



# LAKESHORE LIFE NEWS

## 21st Annual High School Oratory Contest



With a personal story and well-researched statistics, Casey Miller, a tenth grade student at Grand Haven High School, won the Tri-Cities Right to Life 21st Annual High School Oratory Contest on March 29.

The contest was held at First Reformed Church of Grand Haven, and the prize money was donated by the Knights of Columbus.

Alecia Crouse, an eleventh grade

student at Spring Lake High School, was awarded second place in the competition, and Katelyn DePrekel, a tenth grade student at Grand Haven High School, was the third place finisher.

Miller advanced to the state competition, held in Holt on May 8, and competed against 22 other contestants. Her presentation on the harmful effects of abortion on women earned her first place!



*Left:* Casey Miller, Alecia Crouse, and Katelyn DePrekel (left to right) participated in the Oratory Contest.

*Above:* Sam Leidel, violin, and Ryan Richert, piano, provided music for the competition.

## YouTube Videos Aimed at Teens



RLM website for teens.

Teens need to hear the pro-life message in a format that they can relate to. In

an effort to reach the abortion-vulnerable youth, Right to Life of Michigan has created a website, TeenBreaks.com, which has cool graphics and discusses cutting-edge issues relevant to today's teens,

such as lust, love, peer pressure, and STDs.

Recently three short videos have been created and posted on YouTube.com. The videos are:

- Do I have pregnancy symptoms?
- Scared I'm Pregnant.
- OMG I'm a Pregnant Teen!

Each video ends with a message to drive traffic to TeenBreaks.com.

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## The President's Prayer

Many wonderful pro-life activities are taking place in our lakeshore community, which is a testament to your faithfulness and commitment to fighting for the most vulnerable among us.

In March, we hosted our 21st Annual High School Oratory contest, and the winner, Casey Miller, proceeded to also win the state competition!

In April, we took four local students to Lansing for Right to Life of Michigan's annual Legislative Day.

In the coming months, we will be co-sponsoring a "Moms and Babies Refreshment Station" during the Coast Guard parade at the offices of Lakeshore Pregnancy Center.

We will also be working to educate our fellow citizens about pro-life candidates in advance of the Michigan primary election on Tuesday, August 3, as well as enlisting support for the Fall 2010 "40 Days for Life" campaign. And, of

course, planning is underway for our annual Focus on Life dinner on Monday, November 8.

We pray for the Lord's blessing on all of these activities. May He multiply even our smallest efforts so they will bear much fruit. May He use each one of us to advance the culture of life in our families, our churches, our workplaces, and our community. We trust that through His guidance, wisdom, and protection, we can make a difference!

Thank you for your prayers and support — especially to those who renewed their memberships after receiving last quarter's newsletter!

Again, please let us know how we can help promote the pro-life cause in this beautiful corner of the world.

May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness,

Lisa Peters  
President

## Upcoming Events

### ♥ LifeWalk 2010

Saturday, June 19, 9:00 a.m.  
Central Park in Grand Haven  
[www.lpccenters.com](http://www.lpccenters.com) ▪ 616-842-7510

Help raise money at this fun, family-friendly walk to benefit Lakeshore Pregnancy Centers.

### ♥ Moms and Babies Station

Saturday, August 7  
Lakeshore Pregnancy Center  
700 Washington Ave., Grand Haven

Volunteers are needed to offer refreshments to moms and babies taking a break from the heat during the Coast Guard Festival parade.

### ♥ 40 Days for Life

September 22 — October 31  
Heritage Abortion Clinic  
310 East Fulton Street, Grand Rapids  
[www.40daysforlife.com/grandrapids](http://www.40daysforlife.com/grandrapids)

Join this peaceful vigil to pray to end abortion. The vigil is held for 40 days in front of West Michigan's busiest abortion clinic.

### ♥ State Conference

Saturday, September 25, 9:00 a.m.  
Lansing

Save the date.

### ♥ Pray to End Abortion

Saturdays, 8:45 a.m.  
Women's Medical Services  
863 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon

Pray the rosary together in front of this abortion clinic. Pray for the end of abortion and for the conversion of all clinic workers.

### ♥ Tri-Cities Right to Life Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Patrick's Family Center  
920 Fulton Street, Grand Haven

Meetings are open to the public.

## Shout Out to . . . Reenders Blueberries



Pro-life message on Reenders' vehicle.

Reenders Blueberries first began farming rows of berries in 1956. By 1967, Ken Reenders had begun working full time at his dad's farm. Now, more than 50 years later, Ken

works alongside third and fourth generation family farmers to cultivate more than 750 acres of blueberries.

Reenders is located on US-31 in West Olive, one mile south of M-45. They are open around the first of July with both U-pick and ready-picked berries.

Recognizing an opportunity to affirm the pro-life cause, Ken carefully reviewed pictures and verses, and chose to display on the back of his farm's semi-trailer a picture of a baby's feet, and the words from Psalm 139:14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."



## RLM-PAC Endorses Pro-Life Candidates

The Right to Life of Michigan PAC announced its endorsements for the upcoming Michigan primary election on August 3.

In the Tri-Cities area, RLM-PAC endorsed **Amanda Price (R)** for State Representative in the 89th House District.

In State Senate District 30, all three Republican candidates, **Arlan Meekhof, Timothy O'Donnell, and Brett Vander Kamp**, meet PAC criteria as pro-life candidates.

In the gubernatorial race, **Attorney General Mike Cox (R)** received the endorsement. The field of Republican primary contenders in that race includes one candidate, Rick Snyder, who financially supported a constitutional amend-

ment to allow embryos to be destroyed for scientific research, and who claims he will fight abortion by "focusing on the economy." Snyder declined to be interviewed by RLM-PAC.

In the race for U.S. Representative for the 2nd Congressional District, the four major Republican primary contenders, **Bill Cooper, Bill Huizenga, Wayne Kuipers, and Jay Riemersma**, all meet PAC criteria as pro-life candidates.

For more information on these and other races, and to print out your personal pro-life ballot, please visit Right to Life's website at [www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org).

If you are interested in helping hand out materials on election day, please contact [info@lakeshoreprolife.org](mailto:info@lakeshoreprolife.org).

## Legislative Day

On Wednesday, April 28, four local high school students accompanied Tri-Cities Right to Life Board members, Peggy Boismier and Lisa Peters, to Right to Life of Michigan's annual Legislative Day.

The morning session detailed efforts to pass several pieces of pro-life legislation, including a state "opt-out" of abortion coverage as permitted by the recently enacted Federal Health Care Reform Law, as well as regulation of embryo destructive research, which is newly permitted in Michigan as a result of the passage of a constitutional amendment in November 2008.



*Left to right:* Anne Leidel, Mary Richert, Sen. Wayne Kuipers, Ryan Richert, and Sam Leidel at Legislative Day in Lansing.

State legislators arrived for lunch, giving the group the opportunity to discuss pro-life legislative initiatives with State Senator Wayne Kuipers and Rep. Arlan Meekhof.

This was followed by the inspiring testimony of Abby Johnson, former director of a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic who experienced a profound conversion while viewing an ultrasound-guided abortion.

Attorney General Mike Cox also addressed the assembly, and the day concluded with a tour of the Michigan State Capitol. Information about the current status of state pro-life legislation is available at [www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org).

### ***TRI-CITIES RIGHT TO LIFE PRESENTS***



#### **FOCUS ON LIFE 2010 ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY CENTER  
MACKINAW BALLROOM**

**FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER EILEEN SMITH**  
*plus Grand Haven student, Casey Miller, winner of  
Right to Life of Michigan's statewide oratory contest!*

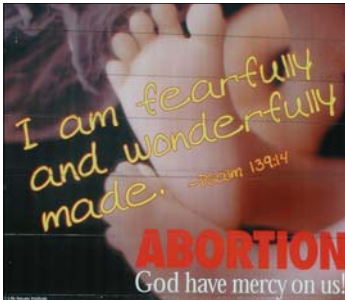
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**Please renew my membership for 2010 to Tri-Cities Right to Life and Right to Life of Michigan.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Options:**

\$5 Student / Senior Citizen

\$15 Individual

\$20 Family

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation

As a member, you will receive Tri-Cities Right to Life and Right to Life of Michigan newsletters.  
Your membership also ensures that Tri-Cities Right to Life remains a visible presence in our area.

**Make Your Check Payable To Tri-Cities Right to Life  
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## Our Mission

- To raise public awareness about the issues of abortion, embryo destructive research, euthanasia, and assisted suicide.
- To be a community resource for area churches, schools, and individuals about pro-life issues.
- To educate legislators and to promote pro-life legislation at the state and federal levels by grassroots lobbying.
- To support pro-life candidates for public office as endorsed by Right to Life of Michigan's political action committee.