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Check Our Recent Interview
Guest: Steve McConkey, 4 Winds Christian Athletics; Topic: Super Bowl Halftime

News From Around PA
Three “transgender women” (biological males) want PA’s name-change law that prevents those convicted of serious felonies from changing their name declared unconstitutional. Oral arguments to be heard before the Commonwealth Court on February 13.

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation’s largest LGBTQ lobby group, has issued its annual State Equality Index. After reviewing laws and policies that affect those who identify as LGBT, they give each state a grade as to how “LGBTQ-friendly” they are. PA received one of the lowest grades and LGBT activists and their allies like Governor Wolf will use this report to push for the passage of the Fairness Act - a discriminatory law designed to force all in PA to celebrate homosexuality and transgenderism.

In light of National School Choice Week, VP Mike Pence visited Philadelphia’s Saint Francis de Sales Catholic school. He was “welcomed” by public school supporters and many waving rainbow and trans flags!

Good news! -- TransFamily of NWPA’s Meadville chapter is no longer meeting due to a lack of attendance.

Allegheny College’s LGBTQ group is the only such group in Crawford County.

News From National Scene
WV high school banned the posting of inspirational notes with references to Bible verses on a bulletin board by the “Youth Alive” club.

NC girl who identifies as a boy is suing her school because they won’t allow her to use the boys’ restroom and she claims it worsened her kidney disease.

About 140 companies have signed onto a letter attacking Tennessee’s new law protecting the right of adoption agencies to place children only in homes with both a mother and father. Companies like Amazon, Dell and Nike are threatening the state with economic repercussions. The effort was organized by the Nashville LGBT Chamber of Commerce, GLAAD, Human rights Campaign and Freedom for All Americans.

Virginia’s Democrat majority has passed a law extending special protections to those who identify as LGBTQ.

In the UK, Starbucks wants to raise 100,000 euros for Mermaids, an activist group for “supporting trans and gender-diverse children.” Mermaids website says, “Transgender children deserve the freedom and confidence to explore their gender identity wherever their journey takes them, free from fear, isolation and discrimination." It will be coming to the US! So . . . are Christians ready to stop patronizing Starbucks yet??

These states are taking steps to protect children from transgender exploitation: AL, GA, MO, NH, TN, WA, WV

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