

## Twelfth Annual Golf FORE Life

By Alicia Martin, WVFL Program Director

Twenty-seven teams participated in West Virginians for Life's 12th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament. It was held on Saturday, July 13th, at the Preston Country Club in Kingwood – an extremely hot day, but rainless.

Winners of the challenges were Dave Sanders (Closest to the Pin), Chris Alasky (Longest Putt) and Rocky Starkey (Longest Drive). For their skills, Sanders won a discounted round of golf for four at Stonewall Resort in Roanoke; Alasky won a round of golf for four at Alpine Lake Resort; and the Starkey award was a round of golf for four at the Preston Country Club. The winner of the Putting Contest prior to the scheduled tee time was Chris Alasky, who gladly accepted his TopGolf \$100 gift card.

Each person on the first-place team, fielded by Trinity Assembly of God, won a \$100 Visa gift card. The foursome's 55 was 17 under par. Team members included Steve and Scott Mohr, Verlin Porter, and Chris Alasky.

The second-place UniFirst team scored a 57, and each person on the team won \$75 worth of merchandise from the Preston Country Club Pro Shop. Teammates were John Cale, Chris Brady, Mark Westfall, and Rocky Starkey.

Pound Town City Council took third-place. Their prize was \$50 worth of merchandise each from the Preston Country Club Pro Shop. Players included Jim Hall, Brandon Tucker, Anthony Fata, and JT Lewis.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Chris Alasky.

The tournament raised approximately \$12,000 for the West Virginians for Life Educational Trust Fund, a non-profit charity. The organization wishes to thank Platinum Sponsors Trinity Assembly of God and Wassick Novelty Company LLC, and Gold Sponsor Doug and Dana Leech.

Thank you to Harry Green Chevy Nissan in Bridgeport for donating the car, and other prizes, for the hole-in-one challenge – which again eluded everyone. Thanks to many other sponsors and volunteers, the tournament was a success.

Golfers are invited to play in the 13th Annual Golf FORE Life at this same course on July 12th next year.

Please see pages 6-7 & 10 for Tournament Pictures



Blake Wolfe Tees Off at the hole sponsored by Mark Burke & Our Family Craft Shop.



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## Normalizing Assisted Suicide Will Lead to a Duty to Die

By Wesley J. Smith

Euthanasia isn't really about compassion, but fear of decline and a loathing of dependency — and of those experiencing them.

That nasty truth has become abundantly clear with a new column published in the *Times* of London in which former Tory MP Matthew Parris argues that euthanasia/assisted suicide should not only be permitted — but encouraged. In "We Can't Afford a Taboo on Assisted Dying," he writes (my emphasis):

*"I can't dispute the objectors' belief that once assisted dying becomes normalized we will become more apt to ask ourselves for how much longer we can justify the struggle."*

The word "justify" is telling. It does not only concern the suffering of the person who is ill, disabled, or elderly, but the suffering that person is supposedly causing to family and society. Parris believes that, eventually, for such a person to continue to

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**From the  
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**Compassionate  
Thinking**

Dear Friends,

Death is a difficult concept for people to talk about, especially their own death. However, that is exactly what we must talk about, because Amendment 1 will be on the November ballot for a vote by the people of the state. Amendment 1, if passed, will add a provision to the State Constitution that will prevent Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS) and euthanasia from being practiced in the state.

It is not easy for relatively young and healthy people to imagine what it might be like to be bed-ridden or confined to a wheel chair. We want to be compassionate. What if an elderly or disabled person is in severe pain? Would they want the right to physician-assisted suicide? We must be able to answer these questions.

First of all, *true* compassion requires that we *care* for sick and disabled patients. Offering to kill them is the *opposite* of caring for them. Almost all of those seeking physician-assisted suicide are actually suffering from depression. Depression, associated with suicidal ideas, can occur at any stage of life. However, it is more common when a patient is sick or in fear of sickness-related

disabilities. These patients do not need to be told that they need death; they need true compassion and care for their depressive disorder.

True compassion means that we learn the facts about physician-assisted suicide. The truth is that vulnerable, sick and elderly patients receiving PAS are more likely to be suffering from depression, be the victims of medical error and malpractice, be susceptible to coercion and abuse, not be in pain, and be in need of effective medical care to manage suffering.

You can help us pass Amendment 1 by handing out flyers and information to the larger community. You can refer people to our informative Amendment 1 website, [CaringNotKilling.com](http://CaringNotKilling.com). You can attend the State Convention on Saturday, October 5 in Fairmont to learn from a dynamic speaker and author, Wesley Smith, who has spent his career fighting against physician-assisted suicide. Last and most important, you can help us get out the vote for Amendment 1.

For Life,

*Wanda Franz, Ph.D.*

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

*Normalizing Assisted Suicide, continued from p. 1*

to live will be considered unjustifiable:

*“Is life still giving us more pleasure than pain? How much is all this costing relatives and the health service? **How much of a burden are we placing on those who love us? How much of a burden are we placing on ourselves? . . .***

*“If assisted dying becomes common and widely accepted, hundreds of thousands — perhaps millions — will consider choosing this road when the time comes, and in some cases, even ask themselves **whether it would be selfish not to. . . .***

*“Within a decade or more [assisted suicide] will be seen as a normal road for many to take, and **be considered socially responsible — and even, finally, urged upon people.**”*

In other words, the creation of a “duty to die.” Come on, Granny! Time to swallow the pills. We need your money to send Junior to college.

Parris sees the future as a war between the old and sick and the young and healthy based on the cost of caring for people with dementia, disabilities, and serious illnesses:

*“This [resource] imbalance helps explain the government’s desperate reliance on immigration — to the rage of electorates who won’t face the fundamental question: how are our economies going to pay for the ruinously expensive overhang that dare not speak its name: **old age and infirmity?**”*

Does everyone who supports euthanasia/assisted suicide desire this end? Of course not. But Parris’s logic is impeccable. Regardless of people’s intentions, these are exactly the consequences to which the right to die juggernaut will lead if general society buys his argument.

Parris’s piece clearly lays out the policy and moral issues that we should be debating, rather than the phony-baloney assertions that assisted suicide is only for the terminally ill for whom nothing else can be done to alleviate suffering. That is not true, and indeed, such proposals are merely stations on the way to creating a crassly abandoning society in which the weakest and most vulnerable among us become a killable caste.

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From Medically Assisted  
Suicide & Euthanasia

Know THE TRUTH  
About Amendment 1



West Virginians **MUST VOTE FOR** protection from medically assisted suicide, mercy killing and euthanasia on the NOV. 5 BALLOT.

"Medically Prescribed Killing" laws have been adopted in ten states and in the District of Columbia, and there are efforts by the death peddlers to bring it to West Virginia. The voiceless or marginalized in our state -- the poor, the frail elderly, racial minorities, disabled, veterans, people who lack health insurance -- would be the first to feel pressure to die.

The passage of Amendment 1 would **PREVENT** these out-of-state groups from attempting to change our laws and endanger our citizens. A simple majority vote **FOR Amendment 1** will be needed to make it part of our State Constitution.

**AMENDMENT 1**  
Protection From Medically Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia

**FOR** (Protection)  
 **AGAINST**

November Vote

*"Physician-Assisted Suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer."*

American Medical Association  
Code of Medical Ethics Opinion 5.7

## WVL-PAC Endorsements in Washington and Statewide

As the election gets closer, please visit [LifeVote.net](http://LifeVote.net) to see WV Senate and House Race endorsements.

For voting records and survey answers, see page 4.



President  
Donald J. Trump

**Donald Trump** opposes using tax dollars to pay for abortions. He opposes the Women's Health Protection Act, a bill that would enshrine unlimited abortion until birth in federal law and policies and eliminate existing state-level protections for unborn children and their mothers such as parental involvement measures for minors. He would also nominate qualified individuals to the SCOTUS who are strict interpreters of the U.S. Constitution.

As Governor, **Jim Justice** has signed several pro-life bills, not the least of which is the Unborn Child Protection Act in 2022. Since

then the number of abortions in West Virginia has been drastically reduced. He would be a voice for the voiceless in D.C. as the next **U.S. Senator**.

**First District Congresswoman Carol Miller** has a solid pro-life record on Capitol Hill and wants to continue protecting the unborn.

Former West Virginia Treasurer and Delegate **Riley Moore** also has a proven pro-life voting record and looks forward to serving as your **Second District Congressman** in Washington, where he hopes to further help the pro-life cause.



U.S. Senate  
Jim Justice



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Carol Miller



U.S. House of Representatives  
District 2  
Riley Moore

**Patrick Morrisey** has championed policies designed to safeguard the lives of both unborn children and their mamas from unlimited abortions. He would be a hero to the unborn as West Virginia's next **Governor**.

**John "JB" McCuskey** has a 100% pro-life voting record. He would stand up to any pro-life challenges as the next **Attorney General**.

**Secretary of State candidate Kris Warner** is committed to the pro-life cause, especially to the unborn, the elderly and those with disabilities. He has walked in annual Walks-for-Life and even shoveled snow at the West Virginians for Life office.

**Mark Hunt**, as the pro-life candidate for **Auditor**, has committed himself to upholding pro-life values.

**State Treasurer-Elect Larry Pack** has a stellar pro-life voting record.

**Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt** golfs every year in the Golf FORE Life Tournament and speaks often of his now-deceased special needs son, with so much love and compassion.



Gov. - Patrick Morrisey



Attorney Gen. - JB McCuskey



SOS - Kris Warner



Auditor - Mark Hunt



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2024

# PRO-LIFE CONVENTION

The 2024 West Virginians for Life (WVFL) Convention is being held at Trinity Assembly of God in Fairmont, WV on Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The theme is Caring, Not Killing. Our keynote speaker will be Wesley Smith, J.D., an internationally-recognized authority on protecting people from assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Other speakers will include Mary H. Tillman, J.D., the Legislative Coordinator for the WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care; WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz; and former NRL Political Director Karen Cross. Also anticipated are visits from several political candidates.

Come prepared to be inspired, learn, and find valuable pro-life resources -- some for sale, some complimentary. A luncheon will be provided, and prizes drawn at random add to an already exciting day.

## Teen Activities

Former Delegate Riley Keaton and WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton will host a Teens' Day Camp, their own convention separate from the adults, for parts of the day.

### Scheduled Presentations include:

- **There's no such thing as a 'little' assisted suicide -- Wesley Smith:** The culture of death spreads like a cancer. What could happen in West Virginia if we don't learn from other states and countries?
- **Amendment 1: Critical November Vote -- Mary Tillman:** Our West Virginia values respect and honor the lives of the elderly, veterans, persons with disabilities, and persons with chronic health conditions. We can lead the nation by being the FIRST STATE to enshrine within its constitution a rejection of the dangerous trend toward legalizing assisted suicide.
- **Political Action: An Essential Ministry to Preborn Babies and Their Mamas -- Karen Cross:** The leaders and laws we choose will touch the lives of families who may never come to us, but which still need our help.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**WESLEY J. SMITH, J.D.**, is a lawyer, award-winning author, the host of the *Humanize* podcast, and Chair of the Discovery Institute's Center on Human Exceptionalism. He was named one of the nation's premier experts in bioengineering by the National Journal, and the Human Life Foundation named him a Great Defender of Life for his work against assisted suicide and euthanasia. Smith has appeared on thousands of television and radio talk/interview programs in at least ten different countries, and has testified as an expert witness on both the federal and state levels.



WEST VIRGINIANS FOR LIFE  
STATE CONVENTION  
October 5, 2024  
Trinity Assembly of God, Fairmont, WV

## REGISTRATION FORM

	Number	Price	Total
Convention Registration*	___ x	\$35.00 =	_____
Convention Group Rate* (groups of 10 or more)	___ x	\$25.00 =	_____
College Student/Teen*	___ x	\$15.00 =	_____
College Student/Teen Group Rate* (groups of 10 or more)	___ x	\$10.00 =	_____
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## Please Register Early!

After September 20, 2024, all registrations at the door will be \$5.00 more per person.

Please mail the attached form, or register online at <https://www.wvforlife.org/event/annual-state-convention-2024/>

## Register, Vote, and Use Voter Guides at LifeVote.net

The pro-life candidates endorsed by the WVL-PAC will become available at LifeVote.net closer to early voting dates. All you will need to do is plug in your street address and zip code to see who the endorsed pro-life candidates are in your house district.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**October 18:**  
Voter registration deadline to vote in the General Election

**October 23 - November 2:**  
Early Voting

**November 5:**  
General Election Day

Register to vote online at <https://ovr.sos.wv.gov>

West Virginians for Life  
50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
12th Annual  
**GOLF FORE LIFE**  
TOURNAMENT



**1st Place**

Repeat First Place Winners Chris Alasky, Verlin Porter, & Steve and Scott Moher had a score of 55 (17 under par).



**3rd Place**

Third Place, scoring 59, was taken by the Pound Town City Council: Brandon Tucker, Anthony Fata, JT Lewis, & Jim Hall



**2nd Place**

The Second Place UniFirst Team, with a score of 57: Rocky Starkey, John Cale, Chris Brady, & Mark Westfall



Bowie Team of Jacob Brannon, Brian Bailey, & Andrew and Cleve Bowie



Buzzo Team of Matt Arcure, Ward Humberson, Justin Buzzo, & Eddie Johnson



Christie Team of George Long, Tom Nicholas, George Sodomick, & Ivan Teets



Clark Team of Del. Wayne Clark, Greg Riffle, & Del. Phil Mallow



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French Team: Brooks Carr, Ryan French, Chris Green, & Mark McKee



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Jeziarski Team of Brent Scott, Haden Miller, Scott Rotruck, & J.T. Jeziarski



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*Roberts Team of Robert Gross, Kevin Morgan, Arthur Guynn, & Chip Roberts*



*Sanders Team of Chris & Don Oliver with Kim & Dave Sanders*



*Steven Groves Team of Craig Bolinger, Steven Groves, Josh Hayes, & Buddy Groves*



*Tyler Groves Team of Zach McCullough and Mitchell Koch with Kay Brokering*



*Wampum Hardware Team of Jay Barr, Jim Calain, Jeff Stanley, & John Warbel*



*Wassick Team of Marty Knouse, AG Kent Leonhardt, Richard Bell, & Brian Jarvis*



*Williams Team of Dillon Williams, Taylor Richmond, Mike Brewster, & Logan Huck*



*Wolfe Pack Team of Dave Morley and Mark, Randy & Blake Wolfe*



*Pound Council Working Hard to Sink that Putt*



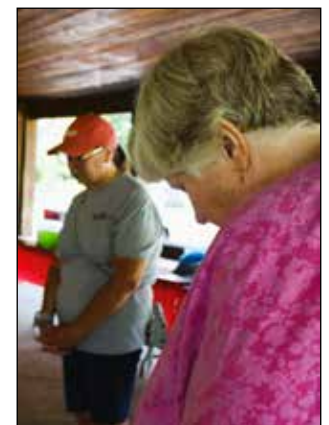
*50-50 Winner Chris Alasky*



*Volunteer Mike Buchanan, WVFL Program Director Alicia Martin, and Tim Bucklew, from the Preston CC Course*



*WVFL Office Ast. Sara McPherson with volunteer Deb McCullough on Contest Hole #3, Land on the Green*



*Sherri Stevens and Vickie Burke during pre-event prayer*



*Longest Drive Winner Rocky Starkey*



*George Sodomick Driving to First Tee*



*Scott & Steve Moher Heading for their First Tee*



*Lunch volunteers Robert & Cheryl Carr Brown*



*More than 100 players passed through the Registration Line.*

# Pro-Life Profile: Sara McPherson

By Patrica Johnson

Sara McPherson serves as the office assistant at the West Virginians for Life state office in Morgantown. Sara is 44 years old. She originally hails from Frostburg, MD and moved to Morgantown, WV almost 15 years ago. She has been married to her husband Kevin for 21 years, and together they have 2 children.

Sara was a stay-at-home mother with their children until she began serving as WVFL's office assistant in October. Her son recently graduated from high school, and is moving away to attend college in the fall. Her daughter begins her high school career this year.

Sara and family attend Stonebridge Baptist Church in Morgantown. They met Jason, the pastor, through her son's attendance at Trinity Christian School. Sara has always been a strong pro-life advocate, and working with WVFL has given her an outlet to become more involved. She has seen the change in their own children, and believes that education is what is most needed for our youth. With everything becoming so politicized, she believes that we need to let our children know that, despite what our culture says, life-affirming morals and values have not gone by the wayside. Since her employment has begun, she also volunteers as the treasurer for the Monongalia County Chapter of WVFL. She attends monthly meetings and fundraising events sponsored by WVFL.

*Sara has faith that by educating our community about the effects of abortion, we can make an enormous difference in our culture. With the coming change in our nation's leadership, she realizes that we are coming up on a crucial time to get our culture back in order with respect for human life.*

WVFL thanks Sara for her dedication to promoting respect for God's precious gift of human life!



WVFL Office Assistant  
**Sara McPherson**



WVFL President Wanda Franz  
with WV Attorney General  
Patrick Morrissey



WV State Senator Patricia Rucker (center) at the  
American Legislative Exchange Council with  
NRL staff members Ingrid Duran and Andrew Bair

## 2024-2025 Calendar of Events

- Sept 7** WVFL Board Meeting
- Oct 5** WVFL State Convention in Fairmont
- Oct 6** Respect Life Sunday
- Nov 5** Election Day
- Jan 10** WVFL Luncheon
- Jan 19** Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS)
- Jan 24** March for Life, Washington, D.C.
- Feb 12** Legislative Session Begins
- March** Rally at the Capitol  
WVFL Board Meeting
- April 12** Legislative Session Ends
- April 25** 27th Annual Rose Dinner

# Pro-Life Voter Guide for Your District

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**WVFL Treasurer's Article**



WVFL Treasurer - Pastor Doug Joseph

**We must get Amendment 1  
passed this November.  
Caring, not killing!**

The pro-life cause is about more than protecting babies and their moms. Safe guarding the sanctity of life requires a broad focus, including, sadly, constant vigilance against so-called "mercy" killing, or euthanasia, or medically assisted suicide, etc. Several pro-death entities are surprisingly well-funded, and relentless in trying to get killing legalized in states across America.

**For us, getting Amendment 1 successfully passed this November will establish an important bulwark in our West Virginia State Constitution, prohibiting legalized killing and protecting people across our state.** As usual, pro-death groups have lots of nice-sounding euphemisms to dress killing up as something pretty. They say things such as "Assisted suicide is a compassionate option for those who are suffering. If someone is in unbearable pain, they should be able to end their life on their own terms." But assisted suicide is not compassionate. Assisted suicide robs patients of compassionate care. The so-called right to die inevitably leads to a *duty* to die. Assisted suicide ruins trust with doctors. Sometimes a terminal diagnosis is wrong.

**We should expect a fear-mongering campaign funded by out-of-state entities trying to block the passage of Amendment 1. We're already gearing up for our largest educational effort across all of West Virginia to counter their lies! 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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*With Determination,*  
**Pastor Doug Joseph**  
WVFL State Treasurer

**AMENDMENT 1**  
Protection From Medically Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia

**FOR** (Protection)

**AGAINST**

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**Doddridge**



WVFL Chapters Doddridge, Harrison, Monroe & Mon provided the \$100 first place prizes for Scott Moher, Chris Alasky, Verlin Porter, & Steve Moher

**Marion**



Marion County chapter leader Sandra Costello with the Golf FORE Life Sponsor Banner

**Monongalia**



Mon County Treasurer Sara McPherson gives every player one of the T-shirts donated by UniFirst.



Del. Phil Mallow with WVFL Mon County member Mary Anne Buchanan

**Pocahontas & Monroe**



WVFL Chapters Pocahontas & Monroe each sponsored a hole.

**Summers**



From Summers County: Garry Ayers, Bonnie Ayers, Terri Keatley, Ethel Deem, and Basil Campbel at the John Henry Annual Festival

**Tucker**



Lacey & Josh Evans from WVFL Tucker were volunteers on Contest Hole #15, Hit Like a Lady.



Sean Wightman Teeing Off at the hole sponsored by WVFL Mon County and the Comerci family.



Dr. Day & Jackson sponsored Snack Carts, helping to keep the players happy and hydrated.



Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel selling 50-50 Tickets



Harry Green Chevrolet again sponsored the Hole-in-One contest on #18, but no one won the gorgeous car.



Jacob Brannon tees off at the Hole sponsored by Dr. Heath & Paula Lemley. Other Hole Sponsors included UniFirst, J.B. McCuskey for AG, Glenmark, CleanEzy, Lang Monument, Bill & Shirley Bowie, Jennings Legacy Builders, The James Isaac House Pregnancy Resource Center, & Chris Rose for WV Senate.



Many thanks to Adrian Enterprises, which sponsored TWO holes.



Tee boxes of Gold Sponsor Leech and Platinum Sponsors Trinity Assembly of God and the Wassick Novelty Co.



### **Doddridge County**

The chapter donated the funds for one of the first-place prizes in the Golf Tournament.

### **Harrison County**

Members attended the NRLC convention. Mary Tillman continued to give talks and distribute literature about Amendment 1 to groups in the area. She spoke to the Parish Nurses ministry in Clarksburg and the Knights of Columbus meeting in Bridgeport about Amendment 1. She also had a table at the Lewis County Senior Citizens "Friday free lunch" day in Weston, with voter registration materials and information about Amendment 1. Mary has several meetings set up with churches, men's groups and WVFL County Chapters. You may contact her at tillmans@hotmail.com or 304-669-5206 if you wish for her to speak. Dr. Franz and Mary are currently working with a survey company to collect data about what people's opinions are about assisted suicide in the state. Amidst this busy schedule, Mary Tillman also volunteered at the 12th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament in July, where her help and support were greatly appreciated. The chapter also provided the funds for one of the first-place prizes at the event. The chapter will have a booth at the Lost Creek Festival on Saturday, Sept. 21.

### **Marion County**

Chapter Leader Sandra Costello volunteered at the 12th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament. Her support greatly helped to make the event a success.

### **Monongalia County**

Several members of the Mon County Chapter helped at the 12th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament. The chapter also sponsored a hole and paid for one of the first place prizes. The Mon County Fair Parade included an Amendment 1 entry by the Chapter on August 19.

### **Monroe County**

The chapter sponsored a hole at the Golf FORE Life Tournament, and provided the funds for one of the first-place prizes.

### **Morgan County**

Although the chapter is in need of a new leader, it is known for its effective sidewalk counseling in front of the abortuary in Hagerstown, Maryland, and that still continues. If you would like to lead the chapter, help is available from the state office. Call WVFL at 304-594-9845.

### **Nicholas County**

The chapter is exploring August dates for the 8th Annual Jim Gilbert Memorial Golf Tournament

which has been held at the Nicholas Memorial Golf Course in Summersville in the past.

### **Pocahontas Chapter**

The chapter sponsored a hole at the Golf FORE Life Tournament.

### **Summers Chapter**

The Summers County WVFL attended the John Henry Annual Festival in Talcott WV. The purpose of attending the festival was to educate the public on Amendment 1, which will protect West Virginians from Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia. They encouraged visitors to Vote YES on Amendment 1. Festival volunteers included Garry Ayers, Bonnie Ayers, Terri Keatley, Ethel Deem, and Basil Campbell. Free water and baby clothes were also made available to the public.

### **Tucker County**

Chapter Leader Lacey Evans and husband Josh volunteered at the 12th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament. Their traditional involvement in the event is much-appreciated!

### **Upshur County**

The three pro-life billboards the chapter now pays for cost them nearly \$10,000 for 12 months in Anmoore, Upshur County, and near Charleston. If you feel moved to donate, please call the Chapter Leader Maureen Hull at 304-472-3434.

### **WV Teens for Life**

President Thomas Dinkel volunteered at the 12th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament. His help was very appreciated!

WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton, along with her husband Riley, will be running the parallel Teen Track at the WVFL State Convention October 5th.



*Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel with fellow pro-life advocates at the Washington Monument*

## **WV Teens for Life**



### *Greetings Teens and Fellow Pro-Lifers,*

As the summer comes to a close, I would like to reflect on some of the events that I took part in to be an advocate for the most vulnerable.

In late June I had the privilege to attend the Faith and Freedom Conference in Washington D.C. with fellow Mountaineers and Americans. With hundreds of faith-based patriots together it had a strong feeling and goal to stand up for America and its principles such as the sanctity of life.

The "Celebrate Life Rally" fell on one of the same days as the convention, and I was thrilled to attend with: State Senator Patricia Rucker; Republican nominees for House of Delegates Lisa White, Chris Anders, and Tristan Leavitt; and, my good friend and Republican nominee for State Senate Chris Rose. We had a great time at the rally, celebrating a great cause.

Finally, this was the first year I attended and volunteered at the annual "Golf FORE Life" golf tournament. It was a great turnout, and I cannot wait to attend in the coming years!

God Bless,

*Thomas J. Dinkel*

Matthew 18:6

# Register now for the 2024 State Convention!

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<https://www.wvforlife.org/event/annual-state-convention-2024/>

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Winner Chris Alasky  
sinks it from 10'. It  
was not surprising  
that he also won the  
on-course contest for  
longest putt.*

## Important Election Information Inside

Most Americans know that abortion has gone too far. Yet, some candidates support abortion for any reason.

Be sure to vote on Tuesday, November 5, and before you vote, find out where the candidates *really* stand on abortion and human life. *Vote as if life depends on it ... because it does.*

With over 66 million U.S. abortions since 1973, abortion has killed more unborn children than those combined who died in the:

- Revolutionary War
- Civil War
- World Wars I & II
- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- Persian Gulf War
- War on Terrorism