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**\*Bringing America Back to Life\***



 **On Friday March 7, eleven ECRTL officers and supporters travelled to Independence, Ohio, to attend the Bringing America Back to Life Pro-Life Convention, presented by Cleveland Right to Life. Speakers included: John-Henry Weston, co-founder and CEO of LifeSiteNews.com; Dr. Mirriam Grossman, child, adolescent, and adult psychiatrist; and Jason James, film producer (*Bella,* 2006, among others), activist and human rights worker.**

 **In Weston’s talk, “Making the Church Great Again”, he paraphrased Bishop Joseph Strickland to say that we need 1st century mentality and fervor (referring to the first Christians) in a 21st century world. Dr. Grossman spoke on the history of and inherent problems with so-called gender-affirming care. For more info*: donoharmmedicine.org*** **Jason James, speaking of his work among minorities in the Middle East, said that we must stand with a Culture of Life against brutal ideologies. Those who attended BABL want to thank Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio (RTLACO) for sponsoring our attendance!**

***\*\*Remember Ryan Bomberger from the ECRTL October Prayer Brunch? Check out his recent op-ed on what he has to say about DEI, or Diversity ,Equity, and Inclusion: radiancefoundation.org/deimustdie/***

**\*It's Almost Festivals and Fair Time\***

**ECRTL’s Festivals and Fair committee has been working to update our table display, and to reserve space at the summer events. Here’s our schedule so far:**

**Vermilion Fish Festival - June 13-15

July 4th Sandusky Stars & Stripes

Castalia Cold Creek Festival - held 3rd weekend in July

Erie County Fair - Aug 4 - 9

Wooly Bear Festival in Vermilion – date to be announced**

**Lots more information will be coming! We need YOUR help to bring the Right to Life message to our community! Please contact Kim Johnston to volunteer to help with one, or more!, of these events!**

***The following two articles are on topics that were addressed at BABL—good for us all to know!***

**\*Fetal Cells and Cosmetics\***

**Although no American cosmetic companies were using fetal cells in the production of their products as of January 2022, several European cosmetic companies have been using fetal cells since the mid 1980s. For an excellent overview of this topic, go to:** [***www.hli.org/resources/cosmetics-that-use-fetal-tissue/***](http://www.hli.org/resources/cosmetics-that-use-fetal-tissue/)**However, Neocutis, a Swiss cosmetic company with headquarters in San Francisco, does make several products that use fetal cells. (Neocutis is a subsidiary of Merz, another cosmetic company, based in Germany.) See their website for the names of these products:** [***www.neocutis.com/contact/***](http://www.neocutis.com/contact/)

**\*What About IVF?\***

 **“The number of human beings living in freezers in the United States now outnumbers the population of Dallas, Texas.” WHAT? The American Society for Reproductive Medicine estimates there are 1.5 million frozen human embryos in the U.S.; population of Dallas is about 1.3 million people. In vitro fertilization, or IVF, is a procedure in which a  man’s sperm and a woman’s eggs are combined outside the body in a laboratory dish. Then one or more of the fertilized eggs, or embryos, can be transferred into a woman’s uterus where the embryo (baby) can grow for about nine months until the time of birth. Each sperm and egg that unite in that laboratory dish--in other words--each fertilized egg or embryo, is a unique human being. Preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) can be done on an embryo to determine the sex of the baby, as well as genetic characteristics including genetic abnormalities. The parents can choose which embryo(s) they wish to have implanted into the woman’s uterus. The “extra” embryos (babies) are then either discarded, or frozen for potentially later implantation. So, that is how we come to have 1.5 million human beings (frozen embryos) living in freezers—in a cryogenic state—in our country! For many couples who long to have a child, but have not been able to conceive, IVF seems like a dream come true. But, what about all those discarded or frozen embryos (babies)? President Trump recently signed an executive order to promote IVF. Another, more ethical, option is NaPro Technology, or Natural Procreative Technology. With NaPro Technology, the underlying cause(s) of a couple’s infertility are determined and corrected. No embryos are created in a laboratory; the goal is for the couple to naturally conceive a baby. Considering the right to life, there are lots of concerns with IVF that need to be addressed. To learn more about this important topic, check out the following links:** [***www.dailysignal.com/2025/03/02/humans-must-not-be-sex-selected-frozen-discarded/***](http://www.dailysignal.com/2025/03/02/humans-must-not-be-sex-selected-frozen-discarded/) ***and*** [***www.sart.org***](http://www.sart.org) ***and*** [***www.fertilitycare.org***](http://www.fertilitycare.org) ***and*** [***www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/02/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-expands-access-to-in-vitro-fertilization-ivf/***](http://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/02/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-expands-access-to-in-vitro-fertilization-ivf/) ***and*** [***www.usccb.org/news/2025/ivf-destroys-human-life-bishops-urge-ethical-alternatives***](http://www.usccb.org/news/2025/ivf-destroys-human-life-bishops-urge-ethical-alternatives)

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

**are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. NEXT MEETINGS are April 14, May 12, and June9 at Calvary Baptist Church, Family Life Center, 1810 E. Perkins Ave., Sandusky.**

**YOU are WELCOME! PLEASE COME!**

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

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

Follow Abigail on Facebook: facebook.com/AbigailPregnancyServices

**Abigail is looking for a volunteer receptionist at our Willard location on Tuesday afternoons. If you are interested, please call the above #.**

\*\*\***Heartbeat of Sandusky**, 3423 Columbus Ave.,. **Call 419-625-9511**

**Heartbeat of Sandusky Pregnancy Center**

**Fundraiser**

**MASON JAR JAM**

**Tuesday April 15**

**Doors open at 5:30 p.m.**

**New Life Church, 4013 Columbus Ave., Sandusky**

**Silent Auction, Grab Bags, Raffles,**

**Food & Drinks available ($)**

**Tickets $10 in advance, $13 at the door**

**Call # above for more info!**

**\*Upcoming Events\***

**\*40 Days for Life\***

**Erie County Right to Life will be supporting the 40 Days for Life campaign in Toledo by claiming**

**Saturday April 12.**

**ECRTL has committed to covering all the hours of the vigil of prayer on that day—7 a.m. to 7 p.m.-- at the only remaining abortion facility in northwest Ohio, Toledo Women’s Center, 1160 W. Sylvania Ave, Toledo.**

 **March 5 through April 13 are the dates for the national Spring 2025 40 Days for Life prayer campaign. Please consider offering prayers during these days for Mothers considering abortion.**

**\***[**Prolife Movie Night**](https://foundationforlife-bloom.kindful.com/e/prolife-movie-night)**\***

**Apr 24, 2025, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**@Maumee Indoor Theater, 601 Conant St, Maumee, OH 43537. Join Foundation for Life for our free annual movie night! Our featured film is The 1916 Project. We will also present awards to the winners of our prolife student contest. We look forward to seeing you!!**

***\*\*Tune in to Castalia Radio station WGGN, FM97.7, for Christiam music and news, including ECRTL news!!***