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Meeting Date: 4th Thursday, July 23rd, 8:00 PM, Coldwater Community Hospital Meeting Rm.
Come see what you can do to help the Unborn cause & our latest Fundraiser Project.

This is an exciting time to be pro-life. The number of abortions in our state continues to decline, our Governor just signed a pro-life budget, and polls continue to show that the public is on our side. Our chapters and grassroots members across the state are and will continue to be pillars of hope for women and their unborn children. We here in Mercer County feel fortunate that we have young people in our organization committed to the fight for life. They are the ones working so hard with this upcoming fundraiser and doing a good job, at that! We Thank THEM for their work and their effort!!

Online for Life, Al Robertson Event: Al Robertson from A&E's Duck Dynasty will be speaking at Coldwater High School's gymnasium, Sunday, August 9, 2015. Doors will open at 6:00 pm, with speakers taking the stage at 7:00pm. Live music, performed by the band Harlend, will begin as doors open at 6:00pm. 95% of the profits from this event will go to the organization Online for Life (OFL).

Our opening speaker will be provided by the organization Online for Life. Online for Life is a non-profit organization that is proactive in seeking abortion-determined women and helping them to choose life. OFL implements cutting-edge Internet and traditional marketing outreaches to connect with abortion-determined women and men. Through the Online for Life Call Center, the option to make an appointment at one of OFL's approximately 50 participating life-affirming Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) in 23 states is presented. The Pregnancy Centers provide life-affirming compassion, care, sonograms and tangible help. Every effort is made to lovingly protect the unborn child and family from abortion. To date, OFL has rescued over 3,000 children and families from abortion.

Al's wife, Lisa, had an abortion during her teen years. Al is discussing the impact that abortion has had on Lisa, himself, and their life as a married couple. An opportunity to ask Al questions will be available during his presentation time.

At the event, Concessions, a 50/50 Raffle, and merchandise will be available for purchase. **Tickets are currently on sale for \$20 each at the following locations: Schwieterman Pharmacy (Coldwater), McDonalds (Coldwater), Kaup Pharmacy (Ft. Recovery), Stolly Insurance (Celina), Choosing Life Pregnancy Center (Celina), and St. Henry Bank (St. Henry and Maria Stein).**

Tickets are also available thru the mail. You may mail your money (\$20.00 per ticket) and order to: RTL Tickets, 3725 Wabash Rd., Ft. Recovery, OH 45846. Please make checks payable to Mercer County RTL. Be sure to include the address to where you would like your tickets sent. Your request will be acted on promptly.

Don't wait until the last week to buy your tickets. If tickets remain unsold, several people have indicated they would sell tickets outside of the Bigger churches in our area. If you are willing to sell tickets at your church, give Carrie a call 419-852-4802. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Attention High School/College Students: Mercer County Right to Life is excited to announce Anna Held from Students for Life of America will be available August 9th when doors open for our Al Robertson event at 6:00 to meet and greet all young persons interested in bringing the pro-life message to our local schools through numerous ways. Janelle Homan will facilitate a Mercer County Students for Life group and will serve as the advisor for this upcoming school year. Janelle will be available to meet as well. We ask that any/all interested young persons come on out! Feel free to contact Janelle as well at janellepoeppelman@hotmail.com.

MERCER COUNTY BANNER FAIR August 14 - 20th

Where did the summer go?? It's almost Fair time!! The Mercer County RTL will once again sponsor an educational booth during Fair week. Marleen Evers & Ginny Axe will decorate the booth. The theme: "Be A Light in the Darkness". Can't wait to see it! They do such a good job at putting things together. It's going to LOOK Great!

Angie Bertke has again agreed to line up workers to man the Fair Booth. We really **DO** need some "New Faces" to come forward and volunteer to work a 2 1/2-hour shift during Fair Week. We are looking for more people throughout Mercer County (St. Henry, Coldwater, Celina & Ft. Recovery) to help out. "Old Faces" are always good, but many are getting tire of working at the booth. Interested?? Please give Angie a call, 925-4822 or cell, 419-953-6681.

Diaper Derby: Much to every ones delight, the Mercer County RTL will again sponsor the Diaper Derby. The event is scheduled on Tuesday, August 18th , (Senior Citizen Day) at 5:30 PM in the Entertainment Tent. The first 25 crawlers entered will be able to participate in this Special event. Prizes will be awarded to all participants. Entry forms for the Diaper Derby will be available in the Fair Board Office. Entries will be accepted on a First-Come, First-Serve basis and up until the time of the Contest. Parents, if your little one is of crawling age, sign him/her up!! Grandparents, encourage them to do so!! Ginny Axe will Chair this event. (Make sure to watch for the Ad in the Newspaper for Schedule Changes!!!!)

Father's Day Baby: The First Baby born on June 22nd, the day after Father's Day, was little Ainsley Knapke, born to Amanda & Ben Knapke, Coldwater. Ainsley is the couple's fourth child. Vice President Carrie Koesters present the parents a pink baby afghan, a bib and a pair of booties and several Children's Biblical books. Carrie stated, "They were a 'Super' nice couple that appreciated the gifts".



SUMMER TIME PARADES AND THE 'RIGHT TO LIFE' FLOAT: Every year, the Mercer County RTL enters a float in the local parades, and this year is no exception. Pat & Henry Timmerman stored the float all winter and now they get it ready for the local parades. They take charge of getting volunteers to pull the float in the various parades in our area. Look for the float at the Celina, Coldwater & Minster Oktoberfest Parades. They always make it look GOOD! Thanks Pat & Henry!

Choosing Life Pregnancy Center is looking for Volunteers. Volunteers are needed to work in the Boutique. Could you devote 2 hours a week or 1 day a week (11-5)? Any time would be terrific. Our hours are 11 to 5, Monday thru Friday. No weekends. Interested, give Patty a call at 419-733-4847. They are also in need of Baby Bassinets, Baby Beds, Swings, High Chairs, all in good conditions.

Don't forget to look for us in the Celina Lake Festival Parade. We will be the people pushing strollers down the Parade Route. It should be fun!!

The Pregnancy Center will be starting up new Parenting classes this fall. A date has not yet been set.

Check us out on the WEB, <http://mercerlife.org/> & Facebook page. * If you wish to receive the Newsletter via e-mail instead of the regular mail service, please send an updated e-mail address to: mercercountylife@gmail.com. Those receiving the Newsletter by e-mail will also be notified if & when an urgent message is received that needs immediate attention.

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