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News From Around PA

The Northeastern PA Freethought Society has sued the County of Lackawanna Transit System for rejecting an ad containing the word "atheist" the group wanted to place on buses. Officials rejected the ads because they violated the agency's policy of not accepting any ad that promotes or attacks religion.

Camp Hill Borough is considering a so-called non-discrimination ordinance with "sexual orientation and gender identity or expression" language.

Duquesne University students who identify as homosexual or transgender are fearful of the addition of a Chick-fil-A restaurant to a campus food court.

Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine recently

held its fifth annual **Transgender Awareness Conference**, which included sensitivity training for physicians-to-be. Keynote speaker was Physician General Dr. "Rachel" Levine, a "transgender woman."

Johnstown once again voted to table the sexual orientation/gender identity or expression ordinance.

Philadelphia City Council unanimously passed a **Transgender Day of Visibility** resolution.

News from National Scene

An attempt to kick a Child Evangelism Fellowship club out of the **Cascade School District** in Washington State was recently thwarted.

A federal appeals court ruled 3-0 that a Texas school board does not violate the U.S. Constitution by beginning its meetings with student-led prayers. Since 1997, the **Birdville school board** has allowed students, typically in elementary or middle school, to open board meetings with prayer, often referring to Jesus Christ and inviting audience members to pray. The court said the board

meeting was "more like a legislature" rather than a classroom and cited the U.S. Supreme Court's 2014 decision, allowing the Town of Greece in upstate New York to start board meetings with prayer. The lawsuit was brought by the American Humanist Association.

Country music legend **Charlie Daniels** came to the defense of babies in the womb, calling on cities to create "sanctuaries" for the unborn just like they are for illegal immigrants.

A **college football or basketball coach** was the highest-paid public employee in 39 of the 50 states in 2016. Only four of these coaches earned less than a million dollars!

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