

## 11th Annual Dutch Miller Auto Golf FORE Life Tournament is an Enjoyable Success



*Michael Buchanan emceed the Putting Contest, in which 30 players competed. Sean Mohr is putting.*

*Alicia Martin, Program Director*

A full complement of teams arrived at the Preston County Golf & Country Club on July 8th for what turned out to be a beautiful day for a pro-life fundraiser. Title Sponsor Chris Miller, representing Dutch Miller Auto in Huntington, began the day with words of appreciation and encouragement to event participants.

After lunch, 30 competitors were joined by

numerous spectators for the Putting Contest. Volunteer Michael Buchanan did a great job of emceeding the contest, which was sponsored by Shelly Snoddy, Esq., and won by Dave Carter. Then everyone was off to the main course, where numerous challenges and other contests awaited. Several golfers successfully met the Land on the Green Challenge, and several were willing to pay for the privilege that allowed them to tee off closer

to one of the non-prize holes. The Closest to the Pin Winner was George Sodomick, the Longest Drive Winner was Larry Elliott, and John Cale secured the prize for the Longest Putt.

Harry Green Chevy Nissan sponsored three Hole-in-One challenges – including one for a gorgeous car. These prizes eluded all the players – although some players good-naturedly teased

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## Plan Now to Attend the WVFL State Convention

*Alicia Martin, Program Director*

The 2023 WVFL State Convention is just around the corner! It will be held on Saturday, October 14th, at Trinity Assembly of God in Fairmont. It promises to be an excellent educational opportunity, as well as a time to network and be encouraged with others in the state's pro-life community.

The Keynote speaker this year is Dr. Randall O'Bannon, National Right to Life (NRL) Director of Education and Research. He will address the issue of abortion pills, which are fast-becoming a key issue in this post-Roe era. The abortion community seeks to mail these dangerous drugs into states that have outlawed them, such as West Virginia.

NRL Political Director Karen Cross will present "Political Messaging in a Post-Dobbs Environment." This will help prepare the audience for 2024 by teaching effective pro-life messaging, strategies for putting the opposition on defense, how to challenge pro-abortion lies, and ways in which grassroots advocates can help pro-life candidates.

Another guest will be Maryann Lawhon, the executive director of the documentary "The Voice of John:" an effort to fulfill a promise she made to a little baby after he had been aborted and left to die on a dirty utility room counter – at appreciative of the multiple coolers of drinking water, courtesy of Blake Wolfe.



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**From the  
President**



**"Reproductive  
Healthcare"**

*Dear Friends,*

Our pro-abortion opposition cannot accept the fact that they are asking for the right to kill their own unborn children. To hide this fact from themselves and others, they misrepresent abortion by calling it "reproductive healthcare."

Recently, they have increased these lies by saying that ending abortion will mean women can't have access to treatment for premature delivery and ectopic pregnancies. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists states: "As experienced practitioners and researchers in Obstetrics and Gynecology, we affirm that direct abortion is not medically necessary to save the life of a woman. We uphold that there is a fundamental difference between abortion and necessary medical treatments that are carried out to save the life of the mother, even if such treatments result in the loss of life of her unborn child. We confirm that the prohibition of abortion does not affect, in any way, the availability of optimal care to pregnant women."

In addition, the same organization explains that ectopic pregnancies are any pregnancy that occurs outside of the mother's womb, usually in the fallopian tube. In most cases, the embryo has died by the time it is discovered around 7 to 8 weeks gestation.

However, the death of the embryo is certain, and the mother's life is always at risk. Consequently, medical treatment is undertaken to save the life and future fertility of the mother. These are not abortions. They are true "reproductive healthcare." West Virginia abortion law specifically states that treatments for ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth and miscarriage are not considered to be abortions.

We have created a website to provide education on "Abortion Is Not Healthcare." Please go to our website [AbortionIsNot.com](http://AbortionIsNot.com) to read more about the truth of medical care for pregnant women.

For Life,

*Wanda Franz, Ph.D.*  
**Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President**



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**ABORTION  
IS NOT  
HEALTHCARE**



**WV Law  
Says:**

Medical treatment for ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage and stillbirth is "not considered an abortion."

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Learn.  
Share.**

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# Legislative Update

*By Mary Tillman, Legislative Coordinator for the West Virginia Alliance for Ethical Healthcare;  
WVFL Vice President*

Following our 2022 success in amending the “Living Will” found in the WV Code to eliminate the danger to patients in the so-called “vegetative state,” the WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care (WVAEHC), the subcommittee of WVFL dealing with end-of-life/rationing issues, is planning to have another legislative effort for the 2024 legislative session in Charleston.

In January, we propose to add protections in the Code in response to the very dangerous national movement to legalize and promote physician-assisted suicide (PAS). Already, 10 states and Washington, D.C. have legalized PAS. This practice is especially dangerous to vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, disabled, chronically ill, under-insured, and poor. Rather than receiving medical care to alleviate symptoms from serious illness, PAS is used to receive a lethal dose of medicine to purposefully take one’s own life. Experience in other states where this has been legalized has clearly shown that no matter the alleged “safeguards,” the practice is rife for abuse of sick or elderly persons who may feel abandoned or that their lives have become meaningless, hence subtly encouraging them to relieve others of their being a “burden.”

To combat this dehumanizing and cruel onslaught, WVAEHC will propose the Assisted Suicide Prevention Act. This Act would make encouraging or aiding with the suicide of any person by any person (not just health care personnel) a felony. Furthermore, prescribing a lethal dose of medication by a health practitioner additionally is addressed by civil (including injunctive) and licensure (such as revocation of licenses or certificates) relief, including the award of attorney’s fees and awards of damages.

Please be watching for more information in the near future about this important effort, and tell your local delegates and senators that you **do not want** physician-assisted suicide to come to West Virginia!

## *States with laws that legalize assisted suicide violate the Americans with Disabilities Act*

*By Dave Andrusko*

Not many people, including me, are aware of a lawsuit against California’s ‘End of Life Options Act’ that has enormous implications for people with disabilities. In an op-ed appearing in *The Hill*, Matt Valliere lays out the case why, under EOLOA, “people with life-threatening disabilities, and only people with life-threatening disabilities, who say they want to die can get a state-facilitated death. Everyone else gets suicide prevention and the protections afforded by the law and professional standards. That’s not choice, it’s eugenics.”

Read the whole article, beginning on p.34 of NRL News July:

<https://www.nrlc.org/wp-content/uploads/July2023NRLNews.pdf>

## NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION, PITTSBURGH



*West Virginians for Life provided a strong presence at the National Right to Life Convention in Pittsburgh this year. Pictured are NRL Legislative Director Karen Cross\*, WVFL Vice President Mary Tillman\*, WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton, WV Delegate Riley Keaton\*, Kathy Crow, Louise Deal\*, WVFL President Wanda Franz\*, WVFL Treasurer Doug Joseph\*, LaDonna Joseph, Marion Chapter Leader Sandra Costello\*, WVFL Program Director Alicia Martin, Andy Sabak, Linda Sabak, WVFL Office Assistant Cindy Mansberger, WVFL Office Manager Mary Anne Buchanan, Kanawha Chapter Leader Missy Ciccarello\*, and WVFL Financial Manager Sherri Stevens.*

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## ***Golf Tournament***, continued from p.1

Dr. Wanda Franz that her eyesight was getting poor, since she "couldn't see" their shots that won the car.

The two Snack Carts, sponsored by Mountain State Dermatology (Dr. Jeffrey Jackson) and Pediatric and Teenage Dentistry (Dr. Rick Day), were very popular. Participants were also very appreciative of the multiple coolers of drinking water, courtesy of Blake Wolfe.

While players enjoyed a dinner catered by Mountain State BBQ and the scores were tallied, a random drawing distributed numerous prizes donated by UniFirst, Fountain Springs Golf Course, Mountaineer Golf Course, and Preston Country Club.

The teams performed so well that the Third Place winner was determined by the game-changing 15th Hole: a four-way tie was broken there, giving the Prize to the UniFirst Team, which had a score of 61 (which was 11 under par). Only one point separated these four teams from Second Place: the Nestor Team, with a score of 60. And with yet another margin of a single point, the Trinity Assembly of God (TAG) Team secured First place, with a score of 59.

TAG was also a Platinum Sponsor, and the Wassick Novelty Company contributed both Gold and Silver sponsorships. Golfers saw these sponsors' tee boxes, along with the many round hole sponsorship signs on the course. Country Road Digital Media and Sanders' Orthodontics, who sponsored advertising and publicity, undoubtedly contributed to the event's success.

WVFL also wishes to thank the numerous volunteers who gave of their time and talent so generously – your servants' hearts were much-appreciated, and did not go unnoticed!

Please see pages 6-7, and 10, for event pictures.

## ***State Convention***, continued from p.1

WVU in Morgantown, WV. Lawhon will join WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz in sharing powerful accounts which capture the damage that abortion inflicts on our medical community.

Teens and students receive registration discounts, and are strongly encouraged to attend the Convention. Delegate Riley Keaton and his wife, Sadie, will engage them in special workshops designed to teach and encourage, as they step into the role of being the next pro-life generation.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., with the event from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. A catered noon lunch will be provided.

Please find a Convention Registration form on p.9 of this newspaper. It is also easy to register and pay online at <https://www.wvforlife.org/event/annual-state-convention/> (go to "Featured Events" on the Homepage, then scroll down and click on "Annual State Convention.").

**THANK  
YOU**

*Many thanks to those who sponsored the  
11th Annual Dutch Miller Auto Golf FORE Life Tournament!*

### **Title Sponsor: Dutch Miller Auto**

#### **Platinum Sponsor**

*Trinity Assembly of God*

#### **Gold Sponsor**

*Wassick Novelty Co. LLC*

#### **Silver Sponsors**

*Wassick Novelty Co. LLC*

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#### **Putting Contest**

*Shelly Snoddy, Esq.*

#### **Hole-In-One Challenges**

*Harry Green Chevy Nissan*

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*Mountain State Dermatology*

*Pediatric and Teenage Dentistry*

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*WVFL - Harrison County Chapter*

## ***2023 - 2024 Calendar of Events***

<b>September 9</b>	WVFL Board Meeting
<b>October 1</b>	Respect Life Sunday
<b>October 14</b>	State Convention
<b>November 11</b>	WVFL Board Meeting
<b>January 10</b>	WV Legislative Session Begins
<b>January 19</b>	March for Life, Washington, D.C.
<b>January 21</b>	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS)
<b>February 8</b>	Pro-Life Rally Day
<b>March 9</b>	WV Legislative Session Ends

*Watch for Respect Life resources  
at your church October 1st.  
If you don't receive any, and would  
like to be added to this resource  
mailing, please send the request  
to [info@wvforlife.org](mailto:info@wvforlife.org) or  
25 Canyon Rd, Morgantown, WV 26508.*



New  
Petition  
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for  
Upcoming  
Session

*Please return  
no later than  
January 2,  
2024.*

**Women have a right to know the evidence –  
before they make a life-threatening decision.**

## Women’s Right to Know Act

West Virginians for Life is working to pass a bill which will reinstate informed consent laws that were, unfortunately, repealed when the Unborn Child Protection Act (HB 302) passed. This new bill would aid mothers who meet the requirements to have an abortion by requiring that they be informed about the risks of, and alternatives to, abortion. It would educate patients regarding the dangers of the abortion pill, along with the fact that the effects of such a chemical abortion can be reversed. It would also ensure that information on disabilities (including support networks) is given to parents when they are told that their unborn child has special needs.



**We, the undersigned, support a law to ensure that women are given evidence  
about the risks of abortion before they are given access to it.**

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**Please return immediately to West Virginians for Life.**

PLEASE COPY AND DISTRIBUTE FREELY. Get more copies of the petition by calling or emailing WVFL. Submitted emails will get future communications.

**Download the petition from the website and get your friends to sign online at: [wvforlife.org](http://wvforlife.org)**

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# 11th Annual Dutch Miller Auto GOLF FORE LIFE TOURNAMENT

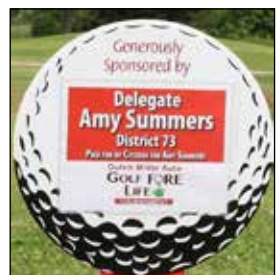
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Title Sponsor Chris Miller with WVFL President Wanda Franz



Snack Carts sponsored by Mountain State Dermatology and Pediatric and Teenage Denistry were driven by Taylor Henderson and Joan Pitzer.



Brian Bailey and Stephen Crouse each won a Fountain Springs Golf Course round for 4. Tim Weiss won the Mountaineer Golf Course round for 4.



Preston Course Host Tim Bucklew making announcements at the start



Harry Green Chevy Nissan supplied the prizes for three Hole in One Challenges: Callaway Clubs, Omaha Steaks, and a new car.



Closest to the Pin Winner George Sodomick, Longest Drive Winner Larry Elliott, Longest Putt Winner John Cale, & Putting Contest winner Dave Carter



UniFirst also donated two jackets, won by Kaye Thomas and Matt DuBois.



Donna Kolanko awards UniFirst-donated golf items to winner Dennis Kelley.



Sandra Costello won the \$100 GoPlayGolf gift card, Jason Hoover won \$300 from the 50-50 Drawing, and the \$50 GoPlayGolf gift card went to Linda Fox.



Among the winners of the Land on the Green Contest were Dave Morley, Eric Mullins, Justin Tichenor, Nick Bragg, Richard Bell, & Sean Mohr.





1st Place



1st Place was won by the TAG Team -- Sean Mohr, Verlin Porter, Scott Mohr, & Chris Alasky

2nd Place



2nd Place went to the Nestor Team -- Conrad Pocratsky, Nate Lukosh, Michael Nestor, & Dave Pocratsky

3rd Place



The UniFirst Team took 3rd Place -- John Cale, Jeff Carter, Dave Carter, & Eric Mullins



Appalachian Pest Control Team E.J. Trickett, Bob Watts, Chase Voithofer, & Bill Wilkins



Covenant Team -- Chris and Mark Burke, Nate Williamson, & Sean Wightman



Wassick Silver Team -- Jim Bryan, Erik Fornof, John Bryan, & Arya Sattari



Knights of Columbus Team -- Denny Mills, Tom Sieban, Joe Kanosky, & Chris Roe



DuBois Team -- Rick Henderson, Jim Lester, Gary DuBois, & Pete Pelechutte



Wolfe Pack -- Blake and Randy Wolfe, Dave Morley, & Mark Wolfe



Faith Baptist Team -- Garrett Fetty, Cade and Treg Spicer, & Victor Bartlett



McCulla Team -- Larry Elliott, Howard Wilson, Shawn Smith, & Chris Boyles



Gibson Team -- Roy Gibson, Roger Adams, Lefty Stonebraker, & Tim Weiss



Gnegy Team -- Mike Stephens, Sarah Gnegy, Alan Gnegy, & Ron Gnegy



Goodwin Team -- Nick Goodwin, Shayne Murray, Cody Hoffman, & Logan Forbes



Pound Town City Council -- Chris Wilderrotter, Alex Louk, Jim Hall, & Will Stone



Jarrett Team -- Dakota Jarrett, Brock Herrod, Tyson Jarrett, & T.J. Jarrett



Kelley Team -- Dennis Kelley, Dave Smith, Stephen Crouse, & Dave Johnson



Lang Monument Team -- Adam Fox, Brian Fox, Hunter Russ, & Rob Lang



Wassick Gold Team -- Brian Jarvis, Laura Bostic, Agricultural Commissioner Kent Leonhardt, & Richard Bell



Middleville Baptist Team -- Cleve & Andrew Bowie, Aaron Helmick, & Brian Bailey



Nicholas County Ladies -- Kaye Thomas, Linda Fox, B.J. Gilbert, & Carolyn Groves



Leech Team -- Michael Higginbotham, Mark Maye, Erik Huffman, & Jason Diaz



Tichenor Team -- Nick and Tanner Bragg, & Justin and Andrew Tichenor



Central WV Pregnancy Care Team -- Seated are Mrs. Shingleton & Bob Kincaid. Standing are Ron Shingleton & Jason Hoover.



Wampum Hardware Team -- Jay Barr, Ayden Shepard, Jim Calain, & Jeff Stanley



Dutch Miller Auto Team -- George and Nancy Long, George Sodomick, & Tom Nicholas



Kingdom Team -- Bob DuBois, James Sabin, Rylan Sabin, & Matt DuBois



Debich Team -- Mike Debich & Chris Pushaw



Sanders Team -- Dave & Kim Sanders, & Chris and Don Oliver





# Pro-Life Profile

**Carl Starvaggi** is a senior at WVU pursuing a dual degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering. He hails from Frederick, MD, where he was raised in a family of 10 (two loving parents, four living siblings, and three more in Heaven). He was born, raised, and is a proud practicing Roman Catholic.

Intellectually, Carl has been pro-life since age 7, when he first started to learn about the incredible developmental cycle of a child from the moment of conception. He's been emotionally invested ever since he began playing music for his younger brother Peter, while he grew in their mother's womb. His younger siblings' mere existence, coupled with his mother's incredible witness, planted the seeds.

While his Christian upbringing obviously shaped (and still does inform) his views on the sanctity of every child, it wasn't until high school that he began to take a more active stance. This was also around the time Carl first started to more deeply understand (and graphically perceive) the horrific nature of abortion in all its forms, whether it be through surgical dismemberment or biological warfare. Carl began to participate in campaigns such as 40 Days for Life, attend the annual march in Washington DC, and make a much more intentional effort to read both moral and medical literature detailing the practice, ethics surrounding, and facts pertaining to, the abortion issue in the US.

Attending a secular university pushed Carl out of his comfort zone. Over the years, he has taken this opportunity to speak in truth and charity about abortion to his fellow students. One fellow student even mentioned that Carl was "the first person he had met who had laid out a rational argument for being pro-life." He has helped to organize and participate in many events geared towards raising awareness regarding the nature of abortion, the humanity of the child in the womb, and the catastrophic effects the abortion industry has had on our society as a whole. He has volunteered hundreds of hours at local crisis pregnancy centers and other pro-life organizations (such as WVFL), and has had many conversations with students at WVU from different ethical and racial backgrounds. Carl shares that most of those encounters don't end with much more than an onslaught of profanity or ill will directed towards him (or at least, that which he stands for). However, the prospect of changing even one person's mind or the thought of helping out a mother in need is fuel enough for him to keep standing for life, especially as our culture shifts ever more radically away from recognizing how precious a human life is.

Carl currently serves as the vice president of Mountaineers for Life, the official chapter of Students for Life of America at WVU. He strives to further the cause of making abortion unthinkable on the campus, in the communities, and in our nation, primarily through educational and volunteer campaigns. Carl feels that the work he does now is in no small part inspired by some of the incredible student leaders who came before him, including James Duhon Gomez, Sadie Keaton, and Allison Hadinger, each of whom set the bar high and taught him much about what it means to be a pro-life leader at WVU.

Carl understands that we live in a culture increasingly hostile to both life and human decency - one which encourages sexual debauchery, attempts to blur our biological dichotomy, compels women to surrender their children to butchers, and decouples men from the responsibilities of fatherhood. While the fall of *Roe* and *Casey* is a landmark achievement in our nation's history and an answer to our prayers, it is a victory nearly fifty years overdue. An entire generation has now grown up with the false premise that it is constitutionally valid and morally acceptable to kill an innocent baby in the womb, and Carl knows that returning as a culture to higher standards of care for the dignity of the human person will be a difficult feat.

Carl feels that the solution is to gently and charitably teach both men and women alike that *Dobbs* didn't take away a right; it returned to the voters the power to protect the most fundamental of all rights, the right to life. He realizes that's a tough pill to swallow for some - tragically, even more so than the one that so many women already do take to kill an innocent baby in the womb.

Another challenge Carl sees facing the pro-life generation is that of disproving another false narrative pushed by the media: that pro-lifers only care about the child in the womb until it is born, and that there is no place in our movement for mothers in difficult situations. He knows that fostering an authentic culture of life entails providing mother, father and baby the resources necessary to make it through the tough times - or at least directing them to where those resources are readily available. Carl says, "Pro-life men and women need to step up and take a more active role in their communities, whether that involves volunteering at a local crisis pregnancy center, engaging in peaceful activism, or just being a loving family member/friend to a pregnant mom and her baby. Voting every two years isn't enough."

Carl's hopes for the future of the pro-life movement are threefold. First, he hopes the pro-life movement begins to direct its efforts more individualistically and intentionally at the state and local levels. As he often tells his fellow students, the abortion debate ultimately won't be won in a courtroom or legislative session, but in the hearts and minds of every law-abiding citizen of the US. To that end, he knows we need younger men and women to step up and carry the torch - brave souls who aren't afraid of being persecuted (or "canceled," as it's called these days). The temptation is to be lukewarm on this issue. Leaving your comfort zone is increasingly difficult for each successive generation, but Carl knows the harsh truth is that the genocide which permeates our society today won't ever be eradicated unless pro-lifers are willing to be a radical force for good.

Secondly, Carl understands that men and women alike need to know the information that is being kept from them and the research that's being suppressed by abortion advocates. It is his hope that the pro-life generation will inform the public of the truth - because if they don't, creating a culture of life will be impossible.

Finally, Carl hopes that the pro-life movement



## WVU Senior Carl Starvaggi

increasingly engages our opposition "with malice towards none, with charity for all," as Abraham Lincoln once said. In conservative circles, he feels there's a huge temptation to hit people over the head with facts and logic since we have objective truth on our side and scientific data increasingly favors the pro-life cause. He sees that the unfortunate reality of this day and age is that rather than choosing to engage with the cold, harsh reality that is the real world, many choose instead to live in the virtual utopia that is their social media feed - an environment which allows the user to create and live by a moral code stemming from his or her emotions.

As one who grew up studying Aristotelean ethics during his years a homeschooler, Carl is all for apologetics and logic-based proofs; they continue to play a role more today than ever. But for many Americans these days, changing someone's mind on a topic as hot as abortion requires more than a command of reason. It involves connecting with people on a personal level, hearing their stories, and being sympathetic to their pain. He knows that many of the most adamant supporters of abortion rights these days are so because of their own experience with abortion or that of a loved one. He feels they are genuinely good souls who fell victim to a merciless predator, and as such deserve the love, care and respect that wasn't afforded to them by the industry. Carl recognizes that our interactions with them could be the first step towards authentic healing - and enabling that for just one mother or father means more to him than winning a thousand debates.

Lastly, Carl adds that the pro-life movement has more work to do in this day and age than ever before - yet he is optimistic about the future. Not since 1973 has the prospect of full protection under the law for the most innocent seemed such a tangible reality for the US; Carl reminds us that we just need to make sure that we never stop fighting for our littlest citizens.

WVFL thanks Carl for his passion for the pro-life movement and his genuine love for those at risk of abortion, as well as those who have suffered due to abortion. WVFL is confident that the Lord will do great things through the younger pro-life generation like Carl!



# WVFL Treasurer's Article

## Parallels: Abortion and slavery in pre-Civil War America

Our worldview makes elective abortion unacceptable, just as chattel slavery is unacceptable. Others consider abortion as not only acceptable, but sacred. Some pre-Civil War Americans wholeheartedly defended chattel slavery, even quoting misapplied scriptures in support of the horrific practice. People can be wrong. Legislatures, courts, and executives can be wrong. All (including our US Supreme Court) have supported evils including slavery, racism, and elective abortion. Yet a core difference between our opponents and us is we support the general principle of the rule of law. Others openly undermine and attack any establishment they disagree with. For them, the "post-Dobbs" Supreme Court is suddenly now to be flaunted, ignored, intimidated, threatened, and attacked. These see our U.S. Constitution as obsolete unless redefined. They openly call for it to be jettisoned if not successfully redefined. For some, violence and subverting the rule of law are acceptable or even deemed necessary. Pro-lifers always seek to abstain from violence, and particularly seek to avoid taking life, even of our opponents.

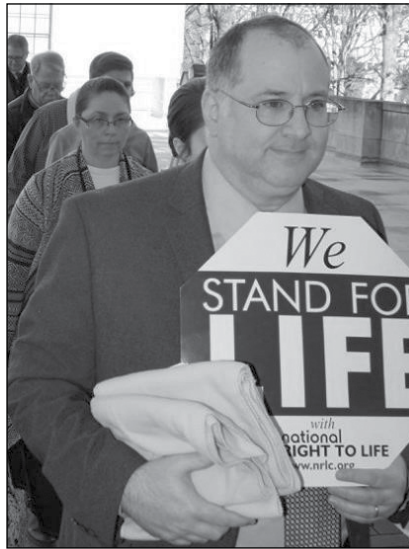
We've already spent some 50+ years of costly, peaceful work—changing hearts and minds and impacting elections—to get to this point. The work passes milestones but will never be finished, at least on this side of Glory. This is no time to give up or quit! If we let pro-abortion voters get control of Congress, we could face a post-Roe nightmare. Please join us in working toward a brighter future instead. Your donated time, talent, and treasure has perhaps never been more important!

Join us: [wvforlife.org/membership](http://wvforlife.org/membership)

Better yet, step up to **Rose Society Membership** while you're there!

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## Berkeley County



The Berkeley County Chapter shared the Miracle of Life to visitors at the Berkeley County Youth Fair.



**First-Place:**  
Cecelia Horner



**Second-Place:**  
Theodore Richards



Jayden Williamson enjoys parade with his Dad, Nathan, and chauffeur Mark Burke.



Participants waiting to feed in to parade

Smiling Jayden in the driver's seat

## Monroe County



Making quilts for the auction at the Gospel Sing



## Ohio/Northern Panhandle



Mother's Day Walk for Life



## Monongalia, Marion, Tucker, & Harrison Counties all contributed volunteers to the Golf FORE Life Tournament



Cheryl Carr Brown helping Linda Fox with lunch



Laura and Kyle Wiggs



Dana Leech & Donna Kolanko



Office Manager Mary Anne Buchanan & Program Director Alicia Martin with Preston Course Manager Rick Soccorsi.



Cindy Mansberger & Mary Tillman



Financial Manager Sherri Stevens



Rhonda & Joey Fout



Mary Anne & Michael Buchanan with Putting Contest winner Dave Carter.



Vickie Burke



Sandra Costello & Wanda Franz



Josh & Lacey Evans



The infamous so-called-removable cart sticker





### Berkeley County

Once again, the Chapter had a booth at the Berkeley County Youth Fair. They shared videos such as *Olivia's Story*, and brochures about fetal development, euthanasia, and pro-life resources. They also provided an opportunity to sign the petition for the Women's Right to Know Act (WVFL's proposed 2024 legislation).

### Harrison County

A new legislative scorecard lookup tool has been built by Chapter member Pastor Doug Joseph, and is now up and running for the state affiliate that commissioned it (Louisiana Right To Life). Now any and all other state affiliates of National Right to Life can have one cloned and installed for their needs rather easily. This now means two digital lookup tools exist: this one for scorecards, and the previous one for looking up endorsed candidates. Still pending is the creation of a third one for supporting grassroots lobbying of elected officials. The Chapter will have a booth at the Lost Creek Festival on September 16, 2023.

### Monongalia County

The Mon County Chapter provided many volunteers and sponsored a hole in the 11th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament on Saturday, July 8, at Preston Country Club.

Also during the month of July, the Precious Baby Photo Contest took place via the WV For Life - Monongalia County Chapter Facebook page. Mailed votes were 25¢ each. First Place went to Cecelia Horner of Fairmont, the daughter of Nathan and Carly Horner. The Second-Place finisher was Theodore Lee Richards of Morgantown, son of Troy and Elizabeth Richards. Because neither of the two was available to ride in the Mon County Fair Parade, an alternate was found to ride in the convertible: Jayden Williamson of Morgantown, son of Nathan and Leah Williamson. The parade entry was well-received. It is hoped that the First-Place winner will be healthy and able to ride in the WVU Homecoming Parade on October 20, which will be the chapter's next endeavor.

Chapter members hope to recruit October 14 convention attendees.

### Monroe County

WVFL Monroe County Chapter is having their second annual Gospel Sing on September 9, 2023, at Elmer Galford Training Center (1550 Charlie Ballard Rd Lindside, WV 24951). It is designed to increase awareness of our pro-life movement and

serve as a fundraising event. There will be bands and speakers (Senators and Delegates), as well as food and two quilt auctions. If you are in the area, please come for a fun and informative time.

### Morgan County

Although the chapter is in need of a new leader, it is known for its effective sidewalk counseling in front of the abortion facility in Hagerstown, Maryland, which still continues. For more information, or to offer assistance, please call 304-476-9015.

*Congratulations to  
WVFL Political Director  
Sadie Keaton and Delegate  
Riley Keaton on the  
birth of their daughter,  
Margaret Rose Keaton!*



### Northern Panhandle Chapter

For practical reasons, Hancock, Brooke, and Ohio counties will now be served by a single Northern Panhandle Chapter, which meets on the first Monday of every month at 6:30pm.

On May 13, 2023, the Chapter held their Mother's Day Walk for Life. As the rain came down, about 20 pro-life prayer warriors gathered outside with umbrellas and ponchos at Wheeling Park, to pray for the unborn and their parents. They prayed for

women who are facing unplanned, unwanted, and difficult pregnancies to be blessed with hope, help, compassion, courage, and a passionate protective love for their babies. They prayed that the fathers of these babies would be an encouragement to these mommies to choose life. They prayed that the fathers would take responsibility for their babies. They also prayed that women who have been victims of the abortion industry, and suffer from the emotional trauma of a past abortion, would find healing and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Recognizing that the fathers of the babies aborted over the past several decades are also in need of healing and forgiveness, they prayed for them, too.

As the rain continued to fall, the prayer warriors were joined by others who walked with them from Wheeling Park to St Michael's Angelus Center to show support for life. Many of those who walked joined the chapter for the first time this year.

The walk was followed by lunch and fellowship. The chapter is thankful to the St. Michael's pro-life group for hosting the luncheon.

On Saturday September 30, the chapter will be hosting two events at 45 Sycamore Ave, in Wheeling. "Empowering Women to Live in Grace and Peace" is a free workshop from 10 AM - 3 PM. This will be followed by a pro-life dinner from 6-8 PM. Ticket cost for the dinner is \$25 per person, or 2 for \$40.

If you would like to become involved with this chapter, or need more information about the events listed, please call or text Judi Varner Meyer at 304-639-3041.

### Raleigh County

Raleigh County Right to Life had a meeting July the 25th at the Northgate Baptist Church. Dr. Anthony Gerard, from the Oakhill Knights of Columbus, was the guest speaker.

### Upshur County

If you are interested in joining the Upshur County Right to Life group, they meet the second Tuesday of each month, in the Wayside Baptist Church on Brushy Fork Road, at 6 p.m.

### WV Teens for Life

WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton, along with her husband Riley, continue to work with students across the state. As this paper goes to press, they are preparing for the second annual Leadership for Life Weekend Retreat.





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