

“Gosnell” Movie Set to Open in 750 Theaters in October

The trailer for the new movie “Gosnell” has just been released and it will surely make watchers want to see the intense new film. The feature film, “Gosnell,” which is scheduled for release in October, unmasks the shocking true story of the investigation and trial of Kermit Gosnell, a man who performed countless illegal, late-term abortions and murdered several born children as well.

He is the abortion practitioner who killed babies in live-birth abortions that were more akin to infanticide than abortion. The media virtually ignored Kermit Gosnell until the pro-life movement launched a concerned effort to call them out on their bias during the early stages of his trial for murder.

Now, Gosnell is in prison, having been convicted of murder in the deaths of multiple babies, though he was accused of killing thousands of viable babies. Still, one report from Gallup showed a large percentage of Americans still have no idea who Gosnell is and what he did.

Gosnell: The Trial of America’s Biggest Serial Killer opens nationwide on October 12 and stars Dean Cain as the detective who put Gosnell behind bars.

Movie executive director Phelim McAleer previously told LifeNews that, despite the grisly, horrific nature of the case, what astounded him the most was the lack of a media presence covering Gosnell’s trial. “This is one of the biggest stories I’ve ever seen, I’ve ever heard about, and there was no coverage at all,” he said. After the events of Gosnell’s case concluded, McAleer and his wife, fellow journalist and documentarian Ann McElhinney, decided to take matters into their own hands.

“I just assumed then once he [Gosnell] was convicted, that there was going to be a mega movie, because why wouldn’t you make a movie out of this?” McAleer said. “So I waited and waited and I realized, wow, no one’s making a movie out of this? That’s because they don’t want—Hollywood doesn’t want to touch this story or cover this story. So, if they’re not going to do it, then I should do it. We’ve done this before; we’ve been telling stories all of our lives. We’ll just make a movie, and we did.” *Continued on page 3*

Life Chain: Sunday, October 7

For more than thirty years, pro-lifers have gathered on Respect Life Sunday to witness to the dignity of human life along the nation’s thoroughfares. Will you join us this year?

Our event will be Sunday, October 7, from 2:30-3:30, on the court square in Sidney. Life Chain is an opportunity for us to remind our community that thousands of preborn children still lose their lives everyday—the most flagrant injustice of our time.

The observance consists of a brief program followed by a period of displaying pro-life signs (which are provided). Please join us for this important and moving event.

Thrift Shop Report

June

176 Customers
21 Work-to-earn shifts
9 Free units

July

145 Customers
10 Work-to-earn shifts
22 Free units

Election 2018: Vote Pro-Life

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There is much at stake in this 2018 election, including a US Senate seat from Ohio, which could play a role in judicial appointments and pro-life legislation.

Two Ohio pro-life organizations issue endorsements of candidates: Right to Life Action Coalition and Ohio Right to Life PAC. Find them online at www.rtlao.org and ohiovotesforlife.org. Another helpful source of information on candidates is ivoterguide.com.

Above all, please PRAY for our country, its voters, and its elected officials.

Prayer for Elections (from CatholicPrayerCards.org)

Almighty God, Lord of Life and King of all Nations, we beg you to look kindly upon our country and help us to choose our new leaders wisely. Inform our consciences and enlighten our judgment, that we may elect those who will mercifully uphold justice and strive to protect the least among us. May our nation once again respect religious freedom, authentic marriage, the importance of family and the value of every human life from conception to natural death. May our great land, built on both personal responsibility and charity towards the less fortunate, always balance prosperity with care for the elderly, the poor, the sick, and the abandoned. May we elect honest and trustworthy candidates who will always uphold the common good and protect our God-given rights. In concert with the great founders of our nation, may we confidently proclaim, "In God we trust". Amen.

Right to Life at the Fair

A big thank you to all those who assisted with this year's booth at the Shelby County Fair. Many visitors viewed our informative display over the course of the week, and we sold and distributed lots of baby quilts and other pro-life items.

Special thanks to Jen Bohman and her family, who set up the display and organized volunteers; and to long-time chair Karen Berning, who mentored Jen during this transition year.



New Abortion Eugenics: 39% of Babies with Heart Conditions Aborted

A new study on major congenital heart disease in Denmark has revealed how prenatal testing is being used to screen out babies with disabilities. The paper, published in *JAMA Cardiology*, found that the rate of abortion for babies with major congenital heart disease (CHD) increased from 0.6% in 1996 to 39.1% in 2013 – a 65 fold increase.

Denmark began offering universal prenatal screening free of charge in 2004, and is already known to have a very high abortion rate for babies with Down's syndrome. During the time period studied, the proportion of major CHD detected in the womb rose from 4.5% to 71.0%.

What makes the figures even more tragic is that many of these conditions can be successfully treated. Hani Najm, MD, of Cleveland Clinic in Ohio told *Medpage Today*: "We've gotten so good at operating on these complex hearts and we have impeccable results with an overall mortality even around 1%, so in some cases [it] depends on what the morphology is. So we have come a long way in how we manage these kids."

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As we observe Respect Life Month in October: For greater awareness of and concern for the threats to human life and dignity, especially abortion and euthanasia.



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Once the idea was set, the next major task was to allocate money to make the film. McAleer decided to crowdfund, a strategy he has used for previous films. He and his wife initially went to Kickstarter to fundraise, but they faced censorship on that site. “Kickstarter said ‘yeah, you can [fundraise] here, but you have to change the description of your project,” McAleer said.

McAleer was asked to remove terms like “murder,” “murdering babies,” and “stabbing babies” from the description of their project, because the words were deemed offensive to Kickstarter’s community values. Gosnell was, in fact, convicted of murdering three newborn babies, and witnesses who testified at the trial said he killed them by stabbing the backs of the babies’ necks with scissors.

“I don’t want to be part of a community that has standards that force you to lie,” McAleer said.

McAleer and McElhinney then pulled out of Kickstarter and proceeded to fundraise via Indiegogo, a similar fundraising website. Their campaign went well, to say the least. Nearly 30,000 people raised \$2.3 million in 45 days for “Gosnell,” which broke the website’s fundraising record. Even though McAleer and his wife made Indiegogo history, there was little fanfare.

“No mainstream media has ever written a story on us. When they write nice puffy stories about crowdfunding, they seem to forget to include us. And you know, it’s a movie that exposes them, shows them off for the agenda-driven PACs that they are. Our movie is saying the things that they don’t want to talk about—the negative side of abortion and how the media covers things up,” he said.

“Gosnell” features some A-list names, including director Nick Searcy (“The Shape of Water”) and Dean Cain (“Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman”). However, some actors were reluctant to accept roles, and after being cast, some stepped down.

“So Hollywood didn’t want to touch this film... You know Hollywood, they give themselves awards for bravery, but they’re not that brave,” McAleer said.

The movie is scheduled for release Friday, Oct. 12. For more details, visit gosnellmovie.com.

By Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com, August 15, 2018.

40 Hours for Life Prayer Vigil at Botkins

From 6am September 26 through 10pm September 27, there will be a prayer vigil at both St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins.

You are invited to sign up for one hour, to be spent in prayer in front (outside) of either of the two churches. Sign-up sheets are located in the back of each church, or you may call Lori Wilson (419-738-2440) to sign up for the St. Joe vigil; or Mary Ann Kinsella (937-693-3511) for the ICC vigil.

Not able to commit to an hour? Stop in the prayer tent anytime during the 40 hours to peacefully pray for an end to abortion.

There will also be pro-life rosaries taking place on Wednesday evening, September 27th: 7:00 at St. Joseph (Wapak) and at St. John (Fryburg); and 7:15 at St. Lawrence (Rhine) and at Immaculate Conception (Botkins).

Please take these opportunities to invoke God’s mercy on our communities and our nation.

Sidney Women's Center to Host Bioethics Expert at Banquet



Elizabeth's New Life Center has announced that award-winning academic physician, philosopher, and one of the country's most sought-after speakers and authorities on bioethics, Dr. Ashley Fernandes, will be the keynote speaker at its North Partnership Banquet, being held October 4 at A Learning Place Conference and Banquet Center in Piqua.

The banquet is hosted by Elizabeth's New Life Center, which operates Women's Center-Sidney, which for more than 25 years has provided positive solutions to women facing unexpected pregnancies in Shelby, Auglaize, Darke, Mercer, and Miami counties. Services offered include free pregnancy tests, 3D/4D ultrasounds, confidential consultations, educational classes and material support.

This year's banquet theme is The Father's Masterpiece, and Dr. Fernandes will share why he believes moral truth and human medicine must remain connected if medical science is to survive as a healing, compassionate profession.

There are still seats available for both the luncheon and dinner programs, starting at 11:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. respectively. For more information on attending or hosting a table, please call Barb Garrison at 937-226-7414, ext. 330 or Ashley Schroeder at 937-498-4426; or visit www.elizabethnewlife.org.