

Brill Encourages '40 Days for Life' Participation

SHEBOYGAN — The Sheboygan County “40 Days for Life” campaign got a pep talk Sunday from state legislator Lindee Rae Brill.

Brill describes herself as a “life begins at conception” person and that’s the message she brings to the Wisconsin State Assembly in Madison. But she stressed how important it is for more people to get involved with “40 Days for Life” in Sheboygan.

The current campaign, which began on Feb. 18, runs until March 29. Each day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. volunteers stand on the sidewalk at the southeast corner of S. Taylor Dr. and New Jersey Ave. in Sheboygan (outside the Planned Parenthood headquarters).

Brill said the Sheboygan PP site performs abortions using the abortion pill, estimating the number at 100 to 140 per year. “Every year we lose that many in Sheboygan County,” she said.

The procedure requires the use of two pills. The first one (mifepristone) stops the growth of the baby. The second one (misoprostel) is taken within 48 hours and causes cramping and bleeding to expel the baby.

However, if the mother changes her mind before taking the second pill, the baby can be saved if she takes the abortion reversal pill.

The abortion pill reversal hotline is 1-877-558-0333.

Anyone with questions should contact the Anchor of Hope Health Centers in Sheboygan (1018 S. Taylor Dr.) or in Plymouth (515 E. Mill St., Door 8). Text or call 920/452-4673 or 1-800-712-4357.

Other locations include Lilies of Hope in Grafton 262/274-6304 and Seed of Hope in West Bend 262/338-1205.

Brill described the abortion reversal pill as an “absolute miracle.”

How Brill Got Involved

Brill said she grew up in a pro-life family. She graduated from Oostburg High School and gave her life to Christ at age 16.

Next she attended a Christian college, but she began to hear the message that: “It wasn’t my place to make a choice for another woman.”

She describes her life from age 18 to 30 as the “gap years.” “I didn’t live out what Christ tells us to do,” Brill said. “I maybe could have done more.”

She still remembers a message delivered by the Rev. Brian Jacobson, then the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Oostburg. He said: “You can’t be Christian and be pro-choice.”

That day she got involved with Anchor of Hope. She served on the board and worked in marketing. “Our society does not provide a pro-life message,” she said.

The next chapter of her life unfolded when some citizens asked Brill to run for public office. “I started to pray about it,” she said. “My home had to come first.” Brill did decide to run for the Wisconsin Assembly. “I won my primary barely,” she recalls.

Brill is serving her first term in Madison and she is an outspoken pro-life voice in the Assembly. Recently she participated in the March for Life in Washington, D.C., and spoke at the National Pro-Life Summit.

“It was so phenomenal,” she said. “The world out there is loud and it hates life. But the Gen Z generation knows that life begins at conception.”

Brill pointed out that the pro-life movement goes all the way



Lindee Rae Brill wears the sign her late mother wore as a 40 Days for Life participant.

back to Moses, the Hebrew baby hidden in the Nile by his mother and then raised as an Egyptian prince.

“We need to be the voice of God here — we can be like Moses’ mom,” Brill continued.

“We need to create a landscape in Wisconsin where abortion is unthinkable,” she said. “When you’re called an extremist here because you don’t want to kill children, that’s a problem.”

Folks Asked to Participate

Sunday’s rally at the Knights of Columbus Hall included a discussion about what the 40 Days for Life participants encounter. This is the 16th campaign in Sheboygan.

Following the Dobbs decision by the U.S. Supreme Court abortion was not available in Wisconsin for 15 months (June 2022 to September 2023).

On July 2, 2025 the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down the old state law that criminalized almost all abortions.

Wisconsin still has restric-

tions, such as a 2015 state law that prohibits most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

Sunday’s opening and closing prayers were led by Fr. Michael Lawinger, pastor of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Sheboygan Falls and St. John the Evangelist in Kohler.

Also present were Pastor John Berg of Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheboygan and Pastor Daniel Babel of Bethel Baptist Church in Sheboygan.

Mike Kaffine, a core committee member of 40 Days for Life, welcomed more people to get involved. “It’s all about prayer, fasting and a peaceful vigil,” he said. “This is the world’s largest grassroots effort to end abortion. You don’t have to be a hero — just go out there.”

• For information about the Sheboygan campaign, visit: www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan.

For more information about the Sheboygan campaign, contact Germaine Souik at ggsouik@gmail.com or 920/458-9120.

Next ‘Second Saturday’ Explores the Monfils 6 Case

The “Second Saturdays” series continues with “The Monfils 6 Case: 30 Years Later” on March 14, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Plymouth Arts Center, 520 E. Mill St., Plymouth.

Joe Verdegan will discuss his anticipated book (by the same name), which explores one of the highest profile cases in Brown County history. Six Green Bay workers were convicted in the James River Paper Mill death of Tom Monfils. His body was found at the bottom of a paper mill vat in November 1992. Each received a life sentence following a six-week trial in the fall of 2005.

For more information about the free program contact the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center 920/467-4667.

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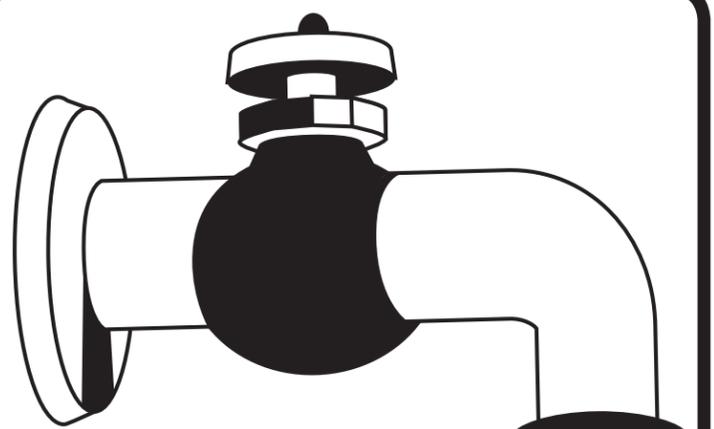
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