

Endorsements

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lon, an incumbent Republican councilman in Greece up for re-election this year. Like Lapple, Neilson garnered the Right to Life line in a write-in primary, and said he chose to do so as a way of encouraging other politicians to take a similar stand.

"As far as putting it on the line, they all seem to run the other way," Neilson said of politicians' stands on abortion. "I think I will win my election, and I think I will demonstrate to other officials to take positions."

Neilson would not predict whether his public pro-life stance will help him or hurt him in November, however. "I'll tell you the day after the election," he said with a

laugh.

Neilson's Democratic challenger, Raymond S. DiRaddo, is also running on the local Conservative Party line. Local Conservatives have a pro-life platform, DiRaddo commented, explaining his decision not to seek the Right to Life endorsement.

"I'm pro-life," DiRaddo said. "I'm not ashamed to admit it." He said that Neilson's decision to seek the Right to Life endorsement was probably motivated by a sincere anti-abortion stance and also by the simple desire to have another line on the ballot.

"I think having another line on the ballot is politically motivated," he said. "It's one way to kill two birds with one stone."

DiRaddo expressed some reservations about seeking the endorsement of single-issue parties, but he added that they serve an important symbolic purpose.

Sending a signal to Albany and Washington was the purpose behind Right-to-Lifer

Nancy W. Smith's run for the seat of Cayuga County's 15th legislative district. Neither of her opponents wanted the Right to Life endorsement, Smith said, asserting that she ran simply to give a voice to the five registered Right-to-Lifers in her district.

"If it's just for the five of us, we deserve a choice," Smith said. "I know it doesn't make much difference in the whole scheme of things, but we still feel like we needed a choice."

Although Smith's fellow challenger in the race stands on the opposite side of the abortion issue, he agreed that abortion has a place in local politics. "I really think people have a right to know," said Democrat Tom Ostrander. "Some (politicians) are ducking the issue."

"If you had to pin me down, I'm not pro-abortion or anti-abortion," Ostrander said. "I'm pro-choice."

He also said that local party leaders had never pressured him to take a stand either way. "I honestly can say I've never been pressured by anyone, and if I was I'd tell them to go straight to hell."

Chester Palega, the Republican incumbent in the 15th district, also described himself as pro-choice. Unlike Ostrander, he said the question of abortion is out of place in county races. "I haven't sought

the Right to Life endorsement and I think at this level it doesn't apply," he said.

Palega also criticized the Right to Life Party for focusing on abortion. "There are other things in this world, (like) imbalance of trade. If we don't get these solved, we won't be able to worry about (abortion)," he said.

Yet, for pro-life proponents, abortion is a central issue because it deals with what they consider to be a fundamental right — the right of the unborn to live.

"Anybody who has no respect for life has no respect for a lot of things," said Nichols, noting that she has no patience for the pro-choice stand.

Nor does Lapple's wife Jean, a long-time Right to Life activist. "When someone says they're pro-choice, they're saying, 'Yes, I choose to kill the unborn baby,'" she said.

Whatever positions candidates claim, Neilson pointed out, they no longer have the luxury of evading the controversial abortion debate in the wake of this summer's Supreme Court decision. "I think it's an issue that you will not be allowed to stand on the lines of," he said.

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• Fall Foliage Spectacle Canoe Rentals (fee)	Port of Rochester, County Boat Launch	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
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• River Gorge Raft Float (fee) Register in advance	Turning Point Park end of Boxart St. off Lake Ave.	10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
• Pumpkin Decorating Contest	Port of Rochester Warehouse #3 (Judging at 2 p.m.)	1-3 p.m.
• Charlotte Lighthouse Tours & Open House	Holy Cross Church parking lot 4492 Lake Avenue	1-4 p.m.
• Nate Rawls Big Band Dance/Concert	Port of Rochester Warehouse #3	1-4 p.m.
• Sausage & Corn Roast (fee)	Port of Rochester Warehouse #3	1-4 p.m.
• Antique Fire Truck Display	Port of Rochester	1-4 p.m.
• Hiking Tours: -Turning Point Park -Maplewood Park -Seneca Park -Holy Sepulchre Cemetery	(parking lot) (Rose Garden) (zoo parking lot) (chapel)	2 p.m.
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