 **Erie County Right to Life**

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**\*Summer Festivals and Fair Time\***



**-Above, long time ECRTL supporters Mindy and Tom Edwards volunteered at the Vermilion Fish Festival. Photo submitted by Kim Johnston**

**Thanks to many of you, ECRTL has been out in the community this summer, giving witness to the RIGHT to LIFE!!! ECRTL’s Festivals and Fair Committee chairwoman Kim Johnston and her team have taken the updated ECRTL booth to the Vermilion Fish Festival in June, to the July 4th Sandusky Stars and Stripes, and to the Castalia Cold Creek Festival in July. Kim reports that the Plinko game continues to be a big draw to our booth for children, which brings parents to the booth to look at our displays. Teens and young adults have stopped by, Kim says, to ask questions, and to check out our posters and new fetal models, too. We need YOUR help to bring the Right to Life message to our community! CAN YOU SPARE TWO HOURS TO HELP OUT? Coming up soon are: Erie County Fair - August 4 – 10, and
Wooly Bear Festival in Vermilion –October 5. To volunteer, please contact Kim Johnston at 419-271-3086.**

**\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\* Saturday October 25, 2025**

**ECRTL Annual Prayer Breakfast**

**10 am to 12:30 p.m.**

**@Holy Angels Church Hall**

**428 Tiffin Ave., Sandusky**

***Speakers include:***

 **Dr. Anthereca Lane, Board Member from American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians & Gynecologista (AAPLOG) speaking on the Abortion Pill and Reversal;**

**Ed Sitter, Toledo Foundation for Life, speaking on IVF;**

 **and Aisha Taylor, author of “Navigating the Impossible: A Survival Guide for Single Moms”**

**This is a FREE event!!!**

 **Please register now at: eriecountyrighttolife.org**

**\*Preemie born at 21 Weeks\***

**Baby Nash weighed 10 ounces when he was born at 21 weeks. The expert neonatal team at the University of Iowa Health Care Stead Family Children’s Hospital cared for him and on July 5, Nash and his family celebrated his 1st birthday!!! He is now in the Guinness Book of World Records as the youngest preemie ever to survive! Read his beautiful story at*: uihc.org/childrens/patient-story/iowa-boy-born-21-weeks-now-worlds-most-premature-baby***

**Not every hospital has an expert neonatal team. Arkansas Senator Tom Cotton and several of his Senate colleagues believe that an expectant family should be informed prior to birth of the possibly life-saving care for preemies available in area hospitals. Sen. Cotton recently introduced a bill called the Neonatal Care Transparency Act that would do just that. For more: *www.cotton.senate.gov/news/press-releases/cotton-colleagues-introduce-legislation-to-increase-hospital-transparency-for-new-and-expecting-parents***

**\*Planned Parenthood Facilities Closing\***

**Planned Parenthood is closing clinics all across the country! Their largest facility was closed in March, a 43,365 square foot-building in New York City, on Bleeker Street in Manhattan, and sold with an asking price of $39 million. More than two dozen other Planned Parenthood clinics around the country have closed this year, including two in the Cincinnati area. The Cleveland Planned Parenthood clinic on Euclid Ave. closed the end of June. Planned Parenthood says that “compounding financial and political challenges” are causing the closings. Federal funding to Planned Parenthood being cut by the Trump administration is a major reason for the closings. As expected, the courts are busy with all this! In June, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Medina vs Planned Parenthood* that states have the right to limit Medicaid dollars from going to facilities that provide abortions. Back story of this case: For nearly five decades, the Hyde Amendment has prohibited government use of taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions. But former President Biden signed two executive orders that in effect allowed federal money to pay for abortions and to pay for women to travel to states that allow abortions. In January, President Trump rescinded those Biden executive orders and signed an Executive Order to end the use of Federal taxpayer dollars to fund or promote elective abortion. On July 4, President Trump signed into law a new tax bill that ends Medicaid funding to non-profit abortion clinics, no matter what other health-related services they offer. But, on July 28, a judge ruled that Planned Parenthood clinics must continue to receive Medicaid money. Hard to keep it all straight!! Check out the following links, for more info on all of this!** [***www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/265607/world-s-largest-planned-parenthood-clinic-to-close-due-to-lack-of-funding***](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/265607/world-s-largest-planned-parenthood-clinic-to-close-due-to-lack-of-funding) **closing of largest PP facility, in Manhattan;** [***www.wlwt.com/article/planned-parenthood-2-ohio-clinic-closures-medicaid-cuts/65438148***](http://www.wlwt.com/article/planned-parenthood-2-ohio-clinic-closures-medicaid-cuts/65438148) **two PP clinics near Cincinnati closing; *cbn.com/news/us/2-dozen-planned-parenthood-facilities-close-across-us-win-babies* PP closing more than 2 dozen facilities;** [***www.nytimes.com/2025/07/28/us/politics/planned-parenthood-medicaid-trump.html***](http://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/28/us/politics/planned-parenthood-medicaid-trump.html) **latest injunction**

***\*\*Check out our updated website at: eriecountyrighttolife.org***

**\*Erie County Right to Life Meetings\***

**D. J. Swearingen, our 89th Ohio House District Representative, will attend our August general meeting, to discuss recent and upcoming state legislation regarding Life issues.**

**Monday August 11**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Calvary Baptist Church**

 **at the Family Life Center behind the church**

**1810 E. Perkins Ave., Sandusky**

**Please Come!!**

**Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. NEXT MEETINGS are August 11, September 8, and October 13 at Calvary Baptist Church, Family Life Center, 1810 E. Perkins Ave., Sandusky.**

**\*Local Pregnancy Resource Centers\***

\*\*\***Abigail Pregnancy Services**, 3900 Laylin Rd., Norwalk. **Call 419-668-9500**

**APS received $30,000 from their June Walk Fundraiser!! Thanks to all who contributed!!**

\*\*\***Heartbeat of Sandusky**, 3423 Columbus Ave.

 **Call 419-625-9511**

**\*Sandusky/Huron Knights of Columbus**

 **Walk/Run for Life\***

**Sat. Oct. 18**

**9 a.m.**

**Sandusky Sailing Club, 814 E. Water St., Sandusky**

**Proceeds will be divided evenly between Heartbeat of Sandusky and Abigail Pregnancy Services. (Last year each group received $4200 from this event!! Goal this year is to raise $10,000, again to be divided evenly between the two groups.)**

**For more info and to register/donate: *kofcsandusky.org/prolife5k.html***

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