



Take Advantage of October 19 State Pro-Life Convention

The theme of the West Virginians for Life State Convention on Saturday, October 19, LIFE is nourished at the roots. picks up the same theme as National Right to Life's convention earlier this summer. Held at Trinity Assembly of God in Fairmont, the doors will open at 9:00 a.m. for registration. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts until 3:00 p.m.

To equip you with the knowledge and skills to combat the pro-abortion rhetoric in our culture, WVFL has prepared a one-day fast-paced state pro-life convention geared









Wanda Franz, Ph.D.



Lynn Keener Tranae Mathis legislative agenda planned for 2020 in the halls of the Capitol in Charleston.

What should we be looking for in a Hospice? Are some such facilities only worried about "quality" of life? Presenter Lynn Keener of WV Caring, will give us answers.

You have seen the billboards around the state that declare "Abortion is Still Legal in West Virginia." Well, Kanawha **County Chapter Leader** Missy Ciccarello has a competing strategy she will share.

West Virginia Sidewalk Advocates for Life Director Tranae

to get West Virginians up to date with what is happening in the movement.

Guest speakers will be Brenden and Nicole Flynn, a unique couple whose traumatic brain injuries have not held them back from achievements when many doctors would have called for their demise pronouncing "low quality of life" over them. At one point the doctors wanted to give Brenden up for dead saying if he survived he would be nursing home bound the rest of his life. He has proven them wrong and now talks about his hospital experiences and rehabilitation openly. Nicole, too, suffered a traumatic brain injury. Together, they aim to give hope and want to spread their message of life and perseverance all over the world.

Other speakers include National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross and WVFL President Dr. Wanda Franz. With her presentation titled *Tears to Triumph*, Cross will address the teens and tell them of her journey in the Pro-life movement. Additionally, convention goers can look forward to hearing Cross present information on the 2020 elections and what part attendees can play in bringing about positive pro-life change.

Dr. Wanda Franz will let everyone in on the ambitious

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Mathis will inform attendees regarding the lone abortion clinic in the state. Learn the latest on the bubble zone ordinance and how that has affected the protest effort.

Teens will have their own special Day Camp geared specifically to teens while the adult convention is being held. In a separate space for most of the day, they will be led by our National Right to Life Academy alum and Board Member, Lacey Evans. Delegates Kayla Kessinger and Caleb Hanna (age 19) have promised to address the teens in addition to a representative from Students for Life of America.

A buffet luncheon as well as continental breakfast are included in the adult \$35 registration fee. Fairmont's Gourmet Catering always does a superb job with lunch. The WVFL Marion County Chapter will provide the continental breakfast.

Groups of 10 or more, pay only \$25 per person versus \$35. College students and teens pay \$20.

Childcare will be available, if enough notice is given. Cost for pre-teens (5-11 years) is \$7 per child. Birth to 4 years of age will be \$5 each

The WVFL Chapter that brings the most people from their county will win a set of fetal models (\$200 value).

> You may win pro-life materials as door prizes. Random drawings will be held throughout the day.

The Angel of the Year award winner, named posthumously for supervolunteer Angela Carney, will be revealed also.

Early registration deadline is October 12. Clip the registration coupon on page 9 and return with payment or pay online at wvforlife.org/event/annualstate-convention.

Don't delay!

What She Saw in that Teaching Hospital in WV



Nurse Marvann Lawhon is the Executive Producer of The Voice of John. The haunting story she shares, deserves to be heard

What would you do if you walked into a utility room in a hospital and found a baby laying naked on a counter? It happened to rookie nurse Marvann Lawhon in 1977. Not only that, but it happened at a teaching hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia. "It's an abortion. Leave it alone," she was told when she ran to get help.

Don't think that this is not happening. We know that it is and abortion survivors are coming forward. Pro-life advocate and abortion survivor Melissa Ohden heads The Abortion Survivors Network at theabortionsurvivors.com and she has been in contact with 260 survivors from 2012-2018. According to the site, "there could be as many as 44,000 survivors of late-term abortion in the United States alone." Ohden is among the fortunate ones, who survives to tell her story.

Nurse Maryann Lawhon made good on her promise to the aborted baby

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Polling and the 2020 Election

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one small voice will speak for millions

Dear friends,

Gallup recently released polling data that shows that there has been an increase in pro-life sentiment across the country. When people are asked if they consider themselves to be pro-life or "pro-choice," 60% of Americans identify with the pro-life position. This is because there has been a renewed awareness of what it means to be "pro-choice." Our opponents have always hidden their support for late-term abortions, but that has all changed and Americans are appalled by it.

Today, every single one of the Democrat candidates for President of the United States has publicly claimed they support abortion until birth, including taxpayer funding of abortion. However, opposition to late-term abortions is overwhelming with 71% saying abortion should be illegal during the third trimester. Opposition to third trimester abortions includes 60% of Democrats, 85% of Republicans and 72% of Independents.

A Marist Poll taken in February showed one of the biggest pro-life shifts in history. Americans moved toward the pro-life direction on abortion by a 17% margin in one month after New York state legalized abortions up to birth. Once Americans know that the "pro-choice" position means the ability to "choose" abortion until birth, they realize that they can no longer identify with it.

While all the Democrat candidates for President of the United States have pro-abortion positions, President Trump has been the most pro-life President in history. President Trump has been a powerful voice for the pro-life position. He said he would pick the kind of Supreme Court Justices who would "interpret the Constitution the way the founders wanted it interpreted," and he has not disappointed his voters. In addition, he has used his Presidential powers to restore the international "Mexico City Policy," which prevents tax funds from supporting the global abortion industry, including Planned Parenthood.

He supports pro-life legislation and would sign the Federal Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act to protect children from suffering abortions after 20 weeks when the unborn child feels pain. He has pledged "to veto any legislation that weakens current pro-life federal policies and laws, or that encourages the destruction of innocent human life at any stage." While waiting for Congress to act to pass laws, he has used his executive powers to ensure that Title X funding does not go to facilities that perform or refer for abortions.

West Virginians for Life is proud to support candidates who work to promote pro-life policies at both the state and federal levels. We are blessed to have pro-life leadership in the state and as representatives in Congress. We look forward to working for life in 2020.

Manda Franz, Ph. D.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President

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she baptized and named John before he died in her arms in that utility room. It may have taken 35 years, but the movie, *The Voice of John*, was released in 2012.

In the words of NRL President Carol Tobias, who is one of many interviewed in the movie, "The documentary addresses the issue of eugenics, focusing on the connection between Charles Darwin, Margaret Sanger, and Adolf Hitler. You will hear heart-wrenching stories from Julia Holcomb, ex-girlfriend of singer Steven Tyler, former abortionfacility owner Carol Everett, and a young girl who became pregnant from rape.The all-encompassing pro-life message in this film interviews parents of children with special needs, encourages adoption, and addresses issues of euthanasia and the myth of over-population."

Find out more about *The Voice of John* at http://www.voiceofjohn.org and attend the State Pro-Life Convention on Saturday, October 19 in Fairmont. The opening four minutes of the documentary will be played allowing you to hear Maryann Lawhon's story in her own words.

In harmony with *The Voice of John* and The Abortion Survivors Network, now is the time to pass a Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act in West Virginia.

Contributors: Mary Anne Buchanan, Cheryl Carr, Margaret Deely, Wanda Franz, Ph.D., Patricia Johnson, Pastor Doug Joseph, and Mary Tillman, J.D.

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Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

THANK YOUR HOUSE MEMBER

for signing the discharge petition to force a vote on the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" (H.R. 962)

The Born-Alive Act (H.R. 962) that has repeatedly been thwarted on the federal level, will be attempted in West Virginia during the next legislative session in Charleston. The session starts January 9, 2020.

by Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

We have received word that Nancy Pelosi and the House Democrats have declined, once again, to vote on a bill to protect babies born alive as a result of a failed abortion. The Republicans have tried to get the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act to the floor for a vote, but have been blocked at every turn by the majority party. Representatives Kay Granger and Cathy McMorris Rodgers (both Republicans) have gone on the House floor to request a vote to discharge the bill from Committee, but both were gaveled "out of order."

This made the 75th time and counting that the House Democrats have blocked action on the bill. We have moved so far away from the promise of America's founding document that makes the right to life the first unalienable right. Instead, we have come to the point where babies are being left abandoned to die, while legislation that would provide medical care is denied.

We can be proud of the West Virginia Congressional delegation for their support for this legislation. When Republican Whip Steve Scalise prepared a discharge petition to bypass the Democratic block of the legislation, all three of our Representatives signed the petition. David McKinley (1st District), Alex Mooney (2nd District) and Carol Miller (3rd District) all deserve thanks for their opposition to infanticide.

Earlier this year, the Senate voted on the bill, but it failed to receive the 2/3's necessary to overcome the Democratic filibuster. Once again, we can be proud of our Senators from West Virginia, both of whom voted for the bill to ban the practice of infanticide. Contact Senators Shelley Moore Capito and Joe Manchin to thank them for the vote.

Here in West Virginia, we believe we can pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act in the next legislative session. We know that babies have been left to die in WV following failed abortions. You can see the testimony of a nurse on our web site at wvforlife.org. She found a baby dying on a utility room counter in a West Virginia teaching hospital. Her testimony is powerful.

Please sign the petition on our website, print out the petition to take to your church, friends and family, and contact your West Virginia legislators to tell them you want them to pass the legislation that will stop infanticide in our state.

Improving the WV Living Will in 2020

by Mary Tillman, J.D.

This coming Legislative Session, West Virginians for Life (WVFL) will again introduce "Options in Living Wills" to amend the WV Code provisions dealing with Living Wills and Combined Medical Power of Attorney and Living Wills.

Together with the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and representatives from various groups promoting the rights of disabled persons, WVFL sought to pass this same legislation last year. Although it passed successfully through the Senate, we were unsuccessful in having the Chairman of the Health Committee in the House of Delegates put our bill on the agenda, and so it died.

The bill would amend that portion of the Code that sets forth sample language to be used in Living Wills (and the Combined form). Presently, because of the fact that certain terms are not defined in the Living Will itself but rather elsewhere in the Code, it appears that most people to do not understand that by signing a Living Will, they are agreeing to the removal of artificially-provided food and fluids (by IV or feeding tube), should one doctor find that they are in a terminal condition or in a "persistent vegetative state." This is dangerous language for several reasons: some PVS patients actually recover consciousness if given enough time to do so; many doctors disagree about the diagnosis of PVS; new therapies are being developed all the time for the treatment of PVS patients; and simply because death by dehydration is an awful and inhumane way to treat a cognitively disabled person who is not otherwise dying.

To prevent this cruel treatment of vulnerable disabled persons as well as the very real possibility of a lack of informed consent, our legislation would amend the form to include an express "check-off" section, where persons would choose whether they want food and fluids artificially provided, or NOT want them, should they be diagnosed as being in a persistent vegetative state.

In the meantime, we advise that the forms being promoted currently around the state NOT be used. Please go to wvforlife.org for a "Will to Live" form tailored to WV state law, with its protective language.

PRO-LIFE RALLY DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.

Presidential Candidate Handout Needs to be Shared and Widely

The comparison piece at right is available at the National Right to Life website as well as the WVFL site (wvforlife.org). By the time this newspaper is published, many of these candidates may have already dropped out of the race. Nonetheless, you will know where the remaining ones stand.

The Primary in West Virginia is Tuesday, May 12, and it will be here before you know it.

Your family and friends deserve to know where all the candidates stand, so feel free to share this widely.

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| Candidates | Roe v. Wade/Abortion | Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act | Taxpayer Funding of Abortion and/or Abortion Providers | |
| The candidates listed below have announced their candidacies for president and have scored a minimum of .5% in a national poll. | The 1973 Roe v. Wade and its companion Doe v. Bolton decisions together essentially legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States, resulting in more than 60 million abortions since then. | The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would prohibit abortions (with narrow exceptions) after the unborn child is capable of experiencing pain from abortion. | Direct taxpayer funding of abortion, as well as taxpayer funding of abortion providers, such as Planned Parenthood, means more abortion and more dead children. | |
| Where Do | the Republican Presi | dential Candidates | Stand on Life? | |
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PASS THE BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT IN 2020

Bills that legalize the killing of unborn babies until birth have clearly caused a blurring of the distinction between abortion and infanticide. West Virginians are asking, "Can this happen in West Virginia?"

This bill will protect infants born alive following an attempted abortion. It would require hospitals and medical personnel to exercise the same degree of care for the baby born alive as a result of a failed abortion, as would be given to any other preborn child at the same gestational age. It provides for immediate transport to facilities capable of caring for such children, and it provides for reporting requirements in the event the law isn't observed.



We, the pro-life citizens of West Virginia, join together with West Virginians for Life in calling for The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act to become law in 2020.

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Pregnant WV Teen Made to Drink Turpentine



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In McDowell County in late July, a 15-year old, impregnated by her mother's boyfriend with her permission to have intercourse with the girl, was made to drink turpentine by an aunt to produce a dead baby. This was after the "morning after" pill did not "kill the pregnancy" as the two women were quoted as saying.

Reportedly the teen's mother, Sharon Kirk, and the father of the baby Daniel Atwell (25 years), were charged and arrested on July 25. Both hale from Bartley. Charged with attempt to kill or injure a person by poison is the aunt, Sherry Kirk (age 62), from War.

West Virginia State Trooper First Class D.G. Pierson is in charge of the case and according to the *Bluefield Daily Telegraph* he said in a criminal complaint, "During the interview, (the juvenile) disclosed that her aunt, Sherry Kirk, had discovered she was pregnant and had actually obtained turpentine from an unknown male," (The juvenile) went on to state

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The 2018 Teen Essay Contest Winning Entries

The following two winning essays were written for the West Virginians for Life Pro-Life Essay Contest. At the senior level, grades 10-12, Ava Anderson (junior at Cross Lanes Christian), won first place, Savannah Fout (senior at Morgantown Christan Academy) won second, and third place went to Emma Barker (junior at Morgantown Christian Academy).

At the junior level, grades 7-9, Abigail Roberts (freshman at Teays Valley Christian) won first place, Haley Morris (freshman at Teays Valley Christian) won second and Elizabeth Roy (8th grader at Teays Valley Christian) won third. The essay contest was to address the theme "Why are you pro-life?"

1st Place Winner at the Sr Level Grades 10 - 12 Why I Am Pro-Life

by Ava Anderson, Cross Lanes Christian School - Grade 11

In this current age everyone wants to have a voice. People are speaking out on their beliefs concerning religion, sexuality, racial prejudice, political affiliation, and anything else that sparks passion. Everyone has the right to exercise freedom of speech and everyone wants to have the loudest voice. However, there is one voice unable to stand up for itself and be heard above all the noise: the voice of an unborn baby whose fate is to be aborted. I am pro-life because I believe in giving a voice to the voiceless.

One question commonly asked of pro-life activists is, "Why are you against abortions if they help women?" Being a pro-life advocate should not be taken as misogyny. I have a heart for women who are terrified when they discover they are pregnant, and I understand why many see abortion as their only option. However, abortions cause more harm than good. Botched abortions are the fifth leading cause of maternal death in the US, and many post-abortive women suffer psychological trauma that often leads to drug and alcohol abuse (Elliot Institute).

One of our greatest failures as a society is deeming a life less valuable due to its stage of development. The Latin word "fetus" translates to "little one," and describes a stage of life just like "infant" or "adult" (Pro-Life Action League). Even though a fetus appears strange to the human eye, each one has immeasurable worth. The fact that this fetus cannot speak for itself does not mean its life should be held to a lower standard. In fact, it makes it more imperative that someone speak on behalf of the fetus. The horrible truth is that as babies are being burned to death during saline abortions, or being ripped limb from



limb with a surgical clamp in a secondtrimester abortion, no one is giving them the voices they so desperately deserve.

"For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139.13). The gift of life is an astonishing continuum beginning with the formation of a zygote, and miraculously ending with adulthood. Every human, no matter his stage of development, has value and purpose. God unfathomably hand-picked each one of us according to His plan, and it has never been up to us to decide when to cut an innocent life short.

I am pro-life because it helps women, it helps babies, and because it is what my Savior called me to do. No matter the circumstance, or how cloudy the moral boundaries may seem, only the Lord can decide when to take the life of an unborn child. Every woman struggling with whether or not to keep a child must try to place herself in His hands. Perhaps Dr. Seuss articulates it best: "Even though you can't see or hear them at all, a persons a person, no matter how small" (Seuss 47).

1st Place Winner at the Jr Level Grades 7-9 No to Abortion

by Abigail Roberts, Teays Valley Christian - Grade 9

According to worldometers, over 3,000 unborn babies are aborted each day in America. According to the Webster's Dictionary, abortion is "The intentional ending of pregnancy and the expulsion of an unborn baby." Abortions should be avoided because they bring pain and fear to the fetus, take the life of a helpless baby, and can lead to future medical problems for the mother.

First, babies feel pain and face fear during the abortion procedure. Just at thirteen and a half weeks after conception, surgeons have seen babies jerk, flinch, and recoil from sharp objects. Dr. Bernard Nathanson, an abortionist doctor, recorded the first ultrasound of an abortion. It showed the fetus moving as far away as it possibly could from the intruding abortion device. He had performed thousands of abortions but would not do any after this.

Second, abortion takes the life of a helpless baby. At the moment of conception, a baby is formed. Their DNA has been created. If the fetus was not alive the fetus would not grow. Some would argue that a fetus is not a baby, but a fetal heartbeat can be detected as early as five or six weeks into a pregnancy. The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center has said, "Week 5 is the start of the 'embryonic period.' This when all the baby's major systems and structures develop. The embryo's cells multiply and start to take on specific functions."

Third, abortions lead to future



medical problems for the mother. Mothers, after an abortion, may face pelvic infections, blood clots in the uterus, scar tissue on the uterine wall, or possibly a tear on the wall of the uterus. Having an abortion makes it more difficult for the mother to conceive again. If she is able to carry another baby, the baby can face a preterm birth, low birth weight, and even death near the end of the pregnancy.

In conclusion, abortion kills an innocent baby while bringing unnecessary pain and abortion leads to medical problems for the mother. Abortion needs to be avoided at all costs. Innocent lives are being taken every day. What would you want if your mother was deciding to abort you?

All six winning essays may be read online at wvforlife.org/teen-resources. Congratulations to all who entered the contest! You are the future of the pro-life movement.

The annual WVFL Teen Essay Contest has been temporarily suspended. For information regarding the National Right to Life Essay Contest, contact Michelle Fischbach at michellefischbach@yahoo.com or visit nrlc.org/students.





Margaret gets to drive the golf cart. Notice Mom, Kathy Deely, holding on and grabbing the wheel.



Gold Sponsor John Wassick (Wassick Novelty Company, LLC) bought mulligans for his team from volunteer Nancy Strader, executive director for PRC Compass Women's Center, who always enjoys helping out.



Bucky Riggleman was awarded a Calloway hat for having the longest putt.



Joe Raleigh of Leverage Fitness Training & Nutrition paid us a visit and loved seeing his business promoted on the banner and hole sponsor sign.



team First Place. Matt and Bob DuBois, Seth Yoho and Dr. Jim Holeshouse each went away with \$100 Visa gift cards. Team member Dr. Jim Holehouse also won the Closest to the Pin and the Longest Drive challenges for a discounted round of golf for four at Stonewall Resort and a round of golf for four at Preston Country Club.





Patrick Garcia. Tyler and Adam Etris. and Alex Ruoff (former WVU basketball player turned overseas basketball pro) enjoyed golfing courtesy of McCulla's Funeral Home sponsorship.



This team would take Second Place with a 64 (-8). That afforded each of them \$75 in Preston Country Club Pro Shop merchandise. Team members Dave Lofstead, Marion Zuccari, Pat and Chuck Higginbotham posed with volunteer Kim Drvar (center).



The Gold Sponsor team of Dan Wassick, Jr., Dan Wassick, Sr., John Wassick and Terry Barill took Third Place with a 65 (-7). That afforded each of them \$50 in Preston Country Club Pro Shop merchandise.



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WVFL Program Director Mary Anne (center) is so happy to see this team every year. They are Mike Debich, Mike Burkitt, Chris and Colton Kolanko



The snack cart was sponsored by Dr. Jeff Jackson of Mountain State Dermatology and another wonderful anonymous donor.



Volunteers for the "Hit Like a Lady" Challenge were Donna Kolanko and Barb Dunn.



and Don Oliver really appreciated the tournament being on a Sunday.



Randy Meadows and Tim Fout enjoyed themselves as the twoman team. The tournament could have used more teams/players. That was the one thing lacking. All else was awesome!



Volunteers on the "Land on the

Green" Challenge hole were

Dana Leech and Rhonda Fout.

Dave Johnson, Steve Crouse, Dennis Kelley



Volunteers Wanda Franz, Ph.D. and Pam Stanley were monitors on hole 18. From this vantage point, they could witness a hole in one, which, again, did not happen.



Doug and Dana Leech were Silver Sponsors of this foursome. Chris Arthurs, Blair Lawson, Casey Getten, and Nick Butcher were happy to pose with Dana.



Had there been a hole in one on hole 18, this beautiful Blazer would have been the prize courtesy of Harry Green Chevy Nissan in Bridgeport.



Having fun on the course was this team of Jim Calain, Jeff Stanley, John Warbel and Bucky Riggleman.



Seth Yoho won the Putting Contest prize (\$100 gift card to Lowe's). Thanks to contest sponsor Hamstead, Williams & Shook.

2019 National Right to Life Convention July 5-6 in Charleston



Chloe Kondrich of Chloe's Foundation based in Pittsburgh, PA, was delighted to get her picture taken with Melissa Coles, the biological mother featured in the documentary I Lived on Parker Avenue.



You, too can hear Melissa Coles testimony at our 22nd Annual Rose Dinner on April 16. Visit wvforlife. org as April approaches to get all the details. If you missed the 30 minute documentary at the 2017 Rose Dinner, this will be your opportunity to see it or see it again.



Ashley Bratcher played the role of former Planned Parenthood Director turned pro-life advocate Abby Johnson in the movie Unplanned. What a joy to hear her testimony!

Kurt Kondrich, M.Ed., president

caption reads: Shortly after Chloe's

with Down syndrome are identified,

targeted and terminated - Prenatal

of Chloe's Foundation was the

closing banquet speaker. Slide

birth, we learned that 70-90%+

of children diagnosed prenatally

Genocide!



Loved one of Gov. McMaster's quotes. It was something to the effect of the legendary Mohamed Ali having been asked by a young boy what it was like to get knocked down and Ali said to the lad, "Son, I don't get knocked down. I'm always up or on my way to getting up." (Thunderous applause)



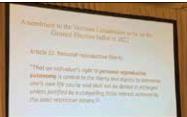
Two million embryos are frozen around the world, many in litigation. It was predicted this would happen with the onset of IVF. Visit http:// embryodefense. org/ to find out more.



Front row: SC Citizens for Life Executive Director Holly Gatling and NRLC Treasurer Wayne Cockfield Back row: Mary Anne Buchanan, Deb Sturm and Mary Jewel McCormick



Virginia – Mary Anne, Missy, Cheryl





Part of the WV contingent (two absent from this shot) are Mary Anne Buchanan, Andy Sabak, Deb Sturm, Mary Jewel McCormick and National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross.



During the final general session UNHINGED:Legalizing the Unthinkable, Chris Fadden, the chair of the NY State RTL Committee, explained what happened that the so-called Reproductive Health Act (RHA) was passed. That law now allows for unborn babies in NY to be aborted up to birth. Elections do have consequences, she said. They had always before been able to push back that legislation but because of a couple of flips in legislative seats, the heinous bill made it through.



National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross was interviewed, along with many others at nrlc2019, for a CBS special that is supposed to cover both sides of the issue. It may run as an Eye on America segment and/or CBS may plan to use the footage for more in-depth broadcasts as the election year approaches.



Fantastic collection of speakers for the general session titled "UNHINGED: Legalizing the Unthinkable." Abortion survivor Melissa Ohden, 2nd from left, gave an inspiring presentation, which was streamed live by WVFL Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan. To listen to it, find this same photo in the West Virginians for Life Facebook convention album.



Finally the entire WV contingent is together! L to R: WVFL Speakers Bureau Deb Sturm, Kanawha County's Mary Jewel McCormick and Missy Lindsey Ciccarello, Marion County's Andrew Sabak, and WVFL's Graphic Designer Cheryl Carr and Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan.



Check out this slide in the Olivia Gans Turner workshop titled "When the Shouting Stops: Understanding what is behind the 'Shout Your Abortion' Campaign."



Kanawha County Chapter Leader Missy Ciccarello, WVFL's Graphic Designer Cheryl Carr and Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan and Mary Jewel McCormick of the Kanawha County Chapter getting their feet wet at Isle of Palms Beach, SC on July 4th, the night before the convention.



Bobby Schindler, brother of Terri Schiavo and president of the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network, spoke in Wesley Smith's place and did an admirable job during the Health Care Rationing can be Deadly general session.



During the Opening Life Luncheon, this sign was noticed.

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Pro-Life Profile

Jaime Bigley is married to an "amazing husband," Warren, and they have four beautiful daughters ranging in age from 24 to 4. They also have a granddaughter, Olive, who is almost two. All girls in this family! She attended West Virginia University and West Virginia University at Parkersburg and received her BA in Psychology/Sociology. She has also completed coursework toward an MA in Communication, but that hasn't been finished yet. "Someday," she laments. Jaime has worked in various capacities in the developmental disabilities field for 25 years and is



Jaime Bigley Wood County Chapter Leader

currently employed as a Service Coordinator ("a fancy word for overworked Case Manager") in the WV Title XIX Waiver Program.

Jaime feels she has always been pro-life. Her parents are big pro-lifers and raised her and the siblings that way. From the time she was a teenager, she would make and wear pro-life t-shirts to school, make signs, etc. and in college she was a vocal advocate for the unborn in whatever setting the subject of abortion was brought up. There wasn't a local pro-life group in the town in which she grew up, but her church was always participating in pro-life activities, walks for life, and holding fundraisers for the local Women's Care Center.

As the result of a personal experience, Jaime's involvement and renewed dedication to the pro-life movement came about. In 2013, she and her husband found out they were expecting very early on (around 4 weeks). She was almost 8 weeks along when it was discovered that the pregnancy was ectopic. Her tube ruptured, causing severe internal bleeding and an emergency surgery to remove the pregnancy to save her life had to be performed. They were devastated. Jaime researched pictures of what an 8-week old baby - her baby - looked like and knowing that he/she died as a result of the surgery, just because of an attachment in the wrong place, was - and is still - heartbreaking. This renewed her passion for educating women and making sure that they know that their babies are very human from the moment of conception. With everything going on in the country today regarding life and death, she really felt it was time to step up and do whatever possible to save babies!! Currently, she is the WVFL chapter leader for Wood County and is super excited to get out there and fight for life!

"The biggest challenge we face is false knowledge, as well as the lack of knowledge, regarding what abortion is and does," Jaime says. She believes "women need to be reached and educated regarding what is going on inside their wombs; that they need to be supported and showered with love, compassion, and understanding as we come alongside them."

WVFL Treasurer's Article Big Tech Bias — Blocking Pro-Life Groups From Advertising

Dear West Virginia Pro-Lifers,

Pro-life groups/ads have been blocked by Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, et al. As reported by IrishCentral and Lifesite: Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg admitted that Facebook deliberately banned pro-life ads from the US during the Irish abortion referendum after the Irish government told them they had no laws either way to cover such foreign advertising.

The depth of their bias is being revealed. As reported by Mat Staver (Liberty Counsel): a senior software engineer at Google stepped out of the shadows to confirm that Google is "very politically biased." Greg Coppola has a Ph.D. in computer science. This executive.



WVFL Treasurer Pastor Doug Joseph

who was with Google for five years, went on camera with Project Veritas to issue these explosive charges: "I'm very concerned to see Big Tech and the Big Media merge, basically, with a political party, with the Democrat Party.... We...are seeing tech use its power to manipulate people.... We have tech that really, first of all, is taking sides in a political contest." Coppola, who works on artificial intelligence and Google Assistant—or at least he did, until the tech giant put him on "administrative leave" insists, "We're just at a really important point in human history." Coppola declares, "It's time to decide. Are we going to just let the biggest tech companies decide who wins every election from now on?" Join us: wvforlife.org/membership

Better yet, step up to **Rose Society Membership** while you're there! Already a member? Give here: wvforlife.org/donate

With determination, Pastor Doug Joseph, WVFL Treasurer



Dear Teens for Life,

I hope all of you had an excellent summer. The June 9th Golf FORE Life was sooooo fun! I actually got to drive a golf cart (with my Mom beside me, no worries) and I made out like a bandit with the Silent Auction items (got a bunch of great golf movies). It was enjoyable to be a help in surveying the golfers as well as

calling out prize drawing numbers and handing out the prizes.

Come to the State Pro-Life Convention on Saturday, October 19. Teens have their own space for parts of the day. At the Teen Day Camp, you will hear Karen Cross' story – pregnant and unwed as a teen, she aborted one child, gave birth to a child and then later, aborted again. But her mess was turned into her message. Get to know what Students for Life of America is about. You can also ask questions of Delegates Kayla Kessinger and Delegate Caleb Hanna. Hanna is 19. Can you believe that?

Please look for local events this fall and participate in any way you can since there are lots of fairs, festivals and parades around the state.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention in Fairmont in October.

Your WV Teens for life President, Margaret Deely



WV Teens for Life President Margaret Deely

Jaime's biggest hope is that the American people would have a change of heart and that they would once again value life as God intended - from conception to natural death. If that would happen, she believes everything else in the pro-life movement would fall into place. She also truly hopes for the overturning of Roe v Wade - the monster that started us on this downhill slide - and for the closing down of every abortion facility in the country due to lack of business!

2019 & 2020 Calendar of Events

| October 6, 2019 (Sun.) | Respect Life Sunday in churches around the state | |
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| October 19, 2019 (Sat.) | State Pro-Life Convention at Trinity Assembly of God, Fairmont | |
| November 2, 2019 (Sat.) | Board Meeting, Clarksburg | |
| January 8, 2020 (Wed.) | WV Legislative Session Starts | |
| January 19, 2020 (Sat.) | Sanctity of Human Life Sunday | |
| January 24, 2020 (Fri.) | March for Life, Washington, D.C. | |
| February 24, 2020 (Mon.) | Pro-Life Rally Day, State Capitol | |
| April 16, 2020 (Thurs.) | 22nd Annual Rose Dinner at Holiday Inn, Pineview Drive, Morgantown | |
| July 11, 2020 (Sat.) | 8th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament, Preston Country Club | |

Continued from page 4, Pregnant Teen Made to Drink Turpentine

that Sherry made her drink the turpentine."

According to McDowell County Magistrate court, Kirk has been released on a \$50,000 surety bond.

Both Atwell and Baker, who were charged with sexual assault related crimes, are also out on bond.

The state police criminal complaint says the pregnant teen was hospitalized and is now in the care of social workers. It is not clear whether the unborn baby survived.

Horrific as this is, similar stories of abuse are not uncommon. One of the reasons women and girls give for obtaining an abortion is due to pressure from the father of the child or other family members.

Jessica Stanton wrote an article "Protecting Women and Girls from Coerced Abortions," for The American Feminist (Fall/Winter 2016) which reads in part: "In a study conducted by Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, Dr. Ian Gentles, and Dr. Elizabeth Ring–Cassidy published in 2013 in 'Complications: Abortion's Impact on Women', the authors asked 101 women to share their abortion stories. When they were asked whether they were 'coerced or pressured into having the abortion,' 48% of the women answered, 'Yes,' and said that the pressure or coercion was in the form of violence or threat. Concerning adolescent abortion, 8% of minors whose parents learned about their pregnancies from a third-party felt forced to abort; 6% of that group stated they were subjected to physical violence."

In recent years, the pro-life group Live Action has done undercover work in Planned Parenthood facilities and found that members of their group posing as sex traffickers were given advice on how the very girls they victimized could get abortions.

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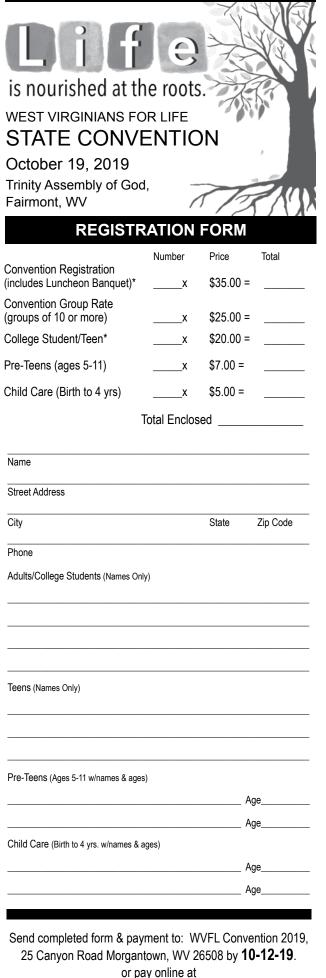
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Kanawha



Sympathies go out to the Kanawha County Chapter in the loss of Wetzel Blevins (above left) pictured with wife Ann. Above right is Chapter Leader Missy Ciccarello and Mary Jewel McCormick at Isle of Palms Beach, SC, the night before the National Right to Life Convention.

Monroe



Above left Jillian Whatley collected over \$100 to donate to the chapter via a Baby Bottle Campaign that she initiated on her own. She is pictured with grateful Monroe County Chapter Leader Martha Hunter and with her younger sister, Nora Eggleston (above right).

Ohio

Wood



1st Place Precious Baby Photo Contest winner in the Mon County Fair Parade was Eliza Higginbotham on mother Karen Higginbotham's lap. 2nd Place went to Ameria Wood (above center). Thomas Slavonic was 3rd.

Summers



Randolph



The Ohio County Chapter had a massive number of pro-lifers show up for their Walk-for-Life in May.



Randolph County's startup was July 15. Around 30 interested pro-lifers attended. WVFL's President Dr. Wanda Franz (2nd row, far left) and Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan (holding sign) were there to present and show the HUSH documentary. Chapter Leader is Jamie Estep (1st row, far left). The meeting was held at Elkins Family Worship Center.



The Public Library on Emerson Avenue in N. Parkersburg has been the site for the newly rejuvenated Wood County Chapter. This July 9 meeting was attended by 20. The 30-minute documentary, I Lived on Parker Avenue, was shown after a presentation by WVFL's President Wanda Franz, Ph.D. and Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan. Pictured in the front row on either side of Chapter Leader Jaime Bigley are Franz and Buchanan.



The chapter's booth at John Henry Days was manned here by Terri Keatley, Chapter Leader Bonnie Ayers and Basil Campbell.



This youngster at John Henry Days enjoyed cuddling the babies.

the Mighty State

Cabell County:

The chapter participated in the Cabell County Fair in June.

Harrison County:

The Harrison County chapter contributed to Life Choice, their local pregnancy center, to help pay for a billboard on Rt. 50 in Clarksburg. The chapter will have a booth at the Lost Creek Festival in September and will assist the Doddridge County Chapter with their booth at the Apple Butter Festival in October.

Kanawha County:

The chapter successfully launched their first baby bottle fundraising campaign in May. Six local churches generously came alongside. In June, it was Sidewalk Advocate Training with Tranae Mathis. Tranae has become an integral part of their mission and goal for the chapter - Speaking Life to the community in love and compassion. It wasn't all sunshine in June as they faced the City Council of Charleston regarding the new bubble zone ordinance. Pro-lifers stood together in solidarity for LIFE. Hymns, prayers and praises to the Lord rang through the hallways of City Hall! On Saturday, June 22, they came together for a SpeakLife Prayer, Praise & Worship service at the abortion clinic where a candlelight vigil was held for the babies that have lost their lives in that place. They also prayed and praised the Lord as they walked around the clinic repeatedly. Over July 4th weekend, two chapter members, Mary Jewel McCormick and Missy Ciccarello, made the trek to Charleston, SC for the National Right to Life Convention. What an incredible opportunity to meet fellow pro-lifers from across the country and learn from the nation's pro-life pioneers! The month of July brought great sadness as the chapter lost one of its dedicated members. Wetzel Blevins of Dunbar. Wetzel will be honored at The First **Annual Wetzel Blevins ThanksLIVING** Gathering in November. Please keep Wetzel's sweet wife, Ann, in your thoughts and prayers. Chapter members attended the August 15 Candlelight Vigil for the Voiceless at the Boone County Courthouse. September 15 is the WV4Life Family Yard Sale & Bake Sale and soon after that, they'll be attending the Dunbar Fall Fest on September 20-21 where, for the first time, they will get out in the community with their big red pop-up tent and all of

their pro-life swag, so they are super

excited!

Marion County:

Chapter Leader Andrew Sabak attended and presented at the NRL Convention in Charleston, SC. For monthly meeting info, call 304-612-4520.

McDowell County:

Herman and Renee Bolden are interested in starting a chapter in the county. If you live in McDowell and want to join them, please contact the Boldens at 304-320-5340. They would like for State President Wanda Franz to attend a meeting if enough people show interest.

Monongalia County:

The annual Precious Baby Photo Contest included six precious babies, and a running vote tally was shown on the WV for Life – Monongalia County Chapter Facebook page. The winners were announced at the chapter booth on Kids' Day (July 20.) The winner, Eliza Higginbotham, rode in the Mon County Fair Parade on August 12. Chapter members assisted with WVFL's 7th Annual Golf FORE Life at the Preston County Club in Kingwood in June. The chapter had a booth at the Annual Kids' Day in downtown Morgantown on July 20. They handed out fetal models to educate the children. Over 50 signatures were obtained in support of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Act. Thanks go out to the volunteer face painters: Marcia O'Connor, her granddaughter Tori May and Missy McGrew. In addition to the Mon County Fair Parade on August 12, the WVU Homecoming Parade on October 4 will feature a pro-life chapter entry. A full-page ad in the convention resource manual will be purchased for the State Convention on October 19 in Fairmont. Wanda Franz spoke at the Boone County Pro-Life Candlelight Vigil in Madison on August 15.

Monroe County:

Monroe County Chapter held their annual Pro-Life Rally and Walk for Life on May 11th. Due to rain, the Rally was held at Mt. Prospect Church. Martha Hunter welcomed everyone in attendance and along with emcee Mark Taylor, quests and speakers were introduced. Inspirational messages were given by Pastors Todd Baker, Jimmy Rogers, and Mark Shafer. Mark Taylor also gave a very informative talk about a long list of medical doctors proclaiming that "with modern medical science. late term abortions to save the life of the mother are never necessary. If the child can live outside the mother's womb, there's no reason to kill that child." Special music was provided by singer/guitarist Gary Winebrimmer. One of the highlights of the Rally was when Jillian Whatley presented the chapter with over \$100 that she had collected, all by herself, in a baby bottle collection. After the closing prayer, the group walked through town with their banner and signs amid honks and thumbs-up from passing cars. Their next event is the Harvest Festival in September.

Morgan County:

The chapter is known for its effective sidewalk counseling two days a week in front of the abortuary in Hagerstown, Maryland. Around 500 unborn babies have been saved, not to mention the women. It is estimated that at least an equal number of women have changed their minds about abortion after viewing their large signs and witnessing the people praying.

WDTF broadcasts several pro-life messages a day including a five-minute National Right to Life program called *Pro-Life Perspective*. The chapter continued its 8' X 12' pro-life billboard outside of Berkeley Springs on Route 522. Thanks to all who support this, especially the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society.

Putnam County:

On May 4, Putnam County Culture of Life participated in the Hurricane Main Street Event. It was a very good day with a lot of people stopping by the tent. Some very good conversations took place and a lot of pro-life items were given away. Kim and Damian Maynard did an excellent job engaging folks and inviting them to church. The theme of the event was May the 4th Be with You. In keeping with that, a Star Wars banner and a light saber were given away. It was supposed to rain but by Divine Providence, rain held off until after the event. Chapter Leader Wayne Sanders is ecstatic to have been contacted by a fervent pro-lifer wanting to get involved. All chapters can sure benefit from those like her.

Randolph County:

Jamie Estep was newly elected as chapter leader a week after the July 15 start-up meeting. About 30 attended that first meeting in Elkins where WVFL's President Wanda Franz and Program Director Mary Anne Buchanan spoke. The *Hush* documentary was also shown. To contact Chapter Leader Estep, email elkinsfwc@gmail.com or call 304-614-7118.

Summers:

The Summers County Chapter ran a signature ad Mother's Day Week in the *Hinton News*.

The ad was very successful and featured a newborn with the caption *We must defend every life, from conception until natural death.* The ad also featured early development from fertilization to day 22 when the heart begins to beat. Thanks to all who contributed and printed their names. The chapter set up a booth at the John Henry Days Festival in Talcott. It was a fun day with many visitors. Chapter meetings are monthly on the 3rd Tuesday. For information, call or text Bonnie at 304-466-1370.

Upshur County:

A mixed crowd of over 100 adults and children from Lewis and Upshur County attended Upshur County Right to Life's 36th annual Mother's Day Rally and Walk for Life on May 4. Held at Jawbone Park, President Maureen Hull gave the Rally welcome, shared factual info and pro-life scriptures, and read verses from pro-life songs. Individuals and churches, who aided them in keeping up the billboards in Upshur, Harrison and Kanawha Counties, were thanked. Speakers at the Rally & Walk were Pastors Dave Riddle, Jerry Murrell, and Scott Owens. After the walk, the participants returned to the park where they were treated to a lunch of pizza and drinks, not to mention door prizes, donated by Upshur and Lewis County businesses. A gift card was given to 95-year old Edith Hosaflook for collecting the most money. Hazel Davisson (age 100) received a gift card for being the most senior walker. Special thanks to all who participated or helped in any capacity with the rally and walk and also to the excellent Free Indeed Band.

Wood County:

At least 20 showed up for the July 9 rejuvenation meeting. Dr. Wanda Franz and Mary Anne Buchanan led the meeting and showed the short documentary *I Lived on Parker Avenue*. Jaime Bigley is the new chapter leader and Patty Cooper will continue to represent the chapter and the Ohio Valley Region on the WVFL Board. Their meetings are the third Thursday monthly at the Public Library on Emerson Avenue in N. Parkersburg. Email Jaime at mrsjbigs@gmail.com or call 304-494-0333 to get involved.

WV Teens for Life: Contact President Margaret Deely at deelyma@aol.com. Please become a sponsor of the 2019 WVFL Convention and list your name in the 2019-2020 Pro-Life Resource Manual.

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Volunteer Marcia O'Connor painted faces for hours as did her granddaugter Tori May and Missy McGrew of PA. This finished product drew smiles at the Mon County Kids' Day booth on July 20.



