



Roe Overturned & HB 302 Passes!

On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court released their ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, overturning the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision. “We are thrilled with the decision rendered by the Supreme Court today. We are so happy to be able to live in a country that is no longer damaged by the legalized killing of our most vulnerable members,” said Dr. Wanda Franz, president of WVFL.

In the majority opinion, written by Justice Samuel Alito, the High Court noted: “*Roe* was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, *Roe* and *Casey* have enflamed debate and deepened division. It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people’s elected representatives.”

The West Virginia legislature picked up this newly-given mantle of authority when Governor Justice added abortion law to a special session during the summer. The result was HB 302, which passed both WV houses on September 13. This law will protect the majority of babies and their mothers, with exceptions for life of the mother, rape, and incest. Although this is a victory, work remains to be done during the regular session.

The Rhonda Williamson Story

Hi, my name is Rhonda Williamson, and this is my story.

As a little girl I loved playing with dolls, pretending that they were my real babies. I would feed, bathe and change their diapers and clothes. I was in awe, trying to catch a glimpse of my future with my own babies. I always wanted 2 kids – a boy and a girl, but I guess that’s what most people want.

Now let’s fast forward to the time when I’m ready to start having babies – my early twenties. It took a little while to get pregnant and I didn’t think much about it because it doesn’t always happen right off. I finally got that first positive pregnancy test and I was over the moon with excitement. But 6 months later, my dream became a nightmare. I went to the ER because I was spotting. They tried to find a

heartbeat but the only heartbeat they could find was mine. I was shattered. Labor was induced and I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy that had no life in him. I was told many times to keep trying and two years later, I got another positive pregnancy test. About 2-1/2 weeks later I began cramping and spotting and was told that I had lost another beautiful baby. I tried for many more years after that and never got pregnant again. I prayed daily for God to let me have a baby.

One day I took a leap of faith and made a sign that says “Please Don’t Abort, I will Adopt Your Baby”. Every week, for 2-1/2 months, I made the 1-1/2 hour drive to the abortion clinic in Charleston and held that sign as I watched pregnant women go into the clinic to abort their babies.

I was in the convenience store next

to my house and told the lady that worked there that I had been going to the abortion clinic every week with my sign and how much I wanted to adopt a baby. I did not know it at the time, but that lady had a young daughter who was pregnant and did not want to keep her baby. That lady told her daughter about me, but her daughter still went to the abortion clinic to have an abortion. As it happened, I was there that day with my sign. I had no idea who she was, I didn’t even know her name. While she was in the abortion clinic, I guess whatever her Mom had told her about me and then seeing me with my sign, played on her heart. She told her mom that the next time I came into the store to get my phone number, because she was going to let me adopt her baby.

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From the President



A Good Beginning; Work Yet To Be Done

Dear Friends,

We are celebrating the reversal of *Roe v. Wade* and *Casey*. After nearly 50 years, the Constitution of the United States no longer includes a "right to abortion." Justice Alito did a beautiful job of making the case that the Constitution should never have included such a ludicrous proposition. The right to life of each of us has been validated, because, when the right to life of any human person is threatened, we are all threatened.

The reversal of *Roe v. Wade* has not made abortion illegal. It has returned the debate to the state legislatures, as provided by our Constitution. We have reached a point that we are in the "end game." We are able to protect unborn babies in West Virginia and we are eager to do so; however, this will not be easy. We will have to continue to work with the legislature. We may need to compromise on some issues as we reach consensus on the wording of the bill. When we work with our legislators on legislation, West Virginians for Life has always supported language that saves the most possible number of lives.

We have been present in Charleston during the entire Special Session, and we are currently working to make

changes in the Senate version of House Bill HB 302. We are very pleased that both versions of the bill would ban most abortions from fertilization. This is an incredible accomplishment. We are truly thankful that our legislators recognize the importance of protecting human life from its beginning. [See page 3.]

One of the most emotional issues is the question of including rape and incest exceptions in the bill. It has been difficult to do a good job of educating about this issue due to the media talking point that the rape victim suffers terribly if she has to carry the pregnancy to term. WVFL believes these exceptions for rape do everything to help the perpetrator hide the crime and do nothing to help the victim. Abortion is not a cure for rape. In recent years, all the bills we have passed have not included these exceptions. [See the article on rape and incest on page 3.]

We are just beginning our work toward a truly pro-life West Virginia. Thank you for your continuing support in our fight for life.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

Wanda Franz, Ph.D., President

The Rhonda Williamson Story

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From the day she called me asking me to adopt her baby, I went to every doctor appointment with her, and I was in the delivery room when my beautiful daughter was born. When I cut her cord, the doctor handed her to me, and she's been mine from there on out.

Today I am the mother of a beautiful baby girl that is healthy, funny and smart. When she laughs and smiles, I thank God for putting me in the right place at the right time because the world would have never gotten to experience that beautiful sight or sound. Our daughter will be three years old in October and has brought so much joy into our lives. We are thankful and blessed that her mother saw a sign and chose LIFE for our daughter.



The Williamson Family



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After 50 Years of Fight for Inches, HB 302 Wins Miles

By Karen Cross, Political Liaison and Sadie Shields, Legislative Director

For years, the people of West Virginia have been showing up at the polls to vote for pro-life lawmakers. They have promised to defend the most vulnerable of us all, the unborn babies of West Virginia. Now, unborn babies are protected from the moment of implantation under West Virginia law. This is one of the greatest pro-life laws to pass in the United States in the post-Roe era! The people of West Virginia have fought for inches. This month, we have won miles.

The decision in *Dobbs* finally moved control of abortion away from the courts. The reversal of *Roe v. Wade* returned the debate on abortion to the state legislatures, as provided by our Constitution. This allowed the people of West Virginia to begin protecting women and unborn babies from the devastating reality of abortion.

West Virginians for Life (WVFL) sprang into action to lobby the pro-life lawmakers as soon as they picked up abortion in the post-Dobbs special session. After a stall in July, Senator Takubo and Delegate McGeehan worked together on an agreement that would save the vast majority of babies from abortion. This new draft, however, did include some exceptions: life of the mother, a medically non-viable baby, medical emergency, and rape and incest.

WVFL recognizes the worth of every unborn baby's life, and fought hard against the exceptions for rape and incest. But for the bill to pass, and the only abortion clinic in West Virginia to stop performing abortions, those exceptions were necessary. The next effort was to focus on tightening the exceptions to keep them from being abused, and saving as many lives as possible.

In the tragic situation that an adult woman has been raped, a report must be filed with law enforcement before she receives an abortion, which must be performed before eight weeks post-implantation. If a minor has this crime committed against her, she has the option to report directly to law enforcement, or a healthcare worker who is a mandatory reporter will make the report for her. For a minor, the abortion must be performed before 14 weeks post-implantation. These guidelines will help protect victims from being pressured into an abortion by their predator.



Senate President Craig Blair with WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Shields



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These tight restrictions were modeled after other states, which have had success with this language. Not only has this strategy proved to protect women and unborn babies from abortion, but it has not been abused.

In addition, an authorized report must be given to the abortionist, and the abortion can only be provided in a hospital by doctors. No other medical provider may perform an abortion. A doctor who knowingly and willfully performs or commits an illegal abortion will be stripped of his or her medical license. Anyone who is not a doctor, or a doctor who has lost his or her license and performs an abortion, will face up to ten years in jail. All abortions performed in the state of West Virginia are subject to reporting. This will prevent medical providers from committing numerous illegal abortions because, if one specific doctor continually performs abortions, an investigation can be requested.

A Loving Response to Rape and Incest

By Wanda Franz, WVFL President

Rape and incest are likely two of the most horrific things that can happen to a woman. She is a victim of a brutal attack, and the attacker should receive the full power of the law against him. The victim should receive the greatest sympathy and support from our social system. Few would dispute this.

The question is: What constitutes the best support for the victims of these crimes? Answers to this question have been presented by Robin Atkins. She is a certified Mental Health Specialist, who has spent her nearly 20-year career helping the victims of rape and incest. She serves on the Board of AAPLOG (American Association of Pro-Life Obstetrician-Gynecologists).

Those with a pro-abortion agenda, through the use of the media, have made it appear that abortion is the best way to benefit the victims of rape and incest. However, Robin Atkins explains that, "Abortion is not a treatment for trauma, including rape and incest." Abortion is another form of violence that may also create trauma.

Atkins explains that, far from being a horrific burden, pregnancies following rape are chosen by 50% to 80% of rape victims. It must be pointed out that a pregnant woman has a powerful biological and psychological bond with her unborn child. Biologically-speaking, there are no other relationships that produce the same kind of bonding impact.

In addition, children conceived and born out of such relationships are no different than any other child. Ryan Bomberger's biological mother was raped. He was born and adopted by a loving family. He is a powerful testament against being aborted. He has written:

"I am not the 'rapist's child.' I am her child. I am God's child. I'm one of thousands every year, given the opportunity to live, love and redeem what the rapist tried to destroy. Our stories are full of hope, full of love, full of purpose."

Treatment for rape involves care and counseling. Victims of incest are especially vulnerable and in need of this help. Atkins explains that good practice requires that abortion never be used when other non-violent options are available. Even very young girls, who are capable of becoming pregnant, can have healthy outcomes when they are given good medical care. A healthy woman's body is designed to give birth. When society falls back on abortion as a solution, there is the implication that women's bodies are inherently flawed. from the truth.

**Look for the *Bekah's Story:*
A Loving Response to the
Victims of Rape brochure at:**

wvforlife.org/publications-current/

Candidate Surveys and Voting Records

The following charts are a service to you describing the pro-life records of the candidates running in this year's primary election. The first four columns consist of selected questions from the West Virginians for Life Candidate Survey. The questions for each are presented here. A “yes” answer is pro-life for all four questions. If no response is indicated, a survey was not received. An asterisk (*) indicates written comments were included.

Among others, the following four selected survey questions were asked:

1 = Would you vote for a bill to outlaw abortions done for the sole purpose of killing a child diagnosed with Down

syndrome or some other disability?

2 = Would you vote to prevent the use of tax funds for abortion other than to prevent the death of the mother?

3 = Would you vote for a bill to correct the WV Code on Living Wills, so “vegetative state” patients are not dehydrated to death; so persons considering signing a Living Will are told clearly that CPR, breathing machines, dialysis, and feeding tubes will NOT be provided; and requiring that ORAL food and fluids, such as may be taken by spoon or straw, will always be offered if they are desired and can be safely tolerated?

4 = Would you vote to oppose any legislation that would impose rationing

that intentionally denies treatment on the basis of disability or “quality of life” of those denied treatment?

Born-Alive Bill = Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act to ensure proper medical care is given to an infant abortion survivor + legal recourse (2/18/2020 in House and 2/19/2020 in Senate). Y is a pro-life vote. N is no. A is for absent.

2nd Chances at Life Act (Abortion Pill Reversal) = Those seeking abortions via chemical method would have to be given information about reversing the procedure once it has begun, if measures are taken swiftly. (4/10/21 in House and 4/10/21 in Senate)

Down Syndrome Bill = Unborn Child with Down Syndrome Protection and Education Act will protect unborn babies from being aborted due to a diagnosis of Down syndrome or other disability by requiring doctors to provide educational materials on the support systems available to families raising children with disabilities. (3/2/22 in Senate and 3/12/22 in House)

HB 302 = Bill to clarify West Virginia’s abortion laws. (9/13/22 in both Senate and House)

The “% pro-life votes” column is a compilation of votes from 2013-2020 (Senate) and 2014-2022 (House) and not just the three votes shown.

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| Senate Candidates | Party | Dist. | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Born-Alive | 2nd Chances | Down Synd | HB 302 | % pro-life votes |
|----------------------|-------|-------|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| Chapman, Laura Wakim | R | 1 | Brooke,Hancock,Marshall,Ohio | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Swartzmiller, Randy | D | 1 | Brooke,Hancock,Marshall,Ohio | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | 88% in H |
| Clements, Charles | R | 2 | Dod,Mari,Marsh,Monon,Tyler,Wetzel | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Hayhurst, Eric | D | 2 | Dod,Mari,Marsh,Monon,Tyler,Wetzel | | | | | | | | | |
| Azinger, Mike | R | 3 | Pleasants,Ritchie,Wirt,Wood | | | | | Y in House | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Murphy, Jody | D | 3 | Pleasants,Ritchie,Wirt,Wood | | | | | | | | | |
| Tarr, Eric | R | 4 | Cabell,Jackson,Mason,Putnam | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 80% |
| Clark, Melissa | R | 5 | Cabell,Wayne | | | | | | | | | |
| Woelfel, Mike | D | 5 | Cabell,Wayne | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Maynard, Mark | R | 6 | McDow,Mercer,Mingo,Wayne | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Cleminis, Tiffany | D | 6 | McDow,Mercer,Mingo,Wayne | | | | | | | | | |
| Stuart, Mike | R | 7 | Boone,Kanawha,Lincoln,Logan | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Stollings, Ron | D | 7 | Boone,Kanawha,Lincoln,Logan | | | | | Y | N | Y | N | 46% |
| Hunt, Mark | R | 8 | Clay,Jackson,Kanawha,Putnam, Roane | | | | | | | | | 0% in H |
| Lindsay, Richard | D | 8 | Clay,Jackson,Kanawha,Putnam, Roane | | | | | Y | N | Y | N | 50% |
| Roberts, Rollan | R | 9 | Fayette,Raleigh,Wyoming | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Deeds, Vince | R | 10 | Fayette,Green,Monroe,Nich,Summers | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Baldwin, Stephen | D | 10 | Fayette,Green,Monroe,Nich,Summers | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 60% |
| Hamilton, Bill | R | 11 | Bar/Brac/Pend/Poca/Rand/Upsh/Webs | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Queen, Ben | R | 12 | Calhoun,Gilmer,Harrison,Lewis,Taylor | | | | | Y in House | Y in House | Y in House | Y in House | 100% in H |
| Oliverio, Mike | R | 13 | Marion,Monongalia | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | 92% (past S) |
| Fleischauer, Barbara | D | 13 | Marion,Monongalia | | | | | N in House | N in House | N in House | N in House | 0% in H |
| Taylor, Jay | R | 14 | Gra,Har,Mine,Pres,Tayl,Tuck | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Pitzer, Amanda Jo | D | 14 | Gra,Har,Mine,Pres,Tayl,Tuck | | | | | | | | | |
| Trump, Charles | R | 15 | Berkely,Hampshire,Morgan | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Barrett, Jason | R | 16 | Berkeley,Jefferson | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y in House | Y in House | Y in House | Y in House | 58% in H |
| Geffert, Hannah | D | 16 | Berkeley,Jefferson | | | | | | | N | N | 0% |
| Takubo, Tom | R | 17 | Kanawha | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 83% |
| Wood, Samuel "Sam" | D | 17 | Kanawha | | | | | | | | | |

| House Candidates | Party | Dist. | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Born-Alive | 2nd Chances | Down Syn | HB 302 | % pro-life votes |
|---------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------|-------------|----------|--------|------------------|
| McGeehan, Pat | R | 1 | Brooke, Hancock | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Wood, Jack | D | 1 | Brooke, Hancock | | | | | | | | | |
| Zatezalo, Mark | R | 2 | Brooke, Hancock | | | | | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Jones, Ronnie | D | 2 | Brooke, Hancock | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | 33% (H) |
| Willis, Jimmy | R | 3 | Brooke, Ohio | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Diserio, Phillip W. | D | 3 | Brooke, Ohio | | | | | Y | N | N | N | 17% |
| Storch, Erikaa | R | 4 | Ohio | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 91% |
| Toriseva, Teresa | D | 4 | Ohio | | | | | | | | | |
| McArdle, Brooke | R | 5 | Ohio | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Fluharty, Shawn | D | 5 | Ohio | | | | | Y | N | N | N | 14% |
| Reynolds, Charlie | R | 6 | Marshall | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Yost, Reva | D | 6 | Marshall | | | | | | | | | |
| Sheedy, Charles | R | 7 | Marshall, Wetzel | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Zuckoff, Lisa | D | 7 | Marshall, Wetzel | | | | | Y | Y | N | N | 57% |
| Kelly, David L. | R | 8 | Doddridge, Tyler, Wetzel | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Barnhart, Trenton | R | 9 | Pleasants, Ritchie, Tyler | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Anderson, Bill | R | 10 | Wood | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 95% |
| Leach, J. Morgan | D | 10 | Wood | | | | | | | | | |
| Fehrenbacher, Bob | R | 11 | Wood | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Deitzler, Harry | D | 11 | Wood | | | | | | | | | |
| Criss, Vernon | R | 12 | Wood | | | | | Y | Y | Y | N | 80% |
| Defibaugh, Jonathan | R | 12 | Wood | | | | | | | | | |
| Heckert, Scot | R | 13 | Wood | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Foggin, Dave | R | 14 | Wirt, Wood | | | | | | | | | |
| Marion, Jim | D | 14 | Wirt, Wood | | | | | | | | | |
| Keaton, Riley | R | 15 | Wirt, Roane | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Westfall, Steve | R | 16 | Jackson | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Pinson, Jonathan | R | 17 | Mason, Jackson | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |

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|-------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------|-------------|----------|--------|------------------|
| Büfter, Jim | R | 18 | Mason, Putnam | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | 100% |
| Crouse, Kathie Hess | R | 19 | Putnam | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | Y | Y | 100% |
| King, Seth | D | 19 | Putnam | | | | | | | | | |
| Foster, Geoff | R | 20 | Putnam | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Cannon, Jarred | R | 21 | Putnam | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | Y | 100% |
| Jackson, Theresa "Tess" | D | 21 | Putnam | | | | | | | | | |
| Linville, Daniel | R | 22 | Cabell | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Worrell, Evan | R | 23 | Cabell | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Nance, Karen | D | 23 | Cabell | | | | | | | | | |
| Lucas, Patrick | R | 24 | Cabell | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Layman, Ally | D | 24 | Cabell | | | | | | | | | |
| Hornbuckle, Sean | D | 25 | Cabell, Lincoln | | | | | Y | N | N | N | 5% |
| Rohrbach, Matthew | R | 26 | Cabell | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| McElroy, Sydnee Smirl | D | 26 | Cabell | | | | | | | | | |
| Maynard, Jeff | R | 27 | Cabell, Wayne | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Griffith, Ric | D | 27 | Cabell, Wayne | | | | | | Y | | Y | 67% |
| Ross, Mark | R | 28 | Wayne | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Dillon, Henry Corby | R | 29 | Wayne, Mingo | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Thompson, David | D | 29 | Wayne, Mingo | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Adkins, David "Flimsy" | R | 30 | Lincoln | | | | | | | | | |
| Roberts, Deidra | D | 30 | Lincoln | | | | | | | | | |
| Mazzonechi, Margitta | R | 31 | Boone, Lincoln, Logan | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Wilson, Kenneth Ray | D | 31 | Boone, Lincoln, Logan | | | | | | | | | |
| Holstein, Josh | R | 32 | Boone | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Miller, Rodney A. | D | 32 | Boone | | | | | Y | | | | 50% |
| Bridges, Jordan | R | 33 | Logan | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Howes, George | D | 33 | Logan | N | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Dean, Mark | R | 34 | McDowell, Mingo | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Colegrove, Mark | D | 34 | McDowell, Mingo | | | | | | | | | |
| Vance, Adam | R | 35 | Wyoming | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Houck, Dewey | D | 35 | Wyoming | | | | | | | | | |
| Hall, Anita | R | 36 | McDowell | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Evans, Ed | D | 36 | McDowell | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 67% |
| Gearheart, Marty | R | 37 | Mercer | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Crane, "Skip" | D | 37 | Mercer | | | | | | | | | |
| Ellington, Joe Jr. | R | 38 | Mercer | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 85% |
| Russell, Tina | D | 38 | Mercer | | | | | | | | | |
| Smith, Doug | R | 39 | Mercer | * | Y | Y | Y | | Y | N | Y | 80% |
| Cooper, Roy G. | R | 40 | Monroe, Summers | | | | | Y | A | Y | Y | 100% |
| Maynor, Jordan | R | 41 | Mercer, Raleigh, Summers | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | Y | Y | 100% |
| Steele, Brandon | R | 42 | Raleigh | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Toney, Christopher | R | 43 | Raleigh, Wyoming | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Vance, Joanna | D | 43 | Raleigh, Wyoming | | | | | | | | | |
| Kirby, Todd A. | R | 44 | Raleigh | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Martin, Tony O. | D | 44 | Raleigh | | | | | | | | | |
| Brooks, Eric | R | 45 | Fayette, Raleigh | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Martine, Christian | D | 45 | Fayette, Raleigh | | | | | | | | | |
| Honaker, Mike | R | 46 | Greenbrier, Pocahontas | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | Y | Y | 100% |
| Detch, Paul S. | D | 46 | Greenbrier, Pocahontas | | | | | | | | | |
| Longanacre, Todd | R | 47 | Greenbrier | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Hill, Heather | D | 47 | Greenbrier | | | | | | | | | |
| Hanna, Caleb | R | 48 | Greenbr, Nich, Webster | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sebert, Eric Henson | D | 48 | Greenbr, Nich, Webster | | | | | | | | | |
| Tully, Heather | R | 49 | Nicholas | | | | | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Haynes, Austin | R | 50 | Fayette | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Pritt, David "Elliott" | D | 50 | Fayette | | | | | | | | | |

Candidate Surveys and Voting Records

| House Candidates | Party | Dist. | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Born-Alive | 2nd Chances | Down Syn | HB 302 | % pro-life votes |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|------------|-------------|----------|--------|------------------|
| Fast, Tom | R | 51 | Fayette | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Pena, Gabe | D | 51 | Fayette | | | | | | | | | |
| Hendricks, Greg | R | 52 | Kanawha | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Rowe, Larry | D | 52 | Kanawha | | | | | Y | N | N | N | 14% |
| Pritt, Chris | R | 53 | Kanawha | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Barach, Jim | D | 53 | Kanawha | | | | | | N | N | A | 0% |
| Luoni, John | R | 54 | Kanawha | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Pushkin, Mike | D | 54 | Kanawha | | | | | Y | N | N | N | 4% |
| Capito, Moore | R | 55 | Kanawha | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Childress, Greg | D | 55 | Kanawha | | | | | | | | | |
| Anderson, Andrew | R | 56 | Kanawha | | | | | | | | Y | 100% |
| Young, Kayla | D | 56 | Kanawha | | | | | | N | A | N | 0% |
| Blevins, Ernest | R | 57 | Kanawha | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Skaff, Doug | D | 57 | Kanawha | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 57% |
| Hall, Walter | R | 58 | Kanawha | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Buckley, Dakota James | D | 58 | Kanawha | | | | | | | | | |
| Shamblin, Andy | R | 59 | Kanawha | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Williams, Rusty | D | 59 | Kanawha | | | | | | | | | |
| Ferrell, Dana | R | 60 | Kanawha | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Holmes, David "Woody" | D | 60 | Kanawha | | | | | | | | | |
| Jeffries, Dean | R | 61 | Kanawha | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Hanshaw, Roger | R | 62 | Calhoun, Clay, Gilmer | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Dittman, Lori Cowger | R | 63 | Braxton, Gilmer | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Carpenter, Kevin | D | 63 | Braxton, Gilmer | | | | | | | | | |
| Burkhammer, Adam | R | 64 | Lewis, Upshur | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Clise, John | D | 64 | Lewis, Upshur | | | | | | | | | |
| Martin, Carl "Robbie" | R | 65 | Upshur | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | A | 100% |
| Nestor, William "Ty" | R | 66 | Pocahontas, Randolph | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Sheets, Robert "Bob" | D | 66 | Pocahontas, Randolph | | | | | | | | | |
| Coop-Gonzalez, Elias | R | 67 | Pendleton, Randolph | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Thompson, Cody | D | 67 | Pendleton, Randolph | | | | | Y | N | N | N | 17% |
| Phillips, Chris | R | 68 | Barbour, Upshur | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Marple, Keith | R | 69 | Harrison, Lewis | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Watson, Ron | D | 69 | Harrison, Lewis | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Petitto, Mickey | R | 70 | Harrison | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Deems, Ryan | D | 70 | Harrison | | | | | | | | | |
| Kimble, Laura | R | 71 | Harrison | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Garcia, Robert "Rob" | D | 71 | Harrison | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Riley, Clay | R | 72 | Harrison, Wetzel | | | | | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| McIntyre, Derek | D | 72 | Harrison, Wetzel | | | | | | | | | |
| Summers, Amy | R | 73 | Marion, Taylor | * | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Manypenny, Mike | D | 73 | Marion, Taylor | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | 25% |
| DeVault, Mike | R | 74 | Marion | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Palmer, John "JohnBoy" | D | 74 | Marion | | | | | | | | | |

| House Candidates | Party | Dist. | County | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Born-Alive | 2nd Chances | Down Syn | HB 302 | % pro-life votes |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|------------|-------------|----------|--------|------------------|
| Mallow, Phil | R | 75 | Marion | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Tomana, Stephanie Spea | D | 75 | Marion | | | | | | | | | |
| Dodds, John | R | 76 | Marion | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Garcia, Joey | D | 76 | Marion | | | | | | N | N | N | 0% |
| Statler, Joe | R | 77 | Monongalia | | | | | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Swanson, Ben | D | 77 | Monongalia | | | | | | | | | |
| Chiarelli, Geno | R | 78 | Monongalia | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Budkey, Jeffrey A. | D | 78 | Monongalia | | | | | | | | | |
| Lemaire, Zach | R | 79 | Monongalia | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Hansen, Evan | D | 79 | Monongalia | | | | | N | N | N | N | 0% |
| White, Justin | R | 80 | Monongalia | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Williams, John | D | 80 | Monongalia | | | | | Y | N | N | N | 40% |
| Harris, Steven | R | 81 | Monongalia | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Walker, Danielle | D | 81 | Monongalia | | | | | N | N | A | N | 0% |
| Warner, Debbie | R | 82 | Monongalia | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Fallon, Katie | D | 82 | Monongalia | | | | | | | | | |
| Street, George | R | 83 | Preston | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Wolfe, J.R. | D | 83 | Preston | | | | | | | | | |
| Jennings, D.R. "Buck" | R | 84 | Preston | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Hyre, Lisa | D | 84 | Preston | | | | | | | | | |
| Hott, John Paul | R | 85 | Grant, Tucker | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Ward, Bryan C. | R | 86 | Hardy, Pendleton | | | | | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Freeman, Jameson Paul | D | 86 | Hardy, Pendleton | | | | | | | | | |
| Howell, Gary G. | R | 87 | Mineral | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Boden, David | D | 87 | Mineral | | | | | | | | | |
| Hillenbrand, Rick | R | 88 | Hampshire, Mineral | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Thorne, Darren J. | R | 89 | Hampshire, Morgan | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Miller, George A. | R | 90 | Berkeley, Morgan | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Forsht, Don | R | 91 | Berkeley | | | | | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Hite, Michael | R | 92 | Berkeley | | | | | | | | | |
| Hornby, Michael | R | 93 | Berkeley | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Lansdowne, Z. | D | 93 | Berkeley | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Kump, Larry | R | 94 | Berkeley | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | 100% |
| Horst, Charles "Chuck" | R | 95 | Berkeley | Y | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Carroll, Debi | D | 95 | Berkeley | | | | | | | | | |
| Householder, Eric L. | R | 96 | Berkeley | | | | | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Wenger, Ronald | D | 96 | Berkeley | | | | | | | | | |
| Hardy, John | R | 97 | Berkeley, Jefferson | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Wenner, Philip | D | 97 | Berkeley, Jefferson | | | | | | | | | |
| Espinosa, Paul | R | 98 | Jefferson | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Clark, Wayne | R | 99 | Jefferson | N | Y | N | Y | | Y | Y | Y | 100% |
| Cornwell, Debra | D | 99 | Jefferson | | | | | | | | | |
| Ridenour, William "Bill" | R | 100 | Jefferson | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | | |
| Benzinger, Susan | D | 100 | Jefferson | | | | | | | | | |

Register, Vote, and Use Voter Guides
at <https://pac.wvforlife.org/voter/>

The pro-life candidates endorsed by the WVl-PAC will be found on the West Virginians for Life website at pac.wvforlife.org/vote closer to the early voting dates for the 2022 General Election.

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, 2022 - voter registration deadline to vote in the November 8 General Election

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

October 26 - November 5: Early Voting
November 8: General Election Day

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

Be sure to vote on Tuesday, November 8, 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 63 million abortions since 1973, around 2,400 daily, 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 Terror

Jay Sekulow to Keynote Silver Anniversary Rose Dinner in April

West Virginians for Life is pleased to announce that American Center for Law and Justice Attorney Jay Sekulow will be the keynote speaker at the Thursday, April 13 Rose Dinner.

The dinner marks the Silver Anniversary of the event and this year, in order to accommodate more attendees, will be held at Lakeview Resort and Conference Center, 1 Lakeview Drive, Morgantown.

An American lawyer, radio, television talk show host and politically conservative media personality, Sekulow has been chief counsel of the American Center for Law & Justice (ACLJ) since 1991.

As a member of President Donald Trump’s legal team, he served as lead outside counsel for Trump’s first impeachment trial in the United States Senate.

He built a legal and media business over a thirty-year period by representing conservative, religious, and pro-life groups. He hosts a syndicated radio show and is a frequent guest commentator on the Christian Broadcasting Network and the Fox News Channel television networks.

Please mark your calendars now for the 25th Annual Rose Dinner and plan on arriving at 6:00 p.m. for the reception complete with Silent Auction. Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the program to follow.

The West Virginians for Life Educational Trust Fund benefits from the dinner.

A coupon will be available in the winter edition of Life Matters. Look for details (with payment info) on the website at wvforlife.org/events as soon as they become available.

10th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE TOURNAMENT

July 9, 2022



**1st
Place**

Posing in front of the Nissan Altima courtesy of Harry Green Chevy in Bridgeport, is the team that took 1st Place with a 59 or 13 under par. They are Jim Hall, Alex Louk, Zack Woleen, and Will Stone.



**2nd
Place**

The 2nd Place team with a score of 62 was composed of Andrew Bowie, Brian Bailey, Patrick Plivelich, and Cleve Bowie.



**3rd
Place**

Coming in 3rd Place with a 65 were Ray and Cody Thompson, Nick Robertson, and Wes Barrickman.



Dr. Dave Sanders and wife Kim going through the registration line



Golfers Brian Jarvis and Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt proudly accepted a plaque awarded to Wassick Novelty Company. The company took out both a gold and a silver sponsorship this year and has faithfully supported the tournament since the inaugural event in 2013.



Matt Schraeder and his daughter India were hole sponsors (Dreams By Design Travel) for the first time and wanted to take in the experience.



John Christie begged his ball to go in the hole as Putting Contest emcee Mike Buchanan watched.



Larry Lemmon and Bob Carpenter were the oldest golfers on the course (both in their 80's). The rest of the team is Nancy and George Long.



Karyn Schmidl drove the sponsored beverage cart around the course.



Joel Lewis won the Putting Contest this year and was glad to have a \$100 Lowe's gift card handed to him.



WVFL Board member Lacey Evans and husband Josh drove in from Tucker County to volunteer at the 10th Annual Golf FORE Life.



Gary Kessler and driver Randy Meadows (Nicholas County Chapter Leader/Board member) headed out to their first tee.



Volunteers Mike Buchanan, Barb Dunn, Rhonda Fout, and WVFL Program Director Alicia Martin moved the Sponsor Banner to the inside of the pavilion in time for the Awards Ceremony and dinner catered by Mt. State BBQ.



WVFL Financial Manager Sherri Stevens along with Mon County Chapter Treasurer Rhonda Fout passed out lunch items.



Another Grandson-Grandfather duo was Ayden Shepard and Jim Calain riding out to their first assigned tee.



Golfers Al Kisner, Reggie Martin, Hayden and Lonnie Hamon



Golfers Jonathan and Bobby Johnson, Cameron Frankhouser, and Scott Stupar



Golfers Colton and Brady Matthews, Alex Slates, and Devon Neal



Golfers Greg Chirieleison, Aaron Paterson, Sean and Tom Wing enjoyed playing, especially Tom, who traveled from Colorado.



Josiah Caldwell teed off and hit the green as did several other golfers. He is making a prize-winning decision – hat or shirt?



Young Jacob Dubois with Grandfather Gary DuBois looked forward to bonding time on the course.



Golfing for the Trinity Assembly of God team and accepting a Platinum sponsorship plaque on the church's behalf was Verlin Porter.



Volunteer Karen Boyle manned the Silent Auction table.

August 21 Reagan BBQ



WVFL's President Wanda Franz, Ph.D., and Office Manager Mary Anne Buchanan are seen here with House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, who was keynote speaker at the Mon County Republican Executive Committee BBQ on August 21.



Mary Anne Buchanan, Majority Leader Delegate Amy Summers, and Dr. Wanda Franz



Dr. Wanda Franz, Incumbent Delegate Joe Statler in District 77, and Mary Anne Buchanan



Wanda with Geno Chiarelli, candidate for the House in District 78



Former Senator Mike Oliverio, posing with Wanda Franz and Mary Anne Buchanan, is running in Senate District 13 to reclaim his old seat.



Debbie Warner is running in House District 82.



Wanda Franz, Ph.D. and incumbent Senator Charlie Clements in Senate District 2

Conrad Ernest Baston

August 16, 1928 - November 26, 2019

In loving memory of Conrad Baston, and in honor of his unwavering dedication to saving lives of the unborn.

Given by Constance Baston, Lugene Baston, Tiffany Baston, and Martin & Lucinda Dougherty



Pro-Life Profile

By Patricia Johnson

Alicia was born in a rural setting, and raised in a conservative church. Unborn and premature babies have been special to her from literally her earliest memory: When her mother was pregnant with her younger sister, she wanted to take the baby out of Mommy's tummy and hold it while it was still very tiny. One of the most special blessings of her life is her parents' 53-year marriage.

Alicia graduated from SUNY Albany, Summa Cum Laude, with an Undergraduate degree in East Asian Studies and Business. Soon after, she began pursuing a graduate degree in Geology.

For decades, Alicia's professional area of interest and training was the age of the Earth. She specialized in being able to defend and teach the truth that nothing in science demands that the Earth is more than several thousand years old. Having evidentially established that reality, her secondary focus with an audience was to demonstrate that, for those who accept Biblical authority, nothing in that Text allows the Earth to be more than several thousand years old. She has been privileged to teach both the science and theology of this issue at the College level. She is humbled by the fact that her layman's Biblical Creation Science seminar continues to minister via DVDs and YouTube.

Over the years, Alicia's love for tiny infants never waned. One of the greatest blessings of her life was volunteering in a Level III NICU, where the tiniest babies are rescued. She was there less than a month before she realized that it was a front-line battleground with regard to the issue of abortion, because the Unit was defining viability.

*In the late 1990s, Alicia became aware of some crucial abortion-related statistics that were being ignored by the mainstream media. In the early 2000s, she wrote a novel, entitled *The Executioners*, which sought to publicize the truth. An author at heart, Alicia's other books include *Understanding the Rapture and Other End Time Events*, and *Unbound and Unharmful: The Scientific and Historic Evidence Beneath COVID*. She has also written some shorter works, including a *Grand Canyon visitor's guide* and two devotional booklets.*

An amazing pro-life volunteer privilege came when Justice For All brought their Exhibit to a college campus near Alicia's home. Their phenomenal pre-event training gave Alicia a solid framework for engaging and interacting with those who hold a pro-abortion worldview – or any worldview that differs significantly from one's own. In Alicia's opinion, this training, which effectively balances truth and love in a manner than engages the other person, addresses the biggest challenges facing the pro-life movement today.

In 2020, Alicia came to WV with her husband, Jim, for temporary work. Her heart was pricked when she learned of a possible opening at WVFL – but her commitment at the time prevented her from applying. The window of opportunity closed. Months later, the timing was right to seek a new job. Alicia thought God wanted her to remain in WV, but all the employment doors kept locking. And then, almost to the very day that Alicia's previous job ended, the position at WVFL suddenly and unexpectedly opened again.

Alicia counts it a privilege to step into the role of Program Director at WVFL, where she can continue to help and defend the babies for whom God gave her a special love. She is thankful for this platform, where she prays that she can help realize her hope for the future of the pro-life movement: A group which actively engages their culture with a balance of truth and love.



Alicia Martin
WVFL Program Director

WVFL Treasurer's Article Discern Truth, Dispel Myths

Since our last chance to write here, our prediction came true, as *Roe* was finally vacated by our nation's highest court. However, some federal legislators are seeking to codify *Roe* (or worse) permanently: some state legislators are actually entertaining bills that would not only codify abortion without limits throughout all nine months of pregnancy, but even authorize killing babies after they have been born—up to 28 days after!

Lies from abortion proponents abound. Some claim that pro-life laws don't permit dealing with ectopic pregnancies or conditions that threaten the life of the mother. Others claim that women will be prosecuted and jailed for abortions, or that women and doctors could be prosecuted whenever a miscarriage happens. None of these charges have merit. It's all lies. To date, all existing and proposed state regulations, prohibitions, and bans on abortion do not block doctors from dealing with ectopic pregnancies or conditions that threaten the life of the mother. Nor do they mistake miscarriages for abortions. They do not prosecute women, but rather focus instead on prosecuting abortionists and those who aid and abet abortionists.

Some egregious myths came from Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), who lamented the overturning *Roe*, claiming we all had "learned to live with it," and implying *Roe* was merely protection in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother was threatened. No, Senator! *Roe* and *Doe* permitted abortion for any reason during all nine months, and we had not "learned to live with it"—we had learned to die from it.

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



WVFL Treasurer
Pastor Doug Joseph

West Virginia Teens For Life

Dear Teens for Life,

West Virginia Teens for Life enjoyed a special opportunity as summer closed. On August 26-28th, Delegate Riley Keaton and Sadie Shields hosted a pro-life retreat for teens. It was held at the Catholic Convention Center in Huttonsville, a 1400-acre adventure property. The objective was to experience a unique combination of fun camping activities and pro-life leadership training.

They learned the best strategies for changing hearts on abortion, so that they can help build the culture of life that our world so desperately needs.

For Life,
Margaret Deely



WV Teens for Life President
Margaret Deely

2022-23 Calendar of Events

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|------------------|--|
| October 1 (Sat.) | State Pro-Life Convention , TAG in Fairmont |
| Oct. 26 - Nov. 5 | General Election Early Voting |
| Nov. 8 (Tues.) | General Election - More election information can be found on page 4 |
| Nov. 12 (Sat.) | Board meeting , Clarksburg |
| January 11 | WV Legislative Session Begins |
| January 20 | March for Life , Washington, D.C. |
| January 22 | Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS) |
| February 13 | Pro-Life Rally Day at the State Capitol |
| March 11 | WV Legislative Session Ends |
| April 13 | 25th Annual Rose Dinner , Jay Sekulow as Keynote |
| April - June | Annual Mother's & Father's Day Walks-for-Life |
| July 8 | 11th Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament Preston Country Club, Kingwood |

NEW WEST VIRGINIANS FOR LIFE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

You may place your orders at the state office at 304-594-9845 or send the order form with your payment to West Virginians for Life, 25 Canyon Road, Morgantown, WV 26508 or email info@wvforlife.org.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number of shirts & sizes:

____ Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ XLarge ____ 2XLarge ____ 3XLarge

Cost per shirt: \$15.00 includes shipping TOTAL COST: _____



YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion. Enclosed is my **Basic membership** contribution of \$35 () or a **GOLD membership** contribution of \$50 (). One statewide pro-life t-shirt at no additional cost is an optional gift to those who pay the **GOLD membership**. Adult sizes are: S-M-L-XL-2XL-3XL. Indicate size here: _____

YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion with this donation. \$ _____

I wish to support the work of the Political Action Committee* with a contribution of:

() \$10 () \$25 () \$50 () \$100 () \$500 () \$1,000 () \$ _____

I wish to support the educational work of WVFL with an additional tax-deductible contribution of:

() \$10 () \$25 () \$50 () \$100 () \$500 () \$1,000 () \$ _____

I wish to join the Rose Society with a monthly pledge of:

() \$10 () \$25 () \$50 () \$100 () \$500 () \$1,000 () \$ _____

(Rose Society members receive a monthly update from the President and do not receive other fundraising mailings or calls other than fundraising for the political action committee.)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ Occupation/Employer* _____

Because in addition to educating, we are involved in trying to change the law, contributions to West Virginians for Life, Inc., are not deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. *West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement.

*A maximum donation of \$5,000 per Primary or General Election from an individual to the WVFL State PAC or \$5,000 per person per year to the WVFL Federal PAC is allowable. Please include occupation and employer when donating to the PAC. Corporate and church contributions to West Virginians for Life PAC are prohibited by law. Contributions to West Virginians for Life PAC are voluntary. Please disregard if you are a public employee or not a WVFL member.

West Virginians for Life • 25 Canyon Road, Morgantown, WV 26508

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At this late stage, registrations can be made at the door as long as we know that you are definitely coming. Call the office at 304-594-9845.



WEST VIRGINIANS FOR LIFE

STATE CONVENTION

October 1, 2022 • 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 = | ____ |
| Pre-Teens (ages 5-11)• | ____ x | \$7.00 = | ____ |
| Child Care (Birth to 4 yrs) | ____ x | \$5.00 = | ____ |
| Total Enclosed | | | _____ |

• Includes Luncheon Banquet

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Adults/College Students (Names Only)

Teens (Names Only)

Pre-Teens (Ages 5-11 w/names & ages)

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

Child Care (Birth to 4 yrs. w/names & ages)

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

Send completed form & payment to: WVFL Convention 2022,
25 Canyon Road Morgantown, WV 26508 by **9-23-22**.
or pay online at
www.wvforlife.org/event/annual-state-convention

Berkeley



The Berkeley County Chapter shared the Miracle of Life to visitors at the Berkeley County Youth Fair. Joe Brush, Judith Leitner, Richard Demoske, and Patricia Pickard, MD (left to right)

Greenbrier



The chapter's float participated in the Alderson 4th of July Parade.



Chapter members

Monongalia Precious Baby Photo Contest



First-Place:
Bowen Cody Robey



Second-Place:
Alivia Blake Sheridan



Third-Place:
Camden Allen Perry



Bowen Robey riding in the August 8
Mon County Fair Parade



Mike Oliverio (5th from the left), Candidate,
WV Senate District 13

WV Teens for Life: Leadership for Life Weekend



Participants at dinner



Teen activities



Sadie teaching



Cat gets attention between activities



Riley talks about legislation



Berkeley County

The Berkeley County Chapter had a table at the Berkeley County Youth Fair the first week of August. Balloons, brochures, membership forms, and personal stories were shared. (See pictures)

Doddridge County

The Doddridge Chapter had their booth at the Doddridge County Fair from Aug. 16 to 20. Many people stopped by to pick up free T shirts, as well as bumper stickers, etc. They were available to answer questions related to life vs. abortion, and had opportunities to encourage and pray with some folks. According to leader Chuck Northrop, it was probably one of the best times at the fair since in the four years they've been there. Glory to God in the Highest!!!

Greenbrier County

The Greenbrier Chapter participated in the Alderson 4th of July parade and weekend event. During the 1½ hour parade, only two negative comments were heard. The crowd was vocally supportive, and chapter members appreciated the encouragement. They also had a booth for the entire weekend. The Chapter will have an informational display at the GOP booth of the WV state fair. (See pictures)

Harrison County

The Harrison County Chapter will have a booth at the Lost Creek Festival on Sept. 17.

Chapter member Jessyca Hayes is director of the Life Choices pregnancy center in Clarksburg. She recently became aware of an affordable adoption agency that is opening in Clarksburg. Called A Chosen Family (ACF), this new agency has secured an attorney who has agreed to provide her services at a low cost. ACF aims to provide affordable, professional, confidential adoption services in a loving and non-judgmental atmosphere to all involved in the journey. It is their mission and priority to help provide an adoption experience that greatly minimizes the stress and astronomical expense that typically go along with adopting. With a heart for both the birth mother and the family in waiting, ACF offers a

supportive and loving atmosphere to bridge the gap between the seemingly impossible and the possible. They seek to connect both families together in a way that makes every step of the journey a beautiful story. A variety of services are available for both families, as ACF walks out the transition with mom and mom-to-be. From day one, to as long as needed, ACF clients will have their own personal Family Companion. This individual will serve, navigate, connect, and minister to the needs of both families, so that all are provided a journey of wholeness and adoption fulfillment.

A Chosen Family
Contact Information:
President Kim Eidel

130 S. 4th. St., Clarksburg, WV 26301

Kanawha/Putnam County

Continuing to serve on the front lines, the Kanawha Chapter, under the direction of Missy Ciccarello, remains vigilant across from the only abortion clinic in the state. With the current unresolved abortion law situation legislatively and/or judicially, the slaughter of innocent, unborn babies is ongoing. Take a shift and stand/pray at 600 Washington Street West. For more details, contact Missy (after 5 pm, please) at 304-989-0889.

There are plans in the works for a parking lot, a pavilion for community outreach, and a memorial to be built on God's Property.

Monongalia County

The Precious Baby Photo Contest was carried out via the WV For Life – Monongalia County Chapter Facebook page. It was held during the summer months. Baby pictures (sonogram – age 24 months) were submitted by email or by mail. Votes were \$.25 each placed by mail. Nine contestants entered the contest. All received a certificate and Precious Feet pin. The top three received trophies. The top three winners were: 1st place Bowen Cody Robey and parents Justin Robey and Alexis Siverling from Fairview; 2nd place Alivia Blake Sheridan and parents Alexis Henderson and James Sheridan of Morgantown; and 3rd place Camden Allen Perry and parents Brett and Haley Perry of Bruceton Mills. The winner rode in the car in the Monongalia County Fair

Parade held in Morgantown on Friday, August 8. All contestants are invited to walk with us.

The chapter will participate in the WVU Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 28. The theme will be "Everyone Deserves a Birthday." Provided will be party hats and kazooos. To let us know you are walking with our unit, please email info@wvforlife.org.

Monroe County

The chapter held a Pro-life Benefit Gospel Sing/Soup Dinner on September 17. They also participated in the June 4 Farmexr's Day Parade. (See pictures)

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

Chapter Leader Randy Meadows recruited three other golfers to drive up to Preston County in July to play in the Golf FORE Life. The foursome had an excellent time.

Raleigh County

Chapter Leader Hilda Shorter and Lorrie Legursky went to the Capitol the day of the hearing on HB 302, the bill to clarify the state's abortion law. In fact, one of only about a dozen pro-life people to testify, Lorrie's wonderful testimony went all of 45 seconds due to the 90 or so people who signed up to be heard. Lorrie left the abortionist table at the age of 15 and has a legacy of three beautiful grandchildren from the daughter that was almost aborted.

Randolph County

The Randolph County chapter has started a baby pantry. Their host church, Elkins Family Worship Center, has stocked the pantry with any item that a mother/child could use. So far, they have given six mothers that chose life baskets filled with these items. Contact Chapter Leader Estep at elkinsfwc@gmail.com or call 304-614-7118 to get involved with the chapter.

WV Teens for Life

West Virginians for Life's first ever Teen Leadership Weekend was a highly successful event!

"Why are you Pro-Life?" This was the question to kick off the weekend. The answers varied among the students; however, they all had a common knowledge. Unborn babies are precious human beings that have a fundamental right to life and mothers deserve better than to be pressured into abortion.

In between rock climbing, canoeing, and more, students dove headfirst into four concepts: Effective Education, Industry Impact, Public Policy, and Supportive Services. These are four of the five pillars that can be used to mobilize students. The students took notes, discussed, and designed projects that they plan to carry out in their communities back home. They learned from House member Delegate Riley Keaton, Legislative Director of WVFL Sadie Shields, Regional Coordinator of Students for Life of America, Gavin Oxley, and Dr. Wanda Franz, president of West Virginians for Life (WVFL).

Students were educated about the importance of their involvement in the pro-life movement, how to effectively build a team, where to look for resources, build connections with other pro-life highschoolers in West Virginia, and to prepare to meet again at the State Convention.

WVFL will host a Teen Day Camp at the October 1 State Convention. There, the students who attended the retreat will review the impacts that students have had in their communities and study the fifth pillar, Rapid Response. This concept is especially powerful considering the recent *Dobbs* decision. Please consider sending your middle and high school students to further develop themselves as compassionate, truth-seeking leaders to help create a 100% pro-life state.

WVU Mountaineers for Life

To find out how to come alongside Mountaineers for Life on the WVU campus, call Carl Starvaggi at 301-750-4368.



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