-star General in the War on Women, **Rekha Basu**, has a



softer side. We saw it in her slobbering love column on former Ohio Rep. and failed

Democratic Presidential candidate and darling of the abortion industry **Dennis Kucinich** ("10 years later, Dennis Kucinich is still out pushing" *Des Moines Register*, 10/18/14.)

In the column, Kucinich's wife, **Elizabeth**, was late for her meeting with Basu, so her husband called to let Basu know they would be late.

Didn't Basu find it patronizing that Elizabeth's husband does the talking for her? (As if!) Basu continues:

"That left me driving her husband around as he gushed about their love affair," writes Basu.

Love affair? Kucinich is on his third wife. And he is 32 years her senior. (Wasn't that the same age separation between Hugh Hefner and Kimberly Conrad?) How romantic!

One thing that can be said for Elizabeth Kucinich. She's a beautiful redhead from Britain who is a foot taller than Dennis Kucinich.

"But what a wife he's got now:" Basu continues to gush, *"Stunning, smart, articulate, principled and adoring,"*

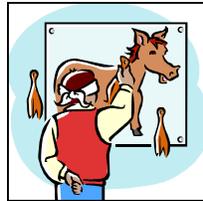
Stunning and adoring? Rehka we hardly knew ye! Shouldn't it be enough for a woman, from the feminist perspective, to be smart, articulate and principled? Haven't you told us all these years how women should never be judged on

their looks...and they should certainly not have to kow-tow to men?

Noble effort for Braley from the *Des Moines Register*

DES MOINES—IRTL often points out the subtle use of bias by *Des Moines Register* writers to promote their pet candidates and causes.

Case in point: We think *The Register's*, **Jason Noble**, would have done anything in the 2014 campaign to boost numbers for doomed U.S. Senate candidate, **Bruce Braley**. In the "Iowa Politics Insider" column, under a sub-head, "Braley increases criticism of Ernst's view of abortion" (10/18/14), Noble describes 20 people in a room with candidate Bruce Braley and **Planned Parenthood Federation CEO Cecile Richards** as "a crowd."



"At the Des Moines event, Richards and Braley met a crowd of about 20..."

A CROWD of about 20?

Really? Was there standing room only for that *crowd of about 20*?

About 20? So that means there wasn't quite 20 in *the crowd*? How many were there? Couldn't Noble count if there were less than 20? Or would he have had to remove his shoes?

When the **Midwest March for Life** takes place at the Capitol in Des Moines, let's see if the Register uses the word crowd to describe that gathering—which we are confident will be significantly more than 20.

Planned Parenthood Gets it On with *Cosmo*

In November, Planned Parenthood announced a new partnership with *Cosmopolitan* magazine to

promote sexual health and reproductive rights on college campuses.

The series is called, *"Get it On: The Fearless Talk about Sex, Sexuality, and Culture."* (Stay classy, PP!)

For some context here, let us point out the current December cover of *Cosmopolitan* in grocery check out lines everywhere, is promoting "38 Hot Sex Tricks." November's issue featured "Real Sex Confessions" and "Make Him Better in Bed." None of this sounds very healthy — especially for college students.

But it does prove what IRTL always says — that Planned Parenthood's version of sex ed is promoting risky sexual behaviors and it has nothing to do with safety, health or scientific facts, as they often claim.

With sympathy to the U of I faculty

IOWA CITY—*The Daily Iowan*, the University of Iowa's student newspaper endorsed Pro-Life, **Republican Rep. Steve King** from Iowa's 4th District for the 2014 elections.

What a breath of fresh air and dramatic departure from their usual zombie-like devotion to all things liberal. But it must have left the poor, conservative-hating professorial staff at the University of Iowa feeling like they had failed.



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House in 2012. She has also been U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg and held management positions at Hallmark Cards and Ralston Purina.

She has participated in the Annual March for Life in Washington and in a speech before Congress lamented the 55 million lives lost since *Roe vs. Wade*, saying, “*We will never derive the contributions to society that these nameless angels could have brought to the world.*”

Rep. Vicki Hartzler (R-MO)

Age: 54
Religion: Evangelical
Education: B.S. in Education from the University of Missouri and M.S. in Education from Central Missouri State University



Hartzler served in the Missouri General Assembly and was also a high school economics teacher.

Hartzler, who calls herself, “100% Pro-Life” opposes federal funding for abortion and for Planned Parenthood. She also signed on to a bill to prohibit funding to the United Nations Populations Fund because of its support for forced abortions.

Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN)

Age: 54
Religion: Catholic
Education: B.A. from Miami University and J.D. from Indiana University



Brooks was first elected to the House in 2012. Prior to that she was United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana.

Brooks was a cosponsor of H.R.

1797, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which prevents physicians from performing an abortion of an unborn baby who is 20 weeks old. She was also a co-sponsor of H.R. 732, the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, which prohibits transporting minors across State lines to circumvent state parental consent abortion laws.

There’s more!

This is just a sample! There are more Pro-Life women in Congress that we did not get to here. Not to mention the Pro-Life female governors—**Gov. Nikki Haley from South Carolina, Gov. Susanna Martinez of New Mexico and Gov. Mary Fallin of Oklahoma.**

We have much to be thankful for and a lot to be excited about. But that doesn’t mean we can rest on our laurels. Keep growing and encouraging our Pro-Life candidates of the future.

More at www.iowaRTL.org.

Iowa loses a great champion of life... remembering Dwayne Alons

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Life bills, including those in 2013 and 2014 to halt the practice of webcam abortions in Iowa. These bills were unfortunately unsuccessful.

Getting Iowa House on record on Pro-Life issues

Back in 2009, Alons proposed an amendment to the state budget to kill a 5% increase in the HHS Medicaid Family Planning funds – which is Planned Parenthood of the Heartland’s primary source of income. The 5% amounted to a \$1 million increase.

The amendment lost by a narrow margin—53 to 44. But Alons’ amendment cleverly forced a vote on the issue – so the Iowa House was now on record on a Pro-Life issue. This was valuable information for the 2010 election.

IRTL had a voting record from the Iowa Senate from the 2007 session, when they voted to increase state family planning funding by an additional \$750,000 (something Planned Parenthood lobbied hard for). But there was no House vote.

Alons passed away on November 29, after battling renal cancer. He is survived by his wife, Clarice; four children: Kevin, Kyle, Kristen and Karena, and 13 grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed.