Van Buren County Right to Life

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NEWSLETTER

Focus on Life Dinner

Save the Date: October 14, 2024 Speaker: Ken Stults More details coming soon!!

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Right to Life of Michigan

Political Action Committee endorsements.

To advocate for life affirming policies at the federal level the PAC endorsed in the 4th Congressional District Congressman Bill Huizenga.

To take back control of the House for Michigan families and parents the PAC endorsed Kevin Whiteford for the 38th State House District and Pauline Wendzel for the 39th State House District.

Statewide in-person voting for the August 6 primary starts on July 27. (In some areas, early voting begins as early as July 7!) Please remember to vote for Huizenga, Whiteford and Wendzel and...tell your friends and family to do the same!

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Ways you can help....

Volunteers needed for the following upcoming events:

Information Table at the Strawberry Festival in Hartford, June 7 & 8

Father's Day Bake Sale at the Harding's in Bangor, June 15th. Donations of baked goods needed. Please drop them off at Harding's by 8 am.

Van Buren County Youth Fair, July 15th – 21st. Help needed to staff our booth.

Information Table at the Blueberry Festival, August 10th & 11th in South Haven.

Information Table at the Paw Paw Wine Festival September 6th & 7th.

Please contact Jamie at 269-547-4815 if you can help us with any of these activities.

Thank you!

Van Buren County RTL Board News:

Welcome Dave Johnson to the Board of Directors! Dave is our new Secretary.

If anyone is interested in joining the VBCRTL board, please call Rob Karrer at 269-599-4954, or email him at rckarrer@sbcglobal.net

Parental Consent

Parents in Michigan should be on notice! The Governor and her allies in the state legislature are determined to further chip away at parental rights, intent on overturning parental consent for a minor girl seeking an abortion in Michigan.

This is not the first time that parental consent for abortions has been threatened in Michigan. Last summer, abortion activists and legislators stated through various news outlets that they support the repeal or intend to repeal parental consent for abortions.

On Tuesday, March 26, when referring to the Reproductive Health Act, Governor Gretchen Whitmer told Michigan Public Radio the removal of parental consent for abortion "was a part of the original package, and I was advocating for the whole package to get to my desk..."

Doing so flouts the will of Michigan voters. Parental consent for a minor girl seeking an abortion is supported by 70 % of Michigan voters according to a Marketing Resource Group poll that was conducted last fall.

The ACLU and the Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health (MOASH) released a report, "In Harms Way" on March 28 that is actively seeking to remove parents from one of the most important decisions a minor girl could face, one that everyone acknowledges will have a lifelong impact regardless of the decision.

Currently, minors seeking an abortion must get a parent's consent or seek a judicial bypass prior to obtaining an abortion.

The Parental Consent for Abortion Law has been the law of the land since 1990. The law was put into place through a citizen initiative petition, meaning Michiganders gathered together to collectively fight for the rights of parents and the protection of children. Without this law, parents could be completely taken out of the equation when it comes to a dangerous drug/surgery.

Now is the time to inform your family, friends, and community to let them know how dangerous this is for children and parents.

ABORT, IMPORT AND DISTORT??

by Jack Bley, Vice President, Van Buren Co. RTL

Governor Whitmer's Executive Order #2023-4 created the "Growing Michigan Together Council" in the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity because Michigan is losing population and may soon drop another seat in the House of Representatives. Her order states: "Children playing with blocks today will be the workers, designers, and engineers of tomorrow, building bridges and defining the skylines of cities right here in Michigan."

Children? Where do they come from we must wonder? Surely our "abortion by any means, at any time" governor must know that a fertilized human egg becomes a zygote which becomes a fetus which becomes a child playing with blocks because she believes in SCIENCE as was in evidence during the Covid lockdowns a few years ago. Perhaps the out-of-state women who are being encouraged to come to Michigan to have abortions will hang around and boost our census numbers? Maybe promoting illegal immigration is the answer? Maybe calling abortion a "life-saving procedure" is the governor's way of convincing us that down is really up?

No, the most non-hypocritical way to "Grow Michigan" is to encourage and support traditional two parent families, provide funding for pregnancy resource centers (the governor vetoed that 2 years ago), and to let the babies be born so that they can become those children playing with blocks.

Finally, be aware that there is legislation pending that will legalize assisted suicide in Michigan. This, too, is supported by our governor and by her minions who now control the legislature. How can killing Michiganders at either end of life's spectrum boost our sagging population?