



Livingston County Life-Line

Spring - Summer 2022

Gov. Whitmer orders state agencies, departments to protect abortion access in Michigan

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In the latest move to bolster abortion rights in Michigan if Roe v. Wade is overturned, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on May 25 directed state agencies to “take steps to protect reproductive rights” and to not cooperate with future abortion prosecutions.

Per the directive, the state officials must consider how they can protect and increase availability to mental, physical and reproductive health; safeguard people’s health care privacy, including their data; and keep reproductive health care providers safe.

The U.S. Supreme Court later this year is expected to strike down the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that guarantees the right to abortion nationwide. In Michigan, abortion access in the absence of Roe could revert to a 1931 law that bans abortion except when the mother’s life is at risk. The person performing the abortion would also be charged with felony manslaughter, under the state law.

The governor’s directive does not include the word “abortion,” but does say state agency reviews must “Ensure care for individuals undergoing miscarriages.” The 1931 law refers to abortion as a “miscarriage.”

“I applaud Governor Whitmer for drawing a line in the sand and making clear no state of Michigan department or agency will aid in the persecution of women who would seek medical care in our state,” state attorney general Dana Nessel said in a statement. Nessel, Michigan’s top law enforcement official, has said she will not enforce the 1931 law.

Whitmer filed a lawsuit in April to ask the Michigan Supreme Court to resolve whether the state constitution protects abortion. And she has urged the U.S. Senate to codify Roe’s protections into federal law.

A ballot drive, the Reproductive Freedom for All initiative, is also circulating to make abortion a “fundamental right” enshrined in Michigan’s state constitution. For the proposed constitutional amendment to appear on the November ballot, petition circulators need to collect at least 425,059 signatures by July 11.

Anti-abortion advocates have criticized the proposed ballot measure as too broad because it does not specify an age limit and includes rights to other things like sterilization.

I NEVER WORRY ABOUT ACTION, BUT ONLY INACTION
-WINSTON CHURCHILL

Supreme Court reportedly votes to overturn Roe v. Wade, let states protect babies from abortion

By **Steven Ertlet**
National, May 2, 2022
Washington, D.C.



In a monumental decision that could finally end an era of abortion on demand and 63 million babies killed in abortions, the Supreme Court

has reportedly issued a decision overturning Roe v. Wade. This is according to a release of a draft of the decision.

“Roe was egregiously wrong from the start,” Justice Samuel Alito wrote in the draft opinion of the court dated Feb. 10, according to Politico.

According to Politico the decision is not final and could change but the leaked draft of the opinion has four justices — Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett — joined Alito while three — Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan — dissented.

“We hold that Roe and Casey must be overruled,” the opinion reportedly continued. **“It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people’s elected representatives.”**

Chief Justice John Roberts has yet to cast his vote and it is unknown which side he will vote with, Politico reported.

“It’s impossible to overstate the earthquake this will cause inside the Court, in terms of the destruction of trust among the Justices and staff,” SCOTUSblog tweeted Monday night. **“This leak is the gravest, most unforgivable sin.”**

STOP THE ABORTION AMENDMENT!

A committee called **Reproductive Freedom for All** is working to amend the Michigan Constitution. Led by **Planned Parenthood** and the **ACLU**, this committee’s amendment would create a new unlimited and unregulated right to abortion in our state.

This radical proposal is NOT about reproductive freedom, which already exists. This poorly-worded amendment would repeal dozens of state laws, including laws unrelated to abortion. It would affect any law related to pregnancy and abortion and does not exempt children.

To learn more visit supportMIwomenandchildren.org to read the amendment, what it would do to our state, and find more opportunities to get involved to help join the battle to stop this destructive amendment.

FROM THE BOARD: By the time you receive this newsletter many changes may have already happened—the Supreme Court decision returning abortion decisions back to the states; the results of the so-called “Reproductive Freedom for All” petition drive; the governor & attorney generals’ court challenges. We have information sheets and handouts at the office to share and educate others about the challenge to the Michigan Constitution. The 2022 primary is fast approaching, please encourage your prolife family and friends to register and vote in August (see page 7 for Right to Life of Michigan PAC endorsements). Our Precious Baby Contest is underway (page 5) and registration for this year’s Focus on Life Dinner is ongoing (page 3). Thank you for your continued support through these last two years.

Blessings,

—Right to Life Board of Directors—



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THIS ONGOING BATTLE?

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS:
Used to pay for billboards and educational materials

Concerned Pro-Lifer Any day, 2022

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Any Amount For Tax Deduction

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COUPON SALES:
Good all year



LEGACY GIFT:

For information about leaving a legacy gift to Right to Life of Michigan contact Barbara at:

brotary@rtl.org

You can also visit on the web at rtl.org/gift-planning.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Jason Woolford
President Mission Cry
www.missioncry.com

I would like to start off with a real-life story of a couple who underwent multiple attacks on their children. Their daughter at age ten was diagnosed with lupus. Two months later their son, at age seven, was diagnosed with a cancerous inoperable brain tumor. The parents of this story understood that there was power in the spoken Word of God & that by the stripes that Jesus took upon Him, that we were healed & faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen. When this diagnosis came, they never allowed the little “t” truth to trump the greater “T” truth found in the Word of God.

Two months later, their 10-year-old girl was healed of lupus & the tumor in the middle of the little boy's brain vanished. They were so happy, celebrating what God did & the miracles that He performed. Not too long after they would conceive. The seventh month of the baby being in the womb, they were called to the University of Michigan where they were counseled repeatedly on the importance of aborting this child because “it” was going to be born

deformed & with mental problems. It seemed as if this couple had another baby that would be doomed for sickness. However, this couple believed the Bible, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, & before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” They also understood the Ten Commandments & one of those was you shall not murder. Once they realized that they were being counseled to commit murder, they told the counselor that they were going to keep the baby regardless of how it would be born. They were going to pray & believe God for a miracle, but should it work out differently they understood that God created Life. This young couple left the hospital standing on God's Word understanding that regardless of how this situation turned out they were going to trust God & love this little girl who God formed in her mother's womb. I am happy to report that the baby was born perfectly healthy, three years ago she earned the title United States Marine & has a beautiful daughter named Genesis. If this couple would have listened to the doctors & destroyed the life of their daughter, they would have also missed out on their granddaughter.

I know this story very well because it is my story, with my wife & our three children. I want to remind you that

throughout history we have seen the devil & those that are not followers of God trying to destroy life. From Moses all the way up to just last year where we saw Governor Cuomo from New York celebrating as he signed the advancement of abortion with a stroke of his pen. We have seen politicians talk about how they care for the lives of people “especially during the pandemic” meanwhile passing legislation to further abortion agenda. This is a very real battle, & it is one that I will continue to FIGHT for on multiple levels. We need to train up people to love one another & their children because we live in a time where people have been told that some children are not a gift but a curse or they are not a human being.

It is so important that we get out & vote as Christians, as people who have a moral compass because there is a battle that is raging & that is to kill the unborn. You have power to go to a voting booth & have influence I'm asking you to choose life.

I believe that we will stand before God at a greater price because of the

freedoms & the availability that we have due to the power of a vote. You & I can make a difference on multiple platforms, by simply casting a vote. I pray God's blessing on you & thank you for fighting for the unborn.





**Right to Life - Livingston County
30th Annual
Focus on Life Dinner
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
6:30 - 9:30 pm
Crystal Gardens
5768 E. Grand River
Howell, MI**

**Featuring Guest Speaker
Bob Dutko**
Radio Host and Christian Apologist
with Emcee
Donna Alberta
of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church



BOB DUTKO is a Christian Apologist and a leading voice today in the fearless defense of Christian truth. Using logic, reason, science, history and factual evidence, he disarms the critics and equips believers. Bob hosts the nationally syndicated talk show "Defending the Truth with Bob Dutko", heard on radio stations nationwide.

In addition "The Bob Dutko Show", Detroit's #1 Christian Talk Radio Show, is heard daily on 103.5 FM – WMUZ. Bob is also the former National Press Secretary for the Christian Coalition of America. He is the creator of the "Top Ten Proofs" Christian Apologetics series. Bob has been married 39 years and has six sons and one daughter.

DONNA RAE ALBERTA - Director of Senior Care Ministry at Cornerstone Church. She has had a wide range of experience in the marketplace and in ministry at both the denominational and local levels.

Donna most recently enjoyed a brief time at Love INC of Livingston County as their Development Coordinator until her husband's passing. She was married to her high school sweetheart, Cornerstone's Senior Pastor Richard, for almost 50 years. Donna is the proud mother of four adult sons, has four wonderful daughters-in-love, and thirteen grandchildren. Her leisure activities include gardening, golfing, and enjoying her growing family.



____ Individual reservation \$55
____ Table of 10 for \$500 (Save \$50!)
____ Students \$30

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Together we are making a difference!

____ I am unable to attend but would support
the FOL dinner with a gift of \$ _____

Dinner reservations are not tax-deductible

Registration begins at 6:00 pm

For additional information call
810/227-5788 or email rtlcl@sbcglobal.net

Register and pay at
www.righttolifelivingston.org

Or mail to:

Right to Life - Livingston County, Inc.
P. O. Box 934
Brighton, MI 48116-0934

AFTER 3 YEARS OF WAITING, IT'S FINALLY HERE!!

Precious Baby Contest 2021



1st place

Greyson Wildemuth

Just like everything else this year the Precious Baby Contest was different. But here are the top eight vote-getters. In first place was **Greyson Wildemuth**, 2nd place **Payton Hull**, tied for 3rd place **Penelope Hoffman** and **Emma Lambdin**, tied for 4th place **Parker Lemorie** and **Landon Warner**, 6th place **Mason Mills**, 7th place **Ezekiel Brewer** and 8th place **Amelia Mills**. Since we were unable to have an official presentation day for their prizes we distributed them individually. Pictures below show their official entry photo.



2nd Place

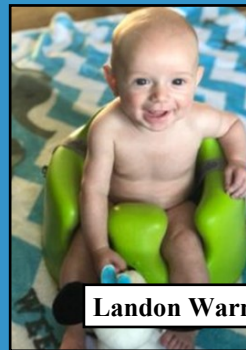
Payton Hull

3rd Place
-Tied-

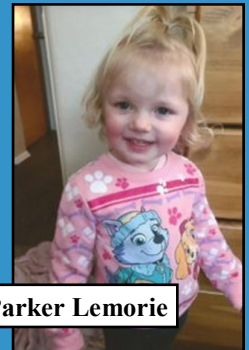
Penelope Hoffman



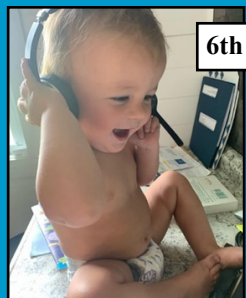
Emma Lambdin

4th Place
-Tied-

Landon Warner



Parker Lemorie



6th Place

Mason Mills



7th Place

Ezekiel Brewer



8th Place

Amelia Mills

**BABIES ARE
SUCH A NICE
WAY TO
START
PEOPLE.**

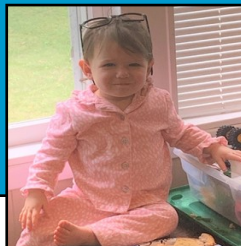
Don Herold
-Writer

Our Precious Honorable Mention Winners

Cecelia Frailing
(Photo not available)

Catherine Halberstadt

Abigail Martin



Kate Ryan O'Connor

Emmie Weiss



Harleigh Weiss

They are all precious in His sight!



Let the little children come to Me — Jesus



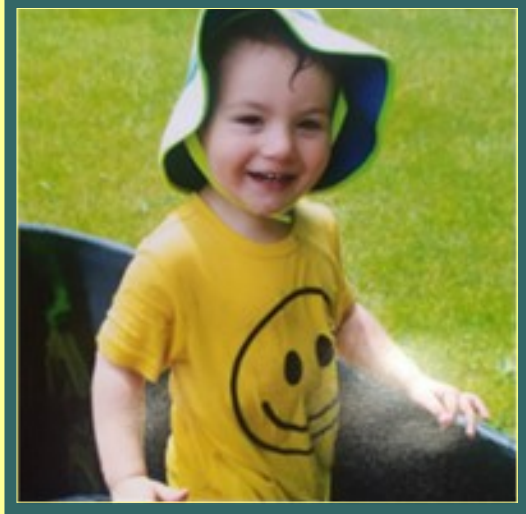
**IT IS EASIER TO BUILD STRONG CHILDREN
THEN TO REPAIR BROKEN MEN.**

-Frederick Douglas

**WHILE WE TRY TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN ALL ABOUT LIFE, OUR CHILDREN
TEACH US WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT.** —Angela Schwindt, Homeschool Mom

Precious Baby Contest

June 1 - October 6, 2022



Sponsored by
**Right to Life
 Livingston County**
 The eight babies with
 the most votes win!
 Vote as often as you like
\$1 per vote
Great Prizes!
 Entrants must be 2
 years or younger.

ENTRIES AND VOTES can be mailed to address below
 and must be received by October 6.
 Winners will be notified by phone before October 25.

BABY'S NAME _____ **Sex** _____ **Age** _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

RULES: Photo should be 5 x 7 or smaller

By entering this contest, I give my permission that this photo may be used at fundraisers, media and electronic releases as well as community events for Right to Life-Livingston County, Inc. I also agree that Right to Life-Livingston County, Inc. may use the photo for a press release announcing the winner, and/or in subsequent newsletters, media and electronic releases. Right to Life—Livingston County, Inc. is not responsible for loss or damage of photo.

Parent/Guardian name _____ **Parent/Guardian signature** _____

Questions: Call: 810-227-5788 or Email: rtlcl@sbcglobal.net.

Send completed entry form along with photo to:
Right to Life - Livingston County, Inc.
P. O. Box 934
Brighton, MI 48116

Voting may also be done on our website:
 Pay Pal at www.righttolifelivingston.org

**I want to purchase votes now,
 enclosed is a check for:**

Total donation \$ amount _____ **Number of votes** _____
 (\$1.00 per vote)

Make checks payable to:

Right to Life - Livingston County, Inc.

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MEIER FLOWERLAND

-Gift Cards

#___ @ \$30 \$___

-Flower of the Month

#___ @ \$40 \$___

TOTAL DUE

\$___

Mail to: RTL-Livingston
810-227-5788

PO Box 934 Brighton, MI 48116
email: rtlc@sbcglobal.net

Send gift cards to: Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

In Loving Memory and Honor of

In Memory of—You may honor a deceased loved one by making a memorial contribution to Right to Life-Livingston County. This memorial gift is a fitting way to remember a lifetime of love for the unborn.

In Honor of—Your contribution can also be made to commemorate birthdays, new arrivals, graduations, Mother's Day, Father's Day or any other special occasion. An acknowledgment card will be sent to the family or person you designate. The contribution amount will be kept confidential.

Enclosed is my (our) gift of
\$100 \$50 \$25 \$10 Other

Make check to "RTL-Livingston"
Mail to: PO Box 934 Brighton, MI 48116

Made in memory of: _____

Made in honor of: _____

Occasion _____

Please notify: _____

Name _____

Address-City-State-Zip _____

My (our) name is _____

I would like a notice of this gift in the next newsletter: _____yes _____no

Right to Life-Livingston County, Inc. Mission Statement

Right to Life-Livingston County, Inc. is a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonprofit organization of diverse and caring people united to protect the precious gift of human life from fertilization to natural death.

We strive to achieve the passage and ratification of a Human Life Amendment, to educate people on identified Right to Life issues, to motivate them to action, to encourage community support for and participation in programs and legislation that foster respect and protection for human life.

We work on behalf of defenseless and vulnerable human beings, born and unborn, within our identified issues of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and assisted suicide.

A donation has been received by
Right to Life - Livingston County, Inc.

◆In memory of Dan Cutright◆

by Teresa Byrne
Jacquelyn Cutright

❖In memory of Connie Dexter❖

by Robert and Barbara Judge

◆In memory of Marilyn Obermiller◆

by James Obermiller

❖In memory of Laura Saunders❖

Prolife Friend

By Barry & Cary Davis

◆In memory of Paul Sobonya◆

by Dave Domas



**ANYTHING GOES
ABORTION
AMENDMENT!**

Right to Life - Livingston County, Inc.
Annual Meeting was held on May 17, 2022

The following members have been elected to the
Board of Directors for 2022

Michelle Carroll - Treasurer

Jenny Conely - Co-chair

Kathy Ogorek - Co-chair

Kim Weeks - Secretary

Members-at-large

Barry Davis

Joe Hune

John Kerr

Ann O'Reilly

Membership 2022 Drive

Right to Life - Livingston Membership Drive

A Special THANKS to all of those who continue to send in their yearly membership donations.

THE DATE ON YOUR MAILING LABEL is the EXPIRATION DATE of your last paid membership.

If there is no date, you have been receiving COMPLIMENTARY mailings of "LIFE LINE" from Right to Life - Livingston because of your interest in our prolife work. Please use the form below to become a member or to renew your membership.

2022 Membership Drive & Donation Form

The abortion rate in our state for teens has decreased, saving lives. Education about abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and assisted suicide works to change the minds and hearts of many about life issues. In addition to education, the election of prolife candidates has enabled our legislature to pass laws protecting the innocent unborn and elderly frail. This is possible because of your efforts, prayers and financial support. **We need you!** It's never too late to join. With your membership you will receive copies of our newsletter, *Livingston County Lifeline* as well as the *Right to Life of Michigan Newsletter*. Thank you for your support. **Together we are making a difference!**

Platinum - \$200 Gold - \$100 Silver-\$50 Family-\$25 Seniors/Students-\$12 Other-\$_____

Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email address _____ Phone _____
 Make checks payable to: Right to Life - Livingston County, Inc. P. O. Box 934 Brighton, MI 48116-0934

RTL of Michigan PAC Endorsed Candidates

Only RLM-PAC endorsed candidates are listed .

Where more than one candidate is listed for a race, that means multiple candidates have been endorsed.

RLM-PAC Endorsement criteria: www.rtl.org/endorsements/

**Previously Endorsed Incumbent*

MICHIGAN GOVERNOR

Tudor Dixon (R)

US CONGRESS

7th District

Tom Barrett (R)

8th District

Paul Junge (R)

MICHIGAN SENATE

22nd District

Lana Theis (R)*

MICHIGAN HOUSE

48th District

Jason Negri (R)

Jason Woolford (R)

49th District

Ann Bollin (R) *

50th District

Robert Bezotte, Jr. (R)*

LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1 - Douglas Helzerman (R) *

2 - Dave Domas (R)

Carol Sue Reader (R) *

3 - Meghan Reckling (R)

Frank Sample (R)

4 - Wes Nakagiri (R) *

5 - Jay Drick (R) *

6 - Roger Deaton (R)

David Schifko (R)

7 - Martin Smith (R) *

8 - Nick Fiani

9 - Jerome Gross (R) *

Brenda Plank (R) *

HOWELL TWP TRUSTEE

Lynn Elberson (R)



PRIORITY ISSUE VOTING

Our nation has a long history of voters who go to the polls to vote for one candidate or against another candidate based primarily on a single issue that takes priority over other issues. From the abolition of slavery to civil rights for African-Americans and women, people have voted according to their principles and have made a difference for the better.

This kind of voting is not new and is not something unique to only a few voters. **Priority issue voting is critical, especially for the unborn.**

A political candidate's position on abortion is not about the availability of a medical procedure. It is about our government, through a handful of unelected judges giving one person the legal right to kill another innocent person.

Every human life has intrinsic value. To restore the right to life for all in the United States, we need to vote for prolife candidates. We need to be outspoken in making the protection of life our top voting priority as a nation. We need to share with others our selfless, focused approach to this most critical issue of life.

Decline to Sign!

Signing the abortion petition means unlimited and unregulated abortions.

Learn more at
supportMIwomenandchildren.org

Paid for with regulated funds by Citizens to Support MI Women and Children, P.O. Box 901, Grand Rapids, MI 49509-0901.

For up to date information on the fast-changing prolife news events go to: **LifeNews.com & rtl.org**

Prolife movies available at our office to borrow:
Unplanned; Roe v Wade; Bella; Tilly



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Pray to End Abortion

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ANYONE
ANYTIME
ANYWHERE
ANYWAY

At any age
Up until the moment of birth
In a licensed medical facility—or not
Partial-birth abortion will be back

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