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Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds stop by the Iowa Right to Life booth at the Iowa State Fair to chat with IRTL Executive Director **Jenifer Bowen** and Marketing Coordinator **Kendra Burger**.
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Whose campaign is getting fat on PAC money?

Hint: **NOT Joni Ernst's.**

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Stats show lowans aborting in Nebraska

LINCOLN, NE—Abortion statistics in Nebraska are showing large numbers of women from Iowa having abortions in Nebraska—many times more than women from Nebraska's other neighboring states.

In 2013, 129 abortions in Nebraska were performed on women from Iowa, compared to 24 from South Dakota, 18 from Kansas and none from Colorado that same year. In 2012, 185 abortions in Nebraska were

women from Iowa, compared to 26 from Kansas, 24 from South Dakota and 1 from Colorado. (See chart below for more numbers.)

Nebraska's *Statistical Report of Abortions* for 2013 shows that 77 of the 185 Iowa abortions were on women from Pottawattamie County, the county just across the river from Omaha, that includes Council Bluffs.

The report does not tell where the

abortion numbers are coming from, but Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, headquartered in Des Moines, covers both Iowa and Nebraska. Their two abortion centers in Omaha and Lincoln offer medication abortions up to 8 weeks and 6 days, or essentially 9 weeks, into a pregnancy. (Medication abortion is a cocktail of pills that kill the baby and cause the woman to hemorrhage at home up to four weeks until the baby is expelled).

Statistics on Abortions in Nebraska on women from nearby states

(Source: *Statistical Report of Abortions in Nebraska, 2005-2013*)

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Nebraska	1,992	2,047	2,142	2,192	2,283	2,542	2,204	2,564	2,705
Iowa	129	185	145	185	176	211	194	246	337
Kansas	18	26	34	33	28	10	8	17	11
South Dakota	24	24	33	21	25	30	41	75	89
Missouri	6	8	6	9	21	9	6	7	12
Minnesota	1	1	2	5	2	2	4	4	5
Colorado	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	1	2
North Dakota	0	1	1	2	2	1	4	1	0

Planned Parenthood's Lincoln and Omaha centers also offer surgical abortions up to 16 weeks and 6 days, essentially 17 weeks. Bellevue, a suburb of Omaha, is also where late-term abortionist, LeRoy Carhart operates.

Planned Parenthood's Iowa abortion centers in Sioux City and Council Bluffs also offer medication abortions up to 8 weeks and 6 days.

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PAC-man fever: see who's getting the most PAC money

Staci Appel's biggest contributor: abortion-activist Emily's List at \$69,665

DES MOINES—Do you ever wonder why there are infinitely more political commercials complaining about **Joni Ernst's** support from the Koch



Brothers than there are commercials by the Koch brothers supporting Joni Ernst?

That made us a little curious. Just who is getting the most PAC support in the current

elections? Not Republican Ernst.

Ernst's opponent in the Senatorial race, Democrat **Rep. Bruce Braley**, took in a whopping \$1,191,380 in PAC money through June 30, 2014, according to **OpenSecrets.org**. In

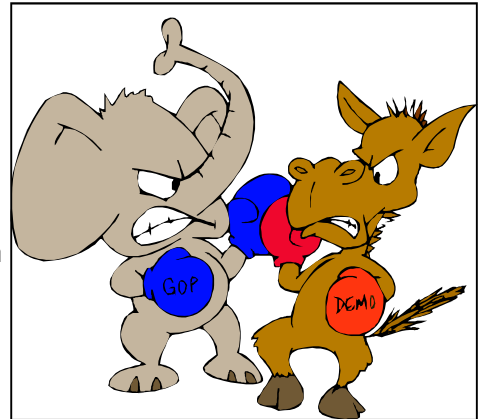
comparison, Ernst took in only \$423,035 in the same time period.

Braley seems to be the favorite candidate of big spenders, too. Ernst had \$456,215 from small contributions, while Braley, with three times as much total funding, only had \$8,714 in small

contributions, according to **OpenSecrets.org**.

PAC money spent against

These numbers contributed to the candidates are chicken feed (sorry, Bruce Braley) when you look at what



some of the Super PACs are spending on negative advertising against the candidates.

The liberal **Senate Majority PAC** spent \$2,050,416 against Joni Ernst as of 9/19/14, including recent media buy. Senate Majority PAC only spent \$549,164 in favor of its own candidate, Bruce Braley. Talk about negative advertising!

PAC Contributions U.S. Senate and House Races

(Source: **OpenSecrets.org**; results as of June 30, 2014)

	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u>PAC Money</u>
U.S. Senate Race:		
Bruce Braley (D)	\$7,124,938	\$1,191,380
Joni Ernst (R)	\$2,531,364	\$ 423,035
U.S. Congressional Races:		
District 1:		
Pat Murphy (D)	\$ 733,523	\$ 201,572
Rod Blum (R)	\$ 484,352	\$ 21,000
District 2:		
Dave Loebsack (D)	\$ 996,338	\$ 551,100
Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R)	\$ 375,618	\$ 39,000
District 3:		
Staci Appel (D)	\$1,189,574	\$ 293,438
David Young (R)	\$ 828,422	\$ 82,891
District 4:		
Jim Mowrer (D)	\$1,129,192	\$ 195,668
Steve King (R)	\$1,087,483	\$ 235,824

Super PACs spending money against Ernst

- Senator Majority PAC \$2,050,416
- Planned Parenthood Votes PAC \$ 466,582
- NextGen Climate PAC \$ 297,980

And that's just a sample. (Source: **OpenSecrets.org**)

Ernst keeps getting labeled as "Tea Party" (not that there's anything wrong with that.) Do you know how much Ernst got from the **Tea Party Patriots Citizen Fund Super PAC?** Zero. They did spend \$56,000 against Bruce Braley, though.

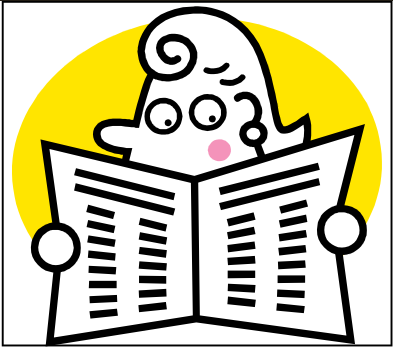
How does all this compare with the much-maligned Koch Brothers?

The Koch Brother's Freedom Partners Action Super PAC spent \$1,115,753 for Ernst. Ooooooooh. So why all this big evil, corporate hub-bub, when the Democrats with their Senate Majority PAC spent almost

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Too hot to print for the *Mason City Globe Gazette*

MASON CITY—When a Polk County District Judge ruled on August 19 in favor of the Iowa Board of Medicine’s right to ban Planned Parenthood’s dangerous webcam abortions, the ***Mason City Globe-Gazette*** published a completely over-the-top staff editorial on behalf of Planned Parenthood.



of Medicine.

The 35 women with incomplete abortions had to endure a second abortion – a surgical one – to finish the job. It’s naïve to think this is not happening in Iowa, when 15 Planned Parenthood locations were distributing medication abortions. (Now down to nine locations).

Iowa Right to Life responded with a letter to correct some of the misconceptions spread by the *Globe-Gazette*, which was parroting Planned Parenthood’s marketing language.

We know this is happening in Iowa, because PPH’s own website says:

“During the abortion pill (medication abortion) visit, you must agree—before you start—that you will have an in-clinic (“surgical”) abortion if the abortion pill does not work.”

The *Globe-Gazette* refused to print our response. But that’s okay, because we will print it here so you can read what the *Globe-Gazette* didn’t want you to see.

The Globe-Gazette needs to ask Planned Parenthood about their “Occurrence Reports,” which they fill out to document adverse events or complaints. Start with the Cedar Rapids Planned Parenthood, where medication abortions were offered up until July 2014.

The Globe-Gazette’s staff editorial, “Vigorous challenge of telemedicine ruling... (8/27/14) cheated Iowa women, by parroting Planned Parenthood’s marketing language on webcam abortions, instead of asking tough questions of the state’s largest abortion business.

“One of their strongest arguments for the system was that there had been no complaints from the more than 5,000 women who used the telemedicine system at 15 health centers,” said the editorial.

Planned Parenthood’s representatives have never been honest with the media here.

In Ohio, where state law requires Planned Parenthood to report complications from medication abortions, there were 42 reports in 18 months, including 35 incomplete abortions...

Where is a woman in rural Iowa to go when the abortion is incomplete? Planned Parenthood has never answered that question. How much does a woman have to pay Planned Parenthood for the trauma of a second abortion, after an incomplete abortion?

In Ohio, where state law requires Planned Parenthood to report complications from medication abortions, there were 42 reports in 18 months, including 35 incomplete abortions from just two Planned Parenthoods, according to a report released in August of 2013 by the Ohio Board

The Globe-Gazette editorial staff should switch places with their reporters and rediscover investigative journalism.

*Sincerely,
Jenifer Bowen
Executive Director, Iowa Right to Life*

Stats show Iowans aborting in Nebraska

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9/16/14.)

The Planned Parenthood website says Sioux City still offers surgical abortions (which they call “in-clinic” abortions), but recently Planned Parenthood attorneys, arguing against the Iowa Board of Medicine’s ban, said that Des Moines and Iowa City were Planned Parenthood’s only centers in Iowa “where a physician is physically present,” according to an article in the *Des Moines Register* (“Iowa Supreme Court allows telemed-abortion system,” *Des Moines Register*,

It could be Iowans are crossing the border for abortions beyond 9 weeks. It’s also possible that some of these abortions are Iowans attending college in Nebraska.

Planned Parenthood centers in Iowa will abort more developed babies than in Nebraska—up to 19 weeks and 6 days into a pregnancy in Des Moines and up to 21 weeks and 6 days in Iowa City, according to Planned Parenthood’s website.

Nebraska’s stats are much more detailed than Iowa’s. They include the reasons women had abortions, as well as the methods that were used. For example, 1,162 Suction—curettage abortions in Nebraska in 2013, 100 Dilatation and Evacuation (used in later term abortions) and 914 medication abortions. Iowa currently just has abortion stats through 2012.

For more on Nebraska’s stats on abortion, visit: http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/srd_srdindex.aspx

Scenes from the IRTL Booth at the State Fair



Pictures courtesy of:
Taylor Atkinson Photography
<http://tayloratkinsonphotoblog.com>



Rubber babies boost Pro-Life numbers

...and they make a great 4H project

DES MOINES—Iowa Right to Life had a very successful summer at the Iowa State Fair and numerous county fairs, conventions and other events.

A valuable tool in educating people on the beauty of life at its earliest stages, is our collection of 12 week baby models, that are true-to-weight and size. As you can see from the pictures on the previous page, both adults and children are in awe of the humanity and development of the babies. They change hearts on the abortion issue.

Especially rewarding are moms-to-be who are looking at the features of the models that are at the same stage as their own child in the womb.

Lots of work goes into wrapping the babies in little multi-colored blankets for distribution at events year-round and we would like to thank a few of the ones we know about:



Making a difference: Ruth Brandt (left) and Erma Lea Brammer (right) of Sheldon volunteer to wrap the 12 week baby models in cuddly blankets.

Thank you to the ladies of **Galilee Baptist Church** in Des Moines. Thank you to the teens of **Grace Community Church**, Pleasant Hill, who were able to wrap 1,000 of the babies. Thank you to Northwest Iowa Right to Life volunteers, including Ruth and Erma Lea (pictured) who purchased and wrapped another 1,000 babies.

And last, but not least, the children

of **Dave and Tracie Johnson of Sibley**, who turned wrapping babies into a 4H project, to show how easy it is to volunteer. (The judges loved it and they went on to the State Fair!)

You can help! Each baby model costs approximately \$1. Make an **online donation** at **lowaRTL.org**. If you prefer, donations can be mailed to our office at 1500 Illinois Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50314.

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

Every dog has his day

INDIANOLA—**Ruth Harkin**, speaking at her husband's **Tom Harkin**

Steak Fry Democratic fundraiser on 9/14/14 introduced her family from the podium:

"First, Jenny Harkin, she is with our granddog Ollie..."



At IRTL, we love dogs and other animals, too. But the Harkins' human grandchildren that played second fiddle to the granddog have our sympathy. Maybe it's not a bad thing. If it inspired more people at the Steak Fry to write checks to animal rescue causes instead of Planned Parenthood, then we wag our tails in approval.

Trying to be Fry at the Fry

INDIANOLA—Also at the Steak Fry, we noticed Chicago-born **Hillary Clinton** kept saying, "Ah-Wa." Who does she think she is? Hayden Fry?

Maybe like husband **Bill**, her southern accent gets a little thicker when she thinks she's talking to hayseeds. Note to Hillary: lowans are a lot smarter than you think. That's why you came in third.

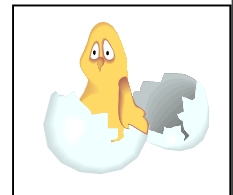


Women are watching the men

DES MOINES—The new Planned Parenthood "*Women are Watching*" banners being used at candidate events in Iowa looks like it says, "*Men Watching*." Didn't anybody look at the proof before these things went to the printer? LOL!

Hatch on Obamacare?

DES MOINES—After a Polk County District Judge upheld the Iowa Board of Medicine's decision to ban webcam abortions, gubernatorial candidate **Jack Hatch** weighed in:



"I believe we should free doctors and providers from burdensome regulation and allow them to do what they do best: practice medicine," Hatch wrote to the *Des Moines Register*. ("Judge rules against use of telemed abortion system," *Des Moines Register*, 8/19/14)

Free doctors from burdensome regulation and allow them to practice medicine? Then Jack Hatch must be against Obamacare, right? He's not, but it may be a moot point.

InnerVisions launches new group for Pro-Life nurses



InnerVisions HealthCare
An unPlanned Pregnancy and STD Medical Clinic

InnerVisions HealthCare appreciates nurses. Therefore, they are creating an independent volunteer organization called:

IOWA NURSES FOR LIFE (INFL)

Any nurse is welcome to come and learn more about this opportunity

- What should it be?
- How should it look?
- What should it provide?
- When should it meet?

INFL is a volunteer organization of nurses dedicated to promoting life from conception until natural death.

Benefits of Participation:

- Fellowship and networking opportunities with other Pro-Life nurses
- Updates on Pro-Life issues and upcoming events
- Educational Opportunities

First Information Meeting:

Monday, October 20, 2014, 6:30pm
1355-50th Street Suite 400
West Des Moines, Iowa
515.440.2273

Come network with other Pro-Life nurses as **Jenifer Bowen, Executive Director of Iowa Right to Life**, speaks about the life issues in Iowa and how you can be a part of the change!



Perform Service Hours with Iowa Right to Life!

Earn service hours for school or for a Confirmation program. Or just because it's the right thing to do!

For more information, contact us at iowa@iowaRTL.org or call 515.244.1012.



Embrace Life: so many ways to get involved

Life Chain

Sunday, October 5, 2014, 2:00-3:30pm

Locations across Iowa

Pro-lifers across Iowa form "Life Chains" along a busy street to demonstrate their support for life.

Signs available at the Life Chains. In Central Iowa, meet on Merle Hay Road, Des Moines (between First Assembly of God and St. Theresa's Catholic Church.)



40 Days for Life

September 24-November 2, 2014

Locations throughout Iowa

40 Days for Life is the peaceful prayer vigil outside abortion clinics across the world. Join us:

www.40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns

Midwest March for Life

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Des Moines, Iowa

With Keynote Speaker, national Pro-Life Apologist, Josh Brahm of Equal Rights Institute.



March for Life

Thursday, January 22, 2015

Washington D.C.

The sea of Pro-Life people that just keeps on coming will take your breath away. Go once and you will want to go back every year.
www.MarchforLife.org



For more information, please visit www.iowaRTL.org.

Pro-Life movement alive on campuses in Iowa

Fred Barnes was right. The Pro-Life movement is young, vibrant and growing. For proof, just look at all the Pro-Life groups springing up on the college campuses throughout the state.

These students often face hostility from anti-life faculty and abortion activists. But they press on with optimism and perseverance. Isn't that what life is all about?

Students for Life at Iowa State University



The Students for Life at Iowa State were welcomed back to campus with a **Welcome Picnic** from **St. Cecilia's Sanctuary of Human Life Committee** in Ames on September 6.

They are looking forward to the **Life Chain** on Sunday,

October 5 in Ames at 11:30am and meeting in the MU Parking Lot.

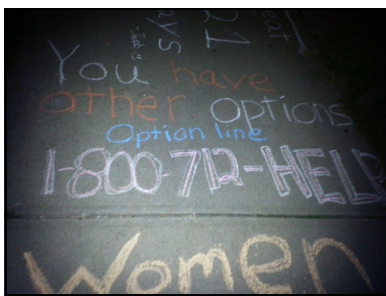
The Students for Life at ISU are already making plans to go to the **2015 March for Life** in Washington D.C.



David Cordaro, President of Students for Life at Iowa State, is also part of **IRTL's Speakers Bureau**.

Students for Life at the University of Iowa

The Students for Life at the U of Iowa hit the ground running by taking part in the **University Pick One Expo** to recruit new members.



The Students for Life at the U of Iowa also do "sidewalk chalking" regularly outside the **Emma Goldman** abortion center in Iowa City, leaving Pro-Life messages on the sidewalk, such as abortion alternatives.

The group also took part in the **Out of the Darkness Walk** for suicide prevention on September 14 at the Terry Trueblood Recreation Center.

DMACC Students for Life

DMACC Students for Life maintain a peaceful presence outside the Susan Knapp Planned Parenthood in the Drake University neighborhood once a week. In



AGAPE pregnancy centers.

the past, they have taken part in the **40 Days for Life** peaceful prayer vigil outside of Planned Parenthood in Ankeny, which is now closed.

The DMACC Students for Life will be hosting a **Leap for Life 5K Run** in the spring to raise funds for **InnerVisions** and

Loras College Duhawks for Life

Loras College's Duhawks for Life starts off the year with a recruiting table at **Campus-fest** and they also have monthly meetings.

Their activities include a peaceful presence outside Planned Parenthood in Dubuque, an annual Pro-Life banquet and a day of silent solidarity. They also host many guest Pro-Life speakers throughout the year.



University of Northern Iowa Students for Life



The UNI Students for Life host an awesome diaper drive in the spring, where they go door-to-door in Cedar Falls. They host guest speakers and also participate in the **March for Life** in Washington D.C.

Simpson College Students for Life

Simpson College Students for Life is close to our hearts, because that is where we found **Kendra Burger**, one of our most tireless workers and a member of the **IRTL Speakers Bureau**.



There are also Pro-Life groups at **Des Moines University** and **Creighton University**. (We know Creighton is in Nebraska. But we mention them, too, as they are hosting **Alveda King** in October.)

Have some news about your college or high school Pro-Life group? Send it to us at iowa@iowaRTL.org.

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PAC-man fever: see who's getting the most PAC money

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twice that against Ernst? Looks like the larger problem is fat-cat big spending pro-abortion Democrats.

Pro-abortion Rep. **Dave Loeb sack**, incumbent in the race for Iowa's 2nd Congressional District, has \$551,100 in PAC contributions—over 50% of his total contributions vs. **Mariannette Miller-Meeks'** \$39,000 in PAC money.

Abortion activist candidate **Staci Appel** (wife of Iowa Supreme Court Justice **Brent Appel**—just sayin', since her website doesn't, for some reason),



earned more than three times the PAC money than her Republican opponent **David Young**. Appel netted

\$293,438 in PAC money, compared to Young's \$82,891.

More noteworthy is Appel's top PAC contributor: **Emily's List**, which focuses solely getting radically pro-abortion women elected. Emily's List boosted Appel's coffers with a \$69,665 contribution. If you think Appel's going to reach across the aisles on the life issue, think again.

David Young's top contributor was Senator **Chuck Grassley's** Hawkeye PAC, with \$15,000.



To understand how far outside the mainstream Emily's List is, you must understand their leader. Emily's List President, **Stephanie Schriock**, previously managed the 2008 Senatorial campaign of Minnesota way left Sen. **Al Franken**.

Appel's third largest donor was Des Moines-based **Knapp Properties** with \$11,150. The Knapps are notorious for their support of Planned Parenthood in Iowa and owner **Bill Knapp's** wife, **Susan Knapp**, even has a Planned Parenthood center in Des Moines named for her in the **Drake University** neighborhood.

But that is just the beginning. There was even more pro-abortion money to be had.

More Pro-Abort PAC money

NARAL Pro-Choice America PAC

Staci Appel	\$5,000
Bruce Braley	\$5,000

Planned Parenthood Action Fund Inc. PAC

Bruce Braley	\$5,340
Staci Appel	\$1,088

Washington Women for Choice PAC

Bruce Braley	\$5,000
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Emily's List PAC (in addition to the \$69,665 received from Emily's List)

Staci Appel	\$5,000
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Nancy Pelosi's PAC to the Future

Staci Appel	\$10,000
Jim Mowrer	\$ 5,000
Pat Murphy	\$ 5,000
Dave Loeb sack	\$ 2,000

Debbie Wasserman-Schultz's Democrats Win Seats PAC

Bruce Braley	\$5,000
Pat Murphy	\$5,000
Staci Appel	\$2,500
Dave Loeb sack	\$1,000
Jim Mowrer	\$1,000

Braley also received **\$10,000 each** from PACs run by darlings of the abortion industry: **Senators Harry Reid (D-NV), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Dick Durban (D-IL), Charles**

Schumer (D-NY), Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Al Franken (D-MN).

From Braley's own Bringing Leadership Back PAC

Dave Loeb sack	\$10,000
Pat Murphy	\$ 5,000
Jim Mowrer	\$ 1,000
Staci Appel	\$ 1,000

(Sorry Staci—don't you know there's a *War on Women* going on?)

Republican **Rod Blum**, challenging Democrat **Pat Murphy** for Braley's former House seat, in District 1, has the least PAC money of the House races at \$21,000. Murphy's \$201,572 in PAC contributions seems hefty by comparison.

Only Republican

Rep. Steve King

had more PAC contributions than his pro-abortion opponent—and just barely. King had \$235,824 in PAC contributions compared to Democrat



Jim Mowrer's

\$195,668. Still, Mowrer has three times as much as Steve King in out-of-state contributions: \$328,008 for Mowrer vs. King's \$101,780.

77% of King's contributions were from Iowa vs. only 50% of Mowrer's contributions from Iowa.

So the next time you see a Letter to the Editor in your local paper or online comments bemoaning **Joni Ernst** and the **Koch Brothers**, don't stay silent. Write them and fight back. The pro-abortion Democrats have cornered the market on PAC money.

To find even more, go to www.OpenSecrets.org.